

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

July 2019

### President's Message

Just got back from our Annual Barbecue at Tilles Park, and a big thank you to all who organized this event! I was impressed watching the casting instruction at the lake, and as a reminder, it has always been a great opportunity to ramp up those skills. As the weather heats up, I am hoping to see the water levels go down. What a Spring!

It was sad to hear Brian Flinchpaugh has passed away. I remember him teaching my son to tie at Bass Pro Shops. I also learned our Secretary, Dan Ehlmann, has stepped down, and we wish Dan well. The request to fill that position was answered by Rick Brasington, and I look forward to working with him.

I will be on vacation for most of July, missing the Montauk WQM and July meeting, which I leave in the capable hands of our Vice-President, David Crawford. See you all in August.

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**

Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)



### July Meeting Speaker: Brian Waldrop

July 25, 2019, 7:00pm

#### Greensfelder Recreation Complex

Brian Waldrop from Stream Team will be our speaker for the July Membership Meeting. Stream Team is about more than removing trash from our rivers. One of the primary activities of a Stream Team is water quality monitoring, including macroinvertebrate surveys. As fly fishers, we should be aware of the kinds of bugs along the stream bottom the fish are likely to be seeing and eating. By participating in a Stream Team, we can become training to identify those bugs and hopefully improve our chances of catching fish.

Although Missouri has 110,000 miles of streams potentially providing habitat for fish, the streams are under constant attack from both human and natural causes. The Missouri Department of Conservation encourages citizens to form Stream Teams to mitigate the attack on our streams. Ozark Fly Fishers sponsors one such team. Learn about the need for and activities of teams. Find out how you can join a team and participate in a variety of activities to improve our waters.

### Questions about the Newsletter?

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### Upcoming Events

#### July

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
July 25, 2019, 7:00 PM

#### Branson Fly Fishing Expo

Lions Community Building,  
1015 MO-76,  
Branson, MO 65616, USA  
July 26-27, 2019

#### August

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
August 22, 2019, 7:00 PM


#### September


General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Sept. 26, 2019, 7:00 PM


#### October

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Oct. 24, 2019, 7:00 PM

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# Outings Report – July 2019

## White River and Norfolk River Outing

September 13-15, 2019

We will be staying at the River Ridge Inn Lodge located at the junction of the White and Norfolk Rivers. Their address is 57 River Ridge Road, Norfolk, Arkansas 72658.

**Website:** [www.riverridgeinn.com](http://www.riverridgeinn.com) **Phone:** 807-499-7775.

- Check-in time is at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 13.
- Check-out time is at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 15.

Accommodations are six bedrooms & baths with 7 queen beds, 1 king bed, 2 full beds, futon, and sofa. Meals & drinks to be provided.

Total cost per person for two nights lodging plus meals is **\$165.00.**

If further accommodations are needed beyond the above, I will try to accommodate. RSVPs are required by August 26, 2019 and payment due no later than September 1, 2019.

**Contact** Ed Olander at 314-487-1663 or 314-566-1442  
Email: [olanderedward@att.net](mailto:olanderedward@att.net) with your reservation.

## Casting Tip – July 2019

Thoughts for practice following the annual BBQ outing at Tilles Park:

One of the best tips for practicing casting is to practice often for short periods. This proves to be much better than long sessions where the caster gets tired. Fifteen to twenty minutes at a time is often adequate.

First of all, mark your practice line with a permanent marker so that you know how much line you are casting. Make two, 1-inch long marks on the fly line starting at 20 feet, at 25 feet make two one-inch mark and a ½ inch mark, at 30 feet make three 1-inch marks. Continue this pattern out to 60 feet. (at 60 feet you will have six 1-inch marks). Be sure your line is clean and be sure to stretch your line before you start.

Always practice with a target. Targets should be placed at 20 to 60 feet. For accuracy, practicing with a mouse trap makes a good target – set it up to *snap* when you hit it. A pie plate is another good target. A trash can makes a fun target – hover your fly above it and drop it into the can. Place two parallel ropes on your lawn and keep your cast between the ropes. A single rope is also good for practice. Make your cast on top of the rope or snake a cast over the rope trying to keep the “waves” symmetrical on each side of the rope. Set up a saw horse with the target behind it so that you must cast under a “branch” to reach the fish.

If you are working on the lawn, grass leaders are very effective for both casting practice (and blood knot tying practice). A grass leader is simply a leader tied in a long series of blood knots one every 6 inches or so. When you trim the blood knots leave each tag about an inch long. These tags get held by the grass imitating water tension. YouTube has some good videos about grass leaders. Also, get one of the indoor yarn-based casting outfits to practice with. They really do help.

**Bill Armon, CCI**

## 2019 Outings

### July

11th Annual OFF  
Stream Team Outing  
Montauk State Park  
July 12-14, 2019

### September

White & Norfolk  
Rivers - Norfolk, AR  
Sept. 13-15, 2019

### October

Eleven Point River  
Alton, MO  
October 11-13, 2019

### November

Bennett Spring  
Catch & Release  
Sand Springs Resort  
Nov. 7-10, 2019

## 2020 Outings

Details to come in future  
Member Newsletters.



# Fly of the Month – July 2019

## CrawBugger

With summer in full swing, fishing opportunities abound – as do fishermen on the waters. The trout parks, rivers, and even smaller streams are crowded and fish are getting more pressured than usual. Summer is the time to start looking to warm water fishing for relief. I still love fishing moving water, and small rivers and lower sections of traditional trout streams hold smallmouth bass and largemouth bass, bluegill, and goggle-eye. These fish are accessible and willing to bite. One of their favorite foods is crawfish, but there's really no reason to get too complicated with your pattern.



The CrawBugger is an easy to tie suggestive pattern that you won't be afraid to throw where the fish are, and not be afraid to lose it. The weight can be varied for different situations, and the materials come in a rainbow of natural colors to match your river conditions.

### Materials

- Hook: Gamakatsu B10-S size 1-6
- Beads: 4 Medium or Large Black Bead Chain Eyes (can also use lead eyes)
- Weight: .015" lead wire
- Thread: 8/0 Brown
- Legs/Antennae: Barred SiliLegs
- Body: Cohen's Carp Dub, Senyo's Laser Dub, or other coarse dubbing

### Tying Steps

- Secure hook in vise and start thread at mid-point of hook and wrap to hook eye and back to two-eye-lengths from the eye. Hit it with a little superglue since you will need a solid anchor point for your eyes.
- Clip a set of 4 bead chain eyes and tie in at the middle on top of the hook using crossing thread wraps then go around those wraps horizontally to tighten the wraps. Add a drop of superglue again.
- Add several lead wire wraps just behind bead eyes and secure with thread wraps. Advance thread to hook bend.
- Tie in 8 sections of SiliLegs about 1 ½ the length of the hook shank. I like to mix two colors.
- From a dubbing loop, and add the dubbing material at its center. As you twist it, brush it out so that you have a thick brush. Again, I will mix a couple of colors for a mottled look. Advance thread to the hook eye.
- Wrap the dubbing forward to the eyes including one wrap in front of the eyes. Tie off the dubbing loop, whip-finish the thread, and trim excess.
- Using a dubbing brush, dog brush, or old pocket comb, brush out the dubbing to make it shaggy and full.

I tie these in olive, golden olive, brown olive, and brown orange. I like to fish these in smaller sizes, but sometimes in mid-summer the larger ones actually produce better. You can fish deeper in you use lead eyes, but I think the bead eyes act as rattles too. Fish this through deep holes starting from the head of the pool all the way to the tail-out. Look for structure and root wads and focus on shade during full sun days.

**Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers**

# 2019 Conservation Events

- **JULY 12-14** 11<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers
- **JULY 27** Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership and Stream Teams United
- **AUGUST 24** 52<sup>ND</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils
- **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

## 52<sup>ND</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream

### **August 24, 2019, 8:00 am - Big River, Byrnes Mill City Park**

You are invited to attend the 52<sup>ND</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream (OCS). Come join the Trashmanian Devils (Missouri Stream Team #3797) and other Stream Teams as we participate in the largest and oldest stream cleanup in the nation. Our site has the largest OCS volunteer participation on the Big River. The last few years have seen an enthusiastic volunteer commitment. If you are uncertain about helping (perhaps you do not think this is for you) come anyway and have lunch. Witness firsthand the effect that our dedicated work force can have on restoring this beautiful stream to a more natural state. We have a great time doing so. Do not neglect to get the youth involved. Our streams will one day be in their care! For those who use our streams, this cleanup provides an awesome opportunity to “give back” to their care and preservation.

In the past few years we have had historic flooding. With luck the water levels will subside, and conditions will look good for a “bumper crop” of removable trash along with safe conditions for volunteers.

We will start the day with donuts, juice and milk. If you want coffee bring your own. OCS volunteers work hard, and they play hard. By noon we will have completed our cleanup and adjourn to lunch. Pizza and other food will be provided by the generous donation of local restaurants along with soda and bottled water. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! This is a great opportunity to socialize with your stream cleaning friends from the past and an opportunity to make new friends of the future.

Once again, this year Leinenkugel Beer made the request to partner with us on our cleanup. Leinenkugel has been involved with promoting clean waterways (Canoes for a Cause) in their home state of Wisconsin for numerous years. Six years ago, they began a push into the mid-west promoting their program with our site being the first in the state of Missouri to partner with them. Leinenkugel has been quite generous with their donations and trade giveaways by means of the raffle items they have provided us. Note that alcohol will not be consumed during our cleanup to ensure the safety of our volunteers and to abide by the regulations of the park.

As always, after lunch we will have attendance and pay raffles. You may wish to participate in the pay raffle and help support our cleanup, which will be greatly appreciated. Our meeting place will be at the park shelter (covered, shaded and complete with picnic tables). If needed box fans will be on hand to cool our folks down. Running water restrooms are conveniently located near the pavilion. All the comforts of home!

Volunteers wanting to bring their own watercraft are welcome to do so. It is recommended that sturdy footwear be worn during this cleanup. Beach wear such as flip flops and sandals are discouraged. Remember your sunscreen and hat. Bring a change of clothes, we get dirty! If you are interested in the pay raffle, remember to bring some “folding money”.

Work gloves, trash bags and OCS t-shirts will be provided. Several canoes will be on hand for cleanup duty. If you are interested in manning one of these canoes, please reserve by mention of the contact information listed below.

**IF ATTENDING PLEASE NOTIFY** so that you can be placed on the volunteer list, reserve a canoe, or relay your t-shirt size. Cancellations are always a possibility due to adverse weather, a high-water event, etc.... and your contact information will be essential for notification. If you have any questions about OCS, contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

# Wanted: Safety Pin Fly Tiers & Stream Team Presenters - Passport to Clean Water

**Saturday, August 24, 2019 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Greentree Park - 2202 Marshall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122**

Ozark fly fishers will once again be promoting the future of stream conservation at PASSPORT TO CLEAN WATER sponsored by the Open Space Council. This program has the potential to expose a lot of kids to the concept of conservation. The Passport to Clean Water, is an interactive educational program geared towards youth ages 5-18 and their families. This program will feature exhibits on the watershed and will include demonstrations on water quality, exhibits about local animals, fish, live birds, and much more. Learn how you can save water and protect water resources in your home. This program is great for Girl and Boy Scouts, youth groups, school groups, and more!

We are requesting volunteers from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to help with tying safety pin flies and Stream Team education. We currently have a couple of volunteers but need additional manpower to match the youth onslaught. Note that you need not be an expert with either of these demonstrations. We have a couple of "capital" Stream Team educators who will man our tent and provide instruction to anyone wanting to help with Stream Team presentation. We are especially in need of tiers! A tent, tables and chairs will be provided. Lunch will also be provided.

If you would like to lend a much needed hand, please make contact with Scott Darrough: [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com) or 314-560-1355.

## Pics of the Month

Dan Rasch snapped these shots at McDonald Creek in Glacier National Park. I don't see any fish though.



# Communications

## Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members. Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com).

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

## Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com). If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

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## Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org>  
or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



## Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, all you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".

Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the sub group. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group. Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: [Shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)



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## Stream Team 31

<i>Coordinator / Current River</i>	Scott Darrough
<i>Blue Springs Creek</i>	Glen Bish
<i>Mill Creek</i>	Bill Leslie

## Reminder:

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org))

# Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

**Founded 1971**

To promote fly-fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

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