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President's Message

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Well, spring has sprung with the early turning forward of the clocks and warmer weather. As I write this message some of our members are getting ready for the annual Sow Bug. I hope that we get a great report from the members that attend the outing. I for one would have loved to attend but I had pressing business here at home.

With the up coming season for those who put away their gear till spring, I would like to mention that you really should clean and inspect your fly rod, line and reel. The three things as the season moves on we take for granted. Clean out your fly vest totally and start over. If you're like me you have been carrying nasty flies, old tippet, leaders and maybe even last years PBJ, which by now has changed colors. It really is amazing what you carry around in all those pockets. I like reminiscing about the prior years fishing with the reminders that are hidden in all those pockets. I also notice how my fishing has changed with some of the things I once thought I couldn't fish without, now I wouldn't even put in my truck on a fishing trip let a lone carry in my vest.

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Like everyone else I received my membership roster in the mail and as I flipped thru it I was thanking Dave Haas, past Membership Director, for another great job. There is a ton of work that goes into the directory and I want to thank Dave for his dedicated efforts. This is one of the easier to read directories but darn, it's pink! I don't know about anybody else but *glow ball pink!* Oh, well, I won't lose it - that's for sure.

The first thing that I noticed (looking past the pink) was the growing numbers of members on the different committees. This is really a good thing for everyone.



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We are focusing on helping members become more aware of what is going on in the fly-fishing world. This does not mean for one moment that there is not a need for any more people on committees. We need every single member to get involved in some way with the club. That is what makes this fishing club so great, the active Members! Be a part of your club. Join a committee. Learn what is going on in the fly-fishing world. Trust me, it does affect you in some way.

As thirty-five plus members already know, the February Chili Pot Luck Tying fest was a great success. Thanks to our new Outing director, Ted Calcaterra and Marlan Graham" Past President". As you may already know, we hold this tying fest at Marlan's condo clubhouse each year. Each year the attendance has grown and the amount of food is overwhelming. There were no less that twenty-five people tying at one time 'till it broke up a 2 pm. Dave Hass broke out his three bamboo lite line rods to cast and I stopped tying as soon as Dave yelled he was going outside to string them up. Being a small creek guy I really enjoyed casting them. Also Larry Carli" Past President" brought his new rod to cast. It was, I think, a 6ft or smaller graphite 5wt. Wow - we had some small creek rods going and that was a lot of fun!

I did notice that we had several new members attending and tying. I noticed Marlan Graham mentoring a new member of the club and fly-fishing. They were outside working on casting with his new 9ft rod. Latter that day we talked knots, I demonstrated a perfection loop and discussed where to use it. I can't help but think this club has so much to offer to novice (and experienced) anglers and I am so glad to be a small part of it.

Conservation: *Conservation Committee* *Bob Temper*

Conservation is an important issue for Ozark Fly Fishers. It has become increasingly important to represent the organization in many aspects of conservation involvement at the local, state and national scene. What issue interests you – pollution, minimum flows, whirling disease, gravel mining, rock snot, wild

trout management areas, special regulations for smallmouth, water quality, stream management in other states, etc? We need a strong committee to make us a truly effective conservation organization. Consider participating at a level that fits your situation. Contact Bob Temper for more details to become a committee member.

OFF is a registered Missouri Stream Team for the section of Current River just below Montauk State Park. However, we are not restricted to just that section of that river. Given enough interest, we could form other stream team operations on other streams. It is a matter of interest and participation. Stream teams can do clean up activities, water quality monitoring, bank stabilization, etc. many training programs are available within the Stream Team program.

Legislative issues have taken a lot of press lately concerning gravel mining issues in Missouri and Arkansas. Participation in legislative issues has many opportunities to become involved. Following bills in the Missouri legislature, formulating positions for Ozark Fly Fishers, and communicating with other organizations on these issues are all part of these activities. At times it is important to appear at hearing at the state legislature. The National Scenic Riverways management plan is undergoing review and provides opportunity on a national issue that impacts our state. There are conservation issues all over the country in which we could participate through communications if we have enough interested participants. There is room in these process for many people to become involved at different levels so no one would have to do it all – one person cannot do it all!

The Missouri Department of Conservation holds an annual Natural Resources Conference for all state conservation agencies. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend seminar sessions and meet without state MDC personnel. Meeting the various fisheries biologists at this conference has been a rewarding experience. Several professional organizations such as the American Fisheries Society meet in conjunction with this annual conference extending the opportunity to meet and network.

Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) is an organization that OFF supports. Marty King is a director representing OFF of this statewide organization. This is yet another voice of conservation through which we can participate.

The bottom line is we need you to tell us how you want to participate. Contact Bob Temper @ 314-894-0319 or rtemper@earthlink.net

Gravel Mining Update

HB628 was voted and passed out of committee Wednesday March 14. We have been working with Representative Tom Loehner, the bill sponsor, to improve language to make this bill more acceptable. As yet we have not seen the final language that came out of the committee. Stay tuned for further notice on what position we may take or e-mails for possible immediate action if required.

CAFO Bill Moves Forward

As reported earlier the CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) issue is one of importance to all of us. The latest approach by big Agri-business is to attempt to eliminate local government control of zoning of CAFOs through state legislation.

A group called *Missourians for Local Control* is leading the opposition of this bill. The following is their update on the current status of the bill:

SB 364 takes away authority of local elected representatives to protect the health, welfare and property rights of the majority of family farmers, landowners and rural citizens.

SB 364 abolishes the constitutional right of farmers and property owners to legally challenge corporate livestock factories when the negative impacts of these operations infringe upon their property rights.

SB 364 protects the rights of corporate agri-business at the expense of the vast majority of independent family farmers. This bill protects industrial livestock operations, which make up less than ½ of 1% of Missouri's 105,000 farming operations, while taking away the property rights of the rest of us.

SB 364 is a blatant attack on family farmers, rural communities, local control and property rights!

For more information contact: Missouri Rural Crisis Center 1108 Rangeline St Columbia, MO 65201 573-449-1336
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CFM Today

Marty King – CFM Director

In the early '30s Missouri's wildlife and forests were in a sorry state. The states forests were decimated and the deer herd and turkeys were devastated. Recognizing that, a group of men met and established an organization of sportsmen called the *Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM)* By an initiative petition, their first major achievement was to establish the "*Missouri Department of Conservation*" (MDC) as a unit of government independent of the state's legislature and managed by wildlife professionals. Professional management improved all areas of fish and wildlife and today our forests are well stocked and profitably maintained.

After the establishment of a Conservation Department, licenses and federal grants were the only income for this new department. In the early '70s, CFM and others (but CFM as the lead group) through an initiative petition put to a vote a conservation tax known as "Design for Conservation". The vote was overwhelming in support of the tax and today is the envy of sportsmen over the nation.

Later in the '90s CFM lead another initiative petition for state parks and soil conservation which passed easily. In addition to these major efforts CFM has worked with MDC for special regulations on Missouri's trout waters and smallmouth streams. CFM has provided resolutions in support of these regulations and MDC listens. They are currently a partner in the efforts to maintain the gravel mining regulations

OFF as best I can determine has been an affiliated club since the late '60s. CFM maintains a staff in Jefferson City which is

managed by Dave Murphy, a professional lobbyist (and a proficient fly fisherman) Dave works with the legislature and the numerous departments and committees of state government. When Dave addresses a Director or a Congressman as the representative of over 80,000 active sportsmen he has their attention. In addition to *OFF's* affiliation, many of us are also sustaining members, which help *CFM's* overall numbers (and the \$20 fee is a small price to pay for having "your man in Jefferson City"). If you're interested, see me at the next meeting. We need your input and ideas.



Fly Names *Terry Finger*

Hendrickson. Alexandra. Black Prince. Chateaugay. Gordon Quill. Jennie Lind. March Brown. Parmachene Belle. Royal Coachman. Von Patten. Adams. Ginger Quill. Lunn's Particular. Maid of the Mill. Hornberg. Jock Scott. Shushan Postmaster. Bonbright. Rat-Faced McDougal. Greenwell's Glory.

I'll have to admit to being a little infatuated with fly names. To me they capture the essence of what I value most about angling – history, tradition, and craftsmanship. In my early years, I learned that all the good Catskill tiers had a thorough knowledge of fly patterns and their names. I very much wanted to be such a tier, so I spent hours studying fly dressings and memorizing fly names.

Wickham's Fancy. Tomah Jo. Professor. Whirling Blue Dun. Mallard and Claret. Sassy Cat. Pink Lady. Tup's Indispensible. McGinty.

Renegade. Conover. Queen of the Waters. Mickey Finn. Leadwing Coachman. Barrington. Gray Ghost. Green Highlander. Dusty Miller. Colonel Bates.

We too often fall into the trap of portraying fly fishing's past as more romantic than it really was, but I do believe that anglers were better at naming flies in the days before the 1970's, when the fly fishing mass media and marketing boom began. The Beaverkill, Chateaugay, and Saranac were named after rivers. The March Brown, Whirling Blue Dun, and Dusty Miller were named for natural flies. The Ginger Quill, Tup's Indispensible, and Hare's Ear owe their names to materials used in their construction. The Dolly Varden was named after a fish, which in turn had been named after a character in a Dickens' novel. The Hendrickson, Adams, and Shushan Postmaster were named after real people, and, although there are lots of exceptions, in earlier days tiers tended not to name flies after themselves, but to choose the name of a friend or client.

Today, fly designers are much more likely to name flies after themselves, often with an accompanying trademark symbol, and to use unimaginative names like (your name goes here)'s Stone, Hopper, or Caddis. I have little use for such names. I also have little use for cartoon-ish names like Chernobyl Ant, Zonker, or Yuk Bug. These names just don't sufficiently honor the sport or the fish.

The best fly names are simple and embrace a little poetry. The only trouble with some of these names, especially those that pertain to a natural prey item or a tying material, is that everyone wants to use them. More than one tier has independently invented a fly and called it the Red Quill, March Brown, or Green Drake, and as a result we often have very different flies with the same name. The same thing can occur among biologists who describe and name new plant and animal species. To avoid confusing nomenclature and scientific chaos, zoologists and botanists have their own International Committees on Nomenclature. These committees establish and enforce rules on naming species, decide who has first rights to a particular name, and ensure that names follow standard conventions in construction. In naming flies we really have no need for such a

stodgy committee, although a rule similar to the one that prohibits scientists from naming species after themselves might be useful. A little confusion over fly names is hardly on a par with confusing different animal or plant species in research. Different flies with the same name can, however, be troubling to beginning fly tiers eager to attain mastery in knowledge of fly patterns.

Early on, I had such an experience with a fly I grew up with on the Esopus in the Catskills, the Red Fox. In the Esopus Valley, *the* Red Fox was Ray Smith's Red Fox (see photo), perhaps the most popular dry fly on the river. The fly was originated locally by Ray and is tied in the classic Catskill style, with a tail and wing of barred wood duck, a body of reddish tan dubbing from a red fox, and dark ginger hackle. A comfortable certainty in this young fly tier's life until I started reading angling books. The certainty rapidly crumbled. J. Edson Leonard's *Flies* listed two different Red Fox patterns and Ray Bergman's *Trout* listed three. Donald Du Bois' boring but thorough *The Fisherman's Handbook of Trout Flies* listed no less than fourteen different Red Fox dressings. Even a book spawned in the Catskills, *The Complete Fly Tier* by Rube Cross, listed a different Red Fox. The hackle on these flies ranged from brown to light ginger to interesting mixes of dun and ginger; their wings varied from wood duck flank to gray duck quill to barred teal; their bodies ranged from pale gray to cream to reddish tan; some had gold tinsel ribbing. None were identical to Ray Smith's fly. About the only thing they had in common was that the bodies were constructed of dubbing from a red fox. But the underfur on a red fox varies from steely gray on the back to light buff on the belly, and can even include pink urine-burned shades. Nearly all these colors are included in the spectrum presented by the various Red Fox flies.

When I was young I was quite annoyed at all this disorder, but I've since mellowed and have come to accept variations as a part of fly fishing and life. To me, *the* Red Fox will always be Ray Smith's fly, but I am more than a little intrigued by some of those other dressings, especially the ones that mix ginger and dun hackle. A few might even find their way into my fly box. I'll just have to decide what I will call them.

Fly Tying Note: Aside from illustrating a regional fly, Ray Smith's Red Fox also demonstrates one way to solve the dilemma created by modern hackle necks and their lack of tailing material. When Ray was tying, most hackle came from India. These necks did not have the density of quality small hackle found in modern genetic capes, but their larger feathers had long, still barbs and tailing wasn't a problem. Even with this abundance of tailing material, Ray always tailed this fly with wood duck flank. Most modern tiers would scoff at this approach, but at least half the battle in fly tying is material selection, and when done properly a wood duck tail can be as stiff and durable as a hackle tail. Select the stiffest, spiky wood duck flank feather for both the tail and the wings. Clip a narrow v-notch at the tip of the feather before using it for the wings, and use this material for the tail. It will be very stiff and has the added benefit of providing a segmented look.

Random Thoughts

Ty Livingstone

As I was pondering what to write about this month (or more aptly put, what to rant about...albeit randomly), a couple of things came to mind. I was in a discussion recently with a dear friend, debating some issue that we were divided on.

I can't even remember what the issue was, but what I do remember is being profoundly struck by the thought of how intellectually lazy my friend's position was. He was basically regurgitating what he had heard somewhere else, without even thinking through the issue. We all have lots of different perspectives on things and there is nothing wrong with that. In fact, if we all thought exactly the same on everything, it would be a pretty boring world. A little healthy disagreement is a key component of our democratic values. It makes the engine go. However, you need to understand what you believe and why you believe it and be able to share that with others. Think!

What do I mean by being intellectually lazy? Don't just read or listen to someone else's position and "re-pontificate" that. Process what

they shared with you, do a little research, some reflection, chase it all with a little single malt and a Partagas, and arrive at your own conclusions. If your perspective matches theirs, then all the mo' better. Think for yourself. Think out of the box. Just because the Post Dispatch, the Chicago Tribune, or KMOX says it doesn't necessarily mean it's so. Everybody has their personal "operating software" and filters information through that. We have our agenda, our spin, our angle, if you will. There is nothing wrong with that as long as we stay true to ourselves. Some of the most innovative ideas driving change have come from thinking out of the box. The Paradox!

Case in point – our club is a proponent of catch and release fishing. I totally support this position, especially for wild fish. However, we have a very interesting predicament out west regarding the Wild Pacific Salmon. Purchasing and eating Wild Pacific Salmon instead of Atlanti Salmon may very well save the fish. Why? There is a need to create an "economic value" for the fish. An influx of farm raised Atlantic Salmon has wreaked havoc on the wild fish. The fish that escape compete with wild salmon and steelhead and the fish farms spread disease and parasites among other things. Whether you like it or not, in a land where free enterprise and capitalism rule, money talks and everything else walks. So, to save these wonderful fish, we need to eat them. By choosing to do this, we can ensure that we will have plentiful wild salmon runs in the future. Economic viability drives the dollars to the protection of this species. Trout Unlimited has backed this initiative and if you really think about it, this makes complete sense. By supporting the effort with your own pocketbook, you can drive incentive for the government to make a good decision. If you are interested in this issue, see the Winter 2007 Issue of *Trout* (TU's magazine).

While I am on thinking, I have one more thing for you to think about. We are not going to allow "stinkin' thinkin'" around here. If you have an idea to improve things, get involved. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Take a stand. Do something to change things. Quit your belly-aching and take action. All talk...no action. Does that sound like anybody that you know? Don't be one of them. Are you a shaker or a faker? You think about that.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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St. Charles, MO

Outings Update

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In early March we had our annual chili potluck tying event at Marlan Graham's clubhouse. It was a huge success with over 35 plus people in attendance. We spent the day expanding our waistslines, tying flies, and sharing stories. There were new members and beginners who were just getting started in fly tying all the way up to experienced tiers who have been doing it all their lives. Whether a beginner or seasoned expert, we all learned something new. A great time was had by all.

Our next scheduled outing is a day on the Current River to be held on Saturday April 7th. We will meet at the Baptist Camp access at 9am with coffee and donuts being provided.

For those club members new to fly fishing or the Current River, I can pair you up with a fellow member to make the experience more enjoyable. Please call or contact me if you wish to take advantage of this "Buddy" outing.

May 11th we have a day scheduled on Port Hudson Lake located in Gerald Missouri just outside of St. Louis. It is a 55 acre MDC lake containing bass, bluegill, and crappie. This is

a perfect place to bring your float tube, pontoon, or kayak. Mid May is a great time to catch warm water species on the fly rod. The club will provide lunch and soda for this event.

Lastly, in an attempt to encourage members to participate in club outings, I will provide the calendar of events in each newsletter and monthly meetings so that people can place it on their calendars. Listed below are the outings confirmed for this year.

OUTINGS 2007

April 7	Current River Baptist Camp Access
May 11	Port Hudson Lake, Gerald Missouri
May 12	Women's Outing TBD
June	Smallmouth Float Trip TBD
August 17-19	Montauk
September 7-9	Eleven Point River
October 4-6	Southern Council Conclave Mountain Home AR
November 9-11	Bennett Springs
December 7-9	Montauk
January 26	Annual Banquet

Roaring River

Chris Seep

I plucked a piece of agate from the stream, wet and dripping, all greens and coppers with flecks of black. It squirmed, slipped from my grasp, and returned to the water. This "agate" was, of course, a trout. Not just any trout, but a Greenback cutthroat. My wife, Lois, and I were fishing Roaring river in Rocky Mountain National Park with Frank, a guide we had hired from Estes Anglers in Estes Park, Colorado.

While planning our Colorado fly fishing adventure, I had spoken with Frank by phone, and he has asked me if my wife and I were willing to walk "a little ways" to fish in solitude. This hike turned out to be a mile-and-a-half slog gaining over 800 feet in elevation in wading boots and waders! The trek began at the Lawn Lake trailhead in RMNP at an elevation of 8500 feet. A series of switchbacks

brings you to the Ypsilon Lake trail. From here we fished about a mile upstream.

Roaring River is a narrow, high gradient freestone stream, narrow enough in many places to leap across. The surrounding scenery is nothing short of spectacular—evergreen/aspen forests, glaciated mountains. The river's banks are lined with willows and medium to large boulders. This is all pocket water fishing, very different from what we have become used to here in Missouri. This is strictly high sticking, and Frank gave us a quick lesson in the technique. In this type of angling a long rod is helpful to extend your reach even though this is a small stream. The leader should be short-- equal to, or less than, the length of the rod. You do not cast in the traditional sense; the swift, conflicting currents would impart immediate drag on your fly. Instead you keep your leader and a foot or less of fly line past the end of your rod and "flick" your fly to any smooth water, then immediately raise your casting arm overhead to lift all but a couple of inches of leader off the water—just enough to prevent dragging or steering your fly. These pockets may vary from Frisbee size to perhaps the size of a bathtub. The cutts take with a violent boil—no dainty sipping rises here.

Choice of fly pattern is relatively uncomplicated. These fish are not picky. Stimulators, parachute Adams, traditional Catskill dries, beetles, ants, you name it, were all effective. Equally effective were the variety of nymphs that we dropped from the dries. Particularly effective were pheasant tails, Skip's nymphs, etc.

About the fish: The story of the greenback cutthroat is an interesting one in that by the 1930s the greenback was believed extinct due to the usual causes: loss of habitat, introduction of non-native species, and over fishing. In the 1950s two heretofore unknown remnant populations of greenback cutthroats were discovered in remote waters of Colorado's Front Range. Due to recovery efforts by fisheries biologist, including hatchery propagation, elimination of competitive species, release of greenbacks into streams and lakes with suitable habitat, there are now many stable, wild, self-sustaining populations. Greenbacks of course have the crimson slash

under the jaw that defines all cutthroats. Numerous large black spots run across the top of its greenish body and tail. The sides are reddish/copper and turn a bright crimson during spawning. Greenbacks can live up to five years in rivers and perhaps ten in lakes. Like trout everywhere, they are uniquely camouflaged to disappear against the rocky streambed, and can be extremely difficult to see unless they move. If there is a downside to fishing for Greenbacks it's their size. On Roaring rive the average catch will be six to nine inches, and a twelve-incher being a trophy.

Still, fishing with light tackle for handsome aggressive trout in one of the most scenic areas in the lower 48 somehow seems to magnify these fish in my mind.

Note of caution: a day of high sticking can do bad things to your arm and shoulder. You might want to invite a masseuse to be your fishing partner!

Fly Tying Tips

Al Bourisaw

Grasping At Straws Most tiers store their dubbing in poly bags. Convenient, but in time, the bags seem to scatter, so that searching for the needed shade becomes something of a treasure hunt. Try repackaging the dubbing in plastic soda straws! A plastic straw, cut to a 4" length, will contain an entire 3"x4" bag of dubbing. The material is pushed tightly into the straw, using the end of a bodkin, crochet hook or small rod. Force the dubbing into the end of the straw (keep it from escaping with your index finger). Keep pushing in the dubbing until the straw is full, and then mark the name of the material on the outside of the straw with a felt tipped pen. To retrieve the dubbing, simply twist the straw between the thumb and index finger to force a bit out the end of the straw and pinch off the amount needed. Eight of these dubbing straws will fit easily into an empty 3"x4" poly bag.

All day with Jack Dennis

Mike Krueger

Well folks, for those of you who missed the all day meeting with Jack Dennis you missed a great meeting! It all started Friday night with a visit to a sushi bar. I won't go into the details but Mike Swederska was a trooper. I realize how hard it was for him to down all that sushi and to chase it with saki, probably never again. We closed the place.

Saturday morning came all too quickly. Jack made it to the meeting just a little after nine. It was a great possibility that the meeting might have a few glitches as Jack's main bag got lost at the airport, luckily it was delivered in time. What great information about fishing in Wyoming. The slides made me wish I was there, catching and releasing. He took the time to explain how to look for and how to fish particular waters. Seeing someone demonstrating how to mend and how to flow with the current makes all the difference. The quick lift at the end of a float looks like a killer.

After lunch we had another treat, Jack tied several of his trusted flies and demonstrated a weave technique I know I will try to duplicate.

All in all it was a day of listening and learning from a man who has made fly fishing his life. I know those in attendance will not forget what they personally took away from this master of our addiction.

Blue Gill Fly Swap

Al Bourisaw

Spring is around the corner and many of us are turning our thoughts to warm water fishing. Specifically, the thought of a "slab" blue gill grabbing our fly gets the juices flowing. At the Tie-In last Saturday we were talking about blue gills and flies. Someone suggested a blue gill fly swap. So I volunteered to see if there was any interest amongst club members. I have agreed to serve as the Swap Master, collecting, sorting and distributing all flies. The swap is for your favorite blue gill fly and will be limited to the first twelve (12) members that contact me at trout@msn.com. I will return your e-mail with a time-line, how to submit your

flies and the specifics. This is a good opportunity to see what others are using to catch blue gill. If there is enough interest amongst our members, this is an activity that we can continue in the coming months.

Programs – Programs – Programs

Mike Krueger

Please make a mental note, the March meeting will be on the 5th Thursday, March 29, not the 4th Thursday. Tim Wade will be the speaker. Tim will share his expertise on the public lands of Wyoming. Specifically, "Fly Fishing the Other side of Yellowstone." There are many areas of water available to the general public, but you must know where they are and how to get there. Tim is an *OFF* member and has been an avid supporter of Ozark. Tim will share his knowledge of water and which flies work the best in each area. See you there.

April 26

Andrew Peterson from Cutthroat Anglers will share his expertise from 13 years as a guide in Colorado. Andrew left school for fly fishing and has not looked back since. Cutthroat Anglers has a great web site where you can read all about the guides and their experience. www.flyfishcolorado.com. Andrew will present the Blue, Williams Fork and S. Platte. Visit their web site and sign up for the newsletter/

May 24

Tyler Befus from Montrose Colorado. Tyler is just 9 years old but an avid fisherman. He started fishing when he was just 3 years old. Currently hold 2 international records, author of several books and consultant for a Ross Reel and last but not least a fly tyer. Tyler will present a unique view of fishing. This program will be interesting for all ages. I was told by Jack Denis that you do not want to miss this one. Bring the kids and/or grandkids!

Conservation Lobby Day April 4

Wallis W Warren

Missouri Votes Conservation (MVC) in conjunction with the Missouri Sierra Club and Missouri Coalition for the Environment is hosting Conservation Lobby Day Wednesday, April 4. Ozark Fly Fishers is a sponsor and participant in this event.

Please join us in Jefferson City as we discuss the key environmental issues working their way through the General Assembly and then we visit with members of the legislature on these important issues.

The day will begin at 10:00 am in the House Hearing Room 2 (in the basement of the Capitol) with an environmental legislation briefing. We will focus on critical issues including concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs or "factory farms"), sand and gravel mining, and renewable energy. Personal or group meetings with legislators will follow a light lunch we will provide.

Conservation Lobby Day is an excellent opportunity to join forces with like-minded individuals and speak with a unified voice. It is also an opportunity for those unfamiliar with the Capitol or lobbying to see lobbyists in action and to be guided through the process.

Several members of our Conservation Committee will be attending this event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wallis Warren 314-422-3455 or wwarren@amfam.com Car pool arrangements can be made, if needed.

Heaven is under our feet as well as
over our heads.
~ Henry David Thoreau ~

Fly Fishing The Other Side of Yellowstone: Thurs March 29, 7pm Queeny Rec Complex


Tim Wade will present the program, 'Fly Fishing the Other side of Yellowstone'. He will feature some of his preferred local waters – and illustrate why NW Wyoming is a premier fly fishing destination. Tim is a member of OFF and an avid supporter of the club. You won't want to miss this informative program!

Tim has been featured in many fly fishing publications and has been writing a fly fishing column called Streamside since 1987. He has also been published in Fly Fisherman, Scientific Anglers, Yellowstone Journal and other publications. He has been featured on Trout Unlimited TV, Fly Fish America, Fly Fishing the World, ESPN Outdoors, Outdoor Network, TNN Outdoors and several other cable channels as a fly fishing expert. Tim is the owner of 'Tim Wade's North Fork Anglers' recognized as the best fly shop in NW Wyoming.

Tim is also an active conservationist and proponent for wild, native fish everywhere. He founded the local TU and FFF chapters in Cody, and was instrumental in getting the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone established as Wyoming's only Federally Designated Wild and Scenic River. Tim also led the fight to stop a proposed gold mine on the headwaters of the Clarks Fork and Yellowstone River. Currently, Tim is working on establishing better trout management regulations to protect the native Yellowstone cutthroat and its native habitat.

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|               |                                                                                                    |
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| <b>MAR 29</b> | <b>MONTHLY MEETING:</b> Tim Wade/ North Fork Anglers Cody WY<br>7pm Queeny Rec Plex                |
| <b>APR 26</b> | <b>MONTHLY MEETING:</b> Andrew Peterson/ Cutthroat Anglers,<br>Silverthorn, Co 7pm Queeny Rec Plex |
| <b>MAY 24</b> | <b>MONTHLY MEETING:</b> Tyler Befus, Montrose CO<br>7pm POWDER VALLEY                              |