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I am so happy to be one of the first to tell the club that Al Bourisaw our education director was voted Educator of the Year for the Southern Council.

This club is made up of over 300 wonderful people. I am so proud to be part of Ozark Fly Fishers. That is why I am excited to say I have served with this man on the Board of Directors for four years. I have seen him in action on many occasions leading members and potential new members in the right direction. Al gives of himself with out expecting anything in return. He is always there for the club, always there for the new person to the sport of fly-fishing. When it came time for me to nominate someone from the club as Educator of the Year, Al had no competition. Being new to my post I lagged behind in my letter writing for the nomination. After reading Bob Tempers nomination letter, I really did not know what more to say - Bob covered it perfectly.

At a loss of what to add to Bob's great letter, I just started to think about all the things that I have seen Al do for others over the years and began to put them into words. By the time I was done my nomination looked like the phone book! I cannot put into words how humbled I am by the sincerity, energy and dedication Al has for this club. To serve with him, to fish with him and to call him friend I can say no more.

Al you are one of the good guys.



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FFF Southern Council Conclave, Mountain Home Arkansas

Bob Temper

About thirty *OFF* members made the trek to Mountain Home, AR for the *FFF* Southern Council Conclave this year. In response to requests for change a number of things were different. The banquet and awards presentation were moved to Friday night (*OFF* had 3 tables in the center to witness VP – Communications, Brian Ellis present Al Bourisaw the Southern Council Educator of the Year Award - well deserved recognition) and the auction changed from the previous Friday and Saturday schedule to one live auction on Saturday night. While there were a lot of changes, many things remain the same. Al Bourisaw, Bill Hale, Bill Armon, Steve Antonic, and Bob Temper arrived early in the week and enjoyed several days of low flow water on the White River to float in pontoon boats from Cotter Landing to Rim Shoals. Many healthy rainbows as well as some browns and a few cuts were brought to the boat for a quick release. Ted Calcaterra and Malcolm Royse landed trophy browns while wade fishing below Rim Shoals on Thursday before the big generations started at Bull Shoals Dam for the weekend. Dave Hass, Marlin Graham, and Carl Quicksall did well at the Norfolk Dam. Patti Hummert and Diane Ellis gave a program on Casting for Recovery and reported a good time at the Outreach Luncheon.

OFF was to supervise a local crew to build the casting pond this year. It started out that way but the crew wandered off and *OFF* members jumped in to finish the task. We had near record numbers of participants in the casting games. Thanks to everyone that supplied flies for prizes and those who donated time Friday afternoon to help run the Jerry Clark Memorial Casting Games. Bruce Richards (*FFF* Casting Board of Govenors) made an impromptu appearance at the start of the games to run a short clinic for the kids. Our own Mary Ann Townsend received a 1st place trophy in women's accuracy and 2nd place in distance. Kevin Miquelon and Mike Hoffmeyer had their children along to participate in the kid's conclave.

Clinics and seminars ran hourly Thursday through Saturday. I only got to participate in

three but they were all good. Fly tiers (including *OFF* member Mary Ann Townsend) demonstrated their skills for two days and there were friendships to renew from past years of Conclaves. Change is inevitable and sometimes it is hard to accept, but I know one thing is certain – I have hotel reservations for the first full weekend of October in Mountain Home, AR again next year. Mark the date on your calendar.



Matching the Hatch, Sort of *Terry Finger*

For a few years in the early 1970's I didn't fish very much, even though my mind was completely immersed in fresh water. I had just begun graduate work at Syracuse and was enthralled with my research and classes in ichthyology, fish ecology, and limnology. Learning about fish phylogeny, the ecology of stream insects, and the stratification of lakes was a lot more fun than my earlier studies of differential equations, solid state physics, and field theory, so lectures, lab work, and field trips kept me happily satisfied.

Syracuse winters are long, however, and one weekend in May 1973, after what seemed like an eternity of nothing but snow and studies, Tom Rosenbauer and I were ready to take a break and fish. On a misty Saturday afternoon we visited Tom's home water near Rochester and, on a limestone stream, encountered a slow but steady hatch of March Brown

mayflies. Because I had not been focused on fishing and fly tying for over a year, my fly boxes were not well stocked. I had nothing that even remotely resembled a March Brown except a few atrocious #12 Ausable Wulffs I had tied several years earlier when I was first expanding my universe beyond Catskill-style tying. My initial tying efforts had not been particularly successful. The hair wings were shaggy, the hackle was too sparse, the bodies were too fat, and, most notably, the tails were much too long. But the overall color resembled a March Brown and nothing else was working anyway, so I tried one of the Wulffs and immediately began catching fish, including a nice 17" brown.

Tom and I had quite a laugh over the fly's success. The only explanation we could come up with was that the fish had mistaken the fly for an emerging dun. March Browns are notorious for having difficulty emerging from their nymphal shucks. The fly's shaggy wings and long tail probably resembled a shuck and the weak hackle and fat body made the fly nestle into the surface film. Poor tying technique may have heightened the effect, but even a properly tied Wulff, with its plump body and shaggy silhouette, would have served as a better imitation of an emerger than a properly tied Catskill-style March Brown intended to imitate a dun. {Author's Note for Historical Accuracy: I must add that Tom has also written about our fishing that day and either through faulty memory or by being gracious (mostly likely the latter) has claimed that he constructed the poorly tied fly. I must admit here that I, not he, was the incompetent tier.}

I had another notable day with an Ausable Wulff thirty years later on a favorite small, remote stream in the Rockies, well outside the geographical range of the March Brown. By this time I had learned to tie hairwing flies properly and my slightly modified version of the Ausable Wulff had become one of my favorite flies for fishing small mountain creeks. Aquatic insects and anglers are scarce on these streams. The fish often rise freely to dry flies and because they see relatively few flies, both natural and artificial, the fish are usually not very selective with regard to fly pattern. Fishing a generalist, bushy dry fly on this kind of stream is my favorite type of angling.

On this particular day I was having reasonable success working a #12 Wulff in small pockets behind boulders as I hiked upstream. I knew certain sections of the stream where the gradient flattened a bit occasionally held large fish and I was headed for a favorite reach where the remnants of an old beaver dam had created a small pool with some good holding water. When I reached the spot I didn't see any fish in the quiet water immediately above the dam, but I did notice some rises upstream where a run first enters the pool. A few large tan caddis flies were flopping on the surface, as much of a hatch as I had ever seen on this water. The Wulff, with its upright divided wings, is generally not considered a caddis imitation, but it was about the same size and color as the caddis flies. I didn't bother to change flies and a 19" brown took the Wulff on my first cast.

Some sort of specialized March Brown emerger pattern undoubtedly would have worked on those fish in New York, just as an exacting caddis pattern of the proper size and color would have taken that western brown. But in both cases a generalist, buggy fly that broadly approximated the size and color of the natural flies worked just fine. More exacting imitations may be necessary on the flat, artificial tailwaters that seem to have become the norm for many modern anglers, but I think the best overall flies for day-to-day use on most "real" waters are good, general, buggy patterns. The best of these patterns resemble many different species and life stages of prey and at times, as was the case with those emergers in New York, work in ways we don't anticipate.

Many fine anglers, including Francis Betters, the originator of the Ausable Wulff, follow the generalist philosophy of fishing and fly design. Fran, now in his 70's, has presided over the West Branch of New York's Ausable River from his Adirondack Sports Shop in Wilmington for many years. He is known for his direct, practical approach and his rationale in developing the Ausable Wulff serves as a fine example of generalist fly design.

Francis created the fly in 1964. The Ausable is a large, turbulent stream and hairwing dry flies had been popular on the river for many years. By most accounts, Lee Wulff first used

hairwing flies there in 1929, an event that led to the development of his Wulff series of dry flies. Wulffs were widely known by the early 1960's, but Fran was looking for something different from the existing patterns. He wanted a fly that, like the other Wulffs, floated well and was easily visible, but he wished to create a fly that better represented a wide variety of local insects. He had noted that many of the larger mayflies and stoneflies in the Ausable had subtle hints of orange and red on their head and thorax, so he used rusty orange Australian possum dubbing for the body and tied the fly with hot orange thread. He knew the Adams was very successful at imitating many different insects, so he incorporated mixed brown and grizzly hackle from that fly. For visibility and floatability, he used white calf tail wings and a tail of woodchuck guard or tail hairs. The resulting fly has been extraordinarily successful not only in the Adirondacks, but worldwide.

Inspired by the March Brown emerger tale, my modified fly represents a slightly toned-down version of the original Ausable Wulff (see photo). I kept the brown/grizzly hackle mix, but I used burnt orange thread and reddish tan dubbing for the body. I selected pale dun calf tail for the wings instead of white, and rather than having a dark, contrasting tail of woodchuck, I substituted some stiff brown deer hair from the base of a bucktail. This fly is probably a better imitation of a March Brown and some tan caddis flies, but over the years I have heard much about the success of the original fly and learned about the fish-attracting properties of pale-tipped woodchuck hair. I now carry my version in addition to, rather than in place of, Fran's original.

In addition to the Ausable Wulff, Francis Betters has developed several other excellent, practical, generalist fly patterns, including the Usual and the Haystack. For more information, see his self-published *Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Pattern Guide* and his website, adirondackflyfishing.com.

Random Thoughts *Ty Livingston*

"The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak. So we must and we will." - Theodore Roosevelt.

Indeed, we must speak for the environment and its conservation. If we don't who will? As important as speaking on its behalf is, the rubber hits the road when we do something. It is not what you say...it is what you do that really matters.

Bottled water...can we talk? I am putting a plea out there to run yourself down to your neighborhood outdoor store and spend seven dollars on a Nalgene bottle that you can use again and again and again and again. For less than the price of a case of bottled water at the local grocery store, you will have a lifetime supply of good water. The instructions are difficult to understand, but here goes: Fill...Refrigerate...Drink...Wash...Refill...Repeat...If you live in a place where the water supply is good (St. Louis has some of the best water quality in the United States according to some) then you really have no excuse, other than whatever excuse you might have. I am requesting you to consider conserving water. In the past 10 years, sales of bottled water have gone up to \$10.6 billion. Those bottles are made from petroleum derivatives and it takes a whole lot of diesel fuel to ship that stuff around the country. In other words, the majority of the cost wrapped up in a bottle of water is packaging and freight. You can save money and help the conservation effort all in the same gulp. Your call...

God forsaken shopping malls...is it my imagination or have they paved paradise and put up a parking lot. I was driving through town this morning and I could not believe the amount of development of new malls on top of the old malls. Shop here, shop there...it all began with the original outdoor shopping mall at The Plaza in Kansas City. Then we had strip malls everywhere. Then we went to the cutting edge indoor mall capped off by the world's biggest indoor mall – The Greater Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota including a roller coaster and ice rink indoors. People would actually vacation there...are you kidding me? Now we are back to outdoor lifestyle malls (a lot like the original in Kansas City). If we

evolve far enough, maybe there will be no malls again. One can only hope.

Cigarette trash...Hey, I have no problem with people that want to smoke...they are your lungs. I have been known to puff on a cigar with my single malt...to each his own. However, I have a news flash for you smokers – that filter at the end of your cig made from space age materials (cleans out that tar and nicotine so you don't get quite the buzz...Camel unfiltered were my choice back in the day) is not biodegradable – it is trash! Please don't toss it someplace that it shouldn't be – the woods, the stream, the street, the grass, my driveway, and on and on. I see more empty packs of cigarettes and butts lying around than just about any form of litter and it really grinds on me. You don't know what to do with those butts, you say. That is your problem...don't make it mine.

Okay, enough ranting for one column. What can you do about it? A great place to start is the Mill Creek project – The Bohigan Conservation Area in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks. You can donate your time and you can donate your money. You can't afford it? I challenge each and every one of you who have not given to the cause to give FIVE DOLLARS. Just one fin.

You think about that.

Fishing Buddy Program for Bennett Springs Outing

Al Bourisaw

The Bennett Springs C-R outing is just around the corner and I hope that all members will consider attending. As I announced at the September General Membership meeting, anyone new to fly fishing or anyone wanting to refresh their skills can contact me for a "fishing buddy" to fish with for a few hours on the stream. This buddy will help with casting, riggings, flies, landing fish and places to look for fish. It is a great opportunity for someone new to fly fishing to get some hands-on experience. Contact Al Bourisaw at troutal@msn.com or 314.487.2120.



November-Peacock Wet Fly

Text from Ed Story's Missouri Trout Flies

I originally called this little wet-fly the Winter-Peacock. I changed the name to November-Peacock in celebration of our Missouri "winter trout season" a few years ago. The only thing special about the pattern is that it has a peacock-herl body. I've said that if you do nothing but wrap peacock-herl around any hook-shank, you have a pretty good trout fly. And this pattern looks very much like other wet-fly patterns using peacock-herl for the fly body. Nothing original about that. Its only after you tye and fish the pattern, that you become so fond of it.

I tye it in the two sizes mentioned, and its been a very good winter fly for me. When the hardwoods put a vale of black over the late "winter-water", we must change our thinking or we fail to take trout! Be very cautious (stealth) when entering the section of water to be fished. Gentle presentations over flat dark looking, but gin-clear water are necessary. On these waters I use the size 16 (below). As gently as possible I cast the fly up and across the stream. Then I allow it to dead-drift, finding its own-depth relative to drag and current. Then I gently twitch the fly along with the rod-tip. Then speed the twitch up to a "skip" using the rod-tip. At the end of the drift I use the Leisenring-Lift. Often enough to keep the pattern in my fly box...one of these methods works. Lets tye..."

HOOK: Mustad 3906 size 16, TMC 3761 size 14 (TMC 3761 size 14 my favorite)
THREAD: Danville Flymaster size 6/0 RED #56
WEIGHTED: "FINE" copper-wire size 16, 8-10 wraps .025 lead-wire size 14 (under thorax)
TAIL: Feather-fibers from a GREEN-ALMOND ringneck Pheasant feather
BODY: 2-strands peacock-herl size 16, size 14, 3-strands peacock-herl
HACKLE: V-NOTCHED feather-fibers from a green-almond ringneck pheasant feather

1. Build the thorax area up on the size 16 with fine copper-wire. Use 10-wraps of .025 lead-wire under thorax-area of hook-shank on size 14. Tye thread in behind hook-eye and wrap to end of hook-shank, locking in "wire" as you wrap. Tye in a tail of 5-8 feather-fibers from the green-almond feather, (always cut-away waste as you tye)

2. Tye-in two peacock-herls (3-for size 14) at the end of the hook-shank. Before tying herl in..lay them in opposite-directions of each other. Wrap the thread up to just behind the hook-eye and let it hang there on the bobbin.

3. ALL AT THE SAME TIME..wrap the peacock-herl up to the waiting thread and tye in with a few thread-wraps. Wrap the thread "back" to a point just behind where the finished fly head is going to be. Cut away waste herl & keep for next fly.

4. V-NOTCH a GREEN-ALMOND feather. Gently pull back & out of the way all but 4-feather-fibers on each side of the feather-stem. Lay the V-Notched feather down on top of the fly body (color-side up) at the waiting-thread. Tye it in with a few "soft-thread-wraps". Hold the feather-fibers to the side and slightly lower than the fly body, while you gently pull the fibers through the soft thread-wraps "sizing" the hackle-length as you pull..so that the tip-ends of the fibers extend no further back than the hook-bend. Tighten-up the thread-wraps & finish the fly head and whip-finish. The hackles should be on the side of the fly body (4-each side) and facing down.

Welcome New Members

Ken Fleischmann
Ellisville, MO

Jim Gilligan
Chesterfield, MO

Kathy Myers
St. Peters, MO

Fred L. Placke
House Springs, MO

Fly Tying Tips *Al Bourisaw*

Now we have the "stick" – at least that is what I call it. At this year's Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas, I was introduced to the "stick" by fly tier Mark Van Patten. The "stick" is a substitute for head cement to secure the whip finished knot at the head of the fly. The "stick" looks like dubbing wax, but is considerably stickier. To use the "stick" make one pass of the "stick" over the tying after the head is finished and prior to using the whip finisher. Mark demonstrated the holding power of the "stick" and convinced me that the product works.

The "stick" is superior to head cement as it is made of natural substances and does not contain the chemicals of head cement. To make the "stick", Mark uses seven parts pine tar rosin, two parts bees wax and one part castor oil. The material is mixed and enough of the mixture is poured into a Teflon muffin pan to cover about 1/8" to 1/4" of the bottom. The mixture is heated, allowed to cool and then removed from the pan. You should have a disc of "stick" that is about 1/8" to 1/4" in thickness. Look for a sample at the October meeting.

Montauk Update *Ted Calcaterra*

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The club will have its annual Montauk outing on the weekend of December 7-9th. This outing has grown over the past few years and has been known to many as the FYAO outing due to the cold weather, frozen fingers, and ice in the guides. To help keep you warm at night the club has 8 two bedroom units reserved. Additional lodging is available should the need arise. The deadline for signing up for this year's event is Sunday November 25th. This is a very popular event so please make sure to sign up as early as possible. The number of participants will determine this year's cost but it should not exceed \$100 for both nights. For more information please contact Ted Calcaterra.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9-11	Bennett Springs
December 7-9	Montauk
January 26	Annual Banquet
February	All Day Meeting
March	Chili Pot Luck Tying Day

Fly Rod Building Class

Al Bourisaw

The rods are turning and the epoxy is drying! Six of our fellow members spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Steve Antonic building their own fly rod. Steve walked each of the six through every step of building a fly rod and each member left feeling good about the time spent and the finished product. Scribing on the rod was as simple as the length and weight to Mary Ann Townsend placing a picture of her late uncle on the rod. Such comments as, "that was hard, but not as hard as I thought," and "I am anxious to catch a fish on a rod that I built" were heard. After the epoxy dries and sets up, Dave Overall, Rich Pelletier, Mary Ann Townsend, Mike Ott, Steve Brinkman and Gene Seiler will all have a fly rod that they built and they can show with pride. Special thanks to Steve Antonic and his wife, Joan (she makes a mean cinnamon cake), for their hospitality and especially to Steve for sharing his special skills with the group.

New State Park Proposed

Bob Temper

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks is seeking public input on a new state park along the Current River and off of Hwy. 19, north of Eminence in Shannon County. The new park is being proposed on property known as the historic Alton Club/Jerry J. Presley Conservation Education Center, currently owned by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

In 2008, the Alton Club complex and surrounding acreage will be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources for development as a new state park. The Alton Club was constructed in the late 1930s and early 1940s as a corporate retreat for the Alton Box Board Co., a manufacturing company located in Alton, Illinois. The buildings at the site reflect the influence of rustic architecture popular in camp and park buildings in the first half of the 20th century. Many of these buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The historic buildings and structures that remain include the gymnasium, the main lodge, the upper dormitory, the lake house, several small outbuildings, a skeet range and a tennis court.

In addition to its historic significance, the new state park is a part of the much larger and naturally significant Current River landscape. With its location adjacent to the Current River, a portion of the new park is within the scenic easement of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (ONSR). Managed by the National Park Service, the ONSR was designated in 1964 as the nation's first national park to protect a wild river system and includes significant portions of both the Current and Jacks Fork rivers and their many tributaries.

Because of the unique designations associated with the National Register of Historic Places and the ONSR scenic easement, any development at the new state park will need to be sensitive to the historic buildings and the scenic viewshed.

One OFF member made the following observation:

"Its one of the few remaining structures on the upper river and I'd hate to see it turned into a new campground, canoe launch/livery, horse access, etc...Day use only would be my preference, maybe a museum, pick nick area, and foot trail."

The proposed facility is located river left about two miles downstream from the Pulltite Spring.....You can read about it, and add your comments at the following link.

<http://www.mostateparks.com/survey.htm>

Membership *Kevin Miquelon*

Again...Name Tags:

Don't forget to wear your OFF Name Badge at every meeting! It is very helpful with over 300 members, for people to give a quick glance at your name badge and see who you are. Lots of effort goes into making the badges and bringing them to the meetings, so please make an effort to wear yours. If you don't have one (basically, you lost yours), then let us know and we will replace it. Also, bonus tickets to the raffle are an added incentive if you are wearing your name badge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Membership Renewals:

It is time to renew membership and along with it comes some privileges. There will be some new offerings this coming year for both members that are renewing and new members. We will be announcing the specifics at upcoming meetings and in the newsletter...stay tuned.

'GO FISH' Trout Program – Helpers Needed *Bob Temper*

The GO FISH Program will feature an exclusive event for trout fishing as an extension of the pilot program for children that has taken place in the St. Louis area this summer. On Sunday October 28, 2007 there will be a trout fishing catch and release class for a maximum of 20 children ages 8 - 15 at the boat house lake in Carondolet Park. The

program will run from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Ozark Fly Fishers has been asked by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to conduct this program. MDC will be stocking the trout prior to the class and the lake will be closed to the general public until after this class. OFF volunteers are needed to help students with rigging, casting, landing and releasing the fish. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 12:30 pm. To volunteer for this program contact:

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FFF Southern Council Conclave 2007 – Youth Program

Kevin Miquelon

Broken Sage XP - \$590
Broken Orvis T3 - \$540
Room at the Mountain Home Days Inn - \$89 per night
Gasoline - \$187
Conclave Registration - \$15
Youth Program at Dry Run Creek – *FREE*

Your kids catching huge, feisty trout at Dry Run Creek – *Priceless*.

The Vanlwaarden, Hoffmeyer, Jordan, and Miquelon families packed up the kids and left town Friday after school and made the long haul down to Mountain Home, Arkansas for the Southern Council Conclave to participate in the Wayne & Catherine Moore Youth program. After opening comments the crowd of 25 kids and parents headed down to the stream to get some casting lessons and start fishing. There were a handful of helpers and our old friend, Brian Wise, was there and made a huge difference in putting our gang on fish. Everyone caught fish and had a great time. There were some huge rainbows, some nice browns and one of the kids even pulled in a beautiful cutthroat trout. Dry Run Creek is a very special place and if you have not been there yet with your kids or grandkids, you owe it to yourself and them to make the trip. You must be under 16 years old (or handicapped), flies only, barb-less, and it is catch and release. A good time was had by all and we will be back next year.

First 'Stream Team' Conference Oct 27!!!!

September's meeting with Mark Van Patten focused on *OFF's* involvement with Stream Team. Many members were unaware that we have been a Stream Team since 1989 (Team #31 of over 3300 teams)! Mark Van Patten, MDC Stream Coordination Biologist and founder of Stream Team #1, challenged Ozark Fly Fishers to once again take a leadership role in this outstanding program. *OFF* currently has areas on the following streams as our responsibility:

Fox Creek, St Louis County
Big River, Jefferson County
Spring Creek, Phelps County
Current River, Shannon County

As an opportunity to meet this challenge, the FIRST ever Stream Team Conference for the St Louis region will be held in Arnold, MO Oct 27. Attached is a link to the program outlining the full day of classes and lectures that will help each of you identify the area(s) of involvement you would like to participate in.

Let's make time in our schedules for this terrific opportunity to answer MDC's challenge and make *OFF* the leading Stream Team in the area!

<http://www.mostreamteam.org/Documents/Streamgrams/StLouisSTConference.pdf>

OFF Stream Team *Bob Temper*

Have a favorite stream? Stream activity? Following last month's guest speaker, Mark Van Patton, there was a lot of interest in stream team activities. On Wednesday November 8, 2007 there will be a meeting of members interested in planning *OFF* Stream Team's activities. The meeting will be at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. As a result of the new hours of operation at the facility the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by their 8:00 p.m. closing time. If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting give me a call.

There will be a sign up sheet at this month's meeting for any members that would like to be on the Stream Team's mailing list, or contact Bob Temper 314-606-2067.

Membership Renewal for 2008

Dave Haas

Renewal time is here again--time to renew your membership in Ozark Fly Fishers.

Being a member of Ozark is a great way to participate in our club's efforts to promote fly-fishing and conserve and protect our public fisheries, and you surely don't want to miss out on any of the outstanding programs and outings planned for 2008. Our campaign to raise money for the Bohigian Conservation Area continues and we are in the midst of an effort to reactivate our Stream Team #31. The annual banquet on January 26, and the all-day meeting with Bob Clouser in February are not to be missed. Ted Calcaterra, our Outings Chairman, is well into the planning stage for the 2008 line-up of outings. If you haven't participated in these outings in the past, make plans to do so next year. It's a great way to meet fellow club members and the fishing is usually good. Perhaps you might want to participate in some of our free classes for members on various aspects of fly-fishing or take advantage of our free video loan library. Also, many of our members feel that the camaraderie and friendships developed within the club are one of the best benefits of membership in Ozark Fly Fishers.

There is a change in renewal procedure for 2008 – the default delivery of the newsletter has changed.

Formerly, members automatically received the newsletter through the U.S. mail, but many club members now regularly read the newsletter on the Ozark web site.

FOR 2008, YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX ON THE RENEWAL FORM TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER THROUGH THE U.S. MAIL. THOSE MEMBERS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE US WITH AN E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER THROUGH THE U.S. MAIL.

We will continue to send the monthly e-mail with a link to the newsletter when it becomes available on the Ozark web site

Dues amounts remain the same as in the past, but please remember that because of our two-

tier dues structure you can save money by renewing your membership before it expires on January 1. If you procrastinate until January 2 or later your renewal will be considered late and will cost an additional \$5.00 for an Individual, Senior, or Family membership.

Don't procrastinate! Take advantage of the timely renewal rate by filling out the membership application found elsewhere in this newsletter and mailing it in with your check a.s.a.p. Please fill out the renewal form and write your check now! As an alternative, you can bring your checkbook to our next meeting on October 25 and renew at that time. *Membership in Ozark Fly Fishers is one of the best bargains of the year.*

November Bennett Spring Outing *Russ Hill*

It looks like another crowd of OFFers plan to attend our 16th annual opening of the winter catch and release season at Bennett Spring Nov. 9-11. As this is written early October, the rooms with one bed are all gone, but rooms with 2 beds and the kitchen rooms are still available. By the time you receive this newsletter I will probably have turned the reservations in to Sand Spring for room assignments, so if you decide to join us at the last minute, please call me first to see if we can still get a room. We have been able to in the past. If an extra person stays in your room at the last minute, please use the honor system and settle up at the office. Remember, Sand Spring does give us a break by charging us the off-season weekday rate instead of the weekend rate. Room assignments should be mailed late October or early November. Take note: Bennett Spring and Montauk are open for catch and release on Monday also! If this appeals to you, call Sand Spring when you get your room assignment and see if you can get a room for Sun. night also. Their number is 1-800-543-3474. Also the restaurant will be open for breakfast on Friday morning. The new hours are: Friday, Saturday 7am til 6pm (then close for our banquet) and Sunday 7am til 2pm. Remember, you'll need a \$7.00 Trout Permit available everywhere Mo. hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Questions? or last minute room call Russ Hill @ 314 275 2673. No need to press "1" for English.

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We want to thank the following individuals for their enthusiasm in coldwater conservation projects, and their MCHF contribution to help in the preservation of stream and creek habitat in Missouri.

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<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/Documents/548.pdf>

October Swap Meet – 7pm Queeny Rec Plex

We will have tyers, beading 101, knot tying, and more to come. If you are interested, and we know all of you are, in having a space at the October meeting to SWAP or SELL any of your equipment please let me know so I can make arrangements for you to have a space So bring things you want to swap or outright sell and make a deal. You may contact me at my e-mail mkrueger2003@yahoo.com. See you there, lets make this a great event.

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OZARK FLY FISHERS PROGRAM CALENDAR

OCTOBER 25	MONTHLY MEETING: Swap Meet 7pm Rec Plex - Queeny Park
NOVEMBER	NO MEETING
DECEMBER 13	MONTHLY MEETING: Lefty Ray Chapa
JANUARY 26	ANNUAL OFF BANQUET
FEBRUARY 23	ALL DAY MEETING: Bob Clouser

