



August 2008



This month's meeting will return to Queeny Park on Weidman Road. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. on August 28th. The speaker will be Britt Stoudenmire of the New Outfitters & Guide Service.

Britt Stoudenmire is co-owner of Canoe *the New Outfitters & Guide Service* with his wife Leigh and lead guide for all guided smallmouth fishing trips. A graduate of Virginia Tech and the Citadel and a former college baseball pitcher, Britt is an avid outdoor enthusiast and has hunted and fished his entire life. With over 200+ days a year on both the New and James Rivers guiding and fishing, Britt is respected as one of the most knowledgeable and hard working smallmouth guides in Southwest Virginia.

Britt focuses the majority of his trips on targeting mature (18" and bigger) smallmouth bass on both spin and fly gear and teaching his clients the techniques needed to effectively pursue these fish.

Britt has contributed to numerous magazine articles including VA Game and Fish, WV Game and Fish, Blue Ridge Country, Bassmasters, and Cabelas Outfitter Journal on spin and fly fishing techniques for catching smallmouth bass.

Britt was the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' January 2005 "Angler of the Month" for a 23.25" and 5 lb. 8 oz. smallmouth he caught and released and has received the lifetime distinction of "Expert Angler" in smallmouth angling by the same department.



Brett is on Pro-Staff for G.Loomis, Ross Reels, Panoptx, Daiichi, Tru-Turn and XPoint Hooks, Wulff fly Lines. Brett also supports these shops and lure makers: Greentop Sporting goods, Buckeye Baits, Pigs 'N Jigs, Kim Smith's Baits, and BG Lures.

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Ozark Fly Fishers meet the fourth Thursday of each month at Queeny Park. 550 Weidman Road – Community Room – 7:00 PM.

The newsletter is published eleven times each year and can be found on the club's website or is mailed to members who request a mailing. The newsletter submission deadline is the 11th day of each month. Articles for the November/December newsletter must be submitted by November 11th. Newsletter articles can be submitted by sending to Bill Leslie 53 Tealwood, St. Louis, MO 63141 or e-mailed to w.leslie@sbcglobal.net

President's Message

by Mike Swederska



It sure seems that here lately we have been losing wonderful people in our sport. Now, as I am sure that everyone has heard, Mr. Ed Story of Feather-Craft has passed away. I will not even attempt to talk about

the wonderful things that he has done for the sport of fly-fishing and this club. I know that Al Bourisaw will have something in this newsletter about him. I suggest for everyone to fish as often and as long as you can. I know that I will. As you're out fishing and you tie on your go to fly, the "Crackleback". Think of the man that gave it to us.

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Fly of the Month – Elk Hair Caddis

by Kyle Matthews

My Elk Hair Caddis is a little different from the online and book patterns, for example: instead of using elk hair for the wing, I use deer hair; and instead of using not using ribbing, I use ribbing.

Tying Instructions:

- Mount the hook firmly in the vise jaws.
- Start the thread by holding the thread (tag end) closest side to you and the bobbin and thread on the far side of you. Wrap the thread clockwise around the hook shank. (Jamb Knot)
- Tie on the materials (ribbing, hackle, and anything else) on to the back of the hook shank, but not past the barb of the hook.
- Then decide what body (material) you want to have, like dubbing, thread and/or anything else.
- Optional: Wrap the ribbing (if you have any) forward around the hook and "tie off" the ribbing. Wrap the thread around the ribbing so it doesn't unwind.
- Making the wing is easy. Use a hair stacker to even the tips. Tie on the hair to the front of the hook shank so enough hair is sticking out to make the head.
- To make the head, use scissors and cut off the top of the hair in front so about a hook eyes length is left.
- Tie off the thread and whip finish the knot.



New Newsletter Editor

As a reminder, there will be a new newsletter editor starting with the September edition. Bill Leslie will be taking over the duties of newsletter editor as well as the new Communication Director on the Club's Board of Directors.

So, the deadline for articles will remain the same – 11th day of the month, but the mailing and e-mail addresses will change. You can mail your articles to Bill at 53 Tealwood, St. Louis, Mo 63141 or e-mail him at w.leslie@sbcglobal.net.

Stream Team Event



Saturday September 20, 2008 has been set as the tentative date for water quality monitoring on Blue Springs Creek. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the MDC access parking lot on Hwy N just past the turn off to Blue Springs Creek Access. For additional information contact Bob Temper 314-894-0319.

LEGENDARY FLY FISHER, FLY TYER AND FOUNDER OF FEATHER-CRAFT FLY FISHING PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008.



Ed Story, my dad, passed away on Monday, August 4th. Ed was a U.S. Army veteran, owner and founder of Feather-Craft Fly Fishing, teacher and friend to many. Ed created the F-C Crackleback Dry Woolly and dozens of other world famous fresh and saltwater fly patterns. Everyone who met Ed would quickly consider him a friend. If you happened to run into him walking through our St. Louis storefront, he'd smile, shake your hand and ask, "How can I help?" Chances are ten minutes later he had you on the casting yard or at the tying bench giving you a personal lesson. He had a dynamic personality and a boundless energy for spreading the joy of fly fishing. His energy was also felt by thousands of his customers/friends that he advised and mentored over the F-C phone lines for over three decades. He loved teaching and talking about fly fishing almost as much as he loved doing it.

My dad and I have been best friends and business partners since I was twelve years old; working side by side the past 28 years we never had one argument. He was loaded with wisdom that applied to both business and life. "Be nice to everybody" was his favorite advice to give, and exactly the way he lived his life. When he began handing me the reins to the family business almost a decade ago, he knew that he had instilled in me his

commitment, compassion, spirit and enthusiasm for fly fishing, and for Feather-Craft. All of us here at Feather-Craft will miss Ed terribly, but we will continue on with the highest level of service and commitment to our customers and to our sport, just as he wanted.



The Story family has initiated the "Ed Story Memorial Fund" that will benefit a restoration project on one of Ed's favorite Missouri trout streams. Our hope is to spearhead a significant project that can be dedicated in his memory. Any donations can be sent to: Ed Story Memorial Fund c/o Feather-Craft PO Box 19904 St. Louis, MO, 63144

Sincerely,
Bob Story

Edwin Story 1934 – 2008

**Now fishing the perfect rise, on the perfect water, to the perfect trout,
and casting the perfect fly – THE CRACKLEBACK**

Random Thoughts

by Ty Livingstone – August 2008

THE KING'S GAME – TO WHOM DOES IT BELONG?

A recent discussion with an old friend got me to thinking (generally a very dangerous thing). He had moved to the Northeast United States a number of years ago and is an avid fly fisherman and upland bird hunter. Not only is he a committed outdoorsman and conservationist, but he happens to raise and train some of the finest bird dogs I have ever been in the presence of. I have shared many a delicious meal with him consisting of pheasant and quail served with wild rice and gravy and I must tell you, it is something to remember. In a recent conversation, he was grumbling about all of the new development in his neck of the woods and how most of the land that he had hunted and fished the majority of his adult life had been developed into homes or private hunting and fishing clubs. It is a reality in our modern world, but heartbreaking nonetheless.

This brings up the sticky issue of the privatization and monetizing of our natural resources. Now, I have been around a long time, but not long enough to have come over to this country on a ship from England with the Colonists. I was actually born here. There are some of my buddies who think I am older than dirt, but I just so happen to out-fish all of them. Anyway, private land ownership is an important part of this country, but so is the protection of our natural resources for the public good. I am neither a lawyer nor a politician, and I am also not independently wealthy. Consequently, I am no expert on the "rules" and I can't buy my way into private land access. What I can do is "rant and rave" a bit and share my two cents with anyone who will listen.

The beginnings of wildlife law can be traced back to principles that were in early Roman law. The general idea was the wild animals do not have owners and they belonged to the person that could capture or kill them. Consequently, taking wildlife was considered a personal right. However, personal rights depend upon those in charge (or put another way, the government) and have been either enjoyed, or endured. Beginning just after 400 A.D. and up unto the Norman times, England was a succession of kings. Typically, they had an interest in the land and all of its wildlife with an extremely selfish motive. In their view, the wildlife belonged to the king and he maintained all sovereignty over the land and the wild animals and would grant permission to hunt. In Europe, wildlife continued to be seen as the property of the elite. In 1389, there was a decree issued that stated the pursuit of game was limited to those that owned the land. Non-landowners could not even possess dogs or equipment used in taking game. A feud between those of privilege and the common people was in full force. This was one of the very reasons that led to our founding fathers leaving England.

When our ancestors came to North America, they found a place that was full of fish and game, and other bountiful natural resources, that had provided for the Native Americans for thousands of years. The early Colonists hunted and fish freely and felt it their natural right to do so. One of the founding philosophies was the equality and freedom of men. Liberty from the control of kings was about individual freedom and self-government. Water, fish and wildlife are not mentioned in our founding documents but it was an important building block for our new country. Here is what somebody a whole lot more famous than me; and most likely a whole lot smarter than me had to say about it:

"Above all, we should realize that the effort toward this end is essentially a democratic movement. It is...in our power...to preserve game...for...all lovers of nature, and to give reasonable opportunities for the exercise of the skill of the hunter, whether he is or is not a man of means."
– Theodore Roosevelt, 1893

What is my point? Ladies and gentlemen, we must fight aggressively for the public trust and the common man. Capitalism is wonderful and should be encouraged in this free land of ours. But we must also work hard to drive a consciousness of "shared grace" that extends to "everyman". If we don't stay diligent about that, it may not be there for us to enjoy with the exception of a few. And me, I never want to be one of "them" – the elite (I haven't been invited in anyway). This country is too great to allow it to return full circle to the place we left for a bigger dream. There is too much blood buried in our ground to let that happen. It may not matter to you, but I can guarantee it will matter to future generations. You think about that...TL

You can visit all of my past columns on my blog at <http://tylivingstone.blogspot.com> and if you want to drop me a line you can e-mail me at tylivingstone@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you.

July Tie-In – Great Day of Tying



Fish n' Float

by Bill Cooper – For the Springfield News-Leader – August 7, 2008

Mankind is ingenious, especially when it comes to getting around on water; just consider the high-seas exploits of the Chinese, the Vikings and Christopher Columbus. The birch-bark canoes of American Indians and the sealskin boats or qajaqs (kayaks) of the Inuits in Alaska were phenomenal crafts that provided their pilots with the ability to travel great distances and to hunt and fish with greater efficiency.



And yet the origin of the belly boat isn't usually mentioned in history classes. Conventional folklore suggests the advent of tire inner tubes more than likely inspired the idea of "belly boating," a.k.a. "float tubing." It's accepted that prior to the 1940s, innovative fishermen would strap some type of improvised seat across a tire tube to allow them to float within range of hard-to-get-to fishing spots.

Then in 1944, the former Tucker Duck and Rubber Co., (now the H. T. Tucker Duck and Awning Co.) of Fort Smith, Ark., manufactured the "Fish-N-Float," the first commercially sold float tube. Problems plagued the original Fish-N-Float: The craft became very heavy when wet and the seams deteriorated quickly. Regardless of its flaws, the craft was a hit with fishermen.

Competition soon arrived on the scene. In 1947, Oklahoma City-based Fishmaster Manufacturing Company produced a model with quick-connect seat releases. Anglers and fishing-gear manufacturers kept making modifications to

float tubes, adding pockets, backrests, pouches, tie-down rings, front aprons and large back pockets that could be stuffed or inflated for back support. Over the years, improvements continued. Vinyl replaced canvas in the 1960s; in the early '70s, belly boats started showing up in fly-fishing magazines.

Dennis Gaylardt, of Tecumseh, has been fishing from a belly boat for more than 40 years. A member of the Federation of Flyfishers, Gaylardt says he took up belly boating for one reason: Mobility. "A float tube will get you where others simply can't or won't go," he said. "Even on heavily fished waters, there are places that are seldom reached by the average angler. Extreme conditions such as steep banks, brush, boggy bottoms and a host of other obstacles keep anglers from reaching good spots blocked by those obstacles," Gaylardt says. And Gaylardt thinks it stands to reason that if an area is hard to reach, there will be big fish there. A belly boat enables him to get to them.

Terry and Roxanne Wilson, of Bolivar, are a belly-boating couple. "I bought my first belly boat in 1970 from Cabelas," Terry says. "It was made of molded plastic and called a Bass Buddy Mini Boat. He says he believes they have owned "every imaginable style of belly boat over the last 30 years." "We use our belly boats primarily on farm ponds, but we do occasionally venture to the large ponds at the Schell-Osage Wildlife Management Area and the lake at the Bushwhacker Wildlife Management Area west of Stockton Lake," Terry says. "Our boats allow us to get into some great places to fish."

Interested in doing some belly boating? First thing you'll need is a belly boat. An open-front tube is a good choice for beginner floaters. Bass Pro's version lists for about \$79.95; add fins and a pump for another \$20. Or, jump straight to the high-end belly boats. For \$450 you can get the Outcast Prowler Float Tube. Big guys need to look at the WRFs Titan Tube. Built especially for larger floaters, it's roomy and exceptionally stable. (Regardless of the model, retailers and belly boaters note that U-shaped boats are much easier to enter and exit than O-shaped boats.)

Flippers or fins are a matter of personal choice. Short, wide fins are made to strap over wading shoes. Many people wear waders while in their belly boat; others prefer shorts and a good pair of wading shoes or high-topped water socks. Unless you are extra windy, a pump is nice for blowing up your belly boat. Models are made just for float tubes. Fishing equipment can be stored in the tube pockets; rods can be strapped across the work platform. Simple rod holders are available to attach to the belly boat.

Life jackets are an important safety item and should be worn while belly boating. Although modern tubes have multiple air bladders, a life jacket is the best insurance against disaster. Models with mesh shoulders are comfortable and allow for ease of arm movement while fishing.

"With the proper setup, the float tube experience provides a relaxing, easy- chair approach to getting some exercise and catching some fish," Gaylardt says. "Too, the mobile crafts will increase your catch, because you will have left other anglers in less productive waters."

For a summertime adventure that cools while you cruise, consider hopping into a belly boat and bobbing around your favorite pond or lake. Drifting down a short stretch of one our Ozarks streams is a relaxing way to float and fish. Just be ready for a real in-your-face experience when that big fish strikes.



Youth Conclave 2008 ---- DON'T MISS IT!

by Kevin Miquelon

Mark your calendars right now for the Wayne & Catherine Moore Youth program for 2008 at the Southern Council Conclave – Saturday, October 4th in Mountain Home, Arkansas at the fabled waters of Dry Run Creek.

Ozark Fly Fishers will be the hosting chapter for the youth program this coming fall. If you are a parent, a grandparent, a great grandparent, an uncle, an aunt, or in any size, shape or form connected to a child under the age of 16, you should seriously consider taking them to the Southern Council Conclave this coming fall. It is one of the most amazing places to fish for trout (rainbows, browns, brook, and cutthroats) on

planet Earth. There are reported to be more than 10,000 trout per mile. The requirements: 1) Flies only, 2) Barbless Hooks only 3) Catch and Release only 4) Must be under 16 or handicapped. We will have all of the gear, stream helpers (guides), lunch provided, and lots of other fun and giveaways for the kids. More details and sign-up forms will be available in the future. This is an absolutely amazing experience for the kids and you will have memories for you and them that will last a lifetime. If you would like to get involved in getting kids hooked for life, we are looking for helpers and any donations that might be available (primarily in the form of giveaways for the kids – flies, gear, and other things). Please contact Kevin Miquelon for more information.

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Utah Supreme Court Delivers Some Clarity on River Access

by Jason Blevins – July 23, 2008 --- Denver Post

Last week, Colorado's river access law was as murky as Utah's. According to both Colorado and Utah laws, if a river through private property was navigable, you could float through. But you could not touch the river bottom or the banks, which was part of the landowner's property. The water is public, the dirt and rocks beneath it is private.

Those unclear access laws created lots of arguing. What if a boater needed to get out and scout a rapid? What if their boat scraped a rock in the river? Is that trespassing?

While Colorado lawmakers have shied away from sculpting regulations or rules that could end the uncertainty, Utah's Supreme Court this week weighed in, delivering some much-needed clarity to Utah's river-access law. And it's not going to make landowners happy.

The Court on Tuesday ruled that the public could walk on stream beds flanked by private property.

From the ruling:

"We hold that the scope of the easement provides the public the right to float, hunt, fish, and participate in all lawful activities that utilize the water. We further hold that the public has the right to touch privately owned beds of state waters in ways incidental to all recreational rights provided for in the easement, so long as they do so reasonably and cause no unnecessary injury to the landowner."

That means anyone can wade through a river bordered by private property, so long as they do not leave the bed of the river and gained access to the river through a public right-of-way, like a bridge or defined access point. Yeah, landowners with pristine fishing habitat are gonna love that.

What the Utah Court did not define was where a stream bed begins and ends. In Montana, the definition as the stream's "high water mark" has essentially opened all streams to strolling fishermen and hikers, irking private property owners to no end.

Southern Council – Long Casts

by Pat Smith

We are encouraging our members who receive the *Long Casts* to get their copy by downloading it from the internet. Not only does that save the Council money (printing and postage), you get your copy quicker. All you need do is drop me an e-mail

(mngdir@southerncouncilfff.org) with the e-mail address where you would prefer to be notified of the delivery date and your mailing address that we will need to check off from the mailing list. For some reason most people do not seem to notice it when it appears in the *Long Casts*.



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Win Your Own ClackaCraft Drift Boat

The Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council and ClackaCraft Drift Boats are giving you a chance to have your very own drift boat. The FFF Southern Council is holding a raffle to give away a 16' Low Profile ClackaCraft Drift Boat. The package includes: Deluxe Trailer, Anchor System, Anchor, Rope, Oars, Two Knee Brace, Level Floors Front and Rear, and Built-in Rod Holders. Tickets are available through Larry Carli or on-line at <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org> for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday evening, October 4, 2008 in Mountain Home, Arkansas during the Conclave Awards Banquet.



"Guiding is tough on boats. I've used ClackaCraft Drift Boats for 20 years. ClackaCraft makes the most durable and dependable boat."
Mike Lawson

Welcome New Members_____

Tom Bradley
St. Louis, MO

Tim Brinkley
St. Louis, MO

Brian Carr
Warson Woods, MO

Dan Francis
St. Louis, MO

Eleven Point River Update

By: Ted Calcaterra
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(636) 305-1085

The club will have its second annual trip to the Eleven Point River. It is located in the village of Alton in Oregon County in the heart of the Ozarks. It will take place on the weekend of September 12th. We plan to arrive on Friday and fish both Saturday and Sunday. The Eleven Point is designated as scenic and wild, while offering blue-ribbon fishing for rainbow trout, as well as, fantastic fishing for smallmouth bass, goggle eye, and pickerel.

I have reserved 4 cottages that have multiple bedrooms in each. The cost per cottage is located below and dependent on the number of people per night. All cottages are equipped with a full kitchen and bath. The club will meet for dinner on Saturday night at the Possum Grape Café. For those who like more privacy, there are additional motel and cabins available, as well as camping, for a modest fee. Canoes are available through Eleven Point Canoe Rental at \$38 along with kayaks at \$28 per day. For those that have their own canoe or pontoon boat, shuttles are available for \$35 per vehicle. Please let me know what your needs are and I will do my best to accommodate them.

The deadline for reserving your spot is September 5th. Checks need to be made out to Ozark Fly Fishers and sent to the club's PO Box. Please note on your check "Eleven Point Outing". Please let me know what other questions or concerns you may have. I will coordinate meeting times and carpooling options as we get closer to the date. I look forward to seeing you on the river!

- Rose Cottage 4 beds \$35 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
- Cotton Cottage 7 beds \$45 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
- Ivy Cottage 5 beds \$45 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
- Cane Bluff 3 beds \$35 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person

Ozark Fly Fishers
Eleven Point Outing
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Montauk Outing Update

by: Ted Calcaterra



The club will have its annual Montauk outing on the weekend of August 22-24th. We have 20 motel rooms signed up as well as the Searcy Room. The deadline for signing up this year is Sunday August 17th. This is a very popular event so please make sure to sign up as early as possible. As usual, the club will be providing dinner on Saturday night, which will be catered by the lodge. The Searcy room will also be available to us all day Saturday and Sunday for those who want to get some tying done in addition to the fantastic fishing available.

All rooms include two double beds, TV, etc but no kitchen. They have a walk out back door and a picnic table. These are the rooms next to the lodge. Tax is included and all prices subject to change. Make checks payable to Ozark Fly Fishers c/o Ted Calcaterra. The rates are as follows:

- Two person/night \$70
- Three person/night \$76
- Four person/night \$82

Mail Checks to: Ted Calcaterra
452 Hamilton Meadows
Fenton, MO 63026

Women Fly Fishers or “Want to Learn Fly Fishers” Make the Connection!

The International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) will hold their 13th annual Festival in Branson, Missouri October 16-19, 2008. This is a great opportunity to meet other women fly fishers from all over the world, learn about fly fishing, and fish! We start with a cocktail party Thursday evening, clinics Friday and Saturday mornings, a banquet and auction Saturday evening, and fish in the afternoons. What more could you want? This year's

Festival will be held at Pointe Royale Golf Resort which sits on the banks of Taneycomo, a world class fishery. Please check out our website – www.intlwomenflyfishers.org, click on “Festivals” to learn more about the Festival, or any of the other categories to learn more about IWFF. The registration form and information on accommodations is also given. You can also contact Carolyn Parker at rvrrunout@aol.com if you want more information. *We certainly hope you will join us*


NAME TAGS

by Kevin Miquelon

Don't forget to wear your OFF Name Badge at every meeting! It is very helpful, with more than three hundred 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. Dave Haas has a number of name badges in his possession and would like for everyone to “grab and go” with them. Also, bonus tickets to the raffle are an added incentive if you are wearing your name badge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.


Stream Team #31 Busy at Work – Malcolm Royse, Glenn Bish, Bob Zager, Mike Krueger, Mike Hoffman and Ron Scott

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Seventeenth ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE PARTY PLANS

by Russ Hill

I recently consulted the Oracle of Delphi in Greece for some words of wisdom. The Oracle boomed out, in its usual cryptic manner: "It is time." I thought, time for what? Then, it dawned on me, it is again time already to begin plans and reservations for the OFF winter C&R festivities.



The lazy hazy days of summer will soon be over, and although it is still summer, it is time to make your plans for our 17th annual Opening Weekend for Catch and Release trout fishing at Bennett Spring. This year the no-creel

fishing begins at 8 AM Friday, November 14, and continues on Saturday and Sunday until 4 PM each day. Hard to believe this is our 17th year!

Your entertainment committee has reserved a block of rooms for the weekend at Sand Spring Resort. We'll have a private get-together Saturday evening in the Party Room for club members followed by a super dinner in the Sand Spring Restaurant.

The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificials (no bait). Instead of the daily tag of summer, you need only to get a **Trout Permit** (\$7.00), good until February 2009, which is good at all four trout parks. You can get one anywhere Missouri licenses are sold, so you won't have to stand in line at the hatchery office. No daily tag is required.

Again, we are offering package plans for accommodations plus tickets to the private Club social hour and traditional Ozark buffet (all you can eat) dinner. Types of accommodations and rates will be found in the reservation request elsewhere in this

newsletter. As always, the Social Hour is BYOL with the club supplying ice, glasses, soft drinks and light snacks. Your coolers are welcome.

Remember, this is a club weekend, not just "the guys go fishing" at this one. Last year we had many couples. Plan to bring your special "person" even if he/she doesn't fish. (We've got to be politically correct.) There is fun to be had snooping in the antique shops and mall in Lebanon—and there are several nice lunch spots in town.

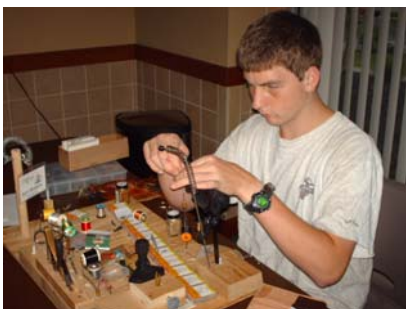
To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar for Nov. 14-16 and send in your check now. Due to problems with postal delivery last year, I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, post card or E-mail. Call Russ Hill (314-275-2673) if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

We do understand how plans can change. If you have a problem, a full refund will be made if you cancel by Oct. 30. After that date, refunds will be made only if we can resell your room. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Nov. 1 when we have to guarantee a count to the restaurant.

Rooms will be reserved only as prepaid reservations are received. Please let us know early if you would like two or more rooms together for a group. Reservations will be confirmed early in November, advising you of your room number (phones in rooms). All sleeping rooms have a percolator, coffee cups and a small refrigerator. The housekeeping rooms have full size refrigerators, stove, utensils and plates, plus a dining table with 4 chairs. Keep in mind that there are very few of the rooms with one bed. The restaurant will be open for all meals beginning Friday morning. If you plan to stay over for the Monday fishing, see the office and make your reservation for this separately.

FLASH!!! To compensate for high gas prices, Sand Spring is holding our cost to the SAME as the last several years

July General Membership Meeting



Featured tier Kyle Matthews tying an Elk Hair Caddis. See pattern page 2.



Brian Pitser kept everyone's attention (A lot of bald spots showing.)



Brian Pitser talks about the Four Seasons of Fly Fishing in Michigan.

Project Healing Waters

by Clint Carpenter – Ozark Fly Fishers Project Healing Waters Chairman



As noted in the June issue of Ozark Fly Fishers, our club is beginning an association with the national Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) group. Thanks go to our club board of directors and hard working member supporters. Our club efforts are directed at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital in St. Louis. We join other fly fishing clubs that are affiliated with veteran hospitals across the country. Those wanting more information on PHWFF activities should go to their website at www.projecthealingwaters.org. A portion of the current activities report provided by Chairman Clint Carpenter follows----. Malcolm Royse---Ozark Fly Fishers Director of Education.

On August 4, 2008 the OFF Board approved and will support project healing waters (PHWFF). The agreement was signed and sent to the national headquarters on 7 August. I spoke with Jean Ferguson the head of recreation therapy at Jefferson Barracks. She will be meeting with her supervisors on Friday the 8th of August. She will contact me on Monday the 11th to set up a meeting at JB.

This is a great chance for us to help wounded soldiers who gave so much. There are many of you in the club that have so much expertise tying flies and fly fishing, I know if you help it will be good for you and the vets. At this time we don't know the times the classes will be held. Every opportunity will be made to accommodate anyone who would like to help. If any club member would like to help teach fly tying and or casting please let me know. I can be reached at 636-387-9775 or e-mail me at tkycallmkr@aol.com.

Missouri's Trout Plan - A Five-Year Update

by Mike Krueger

Guest speaker for September will be Mike Kruse from The Department of Conservation. Mike is the foremost authority on trout in Missouri. The meeting will be at Queeny Park starting at 7 PM., on September 25th. He will present a program on the "Missouri Trout Plan – A Five-Year Update."



Mike is the Fisheries Administrative Manager for the Missouri

Department of Conservation in our central office in Jefferson City. He was chairman of the Trout Plan Committee and continues to serve as the Trout Plan Coordinator. He's enjoyed a variety of other fisheries research, management and administrative assignments throughout his career with the Department. When not working on fisheries issues, you'll likely find him with a fly rod in hand enjoying Missouri's trout fisheries, or whatever other fishing opportunity happens to be close by.

Education

by Malcolm Royse

It's been a busy summer with a lot of activities going on. The "Go Fish" Program has been ongoing. There have been four sites for the kids to choose from, and they are a lot of fun. The state really stocks these lakes for the kids. It's a great way to get the next generation involved.

The Stream Team activities are really taking hold. The Level I training is coming up September 12th at Busch Wildlife and September 13th at Mastodon State Park. These are all day classes taught by the State. Nine members of Ozark Fly Fishers just spent the day (August 9th) in Jefferson City taking an entomology class taught by Mark VanPatton. Remember to mark your calendars for the Current River Stream Team day on October 18, 2008. We will be meeting at Tan Vat at 9:00 am.

The fall schedule for fly tying classes are all set for Powder Valley. These are free to members of the club.

The schedule for programs with St. Louis County Parks and Recreation and the Missouri Department of Conservation is being set up as I write, and I hope to have a full list of classes ready to report on in the September newsletter. All classes with M.D.C. are held at Busch Wildlife Center and are free. The classes run by the Parks Department are held at Queeny Park and will have fees. All classes will begin in January 2009.

Lastly, Project Healing Waters was approved by the Board of Directors and we are now actively working on putting the full program in place. Clinton Carpenter is the Chairperson for Project Healing Waters. If you would like to help, please call Clint.

If I were to give one word of advice to the angler planning to take his family with him on a fishing holiday, I'd give it: DON'T."
- Joe Pissarro (1966)

Membership Data Base Report

By Dave Haas (Membership Committee Database & Directory)

Last reported membership on 7-24-2008	330	
New memberships since 7-24-2008	<u>3</u>	
Total memberships as of 8-11-2008	333	
A year ago (August 23, 2007)	314	
Annual gain or (loss)	19	6.1%



Southern Council Conclave

Mark your calendar to attend the Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas on October 2nd-4th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about fly fishing, fly tying and fly casting. Learn from such fly fishers as Kelly Galloup, Mel Kreiger, John Wilson, John Berry, Mark Van Pattern, and Terry and Roxanne Wilson. There will be fly tiers from across the country and from other nations. Casting instruction is available from Master Fly Casters that will help improve your techniques. Go to the Ozark Fly Fishers temporary web site www.flyfishmotrout.info for a schedule of classes and activities. The registration form can be downloaded from the temporary site.

Conservation: An Important Opportunity to Protect Our Streams

By Wallis W Warren

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently proposing the removal of protections against bacteria on 90 streams across the state by removing their Whole Body Contact Recreation Use classification. Public meetings are being held for comment, the St Louis County meeting was held Aug 6 at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Area in Kirkwood. Due to poor publicity by the DNR, the attendance at the meeting was low, particularly considering the number of people that will be impacted by the reduction of protection of these streams. Members of *OFF* attended the meeting along with various Stream Team representatives and concerned citizens.

The primary tool the DNR uses for reclassifying streams are UAAs (Use Attainability Analyses), which exempt streams from the protections provided by the Clean Water Act. While some entities, public and private, claim that the cost to disinfect and treat wastewater is too high, it is up to the public to defend their use of these waters and their protection. Unfortunately, the UAAs are primarily used to declassify streams, at the taxpayers expense – not the expense of those that want to discharge the wastewater!

One of the greatest flaws of the UAAs is that there is no requirement to contact or interview local residents about their use of the stream, even though those are exactly the ones that know how and where these streams are used. Typically, the DNR will survey through its own agency or through independent contractors, a few designated areas along a stream – generally 5-10% of the streams length. If it does not measure a specific depth (1/2 to 1 meter) it can be declassified. The Clean Water Act states that if a stream has had any full body contact use since 1975 it cannot be declassified.

Due to private ownership, the DNR has limited access to most of these streams except for specific public access areas. [This is where our input is needed](#). A *Recreational Use Form* needs to be filled out and submitted for any body of water that you are familiar with – fishing, boating, swimming, wading. We were assured by representatives of the DNR that these forms will be used as valuable data to be presented to the Clean Water Commission to protect any existing regulations now and in the future. Written comments--as detailed as possible about how and where you or others use your local stream--will be accepted until August 31, 2008 for those 90 streams currently under consideration. For a list of these streams, go to www.moenviron.org/UAA_removeuse.asp. At any time, you can submit a form for streams that are not listed but that you are familiar with. Download a form at <http://www.moenviron.org/files/RecUseForm2008> are use the attached form. Please send them to: John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 Or email: john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov Or fax: 573-522-9920

Recreational Use of Your Stream

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Stream name: _____ WBID (if known): _____

What county is the stream in? _____

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975? Yes ____
No ____

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

- Swimming Playing Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
- Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other: _____

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ____ No ____ If so, how? _____

What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975? Yes ____
No ____

How have others, to your knowledge, used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

- Swimming Playing Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
- Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other: _____

Do you know of others ever using the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ____
No ____ If so, how? _____

What stretches of the stream did they use? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102,
or Fax: 573-522-9920, or Email: john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

Please use the back if you need more space to answer questions or to provide additional information or maps

17th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING NOV 14 -15-16

Name _____ Phone:Day _____ Night _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Accommodations to be shared with _____

E mail _____

IMPORTANT: THE CLUB IS CHARGED THE SAME AMOUNT WHETHER THERE ARE 1 OR 2 OCCUPANTS IN THE DOUBLE BED ROOMS. IF YOUR BUDDY CANCELS, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE LISTED FULL PRICE, MINUS COST OF 1 DINNER. THE 2 OF YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO APPORTION THE COST.

Packages: All packages **include** the buffet dinner and the pre-dinner social hour.

Singles Package: One bed, one person

_____ Saturday, Nov.15.....	60.00
_____ Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15.....	104.00
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 13-14-15.....	149.00

Couples Package: One double bed, two people

_____ Saturday, Nov. 15 (per couple).....	82.00
_____ Friday and Saturday Nov. 14-15 (per couple).....	134.00
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 13-14-15 (per couple).....	186.00

Deluxe Couples Package: Two double beds, two people

_____ Saturday, Nov. 15 (per couple)	88.50
_____ Friday and Saturday, Nov.14-15 (per couple).....	147.00
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov.13-14-15 (per couple)	205.00

Housekeeping Package: Two double beds, two people, kitchen

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov 14-15 (per couple)	162.00
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 13-14-15 (per couple).....	227.50

Triple Package: Three double beds, Three people

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov. 14-15	208.50
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov.13-14-15	290.50

Third Person Package: Two double beds/ 3rd twin, Three people

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov. 14-15.....	187.50
_____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov 13-14-15.....	258.50

_____ Social Hour and Buffet Dinner only (no lodging).....14.00

ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND PETS EXTRA

Cancellations: If you cancel before Oct. 30, you will receive a refund; thereafter refunds will be made only if we can sell your room.

Social Hour: The party room next to the pool will be open at 5:30. The club will provide soft drinks and light snacks. If you would like something else BYOL; we provide ice and glasses.

Buffet Dinner: At Sand Spring Restaurant, 7PM. It will be a traditional Ozark buffet. You may BYOL .

First in line?---Please leave a few ribs for those at the end!

Mail this form with your check payable to Ozark Fly Fishers to Russ Hill, 46 Witmer Dr., Chesterfield, Mo. 63017

Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for the full amount of the package selected. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, e-mail or post card. Call me if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time. Call 314-275-2673 for special needs, questions, etc.

OZARK FLY FISHER'S
ANNUAL BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday January 24, 2009

Crowne Plaza St. Louis-Clayton
7750 Carondelet, 63105

Cash Bar, Silent Auction begins at 6:00PM
Dinner begins at 7:00pm

You have four choices of entrees:

Steak - \$35.00/person
White Fish - \$31.00/person

Vegetarian Pasta - \$31.00/person
Chicken - \$31.00/person

Please make checks payable to **OZARK FLY FISHERS**

Please fill in information at bottom and mail to:

Louise Chambers Krueger
2003 Raven Dr.
St.louis, MO. 63133

Member's Name: _____ Entrée: _____

Guest's Name: _____ Entrée: _____

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Upon receipt of money, your tickets will be mailed to you.

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Ozark Fly Fishers

Calendar of Activities

2008 - 2009

Fly Fishing Classes

Calendar 2008

Oct 14 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Nov 11 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Nov 18 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Dec 9 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00

Calendar 2009

January 13 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Jan 27 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Feb 10 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00

Ozark Fly Fishers Activities

Calendar 2008

Aug. 22-24 th	Summer Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend
Aug 28 th	General Membership	Virginia Outfitter	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Sept. 12-14 th	Eleven Point Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Eleven Point River	Weekend
Sept 20 th	Water Monitoring	Bob Temper	Blue Springs	10:00 AM
Sept 25 th	General Membership	Mike Kruse	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Oct. 2-5 th	Southern Council Conclave		Mt. Home, Ark	Weekend
Oct 18 th	ST #31 Monitoring	Malcolm Royce	Current River – Tan Vat	9:00 -
Oct 23 rd	General Membership	Fly Tie Fest	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Nov. 14-16 th	Catch-N-Release Outing	Russ Hill	Bennett Springs State Park	Weekend
Dec. 11th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00

Calendar 2009

January 24 th	OFF Banquet	Mike Krueger	Crown Center	5:30 –
Feb 6,7,8th	FYAO	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend
April 18 th	ST #31 Monitoring	Malcolm Royce	Current River – Tan Vat`	9:00 -

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