

June 2016

Ozark Fly Fishers - General Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd 2016 6:00 PM
Tilles Park
9551 Litzsinger Rd
St. Louis, MO 63139



Annual BBQ and Casting Outing

The annual BBQ and Casting outing will be held at the pond in Tilles Park on June 23rd starting at 6:00 pm. Certified Casting Instructors will be available to help with your casting. Dinner will be catered by Craig Wicker, owner of Yo Dawg, with brats and chicken for the entree and water and soda provided. Bring your favorite rod and join us for dinner and the games

Bill Todd



President's Message:

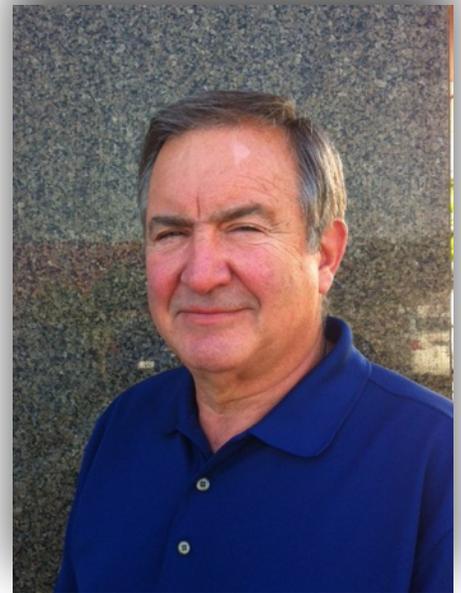
For all who has not heard, we had the misfortune of Malcolm Royce resigning from his position as president of Ozark Fly Fishers. He did not quit the club he just had as much fun as he could handle for a while. My name is Steve Antonic. I have accepted the nomination, and will be the interim president until the next elections in December. The board is working to keep things according to plan, as you are used to seeing the throughout the year. Having a main posted calendar will be a goal to get done. I don't know why it is as hard to do, but it is.

Please remember the club has numerous things to offer to its members that you may want to take advantage of. This month's meeting, we will have certified casters to help you with your loops and a catered BBQ dinner in which to kick back and socialize. As a friendly reminder, please mark you calendars as the start time for the BBQ is 6:00 PM. On Wednesday evenings Mike Swederska has his tying group that welcomes all levels of tying skills. If you have never participated in a club outing, look into one that might fit your interest. If you have any questions or comments about anything the club has to offer, feel free to give me a call me at (314)401-8874.

I really dislike writing these President Messages, so if they jump around on subjects, use bad grammar and have misspellings, this is what you get.

Have a safe vacation season and I hope you get to fish somewhere special for you, this season.

Steve Antonic



Casting Tip May 2016

by Bill Armon CCI

The most basic concept of fly casting is forming a loop!

Loop formation should be the primary goal of all beginning casters.

A good loop looks like a “U” turned on its side. It should be as aerodynamic as the wing of an airplane. When a loop is about to finish unrolling it looks like a candy cane. The smaller the distance between the top arm and the bottom arm of the loop the tighter we say the loop is. When PRACTICING we try to get loops as tight as possible.

The rod tip should travel in a straight line.

The stop is one of the main components of loop formation.

The stop comes after a smooth acceleration. Do not shock the rod tip when you change directions going from the backcast to the fore-cast. How much acceleration is needed depends on how much power is needed to make the cast. The stop regardless of the amount of acceleration needs to be sudden and powerful. This should be done with a firm wrist to help prevent opening the loop.

Any questions please bring them to the casting meeting June 23rd, and the instructors present will help.

Forming a good loop is the foundation

Missouri Stream Team 31

2016 EVENTS, OUTINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 8 - 10 8th Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park)

JULY 23 20th Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park)

AUGUST 27 49TH Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park)

AUGUST 27 Passport to Clean Water (Green Tree Park)

AUGUST 28 49th Annual Operation Clean Stream - Belews Creek (Hillsboro)

Watch the OFF Newsletter and Calendar for details concerning these events. If you have any questions about these events please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

O.F.F on the Web

by Mark Thalhammer

Use the following to access the Ozark Fly Fishers website from your phone.



Fly of the Month - May 2016

by Mike Ott

Coffey's Sparkle Minnow



This month's speaker, Ryan Hudson of Wyoming Fishing Company, did a great job of showcasing the streams he fishes and tying several of his "guide flies" for us. As guide flies, their key attributes are that they are durable, easy to tie, and very effective. One of the flies that really caught my eye was his Sparkle Minnow.

The original Coffey's Sparkle Minnow was tied using a dubbing loop and gold Lite Brite combed out all around the hook shank with another dubbing loop of white pulled up under as the belly. Ryan's (and many others now) uses Ice Dub tied in, bunched, and brushed out. That method simplifies the process significantly and allows for a wider variety of colors and patterns. We'll just tie his version.

Hook: Heavy Streamer Hook #4 to #8
Head: Gold Tungsten or Brass Cone (back-loaded with lead wire)
Thread: 3/0 White
Tail: White and Ginger Marabou
Flash: Gold Crystal Flash
Top: Gold Ice Dub
Bottom: UV Minnow Belly Ice Dub
Lateral Lines: Olive or other dark Ice Dub

Place cone on hook and secure in vise. Add 10 or so wraps of lead wire and shove securely up into cone. Start thread behind lead wire and make a number of spiral wraps up and back over the lead wire to secure it in place. Advance thread to hook bend. Tie in the bottom half of the tail of white marabou about the length of the body. Tie in the ginger marabou directly over the white. Add several strands of crystal flash on each side and trim to just beyond the end of the marabou. Start building the body by teasing out a section of gold Ice Dub and tying in on top of the hook and teasing back toward the tail. Tie in a similar section of the white on the bottom of the hook. Continue until reaching half-way up the hook shank. Then add a small section of the darker lateral line Ice Dub material along each side in addition to the gold on back and the white on the belly. Continue to the front until the last bunches actually tuck up under the collar of the cone. Whip finish and trim thread. Comb or brush the body material toward the rear to help even out the appearance of the finished fly.

As with any streamer, show it to as many fish as possible. Cast slightly upstream, let it sink and let the belly in your line build across the current, and then strip back slightly downstream and then across back to you. This is a great trout and smallmouth bass fly as well as being a great warm water fly. Try a variety of colors from all dark to all white. Look at all the colors Ice Dub comes in to mix and match your favorite.

Conservation / Missouri Stream Team 31

8TH ANNUAL STREAM TEAM OUTING

(THE YEAR OF THE TROUT)

PROMOTING THE MISSOURI STREAM TEAM PROGRAM

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“WHERE SCIENCE AND SPORT COME TOGETHER”

July 8 - 10, 2016 Montauk State Park

Once again Ozark Fly Fishers (OFF) will host an outing dedicated to promoting the Missouri Stream Team program. Stream Team staff members from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be on hand to assist. Our presenters this year will be MDC Hatchery Staff Manager Tom Whelan. Also presenting will be a young woman who already has many accolades to her name. Brooke Widmar was awarded the Youth Conservationist of the Year by the Conservation Federation of Missouri. Anyone interested is welcome to attend, member or not, trained or otherwise. Feel free to bring others and don't forget the kids as they will dictate the future of conservation!

WHAT TO BRING:

1. OFF members, if you have not done so donate a fly to the Member's Fly Box (to be raffled Saturday the 9th)
2. If you plan to attend the Friday evening potluck dinner, please bring a finger food item.
3. If you plan to participate in stream monitoring, bring appropriate footwear. Waders are not essential in the month of July. A pair of old shoes will suffice. Sandals and beach thongs are not recommended.
4. If you should wish to take a chance on our raffle bring some “folding money” (raffle items include: Duane Hada (Rivertown Gallery) limited edition art, a coaster set from Dave and Emily Whitlock, a day of fishing for two at Westover Farms, fly box collections donated by Mark Van Patten, Mike Ott, and the Member's Box, dinner for two at the Montauk Lodge, plus additional items.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you have not done so, consider making your accommodations, whether reserving a room at the lodge or nearby motel, cabin or campground. We have reserved nine rooms at the Montauk lodge for OFF members. Each room has two double beds. The rate for a two night stay including tax is \$171.96. If you are interested in a lodge room contact Outings Director Ed Olander: 314-566-1422 to make your reservation. **A list of other accommodations may be obtained from Scott Darrough (see NOTIFICATION).**

NOTIFICATION: IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND or have any questions about the outing, please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com It is important that we have a head count so that adequate preparations can be made for lunch and the ice cream social.

OZARK FLY FISHERS 8TH ANNUAL STREAM TEAM OUTING - SCHEDULE

FRIDAY at the Searcy Building

- 5:00 pm Finger food potluck dinner - nibbling continues upon return from the hatchery tour into the evening
- 6:00 pm Depart for the Hatchery Building
- 6:15 pm Presentation - Trout Hatchery Tour -Tom Whelan - Montauk Hatchery Manager
- 7:15 pm Tour concludes, return to the Searcy Building
- 7:30 pm Fly tying with Mark Van Patten of the MDC - for those who are unfamiliar with tying, Mark will provide the tools, materials and instruction needed for tying a trout fingerling pattern - experienced tiers should bring their tools
- 9:30 pm Fly tying with Mark Van Patten concludes - tiers are welcome to stay and utilize the Searcy Building

SATURDAY at the Searcy Building

- 8:30 am Arrival / social time
- 9:00 am For those participating, depart for stream monitoring - parking areas near the Highway 119 Bridge
- 9:00 am Also at this time - fly casting instruction - Federation of Fly Fishers casting instructors
- 9:15 am Stream monitoring - MDC and DNR Stream Team staff
- 10:15 am Monitoring concludes, return to the Searcy Building
- 10:45 am Presentation - "Engaging Youth in Conservation" - Brooke Widmar - Youth Conservationist of the Year
- 12:00 pm Lunch - Searcy Building
- 1:00 pm Annual Stream Team raffle - attendance and pay - Searcy Building
- 1:00 pm Also at this time - Trout Hatchery tour for those who were unable to attend the Friday evening tour
- 2:00 pm Free time - you are on your own - fish, take a nap, etc...
- 7:00 pm Fly tier spotlight - select tiers will do their thing and show us their stuff!
- 8:00 pm -? Ice cream sundae bar - social time - spotlight tiers - attendee tying
- 8:30 pm Montauk fishing whistle sounds concluding the days fishing within the park

SUNDAY site to be determined

- 8:00 am Montauk State Park stream bank cleanup - this cleanup should not exceed two hours. Last year this cleanup was a highly visible promotion of another aspect of the Stream Team program - those who participate will receive a Stream Team T-shirt and gloves - consider lending a hand - stewardship can influence others in their care for our streams

Communications

A Call for Photos!

OFF Members,

Ozark Fly Fishers has a brand new **Instagram** account! What's Instagram? How do you use it? Does OFF really need *another* social media platform? Let me explain.

In a lot of ways, Instagram is similar to twitter, in that it allows OFF members to share content with other fly-fishing enthusiasts all over the world. However, unlike twitter, Instagram is focused on sharing photos and videos only. Users can search for photos using hashtags, such as #FlyFishing #TroutFishing #FlyTying or #Fish-TheOzarks.

The best feature, however, is that OFF Members can share their own photos on the account. Simply email your photos or videos to OFFinstagram@gmail.com

From there, I'll upload the photos/videos to the OFF account to share with our followers. If you want to check out Ozark Fly Fishers on Instagram, use your smartphone or tablet to download the app, then follow us: **@Ozark_Fly_Fishers**. If you prefer using a laptop or desktop, visit http://www.instagram.com/Ozark_Fly_Fishers

So why create an Instagram account in the first place? As of September 2015, Instagram has 400 million monthly users (can you imagine our club getting those kinds of numbers?!). There are over 1.3 million posts on Instagram using the hashtag #FlyFishing. Over 300,000 posts about #FlyTying. Using Instagram is a great way to discover anglers all over the planet, and to see what they're catching. Furthermore, and most importantly, it is a great, *free* way to spread the word about OFF, and even attract new members.

So please, send any photos/videos you'd like to share to OFFinstagram@gmail.com. In your email, please list the date, location, fly, and fish species, or any other information you wish to share (e.g., rod type, guide's name, tippet size, etc.). I hope to see a lot of your pictures and videos!

-Jake Voss

Ozark Newsletter

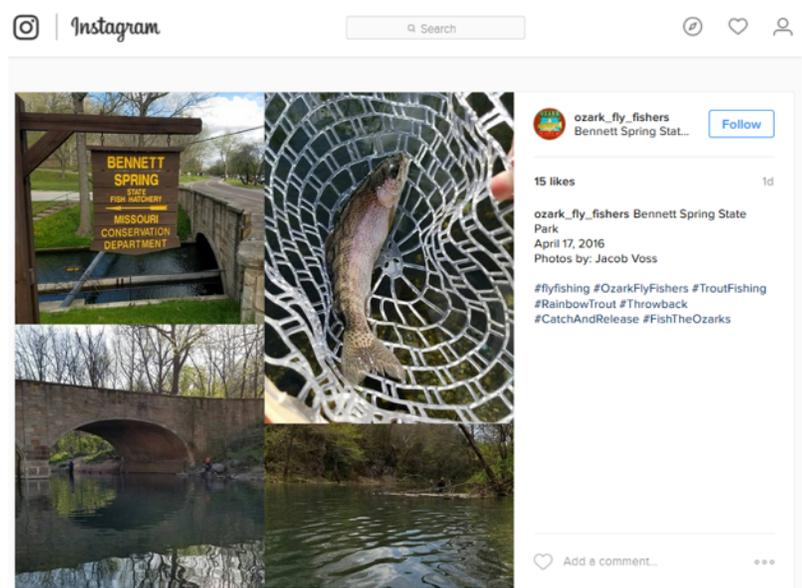
Want to become more involved, have a knack for writing and would like to share information, tips or likewise subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club. Another benefit of **membership** is our monthly newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. As space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your proof read articles to **500 words or less** in 10 pt Times New Roman.

If interested please contact John Tymony at Cell: (314)303-3012 or submit your article for consideration to: ozarknewsletter@gmail.com

Yahoo Group

One of the benefits of being a **member** of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Current Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing. To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email shur-way@sbcglobal.net



Education

By Jim Gera

18 June 2016 Saturday

Who: National Park Service Centennial Celebration

What: OFF to assist with Fly Tying and Casting

When: Saturday 18 June 2016 from 0800-1600

Where: Round Springs National Reserve National Park HC 1 Eminence, MO 65446

Web: <https://www.nps.gov/ozar/planyourvisit/round-spring-and-round-spring-cave.htm>

Why: OFF exposure assist build positive relationship with National Park Service

Logistics: Members who attend should contact me for more information; overnight accommodations in the area are suggested; this is 163 miles from STLOMO a 3 hour drive; recommend incorporating this with a fishing possibly Montauk. Open for suggestions.

Outings

by Ed Orlander

WATER QUALITY MONITORING OUTING @ MONTAUK – JULY 8,9,10, 2016

We have double rooms reserved at the Lodge MO1 thru MO9. MO1 is a handicap room. Please do not ask for it unless you need it. Cost for two nights 7/8 & 7/9 Friday and Saturday nights is \$171.96.

Contact me at H: 314-487-1663, C: 314-566-1442 Email: olanderedward@att.net with your reservation. Mail your check to: Edward Olander, 5886 Chrisbrook Dr, St. Louis, MO 63128

See Scott Darrough's Report concerning details as to meals, activities, speakers, etc.

TANNEYCOMO OUTING @ LILLEYS' LANDING - SEPTEMBER 9/15,16,17, 2016

We had 12 units reserved for this outing. Five units are all ready rented; #2, #3, #4, #12, #13. The remaining units are as follows, total cost is for a 3 night minimum stay including tax: #5, #6 - \$265; #7, #8 - \$298; #10 - \$232; #11 - \$298; and #22 - \$456. To see the unit layouts go www.LilleysLanding.com. See contact and payment info above. I have had a number request to move the BBQ that Lilleys' has furnished at noon on Saturday at the pavilion by the hatchery. We will be hosted Saturday night at Lilleys' at their pavilion. We will have a guest speaker either Friday or Saturday night. Any questions contact me.

Finally, as promised I have added a new outing over the first weekend of October, 2016.

ELEVEN POINT RIVER @ ALTON, MO – SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1, 2 2016

Our hoist is Brian Sloss of Eleven Point Canoe Rental in Alton, MO who will provide our housing in town in his renovated houses. I have reserved two Cottages for eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with 2 bed rooms and other sleep areas, with couples taking the bedrooms we could accommodate up to 12. If I get enough early interest I can get a third cottage sleeping 4-6. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Breakfast provided Saturday AM.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Highway 19 bridge, but to fish the 5 mile Blue Ribbon section you need a canoe, kayak, belly boat or guide service. I have Brian ready to provide guides for hire for an all day float in the Blue Ribbon section for \$350 plus tip for two includes rods, flies, lunch and drinks. Let me know if you want to fish with a guide Friday or Sunday. ½ day is \$250 plus tip.

Website for Brian is www.canoe@ortrackm.missouri.org.

Future plans which I am already working on is a spring or summer outing on the North Fork Of the White River in 2017.

What about a day trip or overnight to Westover Farms, staying at Westover with transportation provide during midweek.

Edward Olander
Outings Chairman

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Stream Team 31

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Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

Founded 1971

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

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control. To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing.

To demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

*Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center
(Unless noted differently – see Calendar)*

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