

September 2016

Ozark Fly Fishers - All Day Meeting

Saturday, September 24th 2016
Sunset Hills Community Center
3915 South Lindbergh Blvd. 63127
Starting at 9:00 AM



Fly of the month - September 2016

The Ginny Midge



With the Tanneycomo Outing as well as the winter catch-and-release season quickly approaching, it's time for more midges. One of our tyers at the last meeting (sorry I can't remember which of you) was tying the Ginny Midge. The history of the tiny pattern is not clear, but I would bet it came from a guide on a tailwater fishery somewhere out west. What I do know is that it is not going to be a secret for long. While searching this pattern, I found it in a number of places from Orvis to T. Hargrove here in St. Louis. If you've been intimidated by tying small flies, this one is easy enough to get you down below size 20.

- Hook: Dai-Riki 125 size 20-24
- Bead: Killer Caddis Gray/Silver
- Thread: Black 8/0 or Veevus 12/0
- Body: Pearl Flashabou
- Wing: Pearl Flashabou

Mash down the hook barb, thread the bead onto the hook, and secure hook in vise.

Start the thread right behind the bead, and tie in one strand of Pearl Flashabou.

Wrap one layer of Flashabou back toward the hook bend covering the hook shank with one layer to just around the hook bend. Return forward by wrapping another layer of to just behind the bead.

Secure the Flashabou with three or four thread wraps.

Twist the remaining material several times so that it forms a loop when you put slack in it.

Fold the Flashabou over to form a small loop out over the hook and tie in with several thread wraps.

Pull the loop to make it about 1/3rd the hook shank.

Trim the excess and whip finish the thread at the collar just behind the bead.

The glass bead adds just enough weight to get the fly down under the surface yet move naturally in the current. The flash will differentiate it from all the other bugs in the water. You may want to try some other colors as well – Flashabou comes in a rainbow of colors. Fish this dead-drift alone or as a dropper under a tungsten beaded midge or attractor. One fellow fly fisher says he would fish it under a midge emerger or a Griffith's Gnat.

Mike Ott

Spence Turner's Obituary

Spence Turner was a rare individual - a professional with a combination of science and art of conservation. He was a long time Missouri Department of Conservation researcher especially on trout in our spring fed creeks in Missouri.

He gave me guidance on management of wild trout on Mill Creek..

He will be missed by all.

-George Bohigian

Spence was born Dec. 10, 1939, in Wisconsin to Spencer and Ella May Turner. As a youth, he spent his free time fishing, hunting and skiing. He was introduced to fishing and hunting by his father. His love for fly fishing was developed during summer days at the lake after his dad dropped him off on his way to work. During the winter months, he honed his skiing skills, and in high school, he became a member of the ski patrol.

In the fourth grade, he developed a crush on Joan Borgen. At age 18 using his great smile, he was able to woo her into dating. She soon became the love of his life. In June 1961, Spence and Joan were wed in a lovely ceremony in Stanley, Wis.

At the time, they both were attending college. Spence, having failed English for three semesters in a row, enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, for five years, where he initially was assigned to the ski patrol. After his time in the Air Force, he went on to complete his bachelor's degree in conservation with an emphasis in fisheries management from Stevens Point in Wisconsin, and later his master's degree in fisheries biology from Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

In 1963, Spence and Joan started a family in Anchorage, Alaska, and together went on to raise two sons and a daughter — Warren, Mac and Sue — before settling down in Columbia.

Spence was a devoted family man who made sure to include his family on many of his wilderness excursions, even though his loving wife wasn't "the outdoors type." The occasional misfortune, like the cooler that went tumbling off the car roof, couldn't darken his taste for the voyage.

It was his love for the environment and being outdoors that enabled Spence to carve out successful careers as a biologist, writer and photographer. He spent 28 years working for the Missouri Department of Conservation and was pivotal in establishing the management program for trout and small mouth bass populations in Missouri's waterways. Spence's writing and photography skills allowed him to share the stories of his adventures in such publications as Outdoor Guide, Game & Fish, Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Fur-Fish-Game, Missouri Department of Conservation and in his own column in the Columbia Daily Tribune, to name a few.

In addition, his wonderful way of getting a laugh provided the critical icing to so many of his legendary adventures. Many who have had the opportunity to join him on his expeditions can tell you a story or two about how Spence stumbled or rolled through their quest. He "practiced" stumbling so much that he became an expert at the art of the tumble; so much so that most people around might not have noticed that he tripped.

Spence bred, trained and hunted with English setters for 30 years. The training and playing with the puppies was one of his favorite activities. He hunted birds with his dogs until he couldn't walk the uneven ground in the fields after his left foot amputation.

Tales of his exciting adventures and antics have at times preempted an actual introduction, allowing someone to know him or of him even before they first met. Over the years, Spence became an avid hunter, occasional gatherer and a worthy cook, all of which he enjoyed and shared until the very end. One could say he was a connoisseur of life and a great friend to many. Spence was known for having a winning personality and was pretty lucky at drawings, too. At times, it was almost expected that he would win something. Maybe that was the cost of getting to spend some time with such a wonderful man and hearing about all of his adventures in life.

Never one to sit on the sidelines, he was a member of several organizations. He served as the president of the Optimist Breakfast Club, became a life member of the Downtown Optimist Club, served on the Columbia Convention Visitors Bureau, and established and organized the annual "Day with Wildlife" event to educate the public about outdoors activities and conservation.

Spence earned Professional Conservationist of the Year awards from both Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

He was a member of the Outdoors Writers Association of America (OWAA), where he was president from 2005-2006 and received the following awards: Outdoor Ethics Communication Award (1994), Outstanding Board of Director Member Award (1995) and the Ham Brown Award (2014).

Spence was an avid Fox News and Rush Limbaugh enthusiast. He oftentimes could be found listening to both very loudly throughout the house. He was a conservative and tried to convert others to the Republican Party. He was a strong believer that everyone should vote, even if you voted for "the other side."

In July 2015, Spence was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and spent the next several months fighting to be cured with the assistance of his physicians, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Schlossman and Dr. Joe Muscato. In the end, Spence spent his last days at home with his black lab by his side. He went peacefully thanks in large part to Joan, who took wonderful care of him. The support that Glenn Berkey, RN (Boone Hospital Home Care & Hospice) provided assisted in making Spence's final days ones of peace and comfort.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Joan; children, Warren (Lida), Mac (Sheryl) and Sue Martin (Frank); grandchildren, Brandy Knehans, Ashley Baxter and Kody Baxter; and great-grandsons, Spencer Connour and Gabriel Baxter.

In Lieu of flowers, Spence's family requests donations be made to the OWAA Bob Smith Fund (<http://owaa.org/store/donation/voluntary-contribution/>).

Online condolences can be left at heartlandcremation.com.

Spence has brought so much joy and laughter to so many people throughout his life, and he will be missed dearly. He can rest assured that his legend will live forever in our hearts, in his stories and in the conservation efforts that made up such a large part of his time with us. We will miss you, Spence, so very much.

Conservation / Missouri Stream Team 31

Mill Creek Water Quality Monitoring

We will be conducting a WQM on Mill Creek on Wednesday, **October 12, 2016**. You do not need anything but a desire to help and learn. We will meet at the Barn and Grill in Bourbon at 7:30 for breakfast and then carpool to the site. There should be plenty of time to monitor and then do some fishing afterwards.

Please contact Bill Leslie if you plan to participate, in case plans change at the last minute.
w.leslie@sbcglobal.net or 314-398-1468

2016 LEVEL 1 VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING WORKSHOP

Saturday October 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Babler State Park (Register by October 5)

For those who have obtained their Missouri Stream Team **Introductory Level**, it will now be possible for you to advance to **Level 1** status by attending the Level 1 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop. Chemical monitoring, visual survey and a review of invertebrate identification will be covered at this workshop.

To register, use the online form at mostreamteam.org or fill out and return a paper copy obtainable from Karen Westin of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources: 573-526-7838. If you have any questions about this workshop please contact OFF Stream Team Coordinator Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Outings

by Ed Orlander

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

This outing is now closed .Our host 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 10 singles. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. We will all gather for Breakfast on your own at Grandma's Kitchen @ 6AM Saturday as we have to be at the Canoe Rental Office to catch our ride to the put in by 7AM.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Hi-way 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 on Saturday. 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 during midweek or weekend?

Mail your check made out to Ozark Fly Fishers to me at:
5886 Chrisbrook Drive
St Louis, MO 63128

Please forward your check to me in the next two weeks to hold your reservations for both outings.

Edward Olander Tel: 314-487-1663 Cell: 314-566-1422
Outings Chairman

November Catch and Release Outing

Second call for the November 10-11-12 opening of the winter catch and release season at Bennett Springs.

Many have already made their reservations, with requests for particular room locations or neighbors. As rooms get booked, it gets more difficult to juggle these requests, so your best bet is to reserve early. Basically this is LAST CALL, as the next newsletter doesn't come out til late October, the reservations may already be turned in by then. It's best to give me all the time you can for making the arrangements you want. We still have all classes of rooms available, but will go fast. Let me know if you're a single and don't mind sharing a room, we will try to work it out and you can save a little money. See the form in this newsletter or the club website for details on the packages available. If you haven't attended this event before, give it some thought this year, especially if you've enjoyed the other club outings as this is our biggest one. After the buffet on Sat. the conference room will be available, as in the past, for those who want to get together and tie flies. This is a great opportunity for those new to fly fishing or to our parks to pick up some tips from old timers. (we have plenty of those) The Gravel Bar will be open for pub type meals, but will not open early for breakfast. Go to "SandSpring resort.com" website, click on the "restaurant" link for the menu and prices. Place to eat at Bennett Springs have become for limited. Keep this in mind when planning your stay. Mark your calendar and get out your checkbook, winter catch and release is coming quicker than you think.

We are again inclosing a Reservation Request with this newsletter, or print one from the website. Any questions, call Steve Antonic @ 314-401-8874

Looking forward to a great weekend. - Steve

2016 EVENTS, OUTINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 12 Mill Creek Water Quality Monitoring. Please contact Bill Leslie if you plan to participate, in case plans change at the last minute. w.leslie@sbcglobal.net or 314-398-1468

OCTOBER 15 Chlii Tie-In at Marlan's Countrylane Woods Clubhouse, 851 Countrystone Dr. It will start around 9AM.

OCTOBER 22 Level 1 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop (Babler State Park) - Register by October 5

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

25th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING NOV 10-11-12

Name _____ Phone: Day _____ Night _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Accommodations to be shared with _____

E mail_PLEASE _____

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 Sat. night dinner.

Singles Package. One bed, one person

Saturday, Nov.12\$66.00

Friday & Saturday, Nov 11-12.....\$112.00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov.10-11-12\$159.00

Couples Package. One double bed, two people

Saturday,Nov. 12. (per couple)..... \$96.50

Friday/SaturdayNov.11-12 (per couple)..... \$155.00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 10-11-12 (per couple)..... \$213.00

Deluxe Couples Package. Two double beds, two people -

Saturday, Nov 12 (per couple).....\$101.75

Friday and Saturday, Nov 11-12 (per couple).....\$165.50

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov.10-11-12 (per couple) \$229.25

Housekeeping Package. Two double beds, two people, kitchen

Friday, Saturday, Nov 11-12 (per couple).....\$180.50

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 10-11-12 (per couple).....\$251.50

Triple Package. Three double beds, Three people

Friday, Saturday, Nov. 11-12\$234.00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov.10-11-12..... \$324.00

Third Person Package. Two double beds/3d twin, Three people

Friday, Saturday, Nov. 11.....\$207.00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov 10-11-12.....\$280.00

Sat. Evening Dinner only (no lodging).....\$19.00

ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND PETS EXTRA Pets: \$15/night Rollaway Bed \$10/night

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

Saturday Evening Dinner: Bennett Springs Gathering Place , Hi-way 64, 7:00 pm. There will be plenty of parking, but use a DESIGNATED DRIVER if needed.

Mail this form with your check payable to **Ozark Fly Fishers to Steve Antonic ,5612 Greenton Way, St. Louis, MO 63128**. 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 postcard.

Call me if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time. Call **314-401-8874** for special needs, questions, etc.

Fly Casting Tip September 2016

By Bill Armon CCI

Clean lines cast best. This is an update from a February 2011 casting tip.

A clean line will shoot better. A clean line will float higher. A clean line will have less coil memory and will reduce tangling. A regularly cleaned line will last longer.

How often should a fly line be cleaned? The way to tell if a line needs cleaning is if you can feel grit when you run the line through your fingers. Also, if while fishing the front few feet start to sink this is a good sign a line needs cleaning. (Assuming it is not a sink tip line.) A fly line should also be cleaned as soon as possible if it is exposed to heat, solvents, insect repellants, or sunscreens. Also, casting practice in a yard will get your line dirty. If a line has cracks in the surface or feels brittle cleaning the line will help but these lines should probably be replaced. One author says if you get in the routine of cleaning your line after every 3 rd. outing it should last 150 outings.

How should a fly line be cleaned? It seems almost everyone agrees that soaking in soapy water is the best way to deep clean a fly line. Use only a small amount of mild dish soap in lukewarm water and let soak for at least 30 minutes. Then draw the line thru a clean soft absorbent cloth to remove the grit and to dry it. In some cases it may be necessary to use a special cleaning pad that acts as an abrasive (while not hurting the plastic) to get the grit off. When the line is dry a dressing should be applied.

Which dressing? The important thing is to use a product made for plastic – if it is not safe for use on plastic it is not safe to use on a fly line. I recommend using one that is sold by a line manufacturer. While some line dressings are sold as cleaners most are no better at cleaning than warm soapy water alone however they do improve the lines performance and they should be used. The main value of dressing a line is to lubricate it, (shoots farther, floats higher, and tangles less). Keep in mind that while dressing a dirty line on the stream will improve the lines performance it will trap the dirt under the dressing so be sure and actually clean your line when it gets dirty.

The fly line is in many ways the most important part of your equipment. Try casting a dirty line then clean and apply a dressing and try casting again. You will become a believer in keeping your lines clean and well dressed.

Education

By Jim Gera

Who: Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

What: BSA Certified Angling Instruction Course

When: Fri 14 Oct to Sun 16 Oct 2016

Where: S-F Scout Ranch

Why: Promoter Fly Fishing in Scouting

Contact: Tad Biggs tad_biggs@yahoo.com

Communications

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



A Call for Photos!

Here is an opportunity to share with the group and others, pictures of the big one you put back and to capture that moment of time in the Ozark Fly Fishing Archives. 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

O.F.F on the Web

by Mark Thalhammer

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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

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