



February, 2008

Bob Clouser will visit the Ozark Fly Fishers.

On February 23, 2008, starting at 9:00 AM., Bob will be at the Museum of the Dog, 2345 Mason Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.



Bob Clouser's love of the outdoors, especially fishing, led him into the fishing business. He continues to guide, teach and share his enjoyment with others

Bob has been presented numerous awards for his strong conservation work, especially work done to enhance smallmouth bass fishing in Pennsylvania. Most notable among his awards are his induction into the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame as Legendary Angler, the Warm Water

Committee Achievement Award, a national award presented by The Federation of Fly Fishers, the Dr. Henshall Award presented by The Federation of Fly Fishers, and National Angler of the Year 2000 by Fly Rod and Reel Magazine. He is a strong supporter of recreational fishing as well as conservation. He was awarded the 1995 Conservation Award of The Year presented by the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and in 1997 the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Conservation Award presented by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Bob will tie the Clouser Minnow, the Half and Half, Clouser Crayfish, Foxee Redd Minnow and a few others using techniques that can be applied to other tying needs.



Bob and his wife, Joan, operate Clouser's Fly Shop and a clouserflyfishing.com website/mail order business at 101 Ulrich St., Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057. Products can be ordered from Bob's website, where information on his schools and trips are also available.

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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 deadline for submitting an article is the 11th day of each month. Articles for November and December must be submitted by November 11th. Newsletter articles can be submitted by sending to Al Bourisaw, 4731 Brawley Court, St. Louis, MO 63128 or e-mail the article to troutal@att.net.



Federation of Fly Fishers

Conserving ~ Restoring ~ Education Through Fly Fishing

President's Message

Mike Swederska

I am sitting here the day after the banquet and still excited about the party. I thought Zach Matthews was very informative. He sure got my attention when he gave the tip on how to make your fish look bigger in the picture. For me, the Mill Creek fish just got huge. As everyone was eating, I made my way around to all the tables to thank those members that came to support the club and to ask how they enjoyed the meal. I got great reviews on the food and the ambiance. The people that ran the banquet hall waited on us hand and foot at the same time putting money in our budget buying some items from the auction. I have signed the contract for the same location for our banquet in 09, so get ready for next year.



I am looking forward to the up coming all day meeting with Mr. Clouser on Saturday, February 23rd. He will be flying in on Friday night and staying at the Crown Plaza. Because we hold our banquet there every year, the Crown cuts us a deal on our out of town quest speakers, nothing like working the system and saving money for the club. Mike Krueger and my self will be entertaining Mr. Clouser on Friday night to dinner at Kreis's on Lindbergh. If you want to attend the informal dinner, contact Mike or myself by Wednesday the 19th. The club will only be covering Mr. Clouser's meal if you decide to attend.

As in the past, the winter outing was held in the middle of December. This year we did not have as large of a membership turnout and we attributed this to being too close to Christmas. I have moved this outing to the last weekend of catch and release. This date would be the weekend of February 6, 2009. By doing this, the club will open the C&R season at Bennett Springs, as always, and close down the C&R season at Montauk.

With the membership growing what seems to be every day, I am curious as to what the new members are looking for inside the OFF. Drop me an e-mail or phone me. If members are looking for involvement in conservation or education we can always use the help. Just get a hold of the director of the area you are interested in helping. Being involved is the quickest way to learn about what you are interested in. And, a way of feeling good about your self for helping out. This is a new year. Now is the time to get going and be a part of the fun that OFF has to offer.



Education Classes 2008

by Malcolm Royce

Ozark Fly Fishers are well into our 2008 schedule of classes being offered at Queeny Park and Busch Wildlife Center.

These classes are designed to increase your knowledge and skills. All classes are taught by Ozark Fly Fishers members who have great knowledge which they wish to share with you.

All classes taught at Queeny Park are offered by St. Louis County Parks Depart. Call 314.615.4386, or go online for more information at www.stlouisco.com/parks/the remaining classes offered are:

March 6th – Fly Fishing Techniques
March 17th – Reading the Water
March 19th – Fly Fishing Dry Flies
March 26th – Nymphs and Wet Flies
April 7-28th – Introduction to Fly Fishing
April 9th – Float Tubes/Pontoons
April 24th – Fish WindRush Farms
May 5-19th – Intermediate Casting
May 17-24th – Youth Fly Fishing

Classes are also offered at Busch Wildlife Center. These classes are scheduled on Saturday mornings. To register, call Terry McCarty at 636.300.1953. For questions, call Malcolm Royce (636-329-1504). The two remaining classes offered are:

March 22nd – Beginning Fly Tying.
March 29th – Beginning Fly Tying (cont)
April 12th – Casting and Knots



Chili Pot Luck, Tie – In

by Bob Zagar

It's that time again for our annual Chili, Pot Luck Tie – In. The Tie – In will be held at Marlan Graham's subdivision clubhouse (Countrylane Woods II, 851 Country Stone Drive. Manchester, MO. 63021. The date is March 22, 2008. Tying will start at 9:00 A.M. and go thru lunch to 2:00 P.M.

Participating members are asked to bring a dish of some sort, preferably your favorite chili, or possibly a desert. The club will provide the plates and eating utensils along with liquid beverages. If you have not attended this event in the past, you must come to witness a dozen or more club tiers tying their favorite flies. If you are just starting out and wanting to learn more about the hobby, this is your chance to learn from some of the best. If you are not a tier, come just for the comradeship to say nothing of the stories.

There is plenty of room to cast in the yard so if the weather allows we will also be casting. So bring your tying stuff, that new fly rod you have wanted to try and your favorite chili or desert and join in the fun. If you're willing to share your chili secrets please bring your recipe.

Please contact Bob Zagar, Fly Tying Chair (314.849.0092 or bzgar0092@charter.net), or Ted Calcaterra (638.305.1085 or tcalca@hotmail.com) our Outings Chair. Let us know what you plan to bring or if you have any questions. Hope to see you on the 22nd.



Membership

by Kevin Miquelon

We have reached an all-time record for Ozark Fly Fishers membership number. Congratulations to the entire club! At the Annual Banquet a few weeks ago, our President, Mike Swederska recognized the membership Committee (especially Dave Haas and I) for achieving this milestone. Although the compliment is greatly appreciated and we have worked hard, the truth of the matter is that membership is at that mark because we have a great club. And, we have a great club for a variety of reasons; lots of committed leadership, lot of hard working members, members involved in lots of activities, and all of us sharing with others what a great club we have. We have to work hard everyday to make it great, we have to talk it up to those around us, and we have to stay vigilant in everything we do. So, the thank you goes out to each and every one of our members. We are all in this together.

The Roster is being published and is final, but renewals and new membership can be done throughout the year. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings to "shop."



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Missouri Stream Teams Fact Sheet

Stream Team and American Fisheries Society have been working together to publish helpful stream resources online. **Missouri Streams Facts Sheets** will cover the what, how, and why of our streams, from stream channel and riparian corridor to the history of Missouri waterways. They will be accessible to the public via the Stream Team website and will be a great educational tool or simply good reading for those who want to know more.

Check out the first two introductory Fact Sheets: "Understanding Streams and Watersheds" and "Watersheds" (www.mostreamteam.org/library.asp). Don't forget to check the site often as more will be added.



Dr. Baigent and the Long-Hackled Fly

by Terry Finger

It was my first northwestern hatch. I had just moved to Oregon the previous fall and, in addition to starting my graduate studies, I was busy learning the nuances of a new culture, including the



subtleties of new rivers, new hatches, and the behavior of resident trout and migratory salmon, steelhead, and sea-run cutthroat. On a beautiful afternoon in March 1975, I was anxious to get

outside after enduring the grayness of a western Oregon winter. I didn't yet know many streams and I only had the afternoon at my disposal, so I headed to a nearby river on the west slope of the Cascades that I had visited in the fall.

I had already learned that most of these west-slope streams were not as promising as they first appeared. Draining watersheds of volcanically derived rock, their productivity is generally low and they do not support large fish populations. Indeed, the migratory behavior of salmon and steelhead may have originally evolved because these rivers, while containing an abundance of excellent spawning habitat, do not provide enough food for decent numbers of adult fish.

But on this afternoon there was an apparent abundance of fish and food. Shortly after I arrived, a rather large, mottled brown mayfly began emerging and fish started rising. I collected a few flies and later determined that they were Western March Browns, mayflies that look similar to the famous Eastern or American March Browns, but are actually of a different genus and only distantly related. (To add to the confusion, the name March Brown is derived from a third, unrelated English mayfly. Unlike the fly found in the eastern United States, which typically hatches in May, the western fly does at least follow its namesake and hatches in March.)

I had not had the time to tie many flies since arriving in the northwest, but I poked around my fly boxes, found a reasonable imitation, and began catching

fish. The hatch persisted and provided a fine afternoon of fishing. The rainbows were not large and there were a good many whitefish in the mix, but the fishing and the nice weather made for a satisfying day. And the fly I used was an old friend from the Catskills, Art Flick's version of the Gray Fox Variant.

In fly tying, the term "variant" is used in two distinct ways, one to describe a type of hackle neck, the other to describe a type of fly. In both cases the usage fits the common meaning of the word, and nothing would require or prevent a tier from using a variant hackle to tie a variant fly, but the uses are otherwise unrelated.

A variant hackle neck is a genetic deviant, a multicolored neck that doesn't fit any of the classic, pure color categories of dun, brown, ginger, and the like. Because individual variant necks are often unique, they are rarely listed as a component in published dressings for fly patterns or used to tie flies sold commercially. Regardless, their natural variegations can produce wonderful, life-like effects in both dry and subsurface flies.

A variant fly, regardless of hackle color, is a dry fly tied with proportions that deviate from commonly accepted standards. Specifically, the hackle and tail are tied long, the equivalent of a normally proportioned fly several hook sizes larger. The fly style emerged in Yorkshire in the late 19th century, during the same period when Halford and his disciples were developing the tenets for tying and fishing the modern dry fly on classic English chalk streams. Dr. William Baigent, an ardent tier from Northallerton, provided an alternative. He studied theories of light refraction and believed that optical patterns created by long-hackled dry flies provide a better imitation of fluttering wings than conventional flies. The long-hackled flies also floated well on swift currents and were less likely to spook trout in quiet water because they settled gently on the surface. He developed about a dozen fly patterns intended to imitate common local insects. The flies came to be known as "variants" to indicate that their proportions deviated from conventional standards. He later produced a series of flies that were marketed commercially by Hardy's as Refracta flies. These variants used dark-centered badger or furnace hackle or employed hackles of mixed length

– a short hackle to represent legs and a longer hackle to provide optical and floating qualities.

Several American tiers have experimented with the variant theme. Ray Bergman tied patterns with short wings, and he and Albert Barrell of Massachusetts preferred flies with two or more different colored hackles and short bodies. They often tied variants on short-shanked hooks, but most tiers used regular dry fly hooks to avoid the loss of hooking leverage associated with shorter shanks. Roy Donnelly developed the Donnelly Light and Dark Variants, flies with hackle-point wings that were popular in Wyoming's Teton country in the years after World War II.

The American with the most influence on the development of variants, however, was Preston Jennings. He corresponded with Baigent, and in 1935 popularized several variant patterns in his groundbreaking *A Book of Trout Flies*, essentially the first American book to include systematic identification of important aquatic insects and corresponding specific imitations. He described three long-hackled flies, the Blue, Cream, and Gray Fox Variants. All lacked wings and had bodies of gold or silver tinsel to add a little sparkle. Jennings liked to use variants when skittish fish were feeding in flat water at the tail of pools and specifically mentions using his Gray Fox Variant in this manner as an imitation of the Eastern Green Drake. This fly has a ginger tail, gold tinsel body, and a two-part hackle of ginger faced with grizzly.

Art Flick was heavily influenced by Jennings, and among the imitative flies in his famous *Streamside Guide to Naturals and their Imitations*, includes three variant flies, all modifications of Jennings' patterns. Flick lists one of these flies, his own version of the Gray Fox Variant, as an imitation of the Eastern Green Drake, but the fly was much more than that to Art. It became his favorite fly, and he used it far more than any other as a general searching pattern.

Flick gives Preston Jennings credit for his influence but considered his own version of the fly to be superior to Jennings'. Art's Gray Fox Variant (see photo) has no wings, a ginger tail, and a mix of three different colored hackles: dark ginger, grizzly, and

light ginger. Unlike Jennings' fly, the hackles are mixed together and do not form distinct color bands. As with all hackle, the feathers should be wrapped individually and not all at the same time. He could not explain why, but Art firmly believed that the fly worked best if the hackles were wound in the order given above. The fly's body is made from the stripped stem of a light ginger hackle, a body style originated by Flick. The quill provides a segmented look, a natural taper, and in many regions has now superseded the use of stripped peacock quill for dry fly bodies. Art sometimes tied this fly in very large sizes, but it is also useful in smaller versions, including ones, like the fly in the photo, where the hackle is only slightly oversized.

The hackle mix in Flick's fly provides a variegated, buggy look that is highly effective. And as I learned that March day in Oregon many years ago, the fly's utility extends far beyond its original intended use as an imitation of the Eastern Green Drake. The west slope of the Cascades is far from the Catskills and any populations of the Eastern Green Drake, but the fish feeding that day didn't seem to care. It looked just like a Western March Brown to them.



LOOKING FOR PICTURES

As publisher, not sure my grammar is good enough to be called an editor, I would like to include more pictures of club members and club activities. If you have a picture of a nice fish that you have caught or if you have a picture of a recent trip, e-mail a copy to troutal@att.net. Provide the name of anyone in the picture, the date, location and any information that you might like to provide.



Go Fish – Mandatory Training Date Set

by Malcolm Royce

All instructors and coaches for the **Go Fish Program** are required to go through training on March 22, 2008, at the Forest Park Visitor Center. The program runs from 8 am until 2 pm. This program is a really great way to bring fly fishing to young people and the Ozark Fly Fishers have stepped up in a big way in the past to help out. For questions, please call Malcolm Royce (636-329-1504) or Denise Otto – Missouri Department of Conservation (636-300-1953).



Ron Beasley demonstrates the “weave” used to tie his blue gill pattern. Other patterns tied in the Membership School were Joe’s Christmas Tree and Don’s Crayfish. See Malcolm Royce if you have a pattern that you would like to see included in next year’s Membership School tying classes.



AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN...NAME TAGS:

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. Also, bonus tickets to the raffle are an added incentive if you are wearing your name badge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



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Is your dubbing needle often covered with dried head cement? Here's a solution. Take a stainless steel pot scrubber and stuff as much of it as you can into a 35 mm film canister. Cut off the excess with tin snips. If you've used the old metal style canister, pierce the lid with your dubbing needle. If you've used the plastic container, punch a hole in the top with a hole punch. Replace the lid on the filled canister and you're done. After using the needle to apply head cement,



shove it into the canister. When next you need it, the needle will be clean and smooth. Build a holder on your tying table to anchor the head cement and needle cleaner side-by-side, then you can use them with one hand



*The Angler must entice, not
command his reward.....*

Gervase Markham



MO Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) Cold Water Fund / Mill Creek

by Lou Juranas

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.

Contributions received as of this month's newsletter have been mailed, and MCHF will be mailing letters of acknowledge to the following donors:

Support level:
Mike Fischer

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Al Bourisaw
Bob Temper

Current Member contributions:
\$6,403.00

Ozark Fly Fishers contributions:
\$6,403.00

Remaining Pledge to be made
\$2,194.00



At the club's banquet in January, President Mike Swederska recognized club member Dr. George Bohigian for his efforts to preserve portions of Mill Creek for the next generation of fly fishers. Dr. Bohigian's sale/contribution of 365 acres along Mill Creek to the Department of Conservation has made this jewel available for stream improvements that will protect the native trout and allow them to prosper.



Welcome New Members

Eric Abernathy St. Louis, Mo	Miles T. Barnett, Jr. High Ridge, MO
Dennis J. Beste Marthasville, MO	Richard Conant Arnold, MO
Kevin Grossnicklaus Ellisville, MO	David Koellner Eureka, MO
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Random Thoughts – How Big is Your Box?

by Ty Livingstone

I must have been in a trance...hypnotized by the sound of money jingling in my pocket...lulled into a dream state by the "Siren's Song". What was I thinking? What am I talking about? Here is the scene; this holiday season I went to the world's biggest BIG BOX (starts with a "W") in search of a gift and bought my wife a new-fangled DVD player (it even plays the ancient technology known as VHS on the same unit). I asked the department manager for help and got Mr. Snot Nosed Technology Genius That Thinks Everyone Else is a Moron (especially me). After putting up with his psychological abuse, I found the unit that I thought we needed. I asked him if it would work with our set-up at home. He responded, "it should if the coaxilator connects to the discombobulator and runs through the hemointoxinator – but make sure you have the sidewinded domathingahicky fed to the back of the unit." I said, "No problem" and went home utterly depressed. Christmas comes...she opens the gift...loves it...questions whether it will work or not so she can tape and watch her shows...and I say, "No problem" (for the second time). I got to hook it up and nothing works. Perfect. What I do next finds me guilty of the crime and I stand convicted. I run up the nearest Radio Shack (small box) and tell the manager there of my dilemma. I explain what is wrong and he proceeds to tell me I need the Turbo Charged Cable Regulator Instigator (or something like that), goes and gets it and scores the sale. As I was paying, I see a stack of DVD players off to the side and I sheepishly ask, "Oh, you guys have those here?" and he says, proudly, "Yes!" I should have bought it there in the first place. What I received was a good attitude, simple answers and solutions, and service with a smile. When I get home, I hook it up and, viola, it works. What is that worth? Plenty!

Look...I like a deal as much as the next guy. But I also know that you can be haunted by the "get what you pay for" program. We live in a culture that has become addicted to those big boxes and there is a price to pay. It has happened in a number of industries (think hardware stores, sporting goods stores, department stores, and much more) and it dramatically changes the landscape of our

communities. Look around you...look hard. It is not a pretty sight. Now look to your local fly shop. The same thing has happened in the fly fishing industry (and hunting, and other outdoor pursuits).

When Trout Unlimited and The Federation of Fly Fishers were spreading across the country and adding clubs and chapters decades ago, the local fly shop owners were usually one of the first to step in and commit their resources (time, money, donations...blood, sweat, and tears) to the cause. Many local clubs grew and thrived thanks to the selfless efforts of these unsung heroes. Ask around and you will find this to be true. How time forgets. I know this was true in our area and others as well. These entrepreneurs have worked very hard for many years building their businesses, only to have their business cannibalized by big competitors. It is tough out there and the least we can do is support our local fly shop. It is the right thing to do.

The moral of the story – you get to pick the size of box that you want to shop (and live) in. It is most certainly a free country and the choice is yours. But, we all have to live with those choices and every decision that we make has a consequence – good or otherwise. All I am asking you to do is to think about the effects of those choices that you make. Please. Thank you.

On a different note, one of the great things about having grandkids is tapping into all of their talent to figure out technology. I had them set me up with an e-mail and a place to post my columns online that I have written over the past several years. If you would to see all of my articles in one place, you can visit my blog at: <http://tylivingstone.blogspot.com/> and if you want to drop me an e-mail you can do so at tylivingstone@gmail.com – I will return the e-mail if I can figure out how to work my computer. Next up on my list is learning how to work my cell phone – wish us luck. Man, do I feel dumb. You already know how I interface with audio/visual equipment. As a side-note, my momma always told me "Ty, you are not stupid...just a little slow – and there is a difference." I loved my momma...she was good to me. Thanks, mom, for loving a son that only a mother could love. You think about that. TL



2008 ANNUAL BANQUET FEATURED SPEAKER: ZACH MATTHEW

by Kevin Miquelon

A good time was had by all this year at the banquet and one of the challenges we have every year is the fact that we have so much activity going on. Fellowshiping, cocktailing, fish tales, shopping for silent auction items, the multiple raffles, the big auction, the presentation and awards, and so on. With all that going on, it is sometimes easy to get lost in the shuffle. We had a very special speaker this year at our banquet, Zach Matthews, and he had to fight for our attention in the middle of all that. He gave a very interesting presentation and had some unique and interesting things to share with us. He covered his tours of the Simms plant and the Orvis rod factory, and gave some terrific insights on taking photographs while fishing – and kept it fast paced and upbeat. If you weren't there, you missed lots of fun.



First of all, who the heck is Zach Matthews? To me, he is almost a “Super Hero” type of character. By day, Zach Matthews; ordinary attorney schlepping to work in a suit and tie, attending deposition hearings, meeting with judges and attorneys, representing his clients...and, by night – Super Angler! He has an entire additional career in the fly fishing world. After spending the day fishing with Zach on the Meramec, I have determined that it would be a near impossibility for him to sleep. He spends 12 hours a day practicing law and the other 12 hours fishing, writing about fishing, photographing fishing, and running his spectacular web-site, The Itinerant Angler (www.itinerantangler.com). That leaves exactly zero hours for

catching Z's. He did carve out a weekend to come present to our club and, for that, we can be thankful.

Zach hails from the Ozarks and began fly fishing when he was 18. He was born and raised near Rogers Arkansas and graduated from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas with a major in English and History. He continued on to Law School at the University of Tennessee. He practices law in the Atlanta, Georgia area and his wife, Lauren Holt Matthews, is getting her Ph.D. at Emory University and is involved in outdoor pursuits as well. This couple has lots in common – the outdoors, writing, photography, and high IQ's. In addition to his web-site, Zach and Lauren have had their photography and writing published in Fly Fisherman, The Drake, and others and he is also Contributing Writer and editor for American Angler. His adventures have taken him all over the world.

You owe it to yourself to make a trip to his web-site – The Itinerant Angler – www.itinerantangler.com – and surf around a little bit. It is really a community and has lots of interesting stuff on it; great message boards, blogs, photos, and the most important thing of note is Zach's “pod-casts”. For those of you that don't know what that is a pod-cast is an audio file that you can download and play on your computer, or burn on a CD, or place onto an MP3 player (i-pod, Zune, or other musical device). Zach has interviewed some wonderful folks including Lefty Kreh, Bruce, Richards, Conway Bowman, Jason Borger, The Trout Bums, K.C. Walsh - the owner of Simms, Ted Juracsik – owner of Tibor Reels, and many more. There are 35 episodes in all and more to come. What makes his pod-casts so engaging is the unique angle that he takes on his questions. He goes beyond the obvious. They really are enjoyable. I have an offer for you – if you can't figure out how to download these files, come see me and I will burn them on CD's for you. You won't be sorry.

You will be hearing lots of good things about Zach Matthews for many years to come. You can tell your fishing buddies that you knew him when...good luck Zack! We hope to cross paths with you again sometime soon.



LAST CHANCE...ACT NOW! SHIRT EMBROIDERY WITH OFF LOGO FINAL, FINAL, FINAL SHIRT ORDER FOR 2008!!!

The Ozark Fly Fishers logo embroidery can be applied to any shirt you own. Bring the shirt you want embroidered to the February 2008 meeting with your name clearly marked somewhere in the garment (best method is masking tape and a Sharpie) with any notes regarding where you would like the logo placed (left chest is standard placement) and exactly how you want your name to appear. They will be brought back to the March 2008 meeting. *Cost for embroidery on your shirt will be \$10.00 per shirt. Names can be embroidered for \$6.00 and name & title is \$7.00.* Make checks payable to Ozark Fly Fishers – due at the time you are placing your order. **This will be the last time that we will do embroidery for a while!**



GO FISH program needs volunteers!

Tilles Park, February 16, 2008 12:30 – 3:30

OFF will participate in the 'Go Fish' program to introduce young anglers to fly fishing and the practice of catch-n-release. The pond will be stocked the day prior to the program to ensure a positive experience. We need a minimum of 10 members to assist.

This is a great new program that has been very successful due in part to OFF's participation. Come out and help us share our favorite sport with the next generation of anglers!

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by Cliff Parmer

The origin of this pattern is Toby Vaughn's E-Z Hopper, which may be seen at www.flyangleronline.com.



Like most tyers I've added a couple of my own refinements. I use this fly for panfish and bass on streams and lakes and tie it primarily on size 6 and 10 hooks to avoid the hassle of removing sardine-sized fish.

You may tie this fly in pretty much any color that draws a reaction; yellow with bright red or pink legs or black with yellow legs has been suggested and there's always green with green legs. My own experience has been best with plain old brown. Here are the components:

Hook: 3XL standard weight (Any 3XL hook will work due to the floatation)

Thread: Tan Unithread 6/0, or color to match foam

Body Extension/Underbody: 2mm craft foam, color of choice.

Body: Medium chenille, color to match foam (Brown or goldenrod yellow for brown foam)

Hackle: Saddle or hen hackle, color to match body.

Overawing: Deer hair, color of choice (Brown or black seems to work well for brown hoppers).

Legs: One stand of medium rubber legs on each side of the body. (The original recipe uses color to provide sharp contrast to body. I use dark brown for a brown hopper.)

Cut a strip of foam about the width of the hook gap or slightly wider. I find 1/4" works well for #10 hooks and 5/16" for #6. Cut the strip into pieces about 1-3/4 times the hook shank length and trim one end to provide a tapered end of the abdomen.

Starting at the hook eye, lay a base layer of thread back to just before the hook bend. Lay the foam strip on top of the hook with the tapered end extending about 1/2 the hook shank length. Bend the foam over the shank and tie in with 3 or 4 soft wraps to start followed by firm wraps back to about

1 eye width behind the eye. Make a couple of passes to bind the foam firmly to the hook ending back at the hook bend. (You might want to consider using superglue between the foam and thread base but I've not found it necessary.) Leave the excess foam projecting past the hook eye, it will form the head later.

(The original recipe palmer the hackle for the full length of the body; however, I prefer to tie this fly thorax style and so will use that approach in the following steps.) Lay the end of the chenille on top of the hook shank and bind it in with thread wraps back to the hook bend. Wrap the chenille to slightly behind the halfway point of the shank and tie in the hackle by the tip with shiny side facing toward the eye so the fibers point to the rear when palmered. Wrap the thread forward to about 1 eye length behind the eye, then wrap the chenille forward, tie it in and clip the end. Palmer the hackle forward and tie in as well. Make 3 or 4 turns of hackle. Trim the top of the hackle off.

Cut a bunch of deer hair about the diameter of a pencil, clean it and even up the tips. Tie the deer hair on top of the body using soft wraps to start and make a few wraps back toward the hook bend. The idea is to keep the hair together as much as possible in this step rather than flare it. The tops of the hair should extend slightly behind the foam strip. After tying in the hair, clip the butts and apply head cement to help hold the hair in place. Wrap the thread back toward the hook bend slightly less than the width of the hook gap.

Fold the foam back over the hook shank and bind it in place with a few wraps of thread. Trim the foam to about 1/8 to 3/16-inch behind the wraps.

Lay one strand of leg on the side of the body below the folded-back foam head and make a couple of wraps then do the same with the leg on the other side. Make a couple of whip finish wraps, apply head cement and you're ready to fish.

This fly can be set down with either a solid thwack or settled gently on the surface, depending upon your casting skill and style. Once the chenille gets Wet it will settle down into the film so it looks lifelike. Give it lots of jiggles and have fun.

The "New Guy"

by Malcolm Royce

I have accepted the task of directing the education programs offered by Ozark Fly Fishers, and this is quite an honor (and a bit scary).

First, to follow Al is really making things easy, as he has set up a truly great program full of videos, props and other things. It will take a while to get on my feet, and I ask for your patience. I don't know many of you and don't know what you have done in the past. I have been told of the "good ol' days," how things have changed, and many other such stories. But, these are my "good ol' days" with the Ozark Fly Fishers, and I hope to do you all proud. Please feel free to share your ideas or concerns about the education program with me, and I'll see how they can be addressed.

One of the first ideas given to me was by a friend at *Hargrove's*. He told me how much a member enjoyed the "buddy system" at our Bennett outing and wanted to see more training (i.e. casting, presentation, reading waters) as part of our outings. This seems like a good idea to me also.

Also this year, look for a lot of **Stream Team** activities. The training and education necessary for Stream Team activities will be available through State Programs beginning May 30th at Montauk. This will be the Water Quality Training Program which is a level 1 training. For more information, contact Priscilla Stotts at priscilla.stotts@dnr.mo.gov or call 573-526-3406.



Remember the Missouri Trout Park season opens on March 1st. Anyone going?



Conservation

by Wallis w. Warren

The angler forgets most of the fish he catches, but he does not forget the streams and lakes in which they are caught." - Charles K. Fox

Missouri Natural Resources Conference:

We are off to a busy start of this new year on the conservation front. As part of the process of picking up the reins as Conservation Director, Bob Temper and I attended the Missouri Natural Resources Conference at Tan-Tar-A the end of January. A wealth of information was presented, with many organizations represented. In a 'divide and conquer' approach, Bob attended a session focused on 'Connecting People to their Watershed – Recruiting Public Involvement in Watershed Protection Efforts' and I attended the session focused on 'Protecting Land and Natural Resources through Land Trusts and Conservation Easements'.

Both sessions provided useful information for us to bring to those members interested in safeguarding the quality of our watersheds and protecting these important resources for future generations.

OFF member Terry Finger is recipient of MoAFS' special recognition award:

A highlight for us was the presentation by MoAFS (Missouri American Fisheries Society) of a special recognition award to OFF member, Terry Finger: "for his efforts on behalf of aquatic resources..."

Because of his efforts...Missouri streams enjoy enhanced protection from undue disturbance and unnecessary impact...for [his] consistent, energetic and effective support of good stream management and the protection of Missouri's aquatic resources." Terry is a vital contributor to OFF's sustained efforts to address water quality through our legislative process, and we look forward to his continued support.

Conservation Lobby Day
Volunteers needed!

This annual event is designed for Conservation groups to discuss issues that will be addressed during this or upcoming legislative sessions. This will be a great opportunity to accompany other members of OFF, meeting legislators that have a direct role in developing the legislation that affects our natural resources, and observe how our local government works. Numbers are important, so simply being present will be a valuable contribution! Conservation Lobby Day is held at the State Capitol from 9am to 3pm (lunch is provided) If you have ever felt that you would like to do more for our club and our resources, this is the perfect opportunity. If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact me. Car pool arrangements will be made.

Survey: Water Resources Center – what do YOU think about wetlands?:

SOWBUG ROUNDUP 2008
A CELEBRATION OF FLY FISHING
March 13, 14, & 15, 2008
Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center
307 W. North St. Mt. Home, Arkansas
Demonstration by 100+ Expert Tyers
Seminars, Tying, and Casting Instruction
Sponsored by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers

In order to determine what value is being placed on preserving wetlands, the DNR is asking us to answer a series of questions. Why is it important to preserve wetlands? Wetlands can provide habitat for fish and wildlife, in addition to providing recreation areas for people. Wetlands store floodwaters and maintain surface water flow during dry periods. Wetlands protect and improve water quality. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey, and help the DNR understand the importance we place on this vital ecosystem. Go to <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wrc/survey.htm> to submit your comments.

Stream Team #31 – Water Monitoring Workshop – Montauk May 30,31:

It is not too late to register for the Water Monitoring Workshop to be held at Montauk State Park. The Searcy Building has been reserved, and as special consideration to anglers, the intensive one day program has been split into a two day program to allow time for fishing at the park. For additional information about the program or register, contact Priscilla Stotts, DNR at Priscilla.stotts@dnr.mo.gov or check our website for an itinerary. If you are a beginner, or have attended this workshop before and would like a refresher, all are welcome!



Ozark Fly Fishers

Fly Fishing Classes – See article elsewhere in February newsletter

February 22-24 th	Conservation Confederation Convention	Lodge 4 Seasons		
February 23 rd	All Day Program	Bob Clouser	Dog Museum	9:00 – 4:00
March 11 th	Newsletter Deadline – Get your articles to Al Bourisaw	314.487.2120		
or troutal@att.net				
March 13-16 th	Sow Bug	NAFF	Mt. Home, Ark	
March 22 nd	Go Fish Training	MDC	Forest Park	9:00 – 2:00
March 22 nd	Tie In/Chili Cook-off	Ted Calcaterra	Graham's Club House	9:00 – 2:00
March 27 th	General Membership	Terry & Roxanne Wilson	Queeny	7:00 – 9:00
April 11 th	Newsletter Deadline – Get your articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for more information		
April 19 th	Warm Water Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Meramec	TBA
April 24 th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny	7:00 – 9:00
May 11 th	Newsletter Deadline – Get your articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for more information		
May 18 th	Women's Outing	TBA		
May 22 nd	General Membership	TBA	Queeny	7:00 - 9:00
May 30-31 st	Intr Water Quality Class	MDC	Montauk	Mornings
June 11 th	Newsletter Deadline – Get your articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for more information		
June 26 th	General Membership	B-B-Q/Casting	Tilles Park	5:00 -
July 11 th	Newsletter Deadline – Get your articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for more information		
July 24 th	General Membership	Smith Outfitters	Queeny	7:00 – 9:00
August 11 th	Newsletter Deadline			
Aug. 22-24 th	FYA Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk	
Aug 28 th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny	7:00 – 9:00
Sept. 12-14 th	Eleven Pt Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Eleven Pt. River	
Oct. 2-5 th	Southern Council Conclave		Mt. Home, Ark	
Oct 23 rd	General Membership	TBA	Queeny	7:00 – 9:00
Nov. 7-9 th	Catch-N-Release Outing	Russ Hill	Bennett Springs	



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