



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the fly tying sessions. I know I like learning new patterns & refreshing myself on others.

A friend of mine recently told me he's taking a trip to the Grand Canyon in June. He'll be hiking down to the bottom, camping, then hiking back up. During this trip he plans to do some fly fishing & has asked me to tie the flies for his trip. It's a big undertaking, but I'm excited to do it and help make his trip more memorable. He already did the hard work & spoke with a park ranger out there who gave him a list of the top patterns, colors, and sizes. I'll let you all know how it went after his trip.

In more tying news, my wife & I will be attending the Sowbug Roundup for the first time in late March. Unfortunately, I'll miss our banquet, but I'm excited to see Sowbug and all the activities there. Plus tour the WAPSI headquarters. I know during this time, our banquet will go great! We have a bunch of great items & it's always fun to socialize with each other. So please, if you haven't already, buy your banquet ticket(s).

God Bless,
Justin

FLY TYING SESSIONS

Fly Tying sessions have concluded for the year and we had some great patterns. A huge thank you to John Walther and Michael Collins for leading our regular sessions again this seasons. John even demonstrated a foam beetle to give us an extra at the last session. Alo, thank you to anyone who helped prep for the regular sessions and/or the beginners sessions. Your help was greatly appreciated to make everything successful.

If you know of a pattern that you would like to see at next year's sessions please let John Walther know. Mentioning a pattern now, gives John the time to research the pattern, gather the materials, and learn the steps to tie it.

We are planning on having two fly boxes with two of each of the patterns tied at this year's banquet. If you would like a chance at them, get your ticket now! The following photos are a reminder of just some of the patterns you could acquire:



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On March 1st anyone that has not paid their annual renewal fees will be placed on the inactive list. What this means is you will no longer receive the newsletter or any other pertinent information about future club doings. That is not to say that you couldn't be reinstated and we would love to have everyone continue to be a member. We do a lot of great things at a very reasonable fee. You can show up to a Tuesday monthly meeting or an informal Tuesday gathering. You could line something up with Jack Kramer or mail your \$20 check payable to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFF to:

Jack Kramer
Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

MARCH BANQUET

The deadline to purchase banquet tickets is March 18 and it is fast approaching. At last count, we had 43 tickets sold and need to see that number climb. The American Legion makes great fried chicken and pot roast and you will get your fill. That alone is enough for me to show up.

Come enjoy a night of camaraderie with other members. We will have several giveaway prizes, attendance prizes, and the annual participation prize. You must attend the banquet to be eligible.



All members are welcome. Your annual membership includes the whole household, so bring the entire family. If you have visitors that weekend, bring them along. If you have any potential new members, invite them.

Banquet Information:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Time: Happy Hour ---- 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Supper ---- 5:30 – needed
Giveaways/Club business(if needed) ---- after supper
Location: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERRY FORCK

At the last fly tying session we celebrated Jerry Forck's 90th Birthday. Please be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday! Here is Jerry enjoying a piece of birthday cake. He is still tying with the best of them.

CLUB OUTINGS

Our summer outings have been set. Please mark your calendars for the following:

May 12 at Binder Park – Jefferson City

June 9 at Countryside Park – Taos

July 14 at Jaycee Park (County Park) – Jefferson City

We will need volunteers to be the event coordinators for May and June. July will be the club pizza outing.

CFM CONSERVATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Conservation Day at the Capitol will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. For the last several years, we have put a group together to participate in the event. I hope we can once again show our support for Missouri conservation efforts and do the same again this year! Expect the event to run from 7 am to 1 pm on the third floor rotunda at the state capitol. We typically have 2 to 3 members tying flies and 1 to 2 members in front of the table to bring people in to learn about the club. So check your calendar to see how much time you can volunteer for at the event. If we get enough people we can split up the day. Sign up at the March meeting or let Justin Beyer know.



This crew took a trip to Montauk.
Not pictured – Mike Dean



Ken catching one at the bend



Doug with one in the net

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

If you have not signed up for water quality monitoring, here is your chance:

Water Quality Monitoring Training:

Level 1 videos https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy

Level 1 Step #2 - Streamside Field Certification

During the field certification, you will practice monitoring methods at a stream site under the direction of Missouri Stream Team staff. These trainings are offered in the spring and fall at multiple locations across Missouri. Registration closes two weeks prior to each training class.

Location: Columbia

Date: Saturday, March 28th

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The items below are from the Stream Team Channels newsletter:

Missouri Leadership Pushes Data Center Development. TU is extremely concerned about the water consumption, heating and pollution. Massive data centers can use as much water as a large city. Acres of computers running 24 x 7 require huge amounts of water to cool them. The hot water discharged cannot support trout. In addition, the cooling system often results in chemical residue in the discharged water. TU Nation will issue a policy and the Climate Change Workgroup is producing training. The workgroup will lead discussions on AI/Data Centers at all 4 regionals.

[Missouri Leadership Pushes Data Center Development Despite Electricity, Environmental Fears](#) - KOMU

WHAT NEW ENERGY POLICIES MEAN FOR AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS:

Should oil and gas development be a priority over angling, hunting, and other outdoor recreation? It's up to you to make your voice heard about how much you care for our public lands. Read more here: https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/advocacy/navigating-public-land-oil-and-gas-leasing/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=0bNk4

RESTORING SALMON HABITAT IN ALASKA

When the AK bug bites, it bites hard, rarely releasing folks from its grasp. That is true of TU staffer and commercial fisherman Aaron Prussian, who works on restoration projects in the Tongass National Forest, ensuring healthy habitat for salmon all while bolstering the local economy and putting food on his family's dinner table. It's a job that's a dream come true for this Alaska transplant. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NjA5MjQ1JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NDY2NjkwMA/index.html>

Where to See Bald Eagles

Where to See Bald Eagles in Missouri this Winter Season

417 Magazine

Lower-than-Usual Runoff Expected for Missouri River Basin

Lower-than-usual Runoff Expected for Missouri River Basin this Year

News Tribune

Concern for Water Shortages and Wildfires in Western US

Record Snow Drought in Western US Raises Concern for Water Shortages and Wildfires

ABCNews

From TU:

TROUT TYING TIP - PAT'S RUBBER LEGS:

Learn how to tie this effective pattern. The rubber legs can be tough, but with this video tip, you'll get them

down. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NjE5NTk0JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NDkzMjY5MQ/index.html>

TROUT TIP - ADDING WEIGHT:

To get nymphs into the ideal strike zone, adding weight is sometimes necessary. Learn the how and when with this week's tip video from

Orvis. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NTc3NTlwJnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01MzkzMDMyMQ/index.html>

TROUT TYING TIP - SIMPLE MIDGE

Start your fly tying career with this simple pattern that's highly

effective. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NjA5MjQ1JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NDY2NjkwOQ/index.html>

Hope you are getting out to fish,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

**Please share
your fly fishing
stories, photos,
events, and/or
gear by
submitting
something to
the newsletter.**

The Trout Park Openers are March 1.
That's Tomorrow.
Are You Ready??!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENT

March

- March 1 – Opening Day of Catch and Keep fishing at trout parks
- March 3 – Informal Gathering
- March 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 6-8 – 90th Annual CFM Convention
- March 7 – Men’s Trout Fishing Tournament – Montauk State Park
- March 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- March 14 – Ladies Trout Fishing Tournament – Montauk State Park
- March 17 – Informal Gathering
- March 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 24 – Informal Gathering
- March 26-28 – Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR
- March 28 – CCFB Banquet – American Legion Post 5
- March 31 – Conservation Day at the Capitol
- March 31 – Informal Gathering

April

- April 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 7 – Informal Gathering
- April 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- April 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 18 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- April 21 – Informal Gathering
- April 23 – Senior Citizen’s Trout Fishing Tournament – Montauk State Park
- April 28 – Informal Gathering

May

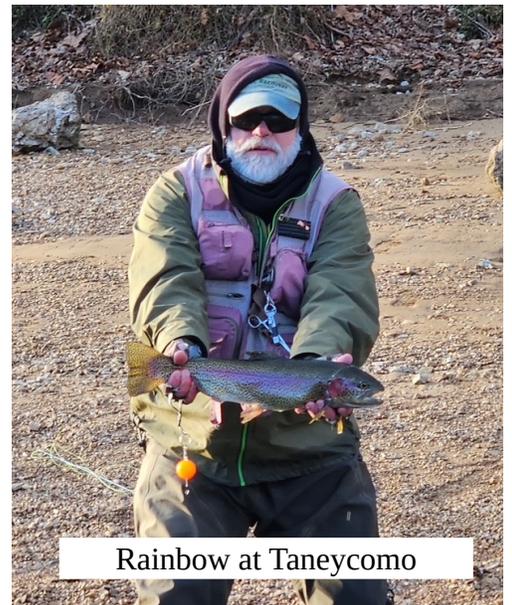
- May 2 – Kids Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- May 2 – Spring Kids Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- May 5 – Informal Gathering
- May 7 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- May 12 – Club Outing – Binder Park
- May 19 – Informal Gathering
- May 21 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- May 26 – Informal Gathering

June

- June 2 – Informal Gathering
- June 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 6 – Kids Fishing Derby – Binder Park
- June 6-7 – Missouri Free Fishing Weekend
- June 9 – Club Outing – Countryside Park - Taos
- June 16 – Informal Gathering
- June 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 23 – Informal Gathering
- June 30 – Informal Gathering



John and his new fly tying friend



Rainbow at Taneycomo

29th Annual International Sowbug Roundup

The Delicate Dry Fly
March 26th – 28th of 2026

9:00am to 4:00pm each day
Baxter County Fairgrounds
Mountain Home, AR

Entry Fees

\$10.00 for all three days

-or-

Adults with kids under 12 admitted free

-or-

NAFF Members Admitted Free

