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### **A message from the president...Just Plain Jerry**

#### March Pres. Message

Well March is here and the crowds have arrived at the state parks. It sounds like they had enough people to lasso all of the fish in the stream if the people could get untangled from each other. It sounds like Governor Holden's sons had their problems. There may not have been enough funds in the State Budget for bait. Reg, maybe you should invite the boys to the next Dare Day.

It won't be long now before it will be a little more comfortable to go after the fish. I know about seven or eight guys and ladies who will be prepared with flies to go. This group has been meeting pretty regular on Wednesday nights, in spite of Jim Farthing's making the snow gods unhappy. Keep trying Jim; you will soon be able to schedule an event without the probability of snow. We may want you to visit with the rain gods before long. Some of the Ozark streams need water to support any kind of a fish population.

I have seen some awesome rods that have been built by members since the last meeting. I have seen the rod that Larry Griffen built for the attendance prize at the banquet. As is usual with anything that Larry undertakes, he built a beautiful rod. Be sure to be at the banquet for your chance at the rod. Larry and Ken Scott are passing up an opportunity to win the rod and mingle with us to go to Michigan to fish for steelhead. They have been tying great looking flies to go with them.

I just got off of the phone with Bob Gaston. Last week while he was visiting his heart specialist in Springfield, he dropped by the MDC office. As Bob put it, "I won one and lost one." He feels like the Holland Dam discussion is far from over but they did accept his recommendations concerning materials for creating flies and are sending them to Jeff City for further considerations. Bob feels that these changes will be incorporated in the 2004 regulations. Bob has also agreed to send us the pattern for the Bennett Springs Hot Fly of the Month to be published in the Newsletter.

Rob tells me that the banquet is coming together very well. He needs support in ticket sales as well as donations for the auctions. We will have two Winston rods to be auctioned along with flies from Mark Van Patten, Bob Hook, Larry Griffen, Ken Scott and Larry Branson. Michelle Farthing has even promised me that she will have a fly ready for the banquet. Pat Koenigsfeld is going to bring one of those delicious cheese cakes.

See you at the March 11 meeting with a request for more Banquet tickets.

#### Bennett Springs Hottest

Name: Bob's Miniature White Wooly

Hook: Mustad 94840 or TMC100

Size: 18,20or 22

Thread: White

Body: Pearl Lagarton

Hackle: Palmered white

Directions: Tie in the hackle feather and the Lagarton body material. Wrap the body with one layer of body material and tie it off. Palmer the hackle forward, making 4 turns to reach the eye of a #20 fly. (Use more turns or less for larger or smaller hooks.) Tie off hackle, whip finish the head and cement.

## **Club Members Bio's**

### **Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting at ABB. Start Time is 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held at ABB. Start Time is 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Nights Fly Tying at ABB. Every Wednesday night a group of fly tiers get together to tie flies for the upcoming fishing season. This will continue until further notice.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Stream Team Clean up Little Saline Creek

April 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.

### **Next Club Meeting**

The next club meeting will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at ABB. Gabe Cross

Fly-fishing Guide from Cotter, Arkansas Specializes in the Norfolk & White River.

Gabe will speak about both rivers, showing slides, and tying some of his favorite flies.

### **Fish Tales**

### **Club Outing**

We don't have another outing planned at this time.

### **For Sale or Trade**

**Please send let me know about items that you have for sale or trade. I can be contacted at 573-897-3210 or by e-mail at mzabbod@mail.dmh.state.mo.us. or dca4568@midamerica.net**

**Larry Griffen has a Columbia Sportswear Breathable XL Rain Jacket for sale if interested call Larry at 893-3729**

**For Sale: Fish Cat U shaped belly boat...used once...bought at the clubs last auction for 150.00....will sell for 75.00 with fins...CALL LARRY GRIFFEN at 893-3729.**

**For Sale: 20' AFF custom fiberglass White River jon boat.  
25 hp Yamaha 4-stroke outboard motor, livewell, Garmin 240 fishlocator, bilge pump, onboard charger, 24v 54# thrust Minnkota trolling motor, lots of storage, maint. free interior, casting decks, one-of-a-kind. With trailer. \$6,500.  
Call RICH LOOTEN IN COLUMBIA at 219-1368**

### **March MEETING**

The March meeting will be held at ABB. Don't forget we will have a special speaker by the name of Gabe Cross. He will be doing a presentation on fishing the White and Norfolk Rivers.