



August, 2024

**Message from the Prez -**

*It sure has been nice to have a reprieve from the hot weather the last couple weeks. I hope that everyone was able to get outside and have some fun. I'm going to enjoy it while I can because it looks like the forecast shows it warming up again.*

*Monthly member meetings are back and we had our first one this past Tuesday on August 13. We talked about some upcoming events. Most importantly the women's fishing day at Bennett Spring. A list was passed around to sign up to help at the event. If you were unable to make the meeting you can still help at Women's Fishing Day. We could still use a few more volunteers to make the day go by easier and if it's not too busy, you might have to fish. Please let me know. Thanks!!!*

*Our Vice President, Justin was fortunate to get a couple of fly tying heavy hitters for the meeting. Thank you to John Walther and Michael Collins for demonstrating the many uses of all the feathers on a pheasant. It's nice to see all feathers utilized and not wasted.*

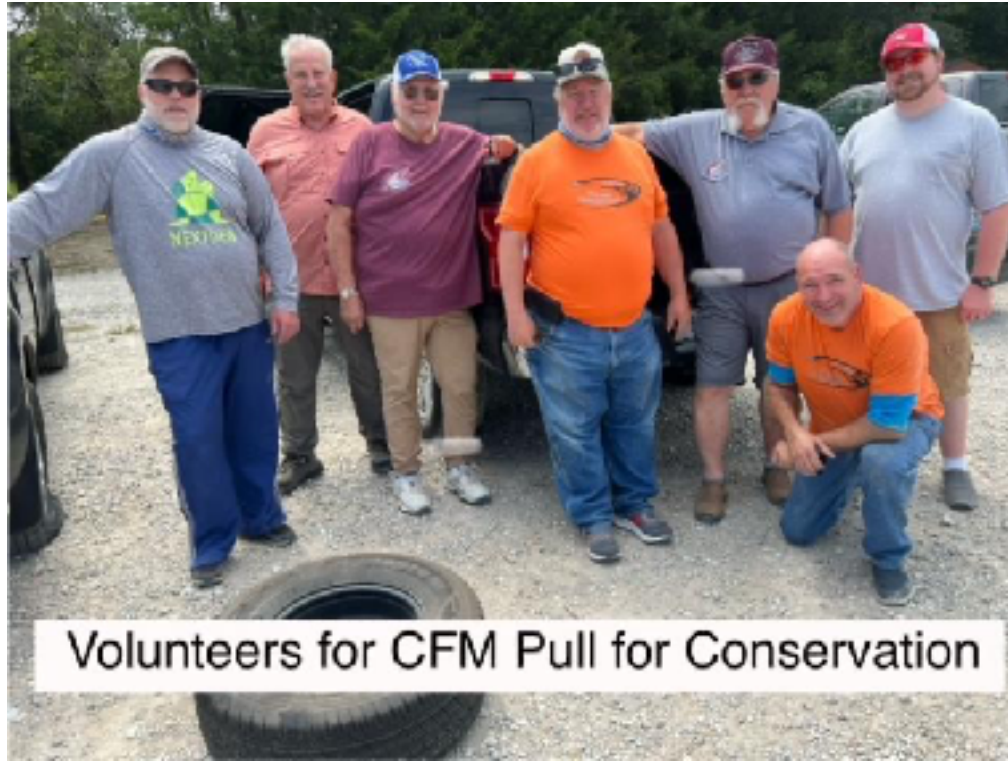
*Over the last month or so I have visited Bennett Spring a few times. I have been joined by Phil Wisch and/or my dad. The water was low and catching wasn't as frequent, but fun was had each time. I most often fish with an indicator, but have been trying a sink tip lately. The change in technique has been most enjoyable and I will continue to vary things up a bit.*

*Get out and fish,  
Greg Curtin, President*

***CFM Pull for Conservation***

*I want to thank everyone that helped out at the CFM poll for conservation on August 10. You all helped to earn the club \$250 which we can then put back into our dues for the CFM. It was an enjoyable experience, watching the competitors and being able to interact with them. Other than the hike out to the field, where we were stationed, everything ran pretty smooth during the event. If you look closely at the volunteer photo, you can see a spare tire on the*

*ground, which added for a little extra curricular activity after the event. Thanks again for coming out and supporting the club.*



***Kid's fishing day***

*A although we are still tying some flies for the women's fishing day in September, we should also start thinking about flies for kids fishing day in November. We will do a similar thing and have a fly box giveaway. Flies should be dual purpose for both fly rod and spin rod. Thanks in advance.*

*Fish on and catch some,*

*Greg Curtin*

*President*

***Other BUSINESS Committee help Requested***

***1) Volunteers for September 28<sup>th</sup> – Women's Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park***

*We have a couple members meetings before Women's Fishing Day on September 28th, but it will be here before we know it! I have heard from a handful of people that will help at the event. That is a good start, but I need to hear from more! As I have said in previous comments we would like 12-15 people from the club to be involved. If we have 15 members available we*

*could take shifts for some things. That means more fishing possible!!! We will have several roles to fill. Here's what we need so far:*

*3-4 fly tying*

*2 handing out fly boxes*

*2-3 at giveaway station*

*1 offer club membership information*

*2-3 to be available to help on the water*

*1 photo taker to record event happenings*

*1 talking about the health benefits of fly fishing*

*1 for random tasks to keep things moving*

*Please contact me via phone, text, or email. My work schedule can vary, so if you phone, please do so between 6 pm and 9 pm. Text or email would be best.*

*Phone# 651-492-4025*

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*Thanks,*

*Greg Curtin*

### ***October 5th Events***

***With the 100th year anniversary of Bennett Spring State Park and the Redington Home Waters event happening on the same day it would be a great opportunity for club members to get together for an out of town outing and enjoy a day of different activities. If you don't want to fish, there will be many more events going on all day. We could even set up a group lunch if we have enough people interested. Let's talk about it at the next meeting.***

***Side note: If anyone is interested in joining me, I will be going from Bennett to Branson at the end of the day on October 5th. The browns start to move upstream at Taneycomo and it's a fun time. I have booked a 3 bedroom place for checking in Saturday and then checking out Monday, October 7th. Let me know if you are interested. Greg***

### ***November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park***

- 1. Please try to make these dates available to help. Fishing time will be possible after each event.***

***We need everyone's help. Please participate!!!! Thank you.***

***Please help the team,***

***Greg Curtin***

## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

*We recognized Greg and Rick for years of faithful monitoring. It was great to have Bob, Bobby, Lincoln and Kara come for the first time. Since we plan around Greg's schedule, we will **monitor next on Saturday, October 19**, so mark your calendars.*

### **Water Quality Monitoring:**

#### **Level 1 training:**

*Part 1 has 8 virtual sessions and you can access them here: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy\\_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy)*

*Part 2 the field certification will be September 21 from 9am - 2:30 pmat the Hinkson Creek Trailhead, 2100 E Broadway Suite 106 Columbia, MO 65201. Register here: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/201970>*

*Level 2 and 3 certification and recertification will be available in Jefferson City July 20. It will be from 9 to noon. The passcode to register is A9B2 and this is the link: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/PrivateEvents>.*

*Training materials are here <https://www.mostreamteam.org/training-materials-and-resources.html>. Presentation and monitoring tips are here: [https://xyh8gbdbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.J7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewnsMdtkefxAQBSYPACqRsNR1ogNtHfkwCbh4IukDG56TEvLTKcurZZA869IvYjcfKXkrm0Zn30IXHQFbQyEHVqkQCeynAGtYGmW7Zp\\_RN7vkK4Tuqiksk0Q==&c=xkXC\\_s\\_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLvf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwvG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==](https://xyh8gbdbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.J7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewnsMdtkefxAQBSYPACqRsNR1ogNtHfkwCbh4IukDG56TEvLTKcurZZA869IvYjcfKXkrm0Zn30IXHQFbQyEHVqkQCeynAGtYGmW7Zp_RN7vkK4Tuqiksk0Q==&c=xkXC_s_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLvf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwvG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==)*

*Follow this link to see great pictures of macroinvertebrates we encounter in streams: [https://xyh8gbdbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.J7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewuXjkuuqwnImCaS1wFdnnCWB6KUumHSatkQhFoDjn1ZGplSzLzrgztRuP4VPlv\\_nS5ipNEOZfFa7E-n5QpGdzmOJqdmSrWmVRDM9NqgM1Ch8=&c=xkXC\\_s\\_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLvf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwvG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==](https://xyh8gbdbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.J7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewuXjkuuqwnImCaS1wFdnnCWB6KUumHSatkQhFoDjn1ZGplSzLzrgztRuP4VPlv_nS5ipNEOZfFa7E-n5QpGdzmOJqdmSrWmVRDM9NqgM1Ch8=&c=xkXC_s_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLvf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwvG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==)*

**Awesome fly tiers show how to use all the pheasant feathers during our August 13 meeting:**





*Phil has another big one on!*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS -**

*Fly tying for Vets every first and third Thursday. Informal gather every Tuesday except for*

*meetings or otherwise noted.*

*To see even more events at [Bennett](#) or [Montauk](#) or [Meramec](#)*

## *August*

*20 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*22 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*27 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

## *September*

*3 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*At Montauk: SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY - VETERANS FREE*

### *FISHING DAY*

*Military veterans fish for free at Montauk on this day.*

*Hooked on Vets sponsors this day in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri State Parks to provide veterans free access to trout fishing. Veterans must obtain and display a fishing tag that will be given to them at the Hooked on Vets tent/ booth set up in the park this day. Come and join fellow veterans on the river and talk with members of Hooked on Vets Fly Fishing group to learn about their amazing projects and services.*

*5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*10 Membership meeting 7pm Craig Fuller*

*Craig Fuller is the Muskellunge Program Coordinator with the Missouri Department of Conservation in Lebanon, MO. He operates the Show-Me Muskie Project. He will give a presentation about the Show-Me Muskie Project and general information about the muskie species.*

*17 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*At Montauk: SEPTEMBER 21-22, SATURDAY & SUNDAY*

### *MISSOURI TROUT FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION*

#### *TOURNAMENT*

*The tournament is open to all visitors. Register to participate in the derby at the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge on Friday night between the hours of 6:30 pm and*

*8:15 pm, or on Saturday morning from 6:30 am to*

*8 am. Anglers entering the tournament will pay an entry fee and prizes will be awarded for tagged fish caught during the derby. Prizes will be awarded to winners on Sunday at noon at the J. Ben Searcy Building.*

*24 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*28 Women's Free Fishing at Bennett - see more above*

*31 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*October*

*1 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*3 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*5 REDINGTON HOME WATERS EVENT*

*This year's Redington Home Waters is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. It features vendors, giveaways, and the one fly contest. This might be a great day to plan a club trip and have some kind of cookout. I mention this date for a club outing because the Redington event coincides with the 100th anniversary celebration at Bennett Spring State Park.*

*BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK 100th ANNIVERSARY*

*The whole household may want to attend this one! This event will feature live music, storytelling, food trucks, vendors and a car show. They will have exhibits to share the history of the park. Join in the fun to celebrate Bennett Spring State Park's 100th anniversary. At the end of the festivities they will show "A river runs through it." You can go to [mostatelparks.com](http://mostatelparks.com) to get more information.*

*Montauk: OCTOBER 5-6, SATURDAY & SUNDAY- 61st ANNUAL*

*ROSE HOLLAND TROUT DERBY*

*Anglers catching tagged trout will receive prizes awarded on Sunday just after the derby ends at 12 noon.*

*Nature Bingo for prizes will be held on Friday at 6 pm at the campground amphitheater. An Old Time Cruise-In Car Show will be held Friday night at 3 pm. Activities will fill the weekend with fun, entertainment, and excitement for all.*

*8 Membership meeting 7pm Randy Sarver*

*Randy is an Environmental Scientist with the Department of Natural Resources. He will do a PowerPoint presentation on entomology focusing on Mayfly nymphs & mayfly families here in Missouri.*

*11-12 BRANSON WHITE RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO*

*Dennis Stead was kind enough to share information about the Branson White River Fly Fishing Expo. It is an event for fly tiers and vendors taking place October 11-12. If you are interested in being a tier at the event, you will find picture above for sign up. Please send the completed form back in the mail or via email to the given addresses.*

*15 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*17 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

***Montauk: OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY - A HAUNTING AT THE MILL***

*The Haunting at the Mill event is held the Saturday before Halloween and presents history from a unique perspective. When the air begins to cool and the nights become longer, a strange fog hangs over Montauk. It is rumored that each year around Halloween, the spirits of Montauk valley meet at the old grist mill to reminisce about the good old days, you know, when they were alive... Don't miss this, not so scary, historical, fun for the whole family,*

*event! Show times are 5 pm, 6 pm,*

*7 pm and 8 pm with a limit of 45 per show.*

*22 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

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***November***

***NOVEMBER 1, FRIDAY - MISSOURI TROUT SEASON***

***CLOSES***

*The last day of October marks the end of the open Missouri trout season. Montauk never closes, however several facilities will be winterized. The Lodge limits their hours to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The shower houses in the campground are closed as the vault toilet is opened near loop four, and fishing is not allowed in any section of the park until the catch and release season starts on the second Friday of November.*

*5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

***NOVEMBER 8, FRIDAY - CATCH AND RELEASE***

***TROUT SEASON OPENS***

*The second Friday in November marks the opening of the annual winter Catch and Release trout season at Montauk State Park. Fishing allowed Friday through Monday, 8 am to 4 pm. The Dorman L. Steelman Lodge restaurant, snack bar, and store will be open on Friday through Sunday for limited hours of each weekend during the winter season to accommodate visitors. Some housekeeping cabins, motel rooms, and a meeting room will be available throughout the winter season.*

*12 Membership meeting 7pm*

*19 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*



*Send me ([jeff2002h@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff2002h@yahoo.com)) pictures and other items of interest to club members. Be safe and avoid too much sun!*

*Jeff Holzem*

*Newsletter Editor, Stream Team Coordinator*