

General Meeting

Thursday, July 26th 2018
Greensfelder Recreation Complex
Queeny Park
525 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO 63011
Starting at 7:00 PM



--Matt Miles--

Matt Miles is an environmental consultant living in rural Webster County, Missouri. Beyond that, he is an avid freelance wildlife photographer. Drawing on a life-long interest and study of wildlife, Matt captures intimate and dramatic images that have appeared in numerous publications. Matt's other pursuits include fly fishing, deer hunting, canoeing, and backpacking with family and friends.

Along with Matt's program he will have some of his books for sale and signing. Matt has a web site for anyone who would like more information. <http://mattmilesphotography.com>



Casting Tip 71 July 2018

By: Bill Armon CCI

Slack line should be kept to a minimum. Is this the most important of the five casting essentials? Whether or not this is the most important of the 5 casting essentials is certainly debatable, but it is one of the most common errors beginning casters make.

When there is slack in the line the rod is not being bent by the weight of the line. If the rod is not under pressure from the line the rod is not working for you. It is what casters call "unloaded". Any movement you cause the rod to have while it is unloaded has no effect on the line. When the rod does come into contact (loaded) with the weight of the line again the result is usually a sudden jerk on the line. This sudden movement causes many casting problems.

Keeping Slack to a minimum is an essential part of the cast!

FFI Five Essentials / Principles (for casting)

- 1) There is a pause at the end of each stroke, which varies in duration with the amount of line beyond the rod tip.
- 2) Slack line should be kept to a minimum.
- 3) The rod tip must follow a straight-line path.
- 4) Casting stroke is increased with the length of the line being cast.
- 5) Power must be applied in the proper amount and in the proper place during the stroke.

This cast does take some practice, but it is very effective. Stop by the casting area before the meeting for practice time. Casting instructors will be there to help with any questions.

Outings

JULY OUTINGS REPORT 2018

TANNEYCOMO OUTING @ LILLEYS' LANDING - SEPTEMBER 9/13,14,15, 2018

We have 9 units reserved for this outing as follows total; cost is for a 3-night minimum stay including tax:

#2-\$231 w/ 2 twin beds, #3-\$391 w/ 2 beds, #4-\$391 w/ 2 beds, #6-\$267 w/ 2beds, #7-\$300 w/ 2 beds, #8-\$300 w/ 2beds, #13 \$300, w/ 2 beds, #14-\$300 w/ 2 or 4 beds, #22-\$484 for 4 people.

To see the unit layouts, go www.LilleysLanding.com. See contact and payment info above. We will be hosted Saturday night at Lilleys' at their pavilion for a BBQ Dinner. We will have a guest speaker either Friday or Saturday night. Any questions contact me.

ELEVEN POINT RIVER @ ALTON, MO – October 19, 20, 21, 2018

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 eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with 2 bed rooms and other sleep areas. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Friday night BBQ will be Brats, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, slaw, soda, water and dessert. Saturday night will be BBQ Ribs, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost per person – two nights stay and two dinners \$80.00. Breakfast @ Grandma's Saturday AM on your own.

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.

Mail your checks made out to Ozark Fly Fishers, 5886 Chrisbrook Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128
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Edward Olander
Outings Chairman

Tying with the Renegade



Wire Weight for Wet Flies

You can add a little weight to that wet fly that has a wire ribbing (or one that doesn't have a ribbing) so that it sinks a little faster and uses less dubbing material. The color of the ribbing wire can also be seen when the dubbing becomes wet (If you don't use a lot of dubbing.)

Tie in any tailing materials. Tie in the wire ribbing material one eye length behind the hook eye. Wind the wire down the shank of the hook to about one eye length from the end of the fly This will keep the wire from interfering with any tailing material. Leave a tag end of 1-2 inches to use later to complete the ribbing. This is similar to adding unleaded wire to the hook or tying a brassie.

Wind the thread over the wire to the end of the fly (usually a point on the shank directly above the barb). Apply the dubbing and then bring the tag end of the wire forward over the dubbing to form the ribbing.

Finish the fly as per the recipe.

..... *Ugly flies catch fish, pretty flies catch fisherman and well tied flies catch both.*

Fly of the Month May 2018

X2-Caddis



X-Caddis



These two caddis imitations are the product of Craig Matthews of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT. Designed to mimic emerging, drifting, and egg-laying caddis flies, they float well, present a realistic silhouette on the water, and are very easy to tie. Although caddis do not have tails, the Z-Lon “tail” actually imitates a trailing shuck or downed wings. Color is your preference as is the ribbing. I like tan, pale olive, and dark olive in sizes 14 – 18.

Hook: Standard Dry Fly hook size 14 - 18

Thread: 8/0 Brown

Tail: Tan or Brown Z-Lon

Optional Ribbing: 1 strand of Pearl Crystal Flash or Flashabou

Body: Dry Fly Dubbing of your choice

Wing: Elk Hair

Head: X-Caddis – Trimmed Elk Hair butts, X2-Caddis – Spikey Dubbing slightly darker color than body

Secure hook in vise. Start thread behind hook eye, and advance to hook bend.

Tie in a small bunch of Z-Lon to form the trailing shuck. Trim the excess leaving about a hook-shank length. Tie in the ribbing if you are using it.

Dub a rather full tapered body to about the $\frac{3}{4}$ point on the hook shank. Wrap the ribbing forward if you are using it and trim the excess.

Select a section of elk hair about the diameter of the body. Clean and stack the elk hair.

Tie in the wing just ahead of the body extending just to the end of the hook bend.

Either finish by trimming the butts at an angle for the X-Caddis or trim the butts very close for the X2-Caddis. If tying the X2, dub a spikey head covering the hair butts.

Whip-finish the head and trim the thread.

Designed to float flush on the water surface, I fish the X-Caddis as a typical dry fly. I also use it is the dry in a dry/dropper rig tying a caddis emerger or soft hackle under it. Don't be afraid to experiment with colors and materials. And don't make them too pretty – caddis are kind of lumpy, messy, and generally disheveled, but trout love them.

Conservation / Missouri Stream Team #31

2018 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES!

Watch the OFF Newsletter and Calendar for details concerning the events that are listed below. If you plan to attend or have any questions about these events please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

JULY 28 22ND Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership

AUGUST 25 51ST Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils

AUGUST 25 Passport to Clean Water (Greentree Park, Kirkwood) - sponsored by Stream Team #5 - Open Space Council

22ND ANNUAL MERAMEC WATERSHED CELEBRATION

JULY 28, 2018 10:00 am - 5:30 pm Meramec State Park Shelter #2

Join Stream Teams and Associations from across the state for a day of family oriented fun. All Missouri Stream Teams are cordially invited to attend. Enjoy recreational activities on the beautiful Meramec River. Talk with fisheries biologists. Enjoy fellowship with other Stream Team folks who share your interest in our rivers and streams. Share photos of your Stream Team projects. Visit with old and new Stream Team friends.

The day is packed with fun events. Activities include:

*Stream Awards *Kids Programs *Meet Stream Team Coordinators *Canoe Races and Awards *Stream Teams United Update *Relax in the Meramec River *BBQ Potluck Lunch (Please bring a covered dish to share) *Raffle *Tube Float Shuttle

Come out for the day or stay the weekend. Free overnight camping for Stream Teams is available Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28 at Meramec State Park's scenic Group Campsite "C". For more information or to volunteer to help, please call Larry Cain at (314) 638-9646.

51ST ANNUAL OPERATION CLEAN STREAM

August 25, 2018 8:00 am Byrnes Mill City Park

The Trashmanian Devils, Ozark Fly Fishers and other Stream Teams will again work together on cleaning this stretch of the Big River. The last few years have seen an enthusiastic volunteer commitment on behalf of Ozark's members. If pulling tires and debris from the river does not sound fun, ask your fellow members who have attended. We have a great time. If you don't want to help with the cleanup come anyway, have lunch, socialize and see what we are about.

Donuts (donated by the renowned St. Louis Donut Drive - In), juice and milk will be provided in the morning. By noon we will have completed our cleanup and adjourn to lunch. Clean streamers work hard and play hard. Pizza

Millennials" vs. "The Old Codgers"

I attended the Ozark Streams Film Festival "A Celebration of the Current, Jacks Fork and the Eleven Point Rivers" at the Tivoli Theater on June 6 presented by the Friends of Ozark Riverways

<https://www.friendsofozarkriverways.org>

I have never heard of this organization. It was sold out. Fortunately, a person I did not know gave me an extra ticket. I was expecting to see some people I knew, but these were all young "Millennials" age 22 to 37 in 2018...born between 1981 and 1996.

My stereotyping of "Millennials" is a group of spoiled young people living with their parents and not caring about getting a job. Coddled and helicoptered, catered-to by 24-hour TV cable networks, fussed over by marketers—**was I wrong!**

Suddenly, as you may have noticed, millennials are everywhere. However, they are hardworking and enthusiastically working together in alliances to make the world a better place. Conservation, enhancement and enjoyment of nature are some of their prime goals.

The film festival featured outstanding short films about the Current, Jacks Fork and Eleven Point rivers.

Dave Toby of the National Park Service gave an update of the Park. Brothers Mark and Tom Malkowicz presented their three- day float on paddleboards (standing up) which gave them a unique perspective of the Current River!

A talk by Mark Wanner Assistant Director for Hellbender Conservation was given on the Ozark Hellbender, which is the largest salamander in North America.

A joint project by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the St. Louis Zoo was the first to successfully breed the large salamanders in captivity. They are considered to be the “canary in the coal mine” for water quality.



The Ozark National Scenic Riverways was the first national park area to protect a river system. The Current and Jacks Fork Rivers are two of the best and were established in 1964. However, the Buffalo River, which is located in Northern Arkansas, was the first National River to be designated in the United States (established in 1972).

The Ozark Fly Fishers working synergistically together in alliances can make the world a better place with cleaner streams, better fisheries and provide a better outdoor experience from fishing to bird watching.

Our society is suffering Nature-Deficit Disorder. Both children and adults need to connect to nature. This physical connection is important biologically, cognitively and spiritually. When a child was asked “Where is your favorite place to play,” she said, “I like inside because that’s where the electric outlets are.”

However, being outdoors in nature is good for the body and soul.

I have asked their leadership to make a presentation to us at one of our future meetings.

George Bohigian -An “Old Codger”

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!



Instagram

-Jake Voss

O.F.F on the Web

by Mark Thalhammer

Use the following to access the Ozark Fly Fishers website from your phone.



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Stream Team 31

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Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

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

*Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center
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