



General Meeting

Thursday, May 24th 2018
Greensfelder Recreation Complex
Queeny Park
525 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO 63011
Starting at 7:00 PM

“Missouri’s Best 25 Flies and their Relatives!”

“The old expression “What is one man’s trash is another man’s gold.” is true in fly fishing and fly selection. What one fly fisher perceives as the ‘go to’ fly might not even make the fly box of another fly fisher. This selection of 25 flies is, therefore, not meant to change your mind about your favorite fly (just in case it didn’t make the top 25). I am certain that some of your favorite fly patterns did not make the list. The selections are, however, provided to give you some food for thought and to provide the fodder for discussion – and argument, if you so please.....” Al Bourisaw.

Please join for Ozark’s own **Al Bourisaw** presenting MO’s 25 Best and their Relatives!

John Tymony



Casting Tip May 2018

By: Bill Armon

Pile Cast - from casting Tip May 2014

Last month the tuck cast for getting weighted flies down quickly was discussed. This month we will talk about a dry fly cast that is very similar to the tuck cast. Instead of tucking the fly under the water this cast places the fly on top of the water with lots of piled up leader to allow for a longer drag free float. The most common name for this presentation is the “Pile Cast”. It will work across or downstream but is most effective for upstream fishing or for going over a very fast stretch of water to fish a slower pocket.

Piles of slack tippet and leader are placed close to the fly. This is accomplished by using a low back cast followed by a high forward cast. This is a slow gentle cast compared to the tuck cast (although the motion is very similar). Drop the rod tip at the end of the cast, while the loop is still unraveling. The air resistance of the fly should cause the fly to flutter down. The tippet and leader should pile up near the fly. If the caster does not drop the rod tip the slack will be pulled out of the line before it hits the water.

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.

Upcoming General Meetings

May 24 - Al Bourisaw - Flies for Missouri Fishing
June 28 - Annual BBQ and casting at Tilles Park

Ways & Means

Fly Rod Raffle

Attention OFF members. Looking to expand your fly rod selection; we have a fly rod for you. We are raffling an Orvis Trident TL 8'-6" 7 pc. 5wt. "Yes a 7pc." with a cloth bag and a metal tube. This packable fly rod is 16 ½ inches in length. This is a beautiful rod that was donated by an OFF member. Raffle tickets will be sold at our April 26th & May 24th meetings. Tickets are \$5.00 ea. and there is no limit on ticket purchases. The drawing for one winning ticket will be held at the close of our May 24th meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Jerry Kniepman

Outings

The next outing will be the Montauk Spring Outing on Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, 2018. We have reserved 10 motel units, the Searcy Building for meals, hospitality, and fly tying. The rooms are MO9 through MO18. Cost for 2 people, 2 nights, and the Saturday Night BBQ dinner is \$220.00.

Please contact me for your room reservations and a food item for the Friday Night Favorite Stew/Soup Recipes Potluck and Saturday lunch. Breakfast is on your own. Food items needed are 4-5 Stews/Soups, appetizers, salads, and desserts. Saturday night's BBQ dinner is catered by Olig's BBQ with beef brisket, pulled pork, potato cheese casserole, slaw, green beans, rolls and condiments. Club will furnish coffee, ice tea, soda, and water. Those not rooming with us you are welcome to participate in the pot dinner/lunch with donation and/or the BBQ dinner for \$15.00 per person.

Send your check made out to Ozark Fly Fishers and mail to me:

Edward Olander

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Remaining Outings Schedule for 2018

- May 18, 19, 20; Montauk Spring Outing
- July 13, 14, 15; Montauk Water Quality Monitoring Outing
- September 13, 14, 15, 16; Taneycomo Late Summer Outing
- October 19, 20, 21; Eleven Point Fall Outing
- November 8, 9, 10, 11; Bennett Springs CNR Outing

Tying with the Renegade



Strengthening Peacock Herl

Reinforcing peacock herl is always a problem. Sure, you can overwrap with thread, or twist thread around it, but here's a method that not only strengthens but also adds a bit of sparkle. Use a strand of blue-green Krystal Flash and twist it around the herl before wrapping the fly body.

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

Scenic Rivers Nets

I've been accused of being a "determined traveler" often driving right on past various points of interest that do not specifically fall under "fuel, food, or restroom break" status. While they may be interesting, they do not help me get where I'm going any faster. Apparently you have to stop more 3 times on a 12 hour drive... Who knew? That being said, I am trying to get better at noticing the world I normally blow right by. After numerous trips up and down Highway 63, I finally noticed a small work shop just south of Cabool, MO with a road sign reading "Scenic Rivers Trout Nets for Sale". Ok... That caught my attention, but I still did not stop; Instead I Googled it when I got home.



Apparently it's true – Google can find anything. Turns out Scenic Rivers Nets uses Etsy to market and sell his handcrafted custom hardwood nets. After a few emails and some site searching, I purchased one of his ash and walnut catch & release nets and arranged to pick it up at his shop on my way to the Sow-Bug Roundup. A knock on the door and I meet Tim Moen, owner, maker, designer and curator of Scenic Rivers Nets. A mechanic and general handy man in his previous life, his shop is an array of finished and in-progress nets, raw wood, handle and hoop stock, power and hand tools, and net forms. Listening to him describe his process and how he developed it is quite interesting. There's so much more to building a landing net than I would have thought.

Every meticulous detail from the stock he uses and the process of cutting it into strips, to his shaping and forming techniques including using a router to radius all edges, to his hand rubbed 8-coat finishing process are evident in his final product. Tim is as much engineer as artist. Many of his techniques are self-taught, and developed by common-sense engineering. All these details yield a very well designed, built, and finished landing net that will likely last a lifetime. Last year he sold well over 100 nets shipping across the country as well as to anglers in Australia, Germany, Great Britain, and several other countries. That's an amazing accomplishment for someone only making nets since 2010 and selling online since 2012. Check out his store on Etsy. His quality speaks for itself. I suggest emailing or calling him to set up a time if you want to stop by his shop since he's not always there. I will say picking up your net will save you \$10 in shipping, and you will also get a chance to meet the guy behind the product.

Education

Saturday 09 June 2018 0900-1400
Illinois Pere Marquette State Park
Fly Tying for Illinois Conservation Fishing program.

Dan Rasch and Jim Gera

Please Donate a Fly To the Member's Fly Box At the May Meeting!

Please consider donating a fly to the Member's Fly Box which will be raffled at the 10TH Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. The donator's name and the name of the fly pattern will accompany the fly at the time of the raffle. Our Member's Fly Box will only be as good as we the members make it, so please donate. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. See Scott Darrough at the May meeting to make your fly donation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Fly of the Month May 2018



Griffith's Gnat Emerger

Leave it to fly fishermen to take an already great fly and mess with it trying to improve it. The Griffith's Gnat is such a simple and effective fly, and yet it does have some room for improvement. By tying it as an emerger, it sits in the film almost vertically and mimics a cripple or defective fly. As soon as I saw it, I had to tie some up.

- Hook: Dai-Riki 125 size 16 - 20
- Thread: Black 8/0 or smaller
- Tail: "Mayfly brown" Z-Lon
- Body: Black tying thread
- Hackle: Grizzly Neck or Saddle Hackle
- Thorax: Peacock Herl

Secure hook in vise and start thread behind hook eye and advance to just slightly around the hook bend.

Tie in a short sparse tail of Z-Lon about the length of the hook gap. Trim to length and tie down using touching thread turns to the mid-point of the hook shank. Trim excess Z-Lon.

Prepare and tie in grizzly hackle at the mid-point, then tie in 1 strand of peacock herl.

Wrap a thorax of peacock to just behind the hook eye and trim excess.

Palmer wrap the hackle forward to the hook eye and secure. Trim excess and form a neat thread head and whip finish.

I fish this fly dead-drift to rising or "bulging" fish. It is just about impossible to see on the water, so I will tie it on below a bigger dry fly to act as an indicator. The flush-floating midge emerger has just the right profile and rides low enough to entice those midging fish.

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 13 -15 10TH Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem) by invitation Stream Team #31 Ozark Fly Fishers

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

51ST ANNUAL MISSOURI STREAM TEAM OUTING - JULY 13 - 15, 2018

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS AT MONTAUK LODGE

In keeping with tradition, one wing of Montauk Lodge (nine rooms) has been reserved for Ozark Fly Fishers members for the nights of Friday the 13th and Saturday the 14th. These rooms typically book up quickly for this event.

If you have interest in one of these rooms contact our Outings man Ed Olander at 314-566-1422 to secure your reservation.

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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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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