



Cross Currents

September 2010

**September Meeting at D Rowes
September 7, 2010
7:00 pm
"Social Barriers to Kids Fishing"
David Urich**

President's Corner:

There are several upcoming events I hope you will participate in. The first is Stream Team survey on the Little Piney Saturday September 11th. We will be led by Mark Van Patten. This will include an insect survey so bring your sons and daughters and other youth hanging around your house. We will monitor below the gravel mining operation as in 2007, The mining operation exhibited good stewardship at that time. We will meet in the commuter off Hwy 63/AC exit at 8:00am to car pool down. Please contact me if you plan to participate.

The second is Youth Event in Lebanon on Saturday October 16th. This is being coordinated by Dale Cornelius, a Fish Biologist with MDC. While still in the planning stages, it will involve introduction of youth, perhaps 300, to various aspects of hunting, fishing, and conservation in 20 minute sessions. We will provide introduction to fly casting, fly tying and

perhaps fly fishing. Let's help get youth involved in the great outdoors.

Thirdly, you've already taken pictures of your 2010 fishing excursions; share them with your friends and disbelievers by entering the 2010 MMTU photo contest. A picture is worth a 1000 lies, or perhaps \$50. The winner will be determined at the Dec 7th meeting/social/dinner.

--Michael Riley
I fish; therefore I am.

Notice:

On a few occasions MMTU finds it beneficial to release our mailing list to one of our conservation or angling supply partners. No names or emails will be released. If you do not wish to have your name and address release, please contact Michael Riley by June 1, 2010 at rileym@missouri.edu, (573)882-6475 wk or 4625 E Raccoon Ridge, Columbia, MO 65201

Announcements

There will be no December Newsletter

We are need of a Treasurer to fill out Bob Suits term. If you are interested, please contact Michael Riley.

We need more volunteers to help out with our Annual Conservation Banquet Feb 19th, 2011. If you can help, please contact Michael Riley

Win \$50 in 2010 MMTU photo contest: Photo must be taken by (or include) a MMTU member, promote trout fishing or conservation, and taken in 2010. Submit up to three digital photographs to rileym@missouri.edu by Dec 6th. Photo's will be judged by those in attendance at the Dec 7th dinner/meeting.

Thirteen

By Curt Morgret

Thirteen. I don't remember a lot about that year. I played quarterback on the 8th grade football team, my dad took me out of school the first day of quail season then wrote the note to excuse my absence the next day, and I went to my first dance and danced my first dance with Becky Couch. She had to ask me because I was too shy. She was pretty and I was pretty awful. A fairly anonymous year in my life.

My son turned thirteen in April and for that I took him to fish Colorado along with Bill Lamberson. Sitting at Joe Macy's breakfast table on the banks of the Eagle River on a sunny Thursday morning may have been Caelan's first good hint he was not just a boy with his father.

"We're going to the Colorado River up above Dotsero to put in and hope the fishing's not sh*t, 'cause it's been pretty g**d**n warm . . . Caelan, I'll probably use some words you're dad doesn't say in front of you. Just ignore'em." Joe knows how to put a young man at ease.

We drove up the river with the red rimrock hovering over us and the railroad tracks

flanking us and spotting different sections of whitewater we would raft back through later that day. At the put-in, Joe maneuvered the raft trailer down to the water and everybody pitched in to get the raft offloaded, the coolers in place, the anchor attached, the oars locked in and the fly rods and bags stowed in reachable places. Then Joe gave us the safety lecture.

"Whatever the h*ll you do, if you get tossed off the boat, get your d**n feet pointed down river." There was more to the talk but it's like the speech the flight attendant gives as the plane is being backed away from the terminal, "In the case of rapid depressurization, blah, blah, blah ... thank you for flying the friendly skies."

And it was pretty g**. . . well, the water felt warm as we waded around to launch the raft. I rode the backseat, which was kind of like a rumbleseat sticking out over the rear of the raft, and fished the edges with a red quill dry fly and picked up a couple of nice fish. I didn't pay attention to what was going on up front, that was between Joe and Caelan, but I think they were having a good time. I heard a comment that Caelan cast "better than 95% of the son-of-a-b*****s that I normally have in this boat."

We came to a railroad bridge over the river in the middle of a long rapid where the main current slammed into a bridge pillar, which sat in the middle of a bend. The left side of the river was bony with rocks, so Joe had to take the raft down the right side and row hard to surf across the current back to the left just in front of the pillar. Sitting behind Joe I watched his shoulders lean into and pull through the oars to get the boat across and it was hard to believe he is seventy. We've been friends for ten or twelve years and for me,

Joe and Colorado go together like the picture of the mountains on the Coors can.

We eddied out at the bottom of the rapid and it was there Caelan spotted five Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on the opposite bank downriver. "Get your camera out and don't drop it in the d**n water. You don't see this s**t everyday." So I stumbled through a half-dozen snapshots trying to get one you could recognize sheep in. There were two lambs that snappily ran up and down the streamside cliffs and the ewes watched us with a little intimidation in their eyes. You don't see this s**t everyday.

The afternoon was hot, the fishing was slow and occasionally we ran a little whitewater, spotted bald eagles, mule deer and Joe and Caelan talked about salmon fishing in Norway. When you're thirteen you're never far from thinking about food and we unloaded all the cookies, pears, apples and sandwiches out of the cooler as we watched a summer afternoon drift along in Colorado.

I don't remember much about being thirteen but if I have a wish for my son, I hope he remembers sitting on Joe's patio drinking lemon soda, Joe and me sipping rum drinks and Japanese beer as we talked about brown trout, bighorn sheep, eagles and g**d**n hot weather.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

September 11, 2010: Stream Team survey of Little Piney. (Rain date September 18th). We will meet in the commuter off Hwy 63/AC exit at 8:00am to car pool down. Bring your own snack and lunch. Please contact Michael Riley at (573)817-

0631 or rileyym@missouri.edu if you plan to participate.

October 5, 2010: "Trout Fishing the Southeast (34°S 19°E)"

Saturday Oct 16th - Lebanon Youth Event. Help teach youth fly casting and fly tying. Details to come.

November 2, 2010: open

December 7, 2010: Christmas Dinner and 2010 MMTU Photo Contest

Upcoming Conservation Banquet: Friday, Feb 18th, 2011 at Stoney Creek Inn. If you would like to help, contact Michael Riley at rileyym@missouri.edu

Fly Fishing Gear & Fly Tying Materials for Sale

A former Columbia resident and Hickman grad died a couple years ago and left his collection of fly fishing gear to a friend of mine (who is not a fisherman). I'm trying to help him dispose of this stuff, all at bargain prices. There are several bamboo rods (Orvis, Thomas and Thomas, etc.) and good reels, along with lots of hooks and tying materials that he is willing to part with at 20-30% off retail. There are also available a number of fly tying books, including an original, autographed edition of George Grant's *The Master Fly Weaver* with three flies tied by Grant to accompany the book for the lucky purchaser.

Please contact me to find out more if you are interested. I have a pretty good inventory of this stuff that you can peruse.

-- Ken Pigg (573-443-4211)

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