



Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited

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Cross Currents

February 2014

Tuesday February 4th, 2014 Meeting
7:00pm at Jack's Gourmet

Jeff Witten presents on Fishing the
Headwaters of the Colorado River

Friday Feb 21st, 2014. Conservation
Banquet, Stoney Creek Inn, 5:30. **Tickets**
\$35 before Feb 7th, \$40 afterwards. Your
ticket number will be used to bid the Silent
Auction Items. **Contact Michael Riley** at
573-817-0631 or rileym@missouri.edu **for**
tickets.

Meetings:

Tuesday March 4th, 2014. Escapades of
Gary Kula

Tuesday April 1st, 2014. possibly Dick
Sellers of Tuckaseegee Chapter out of North
Carolina, on Fishing the Smoky Mountains.

Tuesday May 6th, 2014. TBA

Tuesday June 3rd, 2014. Hot Dog Burn at
Gordon Shelter, Stephens Lake Park, 5:30.
Hot dogs provided. Please bring a side dish.

Tuesday September 2nd, 2014. David
Keller and Kent Campbell present on Alaska

Announcements:

March 1st, 2014. TU Mid-South Regional
Meeting, Beavers Bend State Park, OK. See
[http://www.tu.org/get-involved/national-](http://www.tu.org/get-involved/national-events/midsouth-regional-meeting-2014)
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March 21-23, 2014. Conservation
Federation of Missouri Annual Convention,
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

The Fly Fishing Film tour will be coming to
Rag Tag in Columbia **on March 15th 1:00pm.**
Tickets \$15. Visit www.thef3t.com for details
about the tour.

President's Corner by Scott Gerlt

The annual MMTU banquet is just around the corner. We have many great items lined up for the auctions. One such item is a trip to the Smokey Mountains to stay at a B&B. The trip includes guided and unguided fishing as well as horseback riding. There are also guided fishing opportunities available in the Driftless area, the Ozarks and Kansas City. Also on the list of items are gear such as the Sage One rod, a custom made bamboo rod, Simms waders, flies, a

.22 rifle and fly tying accessories and much more. Items are also available for non-fishing spouses such as yard ornaments, art, and pies. Please come and support the chapter. The event is always a great time.

I hope to see everyone at the banquet!

Banquet

2014 MMTU Live Auction Slate

Paul Heine Print
Personal Pontoon Boat
Georgia Trout Fishing destination trip, 3 nights at Rabun Manor, two days guided trip, photography on horseback riding and two dinner meals and more.
Bob Hook Flies
Bamboo Rod by Bill Lamberson
Trout Scene Quilt handcrafted by Nancy Warren
Ruger 10-22 Takedown .22 Rifle
Minnesota Driftless Region Destination trip, three nights in rustic cabin on Trout Run River in MN with 1 day guided trip
LeBourgeois Wine Tasting Event for 10
Sage One Rod 590-4 5wt
Sage 2050 Reel
Sims G4 zipped Waders
Missouri Smallmouth Float Trip (secret location) with guide Jeff Trigg
St. Croix Fly Rod & reel (4 wt., 2 piece 8')
Fly Casting Lessons with Scott Gerlt
Overnight Outing at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
Margie's Irish Whiskey & Grasshopper Pies with Evan Williams Single Malt Bourbon

Silent Auction Items

Bob Hook Flies (2)
Swimming Trout Photo by Kent Campbell
Cedar Walking Stick w/MMTU logo by Steve Rubin
Blue Spring Reflection Photo by Jon Rapp
Flyfishing for Carp Trip in Kansas City region hosted by Jeff House
Shadow Boxes
Book:—Bergman's Trout

Light/Magnifier
Coasters
Tying organizer/container
Fly Box
Thread/Spool holder
Fly tying kit
Chernobyl Ant Cutters
Goat Photo by Kent Campbell
Mushroom Landscaping Art

“Hold on---let's not put it off. Let's clarify my support of the TU banquet right now.”

by Tony Warren

That's not the response a banquet co-chair typically gets when they approach a new acquaintance with the idea of considering a donation in support of a cause like Trout Unlimited's banquet, but it's the response I got from Ralph Gates, owner of Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, when I told him of my TU membership last fall.

It was only my third trip to Ralph and Mary Ann's extensive complex for “shotgun heaven”, and given the newness of our relationship, I was taken by surprise when he detailed his rationale and the details of his contribution to the MMTU banquet.

“I've known about TU for a long time and I'm 100% behind the work you guys do”, said Gates. “I'm much more involved in the shooting-related organizations, but the underlying principle is the same. It's past time that common-sense-speaking outdoorsmen and everyday citizens speak up and take a stand for preserving our invaluable resources, and clean water is just about the most precious resource we have. You bet I want to support the banquet, and make sure you have me down for the following year, too.”

And the unique gift the Gates will make for and experience to remember for the 2014 MMTU banquet attendee who is the high bidder:

“100 targets of trap, skeet, sporting clays or tower for 2 people. 1 night's stay in log cabin on six-

acre lake stocked with bass, channel catfish, and bluegill. Lunch furnished. Shooting instruction provided if desired—call the club to schedule”.

For the mid-missouri outdoorsman open to a real “blast” (pun intended), an afternoon at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports (www.PrairieGroveShotgunSports.com) is one of the better getaways you’re going to find (it’s great for spouses and girlfriends too---shooting experience not required). And while you’re there, be sure and thank Ralph and Mary Ann for supporting MMTU.—

Welded Loops by Dean Rapp

When it comes to attaching leader to fly line tippet to leader I'm a loop to loop kind of guy. You just might say I'm a bit loopy. Apparently I'm not the only one as more and more fly lines are manufactured with a pre-built loop. I have found that the pre-built loops float better. I suspect they do not absorb the water like a fly line that has been cut at the head. If you have a fly line that did not come with a pre-built loop then follow these simple steps to place such a loop on your line.

- Slice end of the fly line at an angle
- Fold line back over itself roughly 1.5 to 2 inches
 - sometimes it is easier to insert line through shrink tube then fold over and pull loop back into shrink tube
 - length of fold over can be adjusted based on needs/desires
- Insert line into a 4 inch long clear piece of 3/16” diameter shrink tube
 - Smaller/Larger shrink tube may be needed based on thickness of fly line
 - You want to protect the line NOT being welded so you will have shrink tube that expands beyond both points
- Lightly shrink the tubing where the weld will be to secure the line as you desire

- Use a heat gun such as those built for scraping paint
- A reducing nozzle works great
- A heat gun that can sit up right works best
- Starting at the loop end begin heating the line until it just begins to melt
- Start moving to the reel end of the line
 - Don’t move too fast (you won’t get line melted)
 - Don’t move too slow (you will just burn line)
 - Make sure line is melting completely as you go
 - Slightly rotate the line as you progress
- Carefully cut/remove shrink tubing
- Go fish!
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Note: Occasionally I have had my weld begin to break loose but this is only after a fair amount of abuse. I simply place a couple of wraps of floss over the weld and seal with some Loon UV Knot Sense or similar product.

Check out the new Web site at www.midmissouri.tu.org. Please let Dean Rapp (dean.rapp@gmail.com) know how we can use them to best serve you.

Digital Newsletter. MMTU will be migrating to an electronic newsletter this year. Members will get an email with a pdf copy of the newsletter or view it online at midmissouri.tu.org. You will still be able to opt in for a printed copy via postcard.

Wanted Newsletter Editor: If you have computer skills to assemble and proof text, MMTU has an opportunity for you to help. It takes a lot us to make this all of this work. Please contact any officer on the back if interested!

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Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except for July and August. The regular meeting place is in the Wine Room at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, located on East Business Loop 170, across from the east tide Westlakes Hardware in Columbia, MO. June meeting is at Stephens Park. Meeting time is at 7p.m., but come early to chat and eat. Short business meeting before hand.

One of our significant costs is printing and mailing this newsletter. If you are willing to accept it by email, more of MMTU monies can be spent on conservation. Just send your email to rileym@missouri.edu to make the switch.