



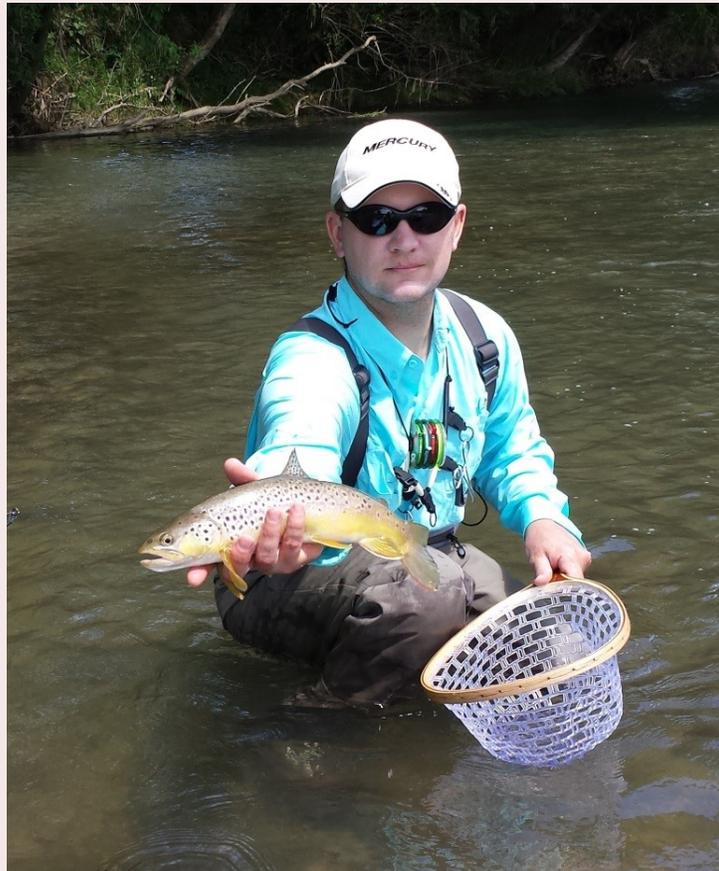
## Cross Currents

**MMTU WEB** <http://midmissouri.tu.org>  
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September 2017

**Tuesday September 5  
6-8pm  
regular meeting at  
Hy-Vee  
2nd Floor Meeting Room  
25 Conley  
Columbia MO.**

Individuals can purchase any food or beverage they want from the variety of Hy-Vee options including the Market Grille. Meeting at 7 PM with conversation starting at 6 PM.



### September Program

Tuesday September 5, 7 pm. Program: Michael Siepker, Iowa DNR Fisheries Management Biologist, will discuss the Iowa Trout Program, the Iowa Trout Stream Easement Program, the Iowa Coldwater Conservancy, and fishing opportunities in the Driftless region of Northeast Iowa.

**Needed:** Newsletter Editor. Please email Ryan if interested.  
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**President's Corner by Ryan Verkamp**

One of the coolest August is now behind us, I hope that all of you enjoyed a break in the summer heat this past month by getting out and enjoying some fishing. I have spoken to multiple people that have been fishing Missouri streams this summer with lots of success (myself included) while latest reports from the Kenai area in Alaska have been pretty drier. So no need to plan a trip up to the Last Frontier and spend a lot of dough when Missouri trout fishing is great this time of year as well.

We get a lot of people talking about the "Driftless Area" including our own Bob Hook in one of our past meetings. Well we are in for a treat in September, as a past MDC employee and MMTU awardee is making it back to the Show-Me state to report on Iowa Trout. Bob encouraged all of us to take a trip to the Decorah area earlier this spring and none of us did. Mikael Siepker is going to show MMTU what all has been happening in Iowa the past several years and will have all of us calling in sick the rest of the week to trade our devices in for a 5 wt. Michael also in going to open our eyes and ears to some opportunities to collaborate on stream purchases, easement purchases, habitat improvements, and upcoming field days to help our bordering state.

One other event I wanted to bring to your attention is "Brews for Browns: Benefiting the Meramec River Trout Fishery. Join Gateway TU on Wednesday, September 20th at Hammerstone's in historic Souard to raise funds for the Meramec River telemetry study. Gateway TU has recently teamed up with MDC to track brown trout and if you happen to be in St. Louis on the 20th please go out and support them.

Looking forward to seeing you all on September 5th.

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### Saturday, October 7, 2017-Mark your calendar for f3t

**Fly Fishing Film Tour** is coming to Lebanon, Missouri at Hidden Valley Outfitters.

Tickets are **FREE**. The Fly Fishing Film Tour is brought to you by 3 Creeks Outdoor Group.

Doors will be open at 6:00 pm so please join us for a pre-event get together where you can share information and purchase goods from area interest groups. The film starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

More information contact: Jeff Trigg at [jeff@ozarksweetwater.com](mailto:jeff@ozarksweetwater.com) or 573-353-9609

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### Michael Siepker's Bio

Michael Siepker joined the Iowa DNR's Fisheries Management team in 2014 as the Natural Resources Biologist for the Decorah District in Northeast Iowa. His duties include managing coldwater and warmwater streams and lakes, investigating fish kills, and working with private landowners to manage private land for public fishing in an eight-county area. In addition to normal job duties, Mike is also coordinating a cooperative research project with Iowa State University examining the distribution of relic Brook Trout populations and a cooperative research project with the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point examining genetic origin and genetic diversity of 10 restored Brook Trout populations in Iowa's Driftless region.

Prior to his work in Iowa, Mike spent 10 years in Missouri serving as the Missouri Department of Conservation's Sportfish Population Ecologist. During that time, Mike led statewide research efforts to answer biologist questions and improve the management of Missouri's bass, trout, catfish, and walleye fisheries. For example, Mike led research projects examining trout habitat conditions in Missouri streams, survival rates among different genetic strains of Rainbow Trout, differences in growth rates among triploid and diploid Brown Trout, movement of Smallmouth Bass and Walleye in Missouri streams, and how environmental conditions influence reservoir sportfish population

dynamics.

In 2010, the Mid-Missouri Chapter of Trout Unlimited awarded Mike the Missouri Trout Conservation Award for his work on trout habitat surveys.

Mike grew up in west-central Iowa and received a Bachelor's degree in Animal Ecology from Iowa State University and a Master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he studied the effects of angling on black bass growth and fitness. To date, Mike has over 20 scientific publications on sportfish biology and management and has presented his research findings at numerous international fisheries conferences.

He can be contacted at the Decorah Fish Hatchery by phone (563-382-8324) or by email at Michael.Siepkner@dnr.iowa.gov

**Meeting Place:** Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, except for July and August. The current meeting place is Upstairs Meeting Room at Hy-Vee off Conley, Columbia MO. In June the meeting is held at Stephens Lake Park, at 5:30 pm.

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