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SPRING CREEK CONSERVATION EFFORT SUCCESSFUL

What does it take to make a work day planting trees successful? You make sure you have lots of strong backs and arms and flexible knees on hand to accomplish the tree planting.

How do you make certain you have enough of those strong backs, etc., available on any given day? You promise them enough time to sneak over to the trophy trout water at Meramac Park and fish! And you thought it was the donuts, coffee, and chili which was the attraction? Hah!

According to reliable sources--yes we have the evidence on film of those who attended and those who did not--over 80 people showed up on March 28 at Spring Creek to plant willow trees to stabilize banks and provide cooling shade for the fish. People from the other three TU Chapters in Missouri participated alongside our Mid Mo members. Over 1500 trees were planted and almost as many bowls of chili consumed! Ed and his cooking crew are to be congratulated many times over for their efforts. (If anyone is interested in gargantuan recipes for chili, I managed to persuade Ed's crew to share their secrets.) The tree planters were finished by 3 pm, and many vanished like the infamous Coffin Fly hatch to their favorite streams to fish the rest of the afternoon.

Interestingly, no one has indicated how well they did fishing?

APRIL MEETING FEATURES HIGH TECH RODS

Ted Green, regional sales representative for G. Loomis Rods, presented the April program to Mid Mo TU members. Mr. Green told the group that the steel mandrels which serve as forms for graphite rods are similar among all manufacturers. All blanks are formed on these mandrels at 60 psi. G. Loomis rods stand apart from others because Loomis uses equipment that allows pressure to be varied at 1.5" intervals along the length of the blank up to a maximum pressure of 240 psi. This increase in pressure results in increased strength in the blank.

Loomis has recently pioneered the use of IM6 graphite as a rodbuilding materials. This graphite has superior tensile strength to that previously used. While Loomis manufactures rods for many companies, including Cabela's, IM6 is reserved for rods sold under the Loomis label.

After the presentation members cast two Loomis IM6 rods. One was a 10" rod with a #6 line, and the other a 7.5' rod with a #3 line. Both lines were the new Wulff Triangle Taper lines. Members enjoyed casting both rods and comparing the actions with that of their own. (Loomis rods are available locally from Foster's Bass Pro Shop.)

ANOTHER LOCATION FOR TROUT FISHING ADDED TO TRYONS' LIST

After recently buying and reading the Tryons' book on fly-fishing for trout in Missouri, I happened on an article in a fishing magazine which revealed yet another spot where the dedicated can seek trout fishing happiness. Unfortunately, I do not remember the writer's name. However, I remember that he spent his winters in Mountain Home, Arkansas and summers in Montana guiding trout fisherman. His technique worked only during the winters and involved casting midges to cruising trout in a lake. Special recognition will be given to anyone attending the next meeting who can name the lake on which this unique opportunity can be found!

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GOT A "GREAT OLE" BIG 'UN" YOU WANT TO MOUNT?

If you do, you'll want to be sure and attend the May meeting at Ellis Fischel's conference room. Charles Coatney will be presenting a program focused on how to handle fish, fowl, etc., which you want mounted from the time they are caught until they are delivered--ripe!--to your friendly neighborhood taxidermist. I hope Charles tells us how to get it back in less than six months and how to make sure it is as large as all the lies I've told about it since I caught it!

Be sure and be there to hear this useful presentation, so you'll be assured the best quality mount possible when you deliver your catch of a lifetime to the taxidermist! Your spouse will no doubt be glad you did!

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An important topic for action at the May meeting will be the Chapter picnic scheduled for the last Saturday in May at Bethel Park. The whole family is invited. A casting contest will be featured before supper. As we did last year, the Chapter will provide hot dogs, buns, and drinks, and we'll all bring side dishes, utensils, etc., to make sure we get our share! One dollar per person will be charged to cover the costs of food and beverages. . . . Filled out your first fishing log pages yet? I have, catching a limit of trout at Bennett Spring on a woodchuck caddis (#16), and a whole bucketful of bluegill at one of the MU ponds last evening on a #14 light tan mayfly pattern. My seven-year old got so excited, I had to teach him how to use a fly rod today! . . . Jeff Barnes, recently the editor of this esteemed communication vehicle, has moved to the Northeast. Ostensibly, he has taken a job there, but informed sources indicate that he desired a long term residence near trout fishing's Mecca! Those who wish to write and inquire about cheap lodging and guide service can contact Jeff at: COGCNV, 20 East Main St., Waterbury, Conn., 06702. . . . Chapter officers met earlier this month at Bill's to plan future programs. Lots of good ideas were discussed and initial plans made as far in advance as next fall. Early planning was also completed on our participation in the Boone County Fair, where we intend to assemble a casting demonstration. Volunteers for this activity are needed, to help staff the demonstration during the fair, and to help complete plans and arrangements. If you've ever constructed a casting pool on dry ground, we need you! The officers would like to invite other program ideas from members, so bring your ideas with you to the May meeting or call Bill or another officer soon. Some programs take a lot of advance planning and we need to make some firm decisions soon. . . . If you haven't paid your Chapter dues for 1987 (\$8.00), please get them to George as soon as possible, especially if you wish to continue to receive this jewel of a newsletter. Of course, members in good standing receive it unless they tell me to take their name off the mailing list. . . . Good fishing, and I'll see you in May.

