

# MID MISSOURI chapter

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### MID-MISSOURI TU CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the monthly chapter meeting held earlier this month, Mid-Mo Chapter members elected Gary Teeple our new President for 1988. John Wenzlick was elected Vice-President, Kenneth Pigg, Secretary, and George Donovan, Treasurer. New Board members included Chuck Hoyle, Terry Finger, and Charlie Enochs. The new officers will take over the chapter leadership January 1, 1988.

The retiring officers - Bill Lamberson and Nancy Gore - and Board members - Ed Sullivan, Charlie Byers, and Barry Ludeman - should be congratulated on their diligent efforts and perseverance in the face of everyone else's determination to fish more than attend meetings! Even with all the time they devoted to chapter leadership, they got to fish too. Perhaps they will each catch more fish this next year however!

### SPRING CREEK PROJECT GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION

In the November issue of "Lines to Leaders," the national TU newsletter which goes to chapter presidents, the Ozark Council's efforts on Spring Creek last March were recognized. The U.S. Forest Service, Ozark Fly Fishers, and the Missouri Department of Conservation were also mentioned as cooperating agencies. In this project, you may remember, some 80 TU members from the Ozark Council planted about 2,500 sycamore trees to provide cooling shade on the water and help stabilize stream banks.

Also noted in the TU newsletter was the new project proposal for Spring Creek submitted by the Ozark Council. Our own Ed Sullivan is the project Chairman for this proposal. Its objective is to completely restore the portion of Spring Creek which is on National Forest Land. This proposal was approved by the council in October, and has been submitted to Trout Unlimited for matching funding. If approved, it will be submitted to the Forest Service where approval will mean the funds already committed will be matched again.

■ Officers: Bill Lamberson, President  
■ Nancy Gore, V. President  
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Board of Directors  
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The three TU chapters in Missouri have pledged \$2,400 to this project. The Mid-Mo Chapter's share is about \$400. Plans are underway to raise this money (see "Fundraising," p. 2) and insure approval by TU and the Forest Service.

Those who attended the October chapter meeting heard Ed report on this project. Let's get behind our friends in the Council and raise the necessary money to get the project underway and secure its approval!

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**! ! ! ! ! ! FLASH: HUGE TROUT SIGHTED AT BENNETT SPRING**

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**WINTER FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES HEAD CHAPTER AGENDA**

At the November Board meeting, chapter officers discussed ways in which the financial commitment of the Spring Creek project could be met. Since the Mid-Mo Chapter has about 40 active members, the obvious method of twisting everyone's arm for a \$10 contribution was discussed. But this was not imaginative enough for the officers and alternatives were sought.

The method selected should be a lot of fun for all chapter members. A monthly raffle will be held at each meeting. Members are asked to dig through their equipment storage rooms and bring items they may have no further use for to contribute to the raffle. Members are also asked to talk with retail store owners who sell merchandise members might use, and try to persuade them to contribute items. Raffle proceeds will be used to meet our commitment to the Spring Creek project. Cash donations will be accepted, despite the Board's reluctance to use the direct approach. All contributions are tax deductible, and represent an important investment in Missouri's coldwater trout fishing resource.

**NATIONAL FISHERIES CENTER HEADED FOR CHATTANOOGA**

The home of the Choo-Choo has been selected as the site of a National Fresh Water Aquarium. Because of involvement of TU's Executive Director, Bob Herbst, in the design effort it will be far more than just another fish tank!

The facility is now expected to be a national fisheries center for inland fresh water fisheries, their habitat needs, threats to the resource, fishery research and management, and the history and techniques of sports angling in America. Through the use of displays, exhibits, programs, activities, participatory activities and other services, the aquarium should be a dynamic education center for all Americans interested in our fisheries resource and sports angling.

## ACID RAIN

Congressional hearings on acid rain continue but neither the House nor the Senate committees have passed a bill. At this time the Senate committee is discussing a proposal not to apply sulfur dioxide controls to the West. Please consider taking the time to write your Congressmen to ask them to pass strong emissions control legislation.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Water Resources Research Center are still analyzing information collected this summer as part of the Acid Rain Monitoring (ARM) Project. This project started with Trout Unlimited funding and the participating volunteers found that of 79 water bodies found to be in critical condition in 1984, 5 have improved, 45 have remained the same and 29 have experienced further deterioration. An ARM spokesperson, Marie-Francoise Walk, noted that "decreased acid loadings in Massachusetts' precipitation observed in the last year have apparently not improved the serious condition of the states' water resources." Walk noted that ". . . samples show that the general situation of acidified ponds and streams in Massachusetts has not improved. Some are better, but more are worse." The program which is scheduled to last through 1996 has found 6% of the state's water bodies to be acidified, 16% in critical condition and fully 60% vulnerable to long-term effects of acid deposition. Only 18 percent were found to be sufficiently protected by natural acid neutralizers (e.g., limestone) to be currently safe from acidification. (source: "Resource News" by Pam McClelland, Trout Unlimited, Vienna, VA.)

## NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURES FLY TYING PROGRAM

The Chapter meeting on Tuesday, December 1 will feature a presentation and demonstration on the renowned "Catskill style" of fly tying by Terry Finger, newly elected Mid-Mo Chapter Board member. This style was popularized by such famous trout fishermen as Hewitt and Steenrod on the Beaverkill, Delaware, and other Catskill streams. Nearly all the patterns imitate the variety of mayfly hatches found on these streams, and consist of several distinct features when compared to other styles of trout flies.

Be sure to arrive early and stay late for the December meeting because the fly tying theme will be continued with the annual "materials exchange." Bring your surplus materials or something new you've discovered which works for you and trade with other chapter members. This meeting is always a favorite of the chapter. We'll see you on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Ellis Fischel Conference Room on the seventh floor.

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**! ! ! ! ! FLASH: YEAR'S BIGGEST RAINBOW TAKEN ON FLY!**

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\*\*\*\*\* END NOTES \*\*\*\*\*

The program for the November meeting was presented by Charlie Reading from the Bennett Spring Trout Shop on fishing at Christmas Island in the South Pacific. Travel costs run about \$2,500 from Hawaii and the fishing is excellent in a relatively unspoiled setting. It is not unusual to catch 12-15 fish per day running 4-6 pounds. That's a lot of fun on a fly! Next time you're at Bennett, drop in on Charlie; tell him you enjoyed his presentation and buy something as a way of expressing your support. . . . I got my first sampling of saltwater flyfishing recently in the Tampa area. I fished with Pete Greenan out of Casey Key, a registered Orvis Guide, who provided boat, tackle, and a running account of the history and ecology of the western Gulf shore of Florida. I had hoped to catch snook or ladyfish, but the weather and fish did not cooperate and I settled for a number of small jack crevalle. Still, these fish, relatives of the yellowfin tuna and shaped like our bluegill, put up a stiff fight. Even a two pounder will give you 5-10 minutes of good fun. Try it sometime. If you do, I suggest you learn the double haul; it's most useful as Pete demonstrated. . . . Gary Teeple, newly elected President of the Chapter says the fishing at Bennett Spring has been excellent since the flyfishing only, catch and release season began November 1. Gary caught a 6 pound rainbow the second week of the month. However, the big news was a big, big rainbow caught by our own Chuck Hoyle. The fish weighed 13 pounds, 14 ounces. It's the biggest fish caught at Bennett this year. You'll have to catch Chuck at the Chapter meeting and find out what he used. Perhaps he'll have some pictures to share. . . . Don't forget the raffle opportunities coming up. Bring something you don't need, or help find a contributor for something attractive to the members. Let's support the Spring Creek improvement project!

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