

MIDMISSOURI chapter

Trout Unlimited



SEPT. 1989...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that summer's over and the kids are back in school, life gets back more to normal. This is a good time to renew your commitment to Trout Unlimited. We need your help in making our organization grow and informing our present members and those we hope to encourage to join. Our September meeting is good place to start. Each member has a unique talent to show off and our meeting is the place to do it and to learn new methods and techniques. With the coming of fall, the days are getting shorter and the evenings longer which gives each of us more time to devote to indoor activities, please make Trout Unlimited one of your regular activities. I hope to see everyone of you at the meetings and please take the time to fill out the questioner at the end of this newsletter so we can plan our programs to coincide with your interest.

MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, BETHEL PARK, 7:00 P.M.

The September meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Bethel Park on Bethel Church Road in the southwest part of Columbia. (A map is enclosed.) Our club will present and introductory course in flyfishing for anyone interested in learning this sporting way of fishing. All flyfishermen are urged to bring their equipment and be prepared to show someone how to assemble an outfit and how to use it. Don't be shy, get involved, we each have our own way of fishing and setting up our equipment and no way is correct for all situations. If you don't do it like the book, let us know, it might be just what someone else is looking for.

QUESTIONER

If you did not fill out the questioner last time please take a minute and do so. Bring it to our next meeting or return it to Mitch Ruth #31 Richland Hghts, Columbia, MO 65202. This is the best way of getting a general consensus of what we need to be doing to assist all of our members with being informed, what their interest are, and what programs we need to be conducting. Don't delay get yours in today.

AUCTION

We will have a silent auction at our September meeting. A local member, Perry Goss of Sedalia, has donated a tent with vestibule and a self-inflating mattress to the club. If you camp you need to be there.

FLY TYING

Obscure Catskill Flies, Installment #3: the Delaware Adams

Continuing with my series on obscure Catskill flies, this month's installment is on a relatively recent dry fly pattern by Walt Dette, the Delaware Adams.

The original Adams, developed by Leonard Halladay of Mayfield, Michigan, about 1922, is probably the most widely used trout fly in North America. It and the Light Cahill have been the #1 and #2 sellers in the commercial market for the last twenty years or more. Like most flies of widespread popularity, the Adams is successful because it resembles a variety of natural flies. Not only is it a passable imitation of many grayish mayflies, but its grizzly/brown hackle and grizzly hackle tip wings create a mottled, broken-up light pattern that simulates a fluttering gray caddis. The Delaware Adams is a Catskill modification of the original pattern. With its palmered grizzly body hackle, the Delaware Adams floats better than the original Adams and goes a step farther in imitating a fluttering caddis. The olive-green body is a common color for adult caddis.

Hook: standard length dry fly

Tying silk: olive

Tail: grizzly hackle fibers

Wings: grizzly hackle tips, upright divided

Body: olive-green dubbing with a grizzly hackle palmered down the body

Hackle: brown and grizzly mixed

First tie in the tail, then move forward to set the wings in standard dry fly style. Remember not to set the wings too far forward; Catskill flies should have the head set back a little from the hook eye. Next, move back to the tail and attach the body hackle tip first. This hackle should be about one size smaller than the collar hackle. I also prefer to attach a length of very fine (38 gauge) dark wire to counter-wrap over the body hackle for durability (as an alternative, the hackle can be counter-wrapped with the tying silk). Dub the body, wind the body hackle and counter-wrap, then attach and wind the collar hackles, intermixing the brown and grizzly. Whip finish.

The only published description and photo of this fly that I know of is in Eric Leiser's The Book of Fly Patterns. Although Eric knows the Dette's well and describes the fly as having black tying silk and an olive floss body, the Dette-tied fly in my collection is as described above, with olive tying silk and a rather bright olive-green dubbed body. Take your pick and

Good tying,
Terry Finger

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY - What do YOU want from Mid-Missouri TU

1.) Meeting Topics - some suggestions have been:
(please rate, 1,2, etc. with 1 the one you would most like to hear about)

- 1. More on rod building.....
- 2. Raising chickens for quality hackle.....
- 3. Other types of fishing.....
 - Flyfishing for bass or panfish.....
 - Spin fishing.....
 - Bass fishing.....
 - Panfish fishing.....
 - Other game fish (type _____).....
- 4. Other topics (list, and rate in order of interest)

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2.) Level of fly tying at meetings - more.....
less.....
same.....

1. Organized as class.....
(specific 1 or 2 patterns - instructor provides recipe handout and enough hooks and materials for all for that meeting)...
Other format.....

2. Free tying time at end of meeting.....
(as it is now)

3. Other suggestions

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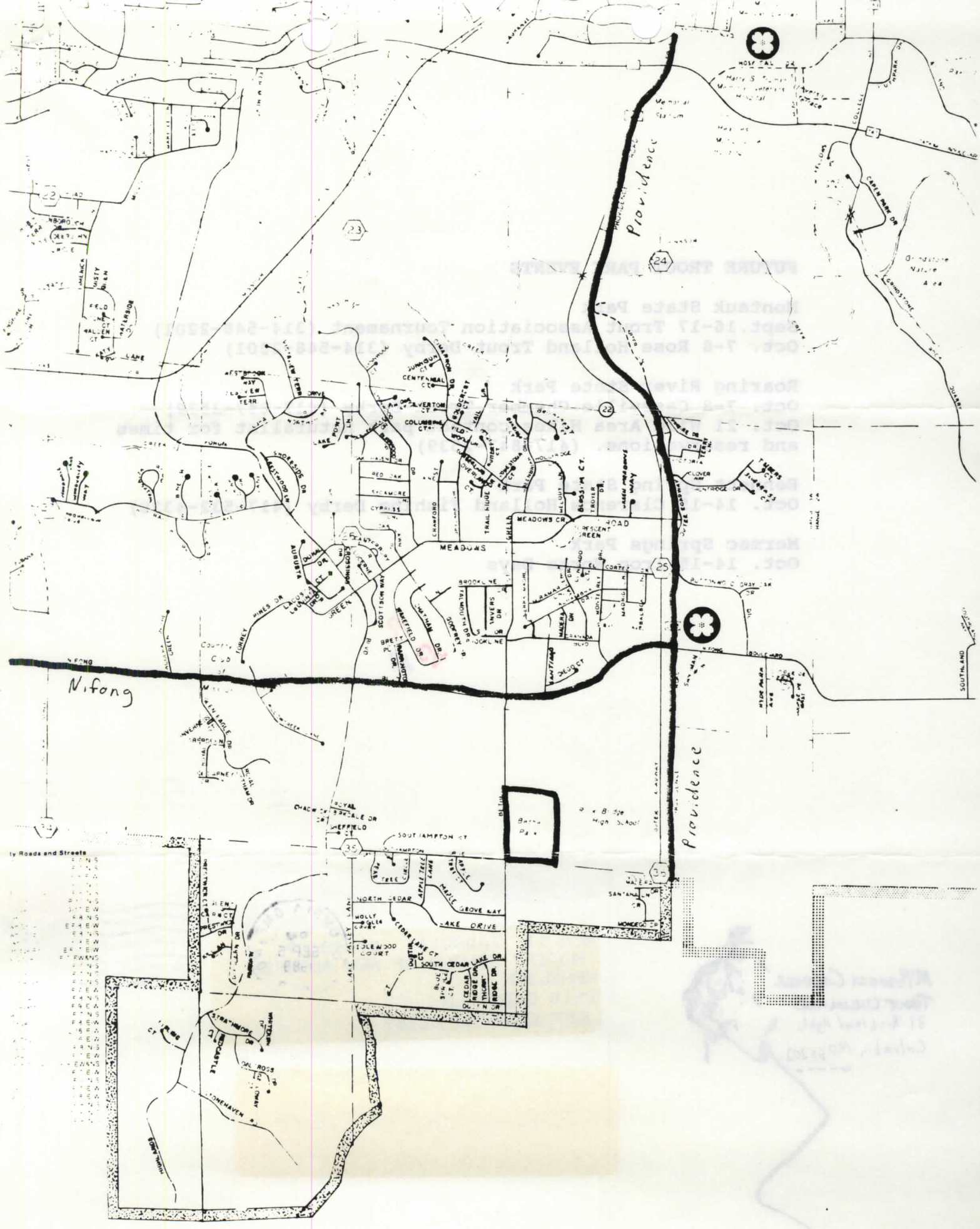
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3.) Club fishing trip - would you like one (Y or N)

1. Where (rank in order preferred, 1 being most preferred)

- Montauk Park.....
- Bennett Springs Park.....
- Maramec Springs Park.....
- Current River Trophy Area.....
- Meramec River Trophy Area.....



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FUTURE TROUT PARK EVENTS

Montauk State Park

Sept. 16-17 Trout Association Tournament (314-548-2201)

Oct. 7-8 Rose Holland Trout Derby (314-548-2201)

Roaring River State Park

Oct. 7-8 Cassville Chamber Trout Derby (417-847-2539)

Oct. 21 Wild Area Hikes-contact park naturalist for times and reservations. (417-847-2539)

Bennett Spring State Park

Oct. 14-15 Clarence Holland Fishing Derby (417-532-4338)

Mermac Springs Park

Oct. 14-15 Iron Works Days

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