



# MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



October 1992

## President's Message

The season has changed, and so, for a while, darkness has the upperhand. From now until after the trout parks open again next spring, most of every 24-hour-day will be played under the lights. Fly-tying and rod building fill in a lot of space on many calendars as winter drags by.

Maybe my words of winter seem premature. After living in Sweden for several years I guess my sensitivity to encroaching darkness has increased. September there is the month of harvest. Big sea-run browns and hordes of fattening cod follow the spawning crabs inshore to within the reach of flyfishers.

Then comes October, it gets really dark and really cold and stays that way until April. Darkness and impossible ice for months on end.

But cabin fever has no hold on even the most cynical of old farts around here, yet. How could it? I revel in October's crisp, clear, cold mornings and magnificent colors. The true colors of every leaf shine through. Not to be outdone, trout are in peak condition and color, too.

My first born came in the middle of one October not so long ago. I am sure that each year she's just a little more radiant during the month of her birth. I am sure that there are more than a few of us who light up in anticipation of something special and who keep shining awhile after it has been.

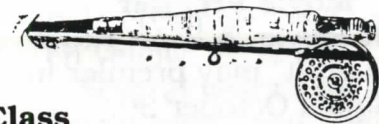
Although it's true that springs make our uniquely stable fishery, indeed it is possible for us to enjoy trout fishing year-round in Missouri — don't miss a single opportunity to fish on a grand, sunny day in the fall. Too few such golden days grace each of our lives.

Afterward, come to next month's meeting and tell us all about your adventure!

*Dave*

The Conservation Department office in Jefferson City is on West Truman Boulevard on the west end of town (about two blocks down the street from Gerbes West).

Future monthly meeting programs will include Roubidoux Fly Fisher George Hobson with slides and a talk on Montana fishing, and Mike Kruse with a presentation on the Meramec River.

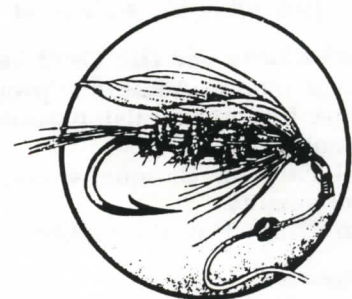


## Class

A beginners fly tying class will be held October 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the conference room at the Fish Pesticide Lab east of Columbia on AC (Hwy. AC becomes New Haven Rd.)

## October Meeting

We'll see you at 7:00 p.m. on October 6 in the auditorium of the Department of Conservation office in Jefferson City. Our program will be presented by well-known rod builder Charlie Reading. Charlie is going to talk about fly fishing in Patagonia.



## Fishing Trips

OFFICE HOURS  
BY APPOINTMENT

Your board of directors has decided to arrange some club outings. If you would like to go on one of these one-day Sunday fishing trips, you can meet others at the commuter lot on the north side of the bridge in Jefferson City (east side of Hwy. 54 in Cedar City) at 7 a.m. the day of the trip, or arrange car pooling on your own. Trip dates and destinations:

October 11 — Roubidoux Creek

November 8 — Spring Creek/ Mill Creek

December 13 — Bennett Spring/Niangua River

January 10 — Maramec Spring/Meramec River

### Movie Premier

The movie "A River Runs Through It" may premier in Columbia October 30, depending on how well it performs in Kansas City on its first weekend there. T.U. chapters are using the premier as a way to tell the public about Trout Unlimited.



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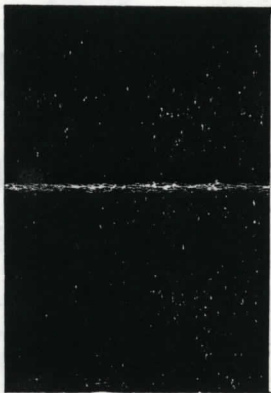


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## Questionnaire

The board of directors of Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited would like your opinion on what shape the 1993 T.U. banquet should take. Please fill this out and mail it to: Mid-Missouri Chapter, Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 10285, Columbia MO 65205, or turn it in at the October meeting.

### I would like to see the 1993 banquet be held to:

- 1) Raise money. A minimal program with emphasis on raising funds for T.U. conservation programs.
- 2) Have fun. Fund raising would be de-emphasized; the banquet would focus on fellowship with chapter members.
- 3) Educational. Banquet would include a program of interest, and possibly a presentation by an angling personality.
- 4) No banquet; explore other methods of raising funds for conservation projects.

### Comments:

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## Trout Fly Pattern of the Month

by Jerry Case

A time honored tradition in fly tying has always been tinkering with existing patterns to suit the whims of either the tier or the fish. Fly tiers for centuries have modified standard patterns by altering colors, materials and dimensions. This month's contribution is just such a variation of a theme.

The Tellico nymph is a great time-tested fly and a favorite of Chuck Tryon, who wrote a fine article on the fly in the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine some time back. With minor variations it's a pretty standardized pattern with a body color ranging from pale cream yellow to golden yellow.

Several years ago, and for reasons I can't recall, I began to tie a variation of the Tellico using a body of insect green wool yarn. I and many of my friends have found this fly to be effective at times, especially if there are greenish cad-dis larva or pupa about.

We've also had good success with the fly in matching small green stonefly nymphs like the Lime Sally. My pattern for the Tellico Green:

### Tellico Green

Hook: Wet fly, regular  
or 1XL, #8 - 16  
Thread: Black 6/0 - 8/0  
Shellback: Two to four peacock herls

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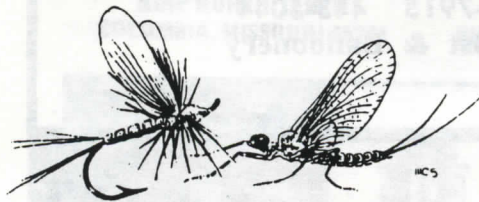
Body: Insect green wool yarn  
Rib #1: Peacock herl  
Rib #2: Fine copper wire  
Hackle  
Collar: Brown hen hackle

Secure the thread to the hook. Tie in a few strands of peacock herl about two inches long. Tie in the copper wire and a single strand of peacock for ribbing. Next, tie in a single strand of the wool yarn.

Bring the thread forward to behind the hook eye. Now, wrap the yarn body forward and secure with thread. Wrap the peacock rib forward about five wraps. Secure and trim excess. Grasp the rest of the herl and bring it over the top of the nymph to form a shellback. Secure

with thread and trim the excess.

Counter-wind the copper wire forward about five turns. Secure with thread. Tie in a brown hen hackle, sized to the hook, by the butt. Make sure the dull side of the hackle faces toward the hookpoint. Wrap the hackle about two turns, secure and finish the head. Give this pattern a try; I hope you have much success with it. Fish it dead-drift, with the Leisenring lift, or by slow hand retrieve. You might also experiment with a Tellico in tan or orange. Good tying and good fishing!



## November Meeting

The November meeting includes a program called Etched in Stone. Three people will talk about stoneflies. Dr. Barry Poulton is an aquatic entomologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He will talk about stonefly ecology and distribution in the Missouri Ozarks. Don Niccum of Roubidoux Fly Fishers will show us how he ties exact, lifelike imitations of stoneflies. Mark Van Patten, also a Roubidoux member, will show us how he ties impressionistic patterns made for fishing. Location for the meeting will appear in the November newsletter.



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