

MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



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President's Message by Dave Murphy

Last month I returned to Sweden, the place where I began to fly fish for trout. Was it ever exciting!

Before our long-awaited trip to visit relatives (*and fish*) and revisit old favorite spots (*and fish*) I tied hundreds of killer flies, borrowed a few more, went over all my equipment several times, read several new books and articles and poured over all my old fishing journals ... man, was I ready.

Somewhere along the line I read that biologists now find three times as many sea run brown trout along the coasts as there were in the early '80s. Wow! During peak fishing months, I used to catch about one keeper (over 20 inches) for every two hours I fished ... that means I should catch

I fished 20 of the 21 days of our visit. Water temperatures in salt water were still too high for trout along the coast. I was disappointed with the catching, but ecstatic with the fishing. When we lived there, I couldn't really afford to fish the salmon/sea trout rivers; license fees were high enough to seem an extravagance. Now I can afford it, or at

least my wife would rather buy me a fishing license than listen to me whine.

A lot of the excitement came back when I went to the tackle shop, bought the week's license, bought an example of a couple of guaranteed flies and materials to tie several dozen more of each. I stayed up most of the night cranking out my version of these simple flies — knowing that the next day I would be presenting them to some big fish.

I fished whenever I could all day all week. The water looked great. I saw a total of two salmon jumping out of the river in midstream. They were beautiful creatures, 30 inches long and silver as a new dime. I caught two yellow perch, one a 15- or 16-inch dandy. That was it, really.

I dropped by the tackle shop before we came home for one last conversation with my mentor. I reported on my experiences and remarked that I had seen from 10 to 15 other anglers on the river each day and not a single salmon caught. He said that the fishing was actually good this season, there had been more than usual rainfall (sound familiar?), the rivers were high and lots of fish were on their way up the rivers to spawn. "Why, one angler

October Meeting

Mid-Missouri TU will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday October 5 at the Fish and Wildlife Research Center in Columbia. The research center is located at the intersection of College and Stadium boulevards.

actually said he caught a fish last week." Imagine that!

All of this is history, and true. I am not a great fly-fisher, but this is the first 20 days in a row of being skunked that I have experienced. It's purely conjecture, but I believe several things to be true about my experience in Sweden:

(1) I probably could have benefited from hiring a guide (if there had been one available ... there was not).

(2) Three times zero is still zero. Even though there has been a great increase in the number of brown trout along the coast, there still is no overabundance. Conditions must be perfect to catch them, and they have to be there.

(3) Keeping everything you catch has a predictable effect on the trout population. No legal fish are ever released.

Like many other members of TU, I keep a fish to

eat once in awhile. I haven't killed a wild trout to eat, yet. But I don't have a problem with an angler killing and eating legal wild fish. There has been a lot of press lately which has portrayed TU members as irrationally opposed to the

killing of any trout, and as being snobs.

For myself, I believe it is more important that I limit my catch than that I catch my limit. For the record, I believe I would have caught more fish in Sweden if others did the same.

Trout Fly Pattern of the Month

by Jerry Case

Chironomids, commonly known as midges, are often important sources of food for trout. Although tiny in size, midges are usually available in huge numbers throughout the year and provide consistent protein for trout, especially when other larger insect hatches are absent. The fly fisherman can usually count on encountering many situations when nothing will work except a midge imitation.

Midges have a multi-stage lifecycle including a larval, pupal and adult stage. I have found for myself that the most effective stage to imitate is the stage between pupa and adult, the emerger, when the midge seem most available and vulnerable. Trapped in the film, struggling to escape its nymphal skin, the chironomid at this stage present an irresistible morsel for hungry trout.

The pattern that I fish most often to imitate the emergent midge is simple to tie and usually works quite well. You will need to use long, soft 6X or 7X tip-pets and mend often to eliminate drag. I often fish these patterns downstream, with a good bit of slack line, to trout feeding on the surface.

Midge Emerger

Hook: TMC scud #18 - #22

Thread: 8/0 to match body color

Funds Still Needed for Wild Trout

As described in last month's newsletter, we have committed \$10,000 toward the River Network's efforts to acquire about a mile of wild trout stream. Fund raising efforts have been productive over the past month. We have received these contributions:

Contributor:	Amount:
Show-Me Chapter, Trout Unlimited	\$3,000
Ozark Flyfishers	1,000
Chuck Tryon	1,000
Roubidoux Fly Fishers	1,000
Total contributions as of 9/22/93	\$6,000

We still need to raise \$4,000 to retire the loan that was personally guaranteed by four Missouri Trout Unlimited members. Our chapter's contributions, to date, have included lengthy negotiations with the River Network and funds for an appraisal of the property (\$2,200).

We hope to make further financial contributions, but we'll need the help of individual members to do so. Please use the form shown here to make whatever tax deductible contribution you can afford. You'll never have a better opportunity to increase your own fishing opportunities, preserve a wild trout stream and make a contribution that you can really feel good about.

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Mid-Missouri Chapter, Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 10285, Columbia MO 65205)

Mid-Missouri TU Wild Stream Donation

My contribution to fund raising efforts for the River Network's Missouri stream acquisition is \$_____.

My name _____

Address _____

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Trailing

Shuck: Mallard flank dyed brown, wood duck or dun

Body: Dubbing over front half of hook shank only. Black, gray or tannish cream

Wing: One-half of a white Super Ant body of appropriate size, or a short length of the smallest size white Live Body cylinder

Attach thread to the front half of the hook only. Tie in three hook lengths mallard flank fibers to represent a trailing nymphal shuck, legs, gills etc. Next prepare a short piece of the closed cell foam to be used for the pattern's wing. White seems to work best as it closely mimics the emergent midge's wing case full of air and ready to open. It is also easier for the angler to follow as the fly drifts along.

Tie in the wing so that it will extend forward over the hook eye. Leave a little

room to tie off the fly just back of the eye. Dub on a thin body in back of the wing over the front half of the shank only. Lift the wing and make one wrap of dubbing just in front of the wing to make it stand up a little.

Finish the head. You may experiment with colors but I've found a real need for only three: Black dubbing with a brown mallard shuck, gray dubbing with a dun mallard, or cream with wood duck dyed mallard seems to cover all the bases. This pattern will float head up in the film, just like the natural.

1994 TU Annual Meeting and National Convention

The 1994 TU Annual Meeting/National Convention will be September 21 - 25 at the Holiday Inn and Grand Tree Inn in Bozeman, Montana. To facilitate more TU'ers making it to the meeting, TU will publish information on the 1994 Annual Meeting in the Winter, Spring and Summer '94 issues of *Trout* magazine to give everyone

an early warning. Plan now to attend. You might as well come out for a whole week, because preceding the 1994 Annual TU Meeting is *Wild Trout V!*

Wild Trout V

Wild Trout V will be held September 19 - 20 at Mammoth Hot Springs inside Yellowstone National Park. TU holds wild trout symposiums every five years. These are an opportunity for fisheries biologists, managers, scientists, anglers and conservationist to come together to hear scientific papers presented on a variety of topics concerning our coldwater fisheries. Agency personnel for the USFS, BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, EPA, National Park Service and many state agencies and universities will be on hand to make and hear presentations on state-of-the-art as it relates to our understanding of coldwater fisheries. TU'ers from across the country will be in attendance. Watch *Trout* magazine for more details.

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