



# Cross Currents

March 2010

## March Meeting at D Rowes

March 2, 2010

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Regular Meeting

The program will be led by

Richard Mendenhall

On "Montana and Missouri Headwaters"

badge. Some of our monthly programs will be aimed at youth.

We have a vested interest in Little Piney, including an extensive insect survey. A Stream Team survey below the gravel mining operation is a marvelous way to monitor its status. We may also use the Three Creeks area for educational purposes, as no data is being collected there either.

## President's Corner

Somehow I let myself get nominated (actually drafted) to the job of President of MMTU. No one reveres the president, neither left nor right. But somehow I couldn't say no, its like an addiction wanting MMTU to succeed in its missions. I'm a novice to the leadership role and certainly didn't run on a platform of my own ideas. It was said I know our chapter as well as anybody. As such I will rely on previous leadership decisions and attempt to implement some of their lofty intentions: involve youth, deploy our Missouri Stream Team, promote special activities, and implement a local Embrace A Stream project.

You may have noticed already that our banquet had a new "YOUTH ONLY" silent auction section. We also hope to make other educational presentations to youth and assist Boy Scouts in their endeavor to earn the fly fishing merit

Special events can invigorate our chapter and promote new membership. The Gary Berger presentations in June will certainly provide a novice and experience fly fisherman alike with new insights. See the promotion below and come join the fun.

What better way is there to "conserve, protect, and restore coldwater fisheries and watersheds" than participating in TU's Embrace A Stream project. We will soon initiate the planning of such an esteemed goal.

I hope I can live up to the dedication you have entrusted in me. You have challenged me. Now I will challenge you.

-- Michael Riley, President

## Upcoming Programs:

March: "Montana & Missouri River Headwaters" - Richard Mendenhall

April: "The Perils of Trout Fishing: A humorous look at a trout angling career."  
- Joel Vance

May: Mike Siepker and Craig Fuller -  
"Trout Habitat Survey and New Stocking Formula"

June: No program

July: No program

August: Mark van Patten - "Streamside Entomology"

## Conservation Banquet a Success

The 2010 MMTU Conservation Banquet added significantly to the resources Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited is able to bring to bear on supporting coldwater conservation in Missouri.

New for 2010 were bidding opportunities for our younger members. Kids 16 and under had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction solely for them. It seems to have been well-received.

The Donati Award was presented to Curt Morgret who has served as MMTU President, helped with the newsletter, been banquet chairman, and who has been an ardent supporter of conservation activities here in Mid Missouri. Congratulations, Curt!

After all the expenses have been paid, the net proceeds will help further the goals of Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited.

Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited (MMTU) typically spends most of the conservation monies locally and assists other chapters and the National TU organization in their projects. For example, last year MMTU donated locally to Missouri Trout & Coldwater Fund through Missouri Conservation Heritage Fund, some to Colorado Trout Unlimited for the Buffalo Peaks project, and some to National Trout Unlimited for the Missouri Headwater Project. The Missouri Trout & Coldwater Fund, along with MMTU, were major partners in the recent acquisition of the Bohigian Conservation Area on Mill Creek. We also contribute to Casting for Recovery and youth education. This year I hope some of our local money will be spent on Embrace A Stream project.

## International Master Angler, Gary Borger, Is Coming to Columbia

Renowned fly angler, Dr. Gary Borger, will be presenting to Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited June 12<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Borger is one of the world's foremost fly



fishing educators. He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and since 1972 has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. A free-lance writer and photographer and an active member of the Outdoor Writer's Association of America, Gary is also a Contributing Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine, Editor at Large for the Virtual Fly Shop, and Fly Fishing Columnist for North American Fisherman. He has written five best-selling books on fly fishing: "Nymphing,"

"Naturals," "The Borger Color System," "Designing Trout Flies," and "Presentation." Gary pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of "Nymphing" in 1982. Since then he has appeared in four videos for the 3M Company; and in cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers, produced the environmental video "Where The Trout Are." His video production company has produced an additional 17, internationally acclaimed videos in the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series." Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford's movie "A River Runs Through It."

The presentations will be held at RADIL auditorium at Discovery Ridge. Tickets are \$15 with Mid-MO TU members receiving a \$5 discount and can be purchased from Scott Gerlt ([gerlts@missouri.edu](mailto:gerlts@missouri.edu)). Seating is limited to 75 people. Please purchase tickets as soon as possible so we know how many seats to offer other clubs. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on the event, please visit <http://www.midmotu.org/events.htm>. For more information about Gary Borger, visit [www.garyborger.com](http://www.garyborger.com).

### Schedule

**From 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Dr. Borger will present:**

*"Reading the Water" The tactics of finding, stalking, presenting the fly to, and hooking and playing trout in lakes and streams.*  
and

*"Sight Fishing with Nymphs from Top to Bottom" Learn these amazingly easy and*

*highly successful new tactics for nymph fishing that makes the process totally visual—just like fishing dry flies.*

**From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., lunch break.**  
*Food can be purchased on site. From 12:00 to 1:00, Dr. Borger will be available for book signings.*

**From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Dr. Borger will present:**

*Casting and Mending (weather permitting)*  
and

*"Really Matching the Hatch" There's far more to matching the hatch than having the right fly; learn the underlying secrets for consistent success on big, selective trout during heavy hatches.*

and

*"Presentation" The many arts and sciences of fly fishing integrated into one cohesive strategy for consistent angling success; the tricks for finding and taking big trout.*

**5:00 p.m., dismiss.**

**April Meeting at D Rowes**

**April 6, 2010**

**6:00pm Dinner,**

**7:00pm regular meeting**

"The Perils of Trout Fishing: A humorous look at a trout angling career." - Joel Vance

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