



Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited

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Cross Currents

April 2014

Tuesday April 1st, 2014 Meeting
7:00pm at Jack's Gourmet

**Jeff Witten presents on Fishing the
Headwaters of the Colorado River**

Tuesday May 6th, 2014. Mike Kruse speaking on "Fishing in New Zealand".

Tuesday June 3rd, 2014. Hot Dog Burn at Gordon Shelter, Stephens Lake Park, 5:30. Hot dogs provided. Please bring a side dish.

Tuesday October 7th, 2014. Dick Sellers of Tuckaseige Chapter out of North Carolina, on Fishing the Smoky Mountains.

New Newsletter Editor: Gene Kelly has agreed to become newsletter editor. As we transition, please send newsletter items to both Gene - gkflyfishing@gmail.com and Michael Riley - rileym@missouri.edu.

President's Corner by Scott Gerlt

The Fly Fishing Film Tour on March 15th was a great event. Attendance was down slightly, but we still had a good turnout including several people from out of state.

The quality of the films was excellent. Thank you to everyone that came.

March 8th saw several of our members demonstrating fly tying at Bass Pro during the fishing expo. I really appreciate everyone who represented our club there.

Activities like these help spread the word about our chapter and conservation. If you have not made any of these events, I hope you will consider doing so in the future. The impact our chapter has is only limited by the participation of our members.

Donati Award

Denis Hancock is the 2013 recipient of the Nello Donati Award, our chapter's equivalent of most valuable member. He was our first webmaster and has spent numerous hours publishing our monthly newsletter.



Here are some of his thoughts: "I am humbled to have received the Donati Award for 2013 and I am especially pleased to see that, not only is the award itself named for a mentor of youth, but it features the art work of Paul Heine who also was involved in mentoring young anglers. While my ability to fish the streams may be limited, I'm sure there are other ways in which I can live up to this recognition."

2014 Banquet Report

A lot of fun was had at this year's banquet. Over twenty youths received gifts and flies.



Michael Riley was surprised that he passed the Presidency on (or did he?).



Richard Mendenhall was tickled to win the Card Raffle and elected to take the personal pontoon boat. Ann Heine expressed her

gratitude for the display of Paul's art on our program cover.

Our new President got indoctrinated.



And a **GOOD TIME** was had by all.



This year MMTU spent \$5000.00 for riparian restoration on the Warm Fork of the Spring River in southern Missouri. The last three miles of Warm Fork is a coldwater fishery and supports trout before entering Mammoth Spring in Arkansas.

Mid-South Report by Michael Riley

This year's Mid-South regional meeting was held at Beaver's Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma on March 1, 2014. About thirty members and representatives from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas participated. Many participants came a day early to fish Mountain Fork River, a

unique tailwater below Broken Bow Lake where the spillway section maintains a minimum flow and is always fishable regardless of power production.

We got updates on TU national Women's initiative and some information on government affairs.

We had presentations on some pertinent housekeeping functions like succession planning (continuous), updating definitions of Officers and Chair positions and learn about a national trend for Chapters to be driven by events as opposed to the traditional Tuesday night meeting.

We learned about the local conservation efforts in Oklahoma. How minimum flow was finally acquired on the lower Illinois River below Tenkiller after a no flow fish kill. How Lost Creek was restored and Evening Hole created out of a swamp hole on Mountain Fork River. Most of us got to see (or even fish) Evening Hole.



Evening Hole



Lost Creek

MMTU is sponsoring the Mid-South meeting in mid-March 2015 at Branson. I hope that MMTU has a good turnout and look forward to your support.

Digital Newsletter. MMTU will be migrating to an electronic newsletter this year. Members will get an email with a pdf copy of the newsletter or view it online at midmissouri.tu.org. You will still be able to opt in for a printed copy via postcard.

Check out the new Web site at www.midmissouri.tu.org. Please let Dean Rapp (dean.rapp@gmail.com) know how we can use them to best serve you.

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Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except for July and August. The regular meeting place is in the Wine Room at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, located on East Business Loop 170, across from the east side Westlakes Hardware in Columbia, MO. June meeting is at 7p.m., but come early to chat and eat. Short business meeting before hand.

One of our significant costs is printing and mailing this newsletter. If you are willing to accept it by email, more of MMTU monies can be spent on conservation. Just send your email to rileym@missouri.edu to make the switch.