



Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited

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Cross Currents

Sept. 2014

Tuesday September 2nd, 2014 Meeting

7:00 pm at Jack's Gourmet

Brandon Butler, Executive Director of the
Conservation Federation of Missouri.

Tuesday October 7th. Dick Sellers of the North Carolina Tuckaseegee Chapter, on fishing the Smokey Mountains.

Special Program – October. John Knight will be coming to Columbia to speak about fly fishing competitions. For several years, John has been the main organizer of the America Cup Fly Fishing Tournament. Please consult the October newsletter for the exact date, time and place of John's presentation.

Presidents Corner by Scott Gerit

I hope everyone had a great summer. I know quite a few members had exciting fishing trips around the country, some even around the world. We have some great programs lined up for this fall. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, we are working on a special guest – John Knight. Stay tuned for more news about this major event.

Also, we need to have more events for those in our mentoring program. If you have not volunteered, please think about helping out as we recruit more fly fishers and conservationists.

Tight lines!
Scott

Annual Hot Dog Burn

June 3rd was the annual hot dog burn at Stephen's Lake Park. There were approximately 30 attendees, including mentees. After a delightful meal including great home-made sides and desserts, the Far Bank representative, Darin Jacober, presented some of the Sage rod and Rio lines currently being offered. All were available to try. Some time was spent helping the mentees learn to cast. For those that stuck around to the end, Bill Lamberson pulled out a newly created, bamboo two-handed rod. The three sections had to be taped together as standard ferrules would not hold up to casting the cane cannon. Such endeavors made for a great evening.

Sage advice from Darin Jacober



Citizen Alert – Missouri Deer Herd

Governor Nixon recently vetoed two pieces of legislation that would have transferred regulation of captive deer in Missouri from MDC to the Department of Agriculture. He vetoed Senate Bill 506 and House Bill 1326 because it contradicts existing constitutional authority for fish and wildlife through the Conservation Commission by classifying captive deer as livestock and transferring regulatory authority to the Department of Agriculture. In addition, the Governor felt it was not reasonable for only 3 dozen captive deer herd owners to jeopardize the health of the Missouri deer herd should chronic wasting disease continue to spread in Missouri.

To quote one of our TU members and leaders, Mike Kruse, "While not an aquatic issue per se, I urge all of you as individuals, to support these proposals. What is really at stake is the ability of state and federal conservation agencies to manage the public's wildlife (and fish) resources. Unless the silent majority of conservation-minded citizens speak up to support regulations such as these, the well-funded, well-organized minority, which is interested only in profit, will determine the future of conservation in North America."

You are urged to provide comments to your elected officials on this issue. Following is language for a short letter. A hand written letter is much more effective than an email.

"I do **not** support an override of the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 506 and House Bill 1326 because the language classifying captive deer as livestock is unconstitutional."

Time is short - you have only one week to get this done. [Click here](#) to obtain the names of your state representative and state senator.

Win a Sage Fly Rod or Guided Fishing Trip

The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MOAFS) is conducting a raffle to raise funds to assist future fisheries students.

By donating \$50 you will be entered to win one of **23 Sage Fly Rods or 8 guided fishing trips** all while helping MOAFS provide scholarships and awards to deserving students. Ticket sales are limited to 620 which means each entry will have a 1 in 20 chance of winning.

Go to www.moafs.org for entry tickets.

A winner will be drawn each day in December 2014. Prizes include rods such as the Sage Method Elite (\$1325 retail), Sage Method (\$800 retail), Sage One (\$700 retail), and Sage TLX-F (\$625 retail) and guided fly fishing trips (\$325/day) with some of Missouri's best trout guides.

The MOAFS is a scientific and professional organization dedicated to the conservation, enhancement, and restoration of aquatic resources.

If you have questions about the fundraiser or MOAFS please contact Andy Turner at: moraffle2014@gmail.com.

Announcing Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop Schedule

The fall schedule for the 2014 Level 1 VWQM Workshops has been announced. Chemical monitoring, visual survey, and a review of invertebrate identification techniques will be covered at the Level 1 Workshops. To qualify for Level 1 Workshops participants must have first sent in their Microinvertebrate data.

To register go to: www.mostream.org/ or contact Susan Higgins, DNR, 1-573-526-1002. Space is limited so act soon.

Autumn Reading by Bill Lamberson

While we are all waiting delivery of John Gierach's new book, *All Fisherman are Liars*, I recently was in Tom Hargrove's shop and picked up a couple books to occupy me until *Liars* arrives. Neither of these books is going to tell you how to catch more or bigger fish, but they may fill the gap between hatches. Jerry Kustich has delivered his third book of essays, *Around the Next Bend*. Kustich was one of the bamboo rod builders at Winston, who as a group left Winston in protest over changes in company policy. He, along with Glenn Brackett and others, moved across the river in Twin Bridges and set up shop as Sweetgrass Rods. I have had the pleasure of visiting Sweetgrass and find them, like their mentor former Winston owner Tom Morgan, incredibly open to sharing information. The title of Kustich's book reflects that transition as well as the loss of his wife of many years. Kustich muses on these events in his essays and he tells some good fishing stories as well. The essays are somewhat uneven in quality, and as in his other books, can be a bit dark at times. He and his brother Rick are well known especially in the world of steelhead fishermen, and in this book Jerry is best in the steelhead stories, especially comparisons between Great Lakes and west coast fishing.

The second book is in the genre of fly fishing fiction (but aren't all fish stories fiction to some extent?). Scott Richmond is a well-known Oregon fly fisherman and has written a number of guide books on Oregon waters. This book, *River in the Sun*, is part fly fishing, part spy thriller. It is an enjoyable way to pass a few hours, but you aren't likely to remember it next month. The best part of the book is that he gets the fly fishing right, down to the specific rocks and runs of the Deschutes. Those of you who have floated the Deschutes and spent time hanging around the small towns on the east side of the Cascades will feel right at home. Richmond isn't going to replace *le Carre* as a writer of spy novels any time soon, but if you

can't get on the water and need to pass some time, this book will fill the bill. If you are headed out west (way out west, not Colorado) to fish, check out Richmond's website:

<http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/cgi-bin/home>.

MMTU Stream Team Survey of Little Piney

The MMTU stream team will conduct the September survey of the Little Piney River, Saturday, September 13th. All those interested in participating, mentees included, meet at the Grindstone commuter parking lot at 7:30 A.M. Bring a sack lunch and fishing rod.

Salesman Sample SALE

Date: September 27th

Place: 2005 Hatton Ct., Columbia, MO

Time: 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Steve Humphreys with 3 Creeks Outdoor Group is having a Salesman Sample Sale and would like to invite the members of Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited. Their products include Sage, Redington and Rio. There will be an assortment of various sizes, weights, lengths and colors. Women's apparel is all mediums. All the products are like new, some still in their original packaging. This is NOT a garage sale – but a chance for “friends” of 3 Creeks to buy great gear at a great price. Everything is priced to sell.

From the intersection of Limerick Ln. and Chapel Hill Rd, turn north on Limerick Ln., left on Hatton Dr., and left again on Hatton Ct. Sage and Redington tents will be set up in the yard so it shouldn't be hard to find.

If you have questions, please contact:

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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 gkflyfishing@gmail.com to make the switch.