



Cross Currents

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February 2017

Tuesday February 7, 6-8pm
regular meeting at
Hy-Vee
2nd Floor Banquet Room
25 Conley
Columbia MO.

Program on Threatened
Stream Gauges, USGS

Individuals can purchase any food
 or beverage they want from the
 variety of Hy-Vee options
 including the Market Grille.
 Meeting at 7 PM with conversation
 starting at 6 PM



Marilyn Hook with a reconet sailfish.
Ask her questions about it at the banquet.

Mid Missouri Trout Unlimited Annual Conservation Banquet

Friday February 24, 5:30

Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 S Providence Rd, Columbia, MO 65203

Check out our Donors and Auction Items at banquet.midmotu.org [2017Banquet](#)
 Be sure to thank our Donor's.

Tickets are \$40 before Feb 15th, \$50 afterwards. Youth 15 and under free.
 Contact **Curt Morgret** at cmorgret@gmail.com or 573-881-3969 for tickets.

Announcements

Trout Fishing Workshop at Bethel Lake, Columbia MO, Feb 4th, 9am until Noon. MDC will furnish the fishing equipment and if possible maybe have some fly casting demonstrations and information about fishing with fly's. Please let Ryan know if you would like to volunteer to help out at this event.

Potential trip on **Feb 11th-Bennett Spring Winter Trout Fishing Trip and/or Park Clean Up Project**

Friday, February 17, 6pm the Gateway Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting its 2017 Annual Fundraising Dinner on Friday, at Tapawingo National Golf Club in Sunset Hills, Missouri. Their special keynote speaker will be **Chris Wood**, President of Trout

Unlimited. His vision for TU is infectious and when you will leave you will know you have drank the veritable TU Kool-Aid. Contact Matt Tucker, matt.tucker@gatewaytu.org, for tickets (\$30).

3Creeks has many new and lightly used Sage/Rio/Redington gear available at steeply discounted prices. Contact Scott Gerlt at gerlts@missouri.edu if interested.

Please post your fishing outings on
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President's Corner by Ryan Verkamp

February is one of the best months to get out and enjoy the Missouri Outdoors. The woods are bare, the streams are gin clear, and the majority of Missourians are on the inside looking out waiting for Spring to sprung. With only a few weeks left to fish in the Missouri Trout parks, I would suggest dusting off the fly rod this week and join several volunteers from MDC and MMTU in Columbia at the Cosmo-Bethel Park Lake for the first ever winter trout fishing workshop. A weekend fishing, or teaching, around Bethel should be just what every angler needs going into the final weekend of winter trout season at the parks along with the season opener being just around the corner. The trout fishing workshop this coming weekend at Cosmo-Bethel, or in Jefferson City or Fulton, in subsequent weeks to come, are great opportunities for all. You can come fish for yourself, as everyone loves the taste of fresh trout, or lend a hand to some youth or families that might not be familiar with the sport. I would expect there will be fly tying and casting demonstrations, fly fishing trades and techniques revealed, along with rod and reel techniques to ensure you walk away with your creel limit. With the weather looking like it is going to be on our side, hopefully you and your friends will make it out to support this inaugural event.

February also marks the month of lots of fundraising banquets throughout our area across several organizations. MMTU's banquet is coming up and we couldn't be more excited about it this year. We would be honored to have your support on Feb. 24th at Stoney Creek Inn. Hope to see you then!

Potential Closing of USGS Stream Gages Sam Potter reporting

In early December of 2016 notification was distributed about the potential closing of four stream gages. Two gages on Roubidoux Creek and two gages on Big Piney River. The four gages were previously funded by US Army at Fort Leonard Wood. Fort Leonard Wood contacted the USGS and informed them that they would cease funding the four gages the end of December 2016.

On the 19th of December a meeting was held in Waynesville with interested parties attending including but not limited to representatives of USGS, MDC, DNR, City of Waynesville, Pulaski County, NWS, Missouri Outfitters, and I was there as a representative of the RFFA, MSA and MidMoTU. Not present were Corps of Engineers and the US Army. USGS made their presentation and handed out information. Q&A

followed the presentation. It was clear that public safety was the primary concern of all involved.

A second meeting was established as a necessary follow up so that the representatives of the various interest groups could contact their organizations and return with their responses. In attendance at the second meeting were all of the above mentioned representatives plus the MSHP, the local newspaper, SEMA, land owners and a representative for US congresswoman Vicky Hartzler.

The following Chart shows the monies committed as of January 20, 2017.

Annual Stream Gage Funding Needs

Coopertaor	Roubidoux Creek Above Fort Leonard Wood on Hwy 17	Roubidoux Creek below Fort Leonard Wood at Polla Road	Big Piney River near Big Piney (Ross Bridge)	Big Piney River below Fort Leonard Wood (East Gate)
USGS				\$5200
MDC	\$7300	\$7300	\$7300	
MMTU		\$3000		
Waynesville	\$3000			
MSA			\$500	
Total Needs	\$14600	\$14600	\$14600	\$14600

Missouri DNR has committed \$10,000 as a shortfall to be used as necessary to fund any of or all four of the stream gages.

At this second meeting we were informed by the Mayor of Waynesville that she had contacted the Commanding General of FLW to discuss the cease of funding of the four gages. The Commander is new at his post and was unaware of the situation, but would find out why funding ceased. The mayor has scheduled a follow up meeting with the Commander in hopes that the US Army would continue to fund the gages.

With the monies that have been made available the four gauges will continue to operate until the end of March. A third meeting at the Waynesville City Hall will be set for early March with the date to be announced.

Meeting Place: Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, except for July and August. The current meeting place is in flux.

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