



Cross Currents

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June 2017

Tuesday June 6, 5:30pm
Hot Dog Burn
Summer meeting at
Stephens Lake Park-Gordon Shelter
Columbia MO.

Individuals are encouraged to bring any side dishes or beverages they want to go with the Hot Dogs, chips, water, and condiments provided by MMTU.

June Announcements

North Fork River Strong- Fundraising event to raise money for the cleanup of accesses on the trout waters of the North Fork of the White River. Event will be held at the Schlafly Tap Room -June 15, 2017. You can follow the group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/NorthForkRiverStrong/>) and learn more about the event at this link (<https://www.facebook.com/events/655059681359997/>)

Needed: Newsletter Editor. Please email Ryan if interested.
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Save the Date: 2018 Banquet will be held on Feb. 23, 2018 at Stoney Creek Inn

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

April showers brought more than May flowers this spring! They brought vast devastation to Missouri Trout streams and trout parks. Early reports made it sound like fishing below Montauk State Park on the Current River was not permitted and that trout were being seined from fields to transport them back to the river. This is two 100-year floods within 18 months of each other and will take years to get access points cleaned up and get everything put back to normal. What can we do as an organization to help?

Jeff Yates below gives us some insight on that very question. See his email excerpt

below. We all can be watchdogs of what is going on in our trout streams and can voice our opinions as conservationists. We can also support causes like the North Fork River Strong, coming up on June 15th. There is still lots of clean up efforts going on as all Missouri trout streams were impacted.

On a happier note, MMTU was selected out of 200 chapters to receive five new LL Bean fly rod and reel outfits to grow our chapter's youth education, community outreach, and veterans programs. Thank you LL Bean as over the 10 years of this program, they have awarded more than \$400,000 in donated fly rods and other items to TU chapters across the county.

June is our annual outdoor Hot Dog Burn. Come out and enjoy some warmer weather and tell some fish lies while enjoying the camaraderie of the organization. If you have a friend that you have been meaning to invite this would be a good meeting to ask them to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the fall, enjoy your summer.

3 Creeks Salesman Sample Sale coming up

This year the 3 Creeks Salesman Sample Sale will be on Saturday -June 10th @ the 3 Creeks Office.

You are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of shopping & fish stories. BYOB if you would like to hang out, grill will be fired up !

4901 W. Driskel Rd, that is the first left after the twin bridges on North Stadium/ RT. E

Follow Driskel west to 4901 on the right. Long 1000 yd gravel driveway. You will see a banner out front. 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Don't miss this chance for great deals on Demo Rods from Sage and Redington and other gear. This is NOT a garage/ thrift sale.

Darin and Steve support MMTU in a big way each year, if you are available stop by and say thanks and cast a few rods.

Message from Jeff Yates, Director of Volunteer Operations TU National, regarding April floods

A very short and preliminary set of feedback for all of you, and your chapters, is that we've seen a number of major (often record-breaking) flood events across the country the last few years and the initial concern is always that the force of the water was so severe that absolutely nothing could have survived.

Fortunately, in almost every case we've seen, the trout and aquatic life have survived catastrophic flooding and rebounded in the following years.

In fact, it's often been the post-flood activity of contractors, highway departments and others using heavy equipment to straighten and channelize the rivers that causes the true damage to the rivers and reduces, slows or limits their ability to recover after the flood.

After Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, flood damage was exacerbated by dredging and channelization - as demonstrated in this compelling video which I hope you'll watch and share with your members. In Vermont alone, at least 77 miles of streams suffered major habitat degradation from

ill-advised post-flood dredging by well-intentioned equipment operators.

While Southern tailwater streams have unique characteristics that make them different from New England freestones, the principles of hydrology are often the same - so hopefully you'll be surprised as the waters recede and you can get a clearer sense of the trout populations.

The key will be to work closely with your state agencies to assess the post flood damages, the population impacts and steps to mitigate the damage. As that period arrives, don't hesitate to be on the horn with me and our conservation staff regularly to talk through what is being proposed in your states.

And we can definitely help talk through what you can do to advocate for the rivers and - hopefully prevent - the type of post-flood construction activity that caused so much damage in other regions. The most important thing may be to have the chapters and council serve as watchdogs to halt any improper post-flood work.

Jeff

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 Upstairs Meeting Room at Hy-Vee off Conley, Columbia MO. In June the meeting is held at Stephens Lake Park, Collins Shelter at 5:30 pm.

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