

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

September 2022

President's Message

Hello folks,

So we are getting into September and the weather cooling down. Might be able to fish a few afternoons now.

I thought John Schulte gave an excellent talk on the hatchery process. I had no idea of all the different processes and work that goes into putting fish in the streams. It seems they are often adjusting for one issue or another, but seem to recover nicely. Also nice to get the tip on where the big browns hang out at Taney. Kinda wish it was in the fly section, but still good to know.

We have an outing to the White River set up for late September and it is usually a fun trip with great fishing. The lodge there is also nice and my one experience was great. Contact our outings Director, Rick Bable for details and to make reservations. Still planning to attend the Bennett Spring opening day of catch and release. I understand this is on and we should hear more in the coming weeks.

On a sad note, we lost an old friend and fishing buddy, Carl Quicksall in late August.

Watch for our article on the CFM magazine for September/October.

Be well my friends.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

Remembering Carl Quicksall

June 14, 1941 - August 25, 2022

Longtime Ozark Fly Fishers member, Carl Quicksall, passed away on Thursday, August 25, after a long illness. He had many friends in the Club, and will be remembered fondly.



Upcoming Events

September

Member Meeting

September 22, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Cara Arrigo
(See p. 2 for info)

White River Outing

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022
Norfolk, AK.
(See p. 2 for info)

October

Member Meeting

October 27 – 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Phil Lilley
(See p. 2 for info)

November

Catch and Release Outing

November 10-13, 2022
Bennett Spring
(See p. 3 for info)

Reminder

Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and the OFF calendar and website about future events. To keep up with OFF, you can follow our social media accounts listed below.

-  www.ozarkflyfishers.org
-  Instagram: [@ozark_fly_fishers](https://www.instagram.com/ozark_fly_fishers)
-  Twitter: [@ozarkflyfishers](https://twitter.com/ozarkflyfishers)
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September 22, 2022 - Member Meeting

In-Person Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2022
7:00 PM

Meeting Location

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
13014 Olive Blvd.
Creve Coeur, 63141
(Parking and Entrance in the Rear)

Guest Speaker:

Cara Arrigo, Stream Team Coordination Biologist

- Basic caddisfly background
- Comparison of families in the U.S., big differences between east and west coast
- Families and some known genus and species that are found in the Ozarks of Missouri
- Flies and how they imitate localized caddisflies, and how different flies imitate different stages of life
- Presentation of flies found at local stores (your local two fly shops) that best represent these caddis



October 27 – Member Meeting

In-Person Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022
7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Phil Lilley, of *Lilley's Landing*

White River Outing: Sept 30 – Oct 2, 2022

This month, members have the opportunity to join in on our White River Outing.

We will be staying at
River Ridge Inn
57 River Ridge Rd
Norfolk, AR 72658

The cost will be \$180.00 per person. Make checks out to "Ozark Fly Fishers" and mail to Richard Bable at:

Richard Bable
102 Deer Meadows Ct.
Ballwin, MO 63011

Please call Ricard to confirm your reservation at 314-650-2859 by September 20.

2023 Banquet Donations Needed

The annual Ozark Fly Fishers banquet meeting is coming up this January at the Sunset Country Club in Sunset Hills, MO. Plan to join your fellow members for this fun and memorable event. If you have any donations for the auctions, please contact Chris Friesen. Donations may be dropped off at the December Holiday Party and Fly Swap. Please remember, Covid-19 prevented having this event in 2021 and 2022. Because this is our main fundraising campaign for the next year, we encourage ALL members to attend, maybe donate an auction item, and join in the festivities. More details about the banquet will be included in upcoming club newsletters.

-Chris Friesen, D.O., drcpfriesen@gmail.com

31st Annual Catch and Release Outing Plans

November 10-13, 2022

It is time to make plans for our 29th C&R outing at Bennett Springs. It will be held on opening weekend of 2022 catch and release season. The season starts at 8:00 am on Friday, Nov11 and continues on Saturday thru Monday. The no creel fishing starts at 8am and closes at 4:00pm each day. The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificials (no bait). Instead of a daily tag of summer, you need only to get a MO Trout Permit (\$10:00), good until the end of Feb. 2023 which is good in all four MO trout parks. You can get one anywhere MO license are sold.

This year you will make your own reservations at Sand Springs. Types of accommodations and rates can be found at the end of this article. As of right now there is no formal dinner on Sat night. Many things have changed down at Bennett. Trying to find a place that can accommodate us. I'm working on it. Hope to have somewhere we can all be together for dinner on Sat. night. Info to follow in the Oct/Nov newsletter. The meeting room will open on Fri. and Sat. night for fly tying and socializing.

To avoid disappointment, on room needs, make your reservations as soon as possible. Make sure to tell them that you are with the Ozark Fly Fishers group.

Thursday, November 10 - Sunday, November 13 2022
Sand Springs Resort
Lebanon MO

Reservations: 800-543-3474
Front Desk (9am – 4pm): 417-532-5857

- SINGLE – 1 QUEEN BED – MAX OCC. 2 \$55
 - DOUBLE – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4 \$75
 - TRIPLE – 3 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 6 \$95
 - KITHEN – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4 \$95 (two night min)
 - SUITE UNIT 50 – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4 \$115
- (TAXES & FEES NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE PRICES)

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.
-Steve Antonic, 314-401-8874, sjantonic@charter.net

Ozark Fly Fishers featured in Conservative Federation of Missouri Magazine

Readers of the monthly CFM magazine may see a familiar face in this month's edition. Ozark Fly Fishers were highlighted as an affiliate of CFM, and featured in a brief write-up.

The entire edition is available online at: https://issuu.com/missouriwildlife/docs/september_2022_vol_83_no_5

Affiliate Highlights

Ozark Fly Fishers

It is a crisp morning, the fog is still lifting from the stream, and you just felt a tug! Ozark Fly Fishers (OFF) is now a fifty-year-old St. Louis based fly fishing and conservation organization affiliated with Fly Fishers International. Our primary objectives are to improve fisheries and promote the sport of fly fishing.

We promote fly fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish. We practice conservation of natural resources and support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control. We provide advice, education and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing, demonstrating applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects.

OFF is an ideal organization to introduce fishermen to the art of fly fishing. Both beginning and seasoned anglers enjoy the social and technical resources of our club. We offer monthly speaker meetings, frequent outings to fish regional streams and lakes, fly-tying and casting from certified instructors, visits to schools and scouting groups to promote the sport and stream outings to monitor the health of our waters.

We also demonstrate casting and fly tying at several local fairs and conservation gatherings in Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas. We offer help in a fly rod, reel, tapered leader and tippet setup – then all the knots needed to tie them together. Fly presentations and different casting approaches can keep our member chats lively (and hopefully peaceful). There is always the latest 'hot fly' someone has found. Some members are quite technical and others just looking for a little peace and solitude on the water.

The club holds an annual banquet, bringing in a national speaker, and has an annual outing to Montauk for Water Quality Management and fish Bennet Springs on the opening weekend of the catch and release season.



Paul Jackson holds a nice Rainbow Trout on the Eleven Point River. (Photo: Dave Haas)

We work closely with the Missouri Department of Conservation, St Louis County Parks, Conservation Federation of Missouri, Project Healing Waters, and Casting for Recovery.

Our group invites interested anglers to look us up at www.ozarkflyfishers.org - and yes, it has a member application online. Everything you need to get started. Say hi when you see us on the stream - we might even fill you in on that 'hot fly.' First, though, reel in that tug you felt this morning and bring it to your net.

Communications

Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members. Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com.

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com

If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

Follow OFF on Twitter for discussions.



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Subscribe to OFF on YouTube for videos



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Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org>
or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, all you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".

Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the sub group. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group. Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: Shur-way@sbcglobal.net



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Stream Team 31

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<i>Blue Springs Creek</i>	Glen Bish
<i>Mill Creek</i>	Bill Leslie

Reminders:

Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers typically met at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. Locations may change due to renovations at our usual meeting spot in Queeny Park. Keep an eye on the Newsletter and Calendar for additional details.

OFF Student Membership

Ozark Fly Fishers is proud to announce our new Student Membership Program. Students will be able to join OFF for a discounted rate of only \$10 per year. Be sure to pass word along to any young anglers you believe would benefit from membership.

Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

Founded 1971

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To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

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