

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

July 2020



### President's Message

Hi folks, welcome to Summer!

Still isolating, with an occasional trip to Westover Farms, and a Missouri road trip to some state parks, springs and waterfalls. Drove down to the new Echo Bluffs State Park. I was impressed and would recommend it. They have a number of nice cabins, a patio/restaurant and Sinking Creek is a nice 'bubbling brook.'



Hey! Here's something - instead of our normal meeting at Queeny, there will be a **Member Fly Swap** outside at Tilles Park, the same pavilion we hold our barbecue. So at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 23 we swap! Should be enough room to socially distance and we will each put one fly in each other's box that we line up on a table. Easy. To get an idea of how many flies to tie, there will be a signup sheet on the OFF Website. Sign-up ASAP. As a bonus, I will bring some of the books recently donated to the club.

So, we are still on hold for now. However, all is not lost - the Stream Team event at Montauk is cancelled, but we still have rooms reserved if interested- see Ed. The Eleven Point and White River outings are also still on for now - again see Ed for details. I have received a few ideas to celebrate our 50 year anniversary and still seek more. One piece I hope to assemble is the club's history and any memorabilia.

Luckily, no corona virus issues for our members I know of, and the Zoom fly tying sessions on Wednesdays give us a chance to see a few familiar faces. If anyone has anything to share, please send it over to Jacob, it will certainly be welcome. Sorry if I have rambled a bit . . .

Be well my friends,

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**  
Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)

### Not Sure When an Event Is?

#### **Check the OFF Calendar!**

Obviously many OFF Events are being cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic. The best way to stay current on all OFF happenings, is to check the Website and Calendar, which are continuously updated.

[www.ozarkflyfishers.org/calendar](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org/calendar)

### Upcoming Events and Cancellations

#### July

July 23, 2020

Member Fly Swap

Tilles Park Pavilion

**Sign-Up Sheet Available on the OFF Website**

#### August

August 27, 2020

Membership Meeting

Greensfelder Rec Complex

**TO BE DETERMINED**

#### September

August 24, 2020


Membership Meeting


Greensfelder Rec Complex


**TO BE DETERMINED**

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## Outings Report – July 2020

The July outing is a fishing outing only on July 10-12. However, the Stream Team Program has been cancelled. We have booked the remodeled rooms MO1 through MO6. The rooms now include a refrigerator and microwave.

You need to make your reservation and payment direct to Montauk by calling: 573-548-2434. Room Rate is \$214.78 for Friday and Saturday. The restaurant is open for carryout only.

The Board has decided that this and future outings will not be club sponsored. However, I will continue to do monthly reports with details on how to participate on your own.

If you have outing questions, please contact Ed Olander.  
Tel: 314-487-1663  
Cell: 314-566-1422  
Email: [olanderedward@att.net](mailto:olanderedward@att.net)

## Eleven Point River – Alton, MO

### September 25-27, 2020

Our host is Brian Sloss of Eleven Point Cottages & Guide Service in Alton, MO whom will provide our housing in town in his renovated houses. I have reserved two Cottages for eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with bedrooms and other sleep areas. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Friday night BBQ will be Brats, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Slaw, coffee and dessert. Saturday night will be BBQ Ribs, baked potato, salad, rolls, coffee, and dessert. Drinks are BYOB. Cost per person – two nights stay and two dinners \$90.00. Breakfast at Grandma's Saturday AM on your own.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Highway 19 bridge, but to fish the 5 mile Blue Ribbon section you need a canoe, kayak, belly boat or guide service. I have Brian ready to provide guides for hire for an all day float in the Blue Ribbon section for \$375 plus tip for two includes rods, flies, lunch and drinks on Saturday. Let me know if you want to fish with a guide Friday or Sunday. ½ day is \$275 plus tip.

Website for Brian is [www.canoe@ortrackm.missouri.org](http://www.canoe@ortrackm.missouri.org).

## CONSERVATION/MISSOURI STREAM TEAM #31

### 2020 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**NOTE THAT ALL REMAINING SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19!**

Scott Darrough, 314-560-1335, [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

## 2020 Outings

July 10-12, 2020

Montauk State Park

**PRIVATE BOOKINGS  
AVAILABLE**

September 25-27, 2020

Eleven Point River - Alton, MO

**PRIVATE BOOKINGS  
AVAILABLE**

October 9-11, 2020

White and Norfolk Rivers

River Ranch Resort

Norfolk, MO

**PRIVATE BOOKINGS  
AVAILABLE**

November 12-14, 2020

Catch & Release Outing,

Bennett Spring

Sand Spring's Resort –

Lebanon, MO

**PRIVATE BOOKINGS  
AVAILABLE**

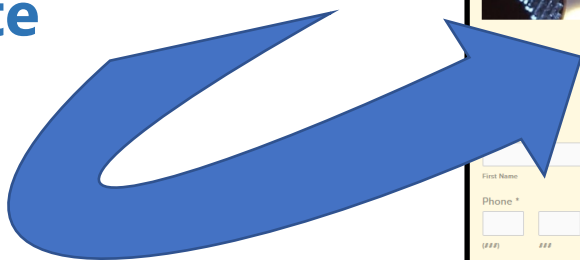
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Hope to see you all at the Fly Swap. It's been too long!

**Sign Up for the Fly Swap on the OFF Website**



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First Name  Last Name

Phone \*

Email \*

[CLICK TO SIGN UP FOR THE FLY SWAP](#)

## Fly-Fishing Books!

Ozark Fly Fishers has been donated a large quantity of fly-fishing books by a former member. Some of the authors include Wulff, Wetherell, Cheechio, Hughes, Borger, Gierach, Lyons and many others. Some tying books, some location books (aka favorite fishing holes), some insect books and much more.

If interested, please contact Dan Rasch.

## Donate a Fly to the Member's Fly Box -

Please consider donating a fly to the Member's Fly Box which will be raffled at the 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. Our Member's Fly Box will only be as good as we the members make it, so please donate. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. See Scott Darrough at the next meeting to make your fly donation. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

# Fly of the Month – July 2020

## Chernobyl Caddis

More and more, I am ditching the strike indicators in favor of Euro-nymphing or Dry-Dropper rigs. While Euro-Nymphing is very productive, I miss traditional casting and dry fly fishing. Dry-Dropper rigs are particularly effective this time of year when all the fish are looking up and there are lots of bugs available. The real key to this system is a very buoyant and visible dry fly. Another consideration is the size. Our waters are all what I consider “pressured” – way more fisherman than fish these days. Down-sizing is critical, but it still has to float well enough to hold up a bead-head nymph or two.

This Chernobyl Caddis is just the ticket. I saw it in on an Instagram post from Kyle of Ludwig Outdoors in Catawissa, MO. (He’s on Etsy if you want to buy some of these or his other flies) It is sparse, floats flush in the water yet is still visible, and is foam-based so it floats well. Even better... it takes just minutes to tie and is very durable. The original pattern was tied in a size 6, but I tie mine in sizes 12 to 16.

### Materials

- Hook: Firehole 317 Size 12 to 16 (they do run a size or two big)
- Thread: Veevus 12/0 Brown
- Abdomen: Brown or Pearl Crystal Flash
- Under-Wing: Tan 2mm Foam Strip
- Thorax: Brown SLF Spikey Squirrel Dubbing
- Wing: Light Elk Hair

### Tying Steps

1. Secure hook in vise and start thread behind hook eye and advance 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the hook shank from hook eye. Tie in one strand of brown crystal flash folded over in half at this point.
2. Using both strands, wrap one layer of crystal flash back to hook bend and then another back to tie in point. Tie off and trim excess.
3. Cut foam strip about 2/3 the hook gap wide and tapered at one end. Tie in tapered end just ahead of abdomen.
4. Dub a shaggy thorax to about three eye-lengths back from the eye covering foam tie in point.
5. Fold over the foam strip so that the fold extends over the hook bend and tie in at the front of thorax.
6. The foam compresses well, so make a neat tie down spot. Trim the excess and wrap down neatly.
7. Trim, clean, and stack a section of elk hair similar to an Elk Hair Caddis. Tie in just behind the eye.
8. Trim butts leaving a flared head. Whip finish and trim thread.



I will fish this fly either alone or as a dry fly for my Dry-Dropper rig. I tie it in a tan/brown, olive, and dark brown to cover the various caddis we have throughout Missouri and Arkansas. I like to treat them with Water-Shed and let dry before stowing them in the box. I also use the dry “shake” products to keep them floating high. I have tried adding white poly yarn on top of the elk hair, but it doesn’t seem to make a difference in either visibility, durability, or floatability. It does look more “Chernobyl-y” though.

**Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers**



# 2021: Ozark Fly Fishers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Time flies, right? Next year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ozark Fly Fishers. The club was founded way back during the Nixon Administration in 1971. We are looking to our members for ideas on how to celebrate the occasion. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or requests on how to celebrate our Gold Anniversary, please send them to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



## Tie Flies with OFF on Zoom

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table have made the best of a bad situation. Mike and the guys have set up a weekly group tying Zoom call.

If you are looking for something to do while you're at home, and you don't tie flies yourself, but are just needing to be entertained, the FTOLT has been successful in holding Zoom meeting tying session. The sessions are free for anybody wanting to participate. All you need to do is download the Zoom app and let us know that you want to participate.



Email Mike Swederska at [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net) or post that you'd like to join in the Ozark Fly Fishers Facebook page or GroupsIO page. You'll be provided with a link and can join in on the fun using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet.

he tying sessions are 5:30 on Wednesday nights.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)



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## Stream Team 31

Coordinator / Current River	Scott Darrough
<i>Blue Springs Creek</i>	Glen Bish
<i>Mill Creek</i>	Bill Leslie

## Reminders:

### Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org))

## Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table new tying schedule is tying on the second and the fourth Wednesday of the month at the same location, Shur-Way Auto Body in Maplewood, starting at 5:30 pm. Early arriving tiers are welcome. All tiers of all skill are welcome to join in on the fun. There is always more going on at the tying event than just tying. We talk about everything fly fishing. Feel free to join!

## 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**

To 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.

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

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