

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

September 2020



President's Message

Hello fellow anglers!

We continue to isolate and Zoom seems to be our best friend for now.

It was sad to hear Larry Wegmann from Springfield passed away. I knew Larry from my time in Springfield, and many of us knew him from the different fishing expos and his presentation to the club back in October of 2018.



I am pleased to announce Steve Garret has accepted the Chair position of the Nominating Committee for this years officer elections. I enjoyed the Zoom meeting for August and Mike's Smallmouth presentation, especially since there are many creeks within a short drive of St. Louis. Another fine resource to do quality fishing other than trout, and a great way to skip the crowds. I think I saw a top number of 31 on the Zoom meeting, and Jake did a fine job of setting up and moderating. It gives me confidence for the next Zoom meeting of the club on September 24 with Sarah Parker Pauley. We will again send a link that morning. For the meeting, we would like to have questions submitted for her and Jake is setting up the form to enter these.

If there is interest, Westover Farms has suggested we do an outing there, perhaps on a weekday.

Be well my friends, **Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**
Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

September

Speaker:

Sarah Parker Pauley

Sara Parker Pauley serves as the ninth Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation. A native of Columbia, Pauley received both her law degree and bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and did post-graduate studies in Australia as a Rotary Fellow. She previously served as Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since 2010. Pauley began her professional career as a Policy Analyst with the Missouri Department of Conservation from 1993-1996.



Upcoming Events

September

September 24, 2020 – 7:00PM

Membership Meeting

Join Online through Zoom

See p. 3 for details.

October

October 22, 2020

Membership Meeting

Topic: TBD

Location: Zoom

2021 OFF

Membership News

Due to COVID-19 challenges, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to **waive 2021 membership dues and automatically renew membership** for 2020 members. The Board is working hard to get more events on the calendar for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021 that are educational, fun, and safe. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter, OFF Website, and Calendar for updates. Thanks.

-OFF Board of Directors

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Outings Report – September 2020

We have two outings to close out the year:

The Eleven Point - September 25-27, 2020 and

The White River - October 11-13, 2020.

Reservations are closed. I need the payment from those who have not paid ASAP. Please make out your checks to *Ozark Fly Fishers* and mail to:

Edward Olander
5886 Chrisbrook Dr.
St Louis, MO 63128

If you have outing questions, please contact Ed Olander.

Tel: 314-487-1663

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Email: olanderedward@att.net

2020 Catch and Release Outing

November 13-16, 2020

Bennett Spring

Due to the Covid problem that has taken over our world today, OFF will not have our annual outing at Bennett Springs this year. This annual November event has been the highlight of gatherings for 25 years. What will happen, is if you still want to go, you will have to make your own room reservations at Sand Springs Resort. There will be no organized get-togethers that weekend. This would include the Saturday night dinner. I know this will disappoint the loyal group this really enjoys this fall event and I hope we will be able to have a great 2021 outing. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Steve Antonic
314-401-8874
Winter Catch and Release program runs:
Friday Nov. 13 – Mon. Nov. 16
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sand Springs Resort
Highway 64
Lebanon MO 65536
417-532-5857
800-543-3474

Remaining 2020 Outings

September 25-27, 2020

Eleven Point River

Alton, MO

Reservations Closed.

October 9-11, 2020

White and Norfolk Rivers

River Ranch Resort

Norfolk, MO

Reservations Closed.

November 13-16, 2020

Catch & Release Outing,

Bennett Spring

Sand Spring's Resort –

Lebanon, MO

PRIVATE BOOKINGS ONLY

2021 Outings

Outings for next year are still to be determined. Please keep an eye on the OFF Website and future Newsletters for additional information.

Ozarks Zooms – September Meeting

Thursday, September 24 – 7:00 PM

Come Zoom with Ozark Fly Fishers. On Thursday, September 24, Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. will offer online, visual programming for members. The programs will be available to all members that have a computer or smartphone. On the morning of the meeting, each OFF member will be emailed a link and password for the evening program. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, but members will be able to join the Zoom meeting room as early as 6:45 PM. This month, our Guest Speaker is Sarah Parker Pauley. Sara Parker Pauley serves as the ninth Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

As always, the programs will be advertised on the OFF Website, our social media channels, through emails to members, and in the monthly newsletter. **On the morning of the meeting, each OFF member will be emailed a link and password for the evening program.** The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, but members will be able to join the Zoom meeting room as early as 6:45 PM. During the meeting program, all members except the presenter will be muted, so that only the presenter will be able to speak. Members will be able to virtually raise their hands in Zoom if they have questions, or post their questions in the Zoom chat. We'll demonstrate how to do this before the meeting gets started.

Reminder: Using Zoom

Click the Link to Watch this Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKQq96TiGpg>

Join by computer

- Have a headphones available if possible to minimize feedback – your cellphone earbuds will work well.
- Click the **Zoom link** that's been sent to you in an email, and Zoom should automatically and quickly download to your computer.
- In Downloads on your computer, click Zoom_launcher.exe. Zoom should direct you to this with a large orange flag.
- Once Zoom has launched, a screen should pop up asking for your name. This will identify you during the meeting.
- You should now be part of the meeting. Click the green button that says "**Join Audio By Computer**".

Join by tablet or smartphone

- If you choose to use your tablet or smartphone, be sure to download the Zoom app ahead of time.
- Once you have downloaded the Zoom app, follow the "Join by computer" instructions above.

Join by telephone

- First, dial the phone number provided in the Zoom email.
- When prompted, dial the meeting ID number that is also provided.
- Your phone will be automatically muted once the meeting starts. If you want to speak, press *6 to unmute.

We want to start on time – please allow extra time to get online! In consideration of the whole group, **please arrive 15 minutes early** in order to get successfully connected. Someone will be on hand to help you if needed. This is especially important if this is your first time using Zoom. If you come late to the conversation and have difficulties connecting, please disconnect and phone in.

Fly of the Month – September 2020

Bob Clouser's Foxee Minnow

After Mike Swederska's presentation on Ozark Smallmouth Bass Fishing, I started remembering a simpler time when I was not obsessed with trout, and I did not have to drive three hours to fish. Then I remembered Bob Clouser's visit to St. Louis for an All-Day meeting where he demonstrated his Clouser Minnow tying. Bob Clouser, created an entire line of Clouser Minnows designed to catch everything from trout and panfish to saltwater species like redfish and snook. The lead eyes tied on the top of the hook invert the fly so that it rides hook-up, and the sparse style mimics what a true baitfish looks like in the water – lighter on the belly, shiny and sparkly across their mid-line, and darker across the back. His Foxee Minnow looks like just about any minnow or sucker we find in our Ozark streams as well as crayfish and other prey.

Tying Materials

- Hook: Standard Streamer Hook – I like Gamakatsu B10S Size 4 or 6
- Thread: 8/0 Veevus Tan
- Eyes: Painted Lead Eyes – Red or Gold
- Belly: Lighter section of Red Fox Tail
- Flash: Gold Crystal Flash, Gold Flashabou, and Bronze Flashabou
- Top Wing: Darker section of Red Fox Tail



Tying Steps

1. Secure Hook in vise and start thread about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the eye.
2. Secure eyes to hook by making several crossing wraps then wrap horizontally around the eyes to tighten the thread. Use your favorite cement or super glue to secure them
3. Advance the thread to behind the hook eye.
4. Cut a section of red fox tail from the lighter side and brush out all the under fur – There's a lot of it.
5. Tie in front of the eyes and then between the eyes and wrap down the hook shank to about the hook point. Return thread back to in front of eyes. Invert the hook so that the eyes are on the bottom.
6. Cut 2 Gold Flashabou, 2 Gold Crystal Flash, and 3 Bronze Flashabou from their ties. Fold around the thread, position on top of the hook and wrap down to just in front of the eyes.
7. Cut a section of darker black-tipped fox tail and brush out all the under fur.
8. Tie in just behind the eye secure down about half way to the eyes.
9. Form a neat head with thread wraps, whip finish, and trim thread.
10. Finish the head with your favorite cement or UV cure goop.

Our own Bill Armon has a video good on YouTube on tying this fly, or check out Bob Clouser's book. I fish it with a floating line to give it a jigging motion, but I'm sure a sink-tip line would get you deeper. Make sure to fish it deep with steady strips. I fish it for smallmouth, largemouth, trout, redfish, and everything in between. I will cast it slightly up and across stream, let the belly pull it downstream as I strip it, then let it swing across and downstream.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

2021 Board of Directors Nominations

With the exception of Director of Conservation role, every position of the Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors is up for re-election at the end of 2020. If you have a nomination for a role, or wish to volunteer, please contact OFF President, Dan Rasch.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

2021: Ozark Fly Fishers 50th Anniversary

Time flies, right? Next year will be the 50th 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



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 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.

The 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.

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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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

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)

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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