

May 2016

Ozark Fly Fishers - General Meeting

Thursday, May 26th 2016 7:00 PM
Greensfelder Complex - Queeny Park
550 Weidman Rd
Ballwin, MO 63011



The speaker for the May 26th meeting will be Ryan Hudson, "RyHud" is President and Head Fishing guide at the Wyoming fishing company. Fishing and fly tying has been a lifetime passion for Ryan as he has been tying flies commercially since he was 13 years old and has been a fly fishing drift boat guide across a number of states since 2004. Ryan will speak about the rivers in Wyoming that he fishes and will tie flies that he uses on these rivers.

Please join us at the Greensfelder Complex at 7 pm on the 26th.

Bill Todd



Casting Tip May 2016

by Bill Armon CCI

Back to basics as we start a new year of fly casting and fishing.

- 1) The end of the fly line must move before any bend is put in the rod. If the rod does not bend it is not loaded. To make a good cast there must be a bend in the rod caused by the weight of the line and the movement applied to the rod.
- 2) Slack is your enemy. At no time in the cast should there be slack in the line / rod connection. If there is - either the rod is not loaded (bent) or the line is not smoothly accelerating.
- 3) Accelerate throughout the stroke. The mantra is "smooth acceleration to a hard stop". The stop is the power of the cast and the power needs to be saved for the end of the stroke / cast.

If anyone is interested in casting before the meeting give me a call and we can set up a time to meet.

Missouri Stream Team 31

2016 EVENTS, OUTINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 8 - 10 8th Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park)

JULY 23 20th Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park)

AUGUST 27 49TH Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park)

AUGUST 27 Passport to Clean Water (Green Tree Park)

AUGUST 28 49th Annual Operation Clean Stream - Belews Creek (Hillsboro)

Watch the OFF Newsletter and Calendar for details concerning these events. If you have any questions about these events please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Fly of the Month - May 2016

by Mike Ott

What's not to like about bluegill? Nothing says summer like bluegill suckin' down flies at your local pond. You don't have to drive three hours to get to them, you don't have to get up at the crack of dawn to catch them, and they are usually not terribly finicky about flies or presentation. There are some sure-fire flies, though, that make catching them easier.

The Mackie Bug, reportedly an Ed Story concoction, represents everything that's good and decent in a bluegill fly – it has rubber legs, it has contrasting colors, and it's easy to tie. It sinks horizontally while the rubber legs quiver enticingly making big panfish come unglued.

Hook: TMC 3769 or 3761 #10
Thread: 8/0 Black
Weight: .020 Lead or Lead-Free Wire
Tail: Clear with Silver Flake Sili-Legs
Abdomen: Black SuperBright Dubbing
Ribbing: Brassie Size Copper Wire
Legs: Clear with Silver Flake Sili-Legs
Thorax: Fluorescent Chartreuse SuperBright Dubbing



Secure hook in vise. Add 10-12 wraps of lead or lead-free wire to hook shank. Start thread behind hook eye and secure lead wire to center portion of hook shank, and advance thread to hook bend.

Tie in two sections of the Sili-Legs as a tail extending out the rear about 1 ½ the hook length so that they form a V. Tie in a section of the copper wire for ribbing.

Dub a tapered body of the black SuperBright dubbing to about the 2/3rd point of the hook shank. Wrap the copper ribbing in even wraps to get 5 or 6 wraps. Tie off at thorax.

Tie in two sections of the Sili-Legs so that they form a V on each side of the hook – one leg extending over the top and the other along the side of the body. Trim so that they extend just to the hook bend.

Dub a thorax of the Fluorescent Chartreuse SuperBright Dubbing. Whip finish and trim thread.

I fish this by casting out, counting it down to depth, and then stripping it back in 2-3 inch strips. Start with a 3 or 4 count sink, and extend until you find the fish. Remember to bend down the hook barb so that the bluegill are easier to unhook. You can also experiment with the leg color and the thorax color. Try chartreuse legs on the original, or a red thorax with the clear legs, etc.

Conservation / Missouri Stream Team 31

STREAM TEAM OUTING RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY AT THE ANNUAL BBQ

For those unable to attend the Stream Team Outing in July, you will have an opportunity take chances on the outing raffle items at our annual barbecue on June 23. To date some really nice items have been donated to the raffle. Along with your appetite you might want to bring some “folding” money to help support your club and its promotion of the Missouri Stream Team program.

DONATE A FLY TO THE “MEMBERS” FLY BOX

If you have not contributed a fly to date, please do so at the May general membership meeting. Your fly will be placed in our Member's Fly Box. The donor's name and the name of the pattern will also accompany your fly. You decide on the type of fly that you want to donate whether it is for fresh, salt, cold or warm water. If you do not tie flies, please consider purchasing one for donation. The Members Fly Box will be raffled at our 8th Annual OFF Missouri Stream Team Outing at Montauk State Park on July 9, 2016. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. Here is an opportunity for all members to help promote and support the Missouri Stream Team program. If you have any questions please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

8TH ANNUAL STREAM TEAM OUTING

PROMOTING THE MISSOURI STREAM TEAM PROGRAM

“WHERE SCIENCE AND SPORT COME TOGETHER”

July 8-10, 2016 Montauk State Park

The elements of this outing continue to assemble. Finalized details concerning theme, speakers, schedule, accommodations, etc... will be available for your viewing in the June newsletter.

Do not forget to mark the above dates on your calendar. This outing continues to grow in popularity and we continue to add new activities and interests. If you have not done so, consider making your accommodations, whether reserving a room at the lodge or nearby motel, cabin or campground. We have reserved nine rooms at the Montauk lodge for OFF members. Each room has two double beds. The rate for a two night stay is \$171.96. This includes tax. If you are interested in a lodge room contact Outings Director Ed Olander: 314-566-1422 to make your reservation. Since the conception of this outing with each passing year these rooms go quicker than the year before. Be sure to get yours.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND or have any questions about the outing, please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com By confirming your attendance we can establish a head count to better accommodate food preparations. Watch for forthcoming details in any and all of the OFF communications.

Water Commission Threat

We must raise our voices to our representatives AGAINST Amendment 1. Senator Munzlinger is at it again – promoting his closed containment pig farm connections to the detriment of clean water. This amendment is a big deal that we need to shut down. Legislation that would allow ELIMINATION of the PUBLIC'S VOICE on the [Clean Water Commission](#) is occurring in Senate [Amendment 1](#) added to SCS/HCS/House Bill 1713 Authored by [Senator Munzlinger](#) and NOW [Senate Bill 937](#).

Please share out this information to your networks with suggested action:

The legislative session is ending, please ACT NOW and VOICE your opinion to your representative.

Jim Marstiller

Mill Creek



Mill Creek – April 9th was the big Spring Clean 16! event at Mill Creek. Special thanks to Ozark members in attendance – Bob Zagar (and his two grandsons Will and Robert III) Malcolm Royse, Dr. Jim Svetina and yours truly. For those of you who signed up and didn't drive down, well...you really missed an awesome event on a picture perfect day!

It was an unprecedented success. How big you ask? Here are some data points:

Over 200 volunteers

13 different organizations including MO Stream Team Watershed Coalition (Holly Neill), MDC (Nick Gironde), Mark Twain Forest Service, Ozark Fly Fishers, TU, Roubidoux Fly Fishers, Ft. Leonard Wood Officers Corps to name a few.

56 miles of roads cleaned – virtually every single road in the watershed

7,450 bags of trash

912 volunteer hours logged (which can be leveraged for grant money)

Hundreds of hotdogs consumed at the celebration picnic afterwards – thank you Ted Calcaterra and Smithfield Foods

Why do we clean up roads in addition to Mill Creek proper you might ask? Because it's a very important part of our ongoing education process. Raising awareness about watersheds and littering through the greater community and schools is a key first step in actually keeping trash out of the stream as well. It's an attitude – that's ongoing. A next step involves erecting signs: Mill Creek Watershed, Please Help Keep It Clean!

"There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root." - Henry David Thoreau
All the best and tight lines,

Jim Marstiller

Education

Club will provide appropriate refreshments; vices and fly fishing rods/reels; OFF signage and brochures. Tables, Chairs, Lighting and electrical extensions will be available and provided by our hosts. Lunch will be provided by our hosts.

Need: Personnel 4-6 tiers /casters for each event by name. I would like to know who is coming. New members tiers are encouraged to volunteer.

Thank you for your assistance.

If interested and have questions or recommendations, please contact, James "Jim" Gera at cell: 314.560.4144

11 June 2016 Saturday

Who: OFF assisting Illinois Great Rivers Research and Education Center

What: The National Great Rivers Fishing Fair (estimate 2,000+)

When: 0800-1600 Saturday 11 June 2016

Where: Pere Marquette State! Park, The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center,
13112 Visitor Center Land, Grafton, IL 62037
MO 67 N to Alton, IL to IL 100 W to Park (57 miles 1:00 hour drive)

Why: OFF exposure to Illinois residents of OFF fly fishing club.

Personnel: I'll be going and would like at least 3 additional OFF members for this all day adventure to Pere Marquette Park

Logistics: Refreshments will ! be provided by Host; bring you own fly tying equipment if you want too; club will provide vices, material for San Juan Worms,
Rods and Reels for casting; Host will provide tables chairs electric and extensions for lamps.
Suggest you bring personal folding chairs.
Club provide cooler with ice tea and water.

Car Pooling: Please contact me to arrange for car pooling and designated pick up rendezvous location.

18 June 2016 Saturday

Who: National Park Service Centennial Celebration

What: OFF to assist with Fly Tying and Casting

When: Saturday 18 June 2016 from 0800-1600

Where: Round Springs National Reserve
National Park HC 1
Eminence, MO 65446

Web: <https://www.nps.gov/ozar/planyourvisit/round-spring-and-round-spring-cave.htm>

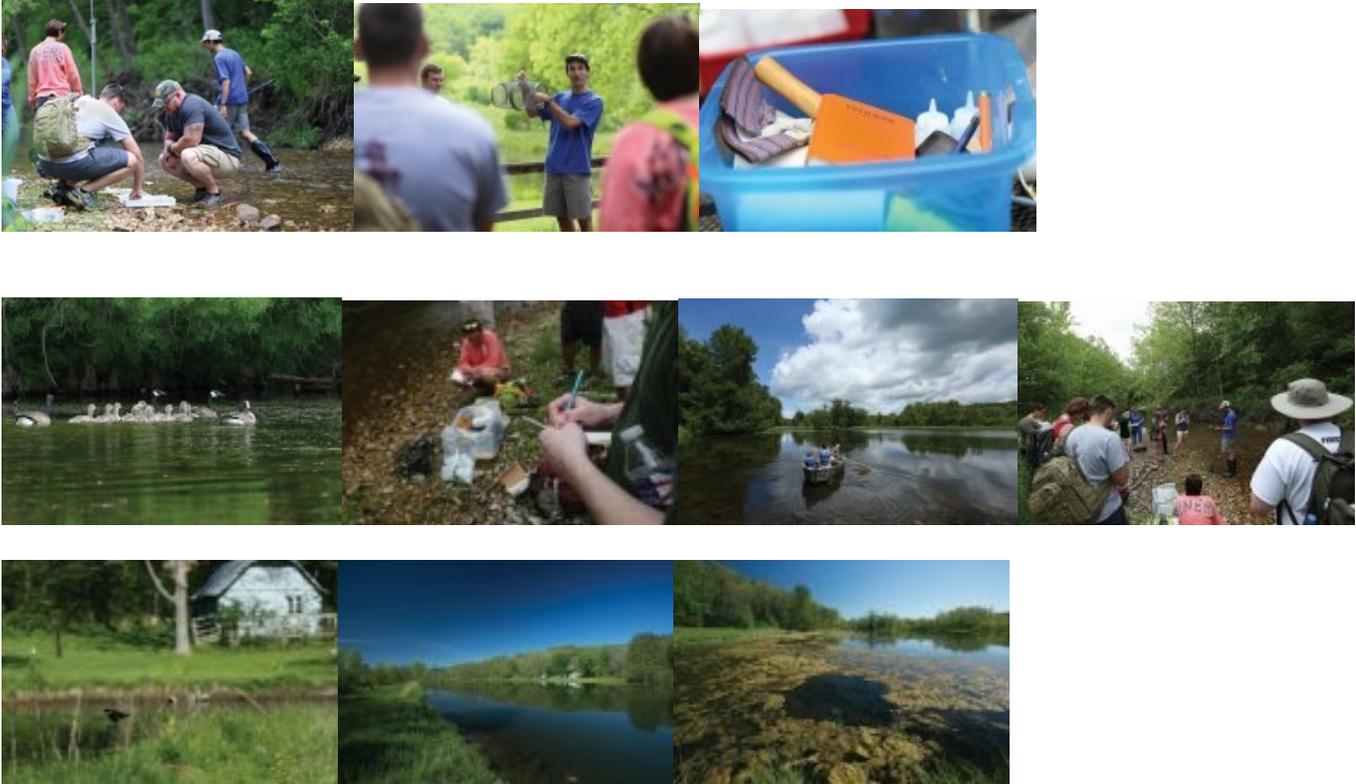
Why: OFF exposure assist build positive relationship with National Park Service

Logistics: Members who attend should contact me for more information; overnight accommodations in the area are suggested; this is 163 miles from STLOMO a 3 hour drive; recommend incorporating this with a fishing possibly Montauk. Open for suggestions.

A 10-acre classroom

March 28, 2016 by [magazine](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

Southwest of Rolla, 10 acres of land once farmed by some of the area's earliest settlers is now being explored by pioneers of a different sort — Missouri S&T students.



Working with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the family of Dr. George Bohigian, a St. Louis ophthalmologist, Missouri S&T is turning the property into a field station that will become a living laboratory and classroom for students in a variety of majors.

“This field station idea goes hand in hand with the S&T concept of taking learning out of the classrooms and out of the labs and into the real world,” says Stephen Roberts, vice provost and dean for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Business.

Students who took Field Ecology, Cave Biology or Vegetation of the Ozarks courses last summer were among the first to study in and alongside three spring-fed ponds, a wetland fen, a nearby stream, and countless flora and fauna.

“This is a great learning opportunity,” says Dev Niyogi, an associate professor of biological sciences. “There are some subjects you just can’t learn in a lab, and field ecology is one of them.”

Article provided by George Bohigian

Tips From an Aging Dry Fly Fisherman

Fly Tiers of the Long Table

Mike Swederska



Who are they and how did they get started you may be wondering? This is a great question and I would like to answer it for everyone who has seen posts on the yahoo group or heard talk at the fly shops. A couple of Ozark Fly Fishers banquets ago I was standing at one of the silent action tables full of books. I was approached by Rick Babler a fellow member. We really did not know each other very well but that has never mattered in fly fishing and tying. Rick said that he understood I enjoyed tying dry flies. My quick reply was a “you bet-cha”. He then asked me which book on the auction tables I could recommend to help him with his dry fly tying. I looked at him and said in a resounding tone. None! I asked him what he wanted the book for so we talked a little about tying dries. It was then I offered to sit down and share my love of tying dries. He accepted my offer and the two of us started to tie on Tuesdays in the afternoons.

The word spread via the club, yahoo group, word of mouth in other tying circles and local fly shops. We have been tying once a week for 72 weeks and there is no end in sight. The number of tiers has grown from Rick and me to an average of 12 a tying session. You will never know who or how many will be there to tie but most of the tiers are becoming regulars. There are almost twenty tiers on the list now.

The theme of the tying sessions is about tying techniques not so much about patterns. Most times the patterns chosen to be tied are biased on the different techniques or materials needed in that pattern. With each week bringing a different pattern, a safe guess would be that we have tied 68 different fly patterns. How many of you guys know just 30 different patterns? We have covered patterns for dries, midges, nymphs, streamers and deer hair bass flies with the majority of the patterns used here, in Missouri.

Today, because of the large group of tiers each week, I am looking into buying a camera and TV to use for the tying demonstrations in the class. Also on the list since we are growing in numbers is a need to set up more tables and extension cords. I could not have imagined back then with two guys tying dries it would have developed in to The Fly Tiers of the Long Table. Who would have thought just under two years later all of the tiers this group has helped in their quest to become better fly tiers.

Everyone and anyone are always welcome to come and tie or just drop by during the tying session and check out what is being tied. Watch, ask questions and have fun. This gathering of fly tiers has never been a club function so you will not find us on the club itinerary.

If you are wondering how you can come and join in on the fun? It is easy, this is how it works. The fly and the material list are posted on the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo Group days before that tying session. We tie on Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 pm at 3532 Greenwood Blvd, Maplewood Mo 63143. If you have questions about joining in on the fun please don't hesitate to ask me. You can call me at 314 799-1998 that is my cell. Or reply on the yahoo group to that weeks fly post. There is an email blast sent to the list of tiers. If you are not on the yahoo group you can still get the materials list via your email.

Oh yea, why are we called Fly Tiers of the Long Table? It is because we sit and tie on 8ft long tables.

Communications

Ozark Newsletter

Want to become more involved, have a knack for writing and would like to share information, tips or likewise subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club. Another benefit of **membership** is our monthly newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. As space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your proof read articles to **500 words or less** in 10 pt Times New Roman.

If interested please contact John Tymony at Cell: (314)303-3012 or submit your article for consideration to:
ozarknewsletter@gmail.com

Yahoo Group

One of the benefits of being a **member** of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Current Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing.

To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email shur-way@sbcglobal.net

Embroidered Apparel

If anyone would like any hats or shirts embroidered with the Ozark Fly Fishers's logo, please bring your items to the meetings. I also have catalogs so you can pick out apparel and have the logos put on them.

Thank you,

Brad Kohlbrecher

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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. To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing.

To demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

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