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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JANUARY 2013

Greetings:

It's the end of another great year and the beginning of a very promising new year ahead. As I mentioned at the banquet in December, we had some very successful programs in 2012:

An outstanding Spring program featuring Charlie Cravens; A good turnout for the Blue River Cleanup; Nice size groups at both Lake Taneycomo and Hartell Lakes; Some friendly competition for this year's annual One Fly event; and A successful picnic, auction and Annual Banquet.

I want to be sure to thank all the officers who made valuable contributions this year:

Ron Carruthers, Mark Borserine, Kevin Carril, Steve Hegstrom, Jim Jorgensen, Carol Falkner, Fred Clark, Jim Bebb, Bill Brant, Cliff Cain, and John Bell.

Keep an eye on our new website, www.hoaff.org, for upcoming events and excursions for 2013.

Here's to another exciting year!

-Peet

HOAFF MEETINGS

January 21, 2013 – Club Meeting
Video Presentation – “Underwater World of Trout – Feeding Lies”

February 18, 2013 – Club Meeting
Fly Tying and Social Night

March 18, 2013 – Club Meeting *TBA*

April 15, 2013 – Club Meeting *TBA*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS

- 2013 HOAFF ANNUAL DUES \$40.00

Already a new year and a lot of exciting things are being planned for our organization this year. Annual dues for 2013 are \$40.00. Your annual dues help HOAFF continue with our mission of education, conservation and restoration for all things fly fishing.

New this year with your annual membership renewal is an HOAFF embroidered cap. And yes it will be a color suitable to be stealthy on any trout stream. Be sure to be at our first meeting Monday, January 21st to help select our new logo cap. Several sample caps will be on display.

See you there!



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AT THE JANUARY 21ST MONDAY EVENING MEMBER MEETING – DON'T MISS!

*THE UNDERWATER WORLD OF TROUT: DISCOVERY AND FEEDING LIES
PRESENTED BY INSTRUCTOR, NARRATOR, PRODUCER ETC.:
WENDELL 'OZZIE' OZEFOVICH*

Two of the best trout educational videos I have ever seen.

Reviewed by Bob Petti
- "globalflyfisher.com/staff/petti/"

Several years ago, a friend of mine was telling me about a video seminar he saw at a local Trout Unlimited meeting given by a man from New Jersey who liked to film trout in the water. "Unbelievable", he said. "The underwater shots are amazing." As the years went by, I heard this sentiment from more and more people who were lucky enough to see these presentations, all given with the same "you really gotta see" emotion. Well - I really wanted to see them - but I'm not a member of any clubs where this man would be presenting.

That man from New Jersey is named Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich, and he has become somewhat of a legend among those who have seen or heard about his video presentations. Lucky for the rest of us - he has made these seminars available on DVD. I gotta say - it was a long wait for me - but it was well worth it. The buildup was justified.

The second DVD - "Feeding Lies" - is a master course on how trout survive

in the water. What they eat - how they move - how they position themselves - and what we can learn from how they "rise" and "take". There is some simply amazing camera work here. There's one spot where the camera is just barely above the surface of a shallow riffle and you can see a trout's head breaking through as it is rising to take spinners, then the camera slowly dips below the water and you see the whole fish and how it is working in the currents, rising with just a shift in fin position. Even cooler about that scene is the camera just below the surface, you can see the spinners coming toward the camera, just as a fish would see them! A trico spinner is a tiny bug - but they look like big black blobs on the surface of that stream - easily detectible.

ROCKBRIDGE OUTING: JANUARY 25, 26, 27.

Information available at "www.rockbridgemo.com"

Members will need to make their own reservations. Remember that recently updated rooms are available. Prayers for decent weather will also be welcomed. We need a large representative group from HOAFF this year to welcome in the 2013 fishing season with fantastic fishing, a little camaraderie and a few games of 31.

HEART OF AMERICA FLY FISHERS SPRING SEMINAR 2013

PRESENTING JEFF CURRIER – AUTHOR, LECTURER, ARTIST AND FLYFISHERMAN

Saturday, February 2nd, 2013 at the
Community of Christ Church 79th & Mission Road

Doors open at 8:30 AM, Presentation begins at 9 AM until 4 PM,
catered lunch included!

Jeff Currier resides in Victor, Idaho with his wife Yvonne where he bases his globe-trotting career in fly fishing. He is an active member of the Ross Professional Advisory Team, Scientific Anglers Products Advisory Team, Yellow Dog Adventures Advisory Team, a fly fishing lecturer and well known fish artist. He has taught the skills of fly fishing, guided fly fishers throughout Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park and escorted fly fishers on six continents. Jeff has fished in over forty countries and caught over 275 species of fish on the fly!

Jeff's articles and photographs have graced the pages of magazines, catalogs, brochures and books. He is the acclaimed author of Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing and Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Warmwater Fly Fishing guide books. These books have become the standard introductions to saltwater and warmwater fly fishing. Jeff is also a well sought after expert for television, radio and numerous fly fishing films.

Jeff led Team USA to its first ever top-ten finish in the World Flyfishing Championships in Jaca, Spain. During the competition Jeff

managed to fool fish on every venue and placed third in the individual standings, becoming the only American ever to take home a medal in the twenty-eight year history of the Championships.

Jeff lectures throughout the United States and Canada on nearly every aspect of fly fishing. He demonstrates fly casting, teaches seminars on the basics to the advanced skills of fly fishing and presents many fly fishing destination programs ranging from his home waters to the most remote corners of the globe. Some of his shows take you to destinations you've never heard of and will leave you in awe that such creatures can be enticed to eat a fly!

Jeff brings a sense of humor, enthusiasm, approachability and nearly forty years of fly fishing wherever he goes.

You can follow Jeff's fly fishing adventures, exploits, tips, advice, photography and storytelling on his expanding blog and informative web site.

Blog: flyfishingbum.blogspot.com

Website: www.jeffcurrier.com

Cost is \$45 which includes 5 raffle tickets, two prizes to 1st and 2nd winners;
TFO Professional 5wt, 4pc fly rod and \$100 Gift Certificate to Yager's Fly Shop in Lawrence

You can pay at the door or, Send checks to:
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But, Please let us know you're coming so we can have an accurate count for lunch!

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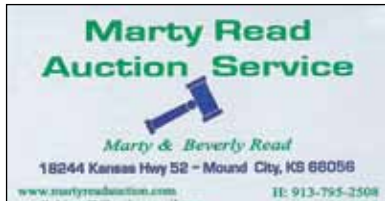
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FEBRUARY MEETING ELECTIONS



A special meeting of voting members will be held at the club meeting February 18, 2013. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on club directors and to conduct any other club business that is of interest to the members.

The organization of the club is governed by bylaws that were adopted in 2005, and then amended at later dates. The bylaws define the rights and responsibilities of those involved in the club. Following are some of the highlights:

All Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected. Directors are elected for Three Year Terms. Members will be voting for one Director at this year's meeting.

The Directors elect the Club Officers and watch over the affairs of the club. The Officers run the day-to-day affairs of the club, the Officers include the positions you would recognize, such as the President, the Treasurer, and the numerous chairs.

The current Directors are:

John Bell, Mark Borsierine, Cliff Cain, Kevin Carril, Jim Jorgensen

Following nominations, the members will then have the opportunity to vote. The Membership of the Club votes for the Board of Directors and the Directors then approve the Officers of the Club. If you want to provide input on running the club, feel free to contact any Director before the February meeting or attend the meeting and speak your mind.

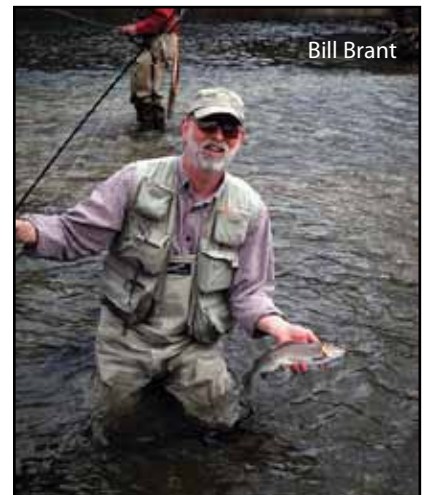
Remember also that Monthly Officer & Director Business meetings are held on the First Monday of each month at the Community of Christ Church, 79th & Mission Rd beginning at 6:30pm and are always open to the General Membership.

2012 HOAFF ANNUAL BANQUET

BY RON CARRUTHERS

Since the club does not publish a December newsletter it will actually be a new fishing year before you see this. For all of you that made it to the Annual Banquet at Bennett Spring in December I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. When was the last time you were able to enjoy the catch and release season at Bennett in shirt sleeves? The good weather did bring out a few more fisherman than normal for that time of year but I don't think you could call it crowded, certainly compared to a typical summer weekend.

We found the spring to be very low and clear, an obvious sign of our



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continuing drought. Most of the rainbows were showing their dark fall colors and many had nothing but the spawn on their mind. For the most part a nuclear egg saved the day for me but other members had success with midge droppers, soft hackles and even cream colored dry flies. On Saturday and Sunday our waders were covered with bright green egg sacks evidence of a prolific black caddis hatch. The adults were hard to see but you could sure feel the fish take them off your waders as they crawled down to lay their eggs. I did catch a few



Chris Holman

No one got an exact count on the chili/hotdog lunch Saturday but it seemed like a record crowd. Peet Crissey put a good burn on the hotdogs and the chili contributions of Kevin Carrill, Peet Crissey, Jim Jorgensen and yours truly all disappeared pretty quickly. It has always amazed me how different four chilis can be. The fishing was too good though because it didn't take everyone long to be back in the stream.

32 of us attended the Saturday banquet at Ollie's. Good BBQ, a lot of tall tales and for all the K State football fans the end of a great season. Dave Simmons won a \$50 gift certificate donated by the Rainbow Fly Shop and Dick Martin claimed a 5 wt fly line. Dave Wood had the winning ticket for the TFO 5wt fly rod. Dave graciously donated the fly rod back to HOAFF so we will get to auction that great piece once again. Through the generosity of our members as well as our sponsors the banquet raffle earned the club \$370.

If you missed the banquet you missed a great time of fellowship, camaraderie and fly fishing. The 2013 banquet will be Saturday December 7th so mark your new calendars early and don't let anything conflict with that date. See you there.

-Ron Carruthers



Jon Cerda & Ken Schultz



Left to Right: Tom James, Jim Hill, Dick Martin

on a black caddis imitation but nothing like I thought I would. Chris Holman put on quite a Tenkara demonstration. Fishing close to him I can honestly say it created quite a lot of interest from passing fishermen. I was surprised at how far you can actually cast the thing and I can certainly confirm that Chris didn't have any problem catching his share of fish. Maybe a future club demonstration is in order?

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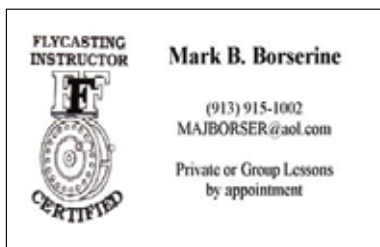
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2012 HOAFF TREASURER'S REPORT

RON CARRUTHERS, TREASURER

The following is a condensed HOAFF 2012 Financial Statement. A complete Financial Statement of revenues and expenses by month is available to all members on request.



Bank Balance 12/31/2012	\$10,943.54
Revenue	
Membership Dues	\$2,098.00
Auction	\$8,625.85
Spring Seminar	\$1,460.00
Interest	\$ 12.49
Fly of the Month	\$ 35.00
Annual Banquet	\$ 480.00
Raffles	\$ 605.00
Shirts / Hats	\$ 24.00
Outings Deposits	\$ 739.00
Total Revenue	\$14,079.34

Expenses	
Newsletter	\$1,691.69
Postage	\$ 151.10
Monthly Meeting Programs	\$1,296.17
Outings	\$ 796.69
Liability Insurance	\$ 314.00
Meeting Facilities	\$ 350.00
Spring Seminar	\$2,236.94
PO Box Fee	\$ 86.00
Office Supplies	\$ 104.98
KS Sec. of State Fee	\$ 40.00
Donations	
MO River Watershed	\$1,500.00
Friends N. Fork & White	\$ 50.00
Auction	\$5,907.55
Bank Fees	\$ 659.64
FFF Annual Dues	\$ 244.00
Annual Banquet	\$ 625.47
Total Expenses	\$16,054.23

Net Income / (Loss) \$ (1,974.89)

SEVEN STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL FLY TYING

BY FRANK REID

Take it one step at a time like me. I tried to do fly fishing on the cheap. I love the sport but, due to the nature of military service (ya think I was in it for the money?) I couldn't afford all those nice things off the bat. So, I've been slowly building up (read terminal gear collector after many years).

Tying flies. I decided to learn to tie flies 'cause it had to be cheaper than buying those little bitty things. If you get the urge to tie flies to save yourself some money, here is my foolproof "Seven Step Plan" to tying flies:

Step 1: Find a nice comfortable seat at a table. Put something like plexiglass over a 2x2 foot area of the table to protect it from damage. Do not use a clamp vise on your dining room table. The spouse will find the damage, trust me.

Step 2: Get something to keep yourself organized. I use an old ashtray (don't smoke anymore) to keep small things in 'cause it has nice little indents in the sides to keep all my tools.

Step 3: Read into your bag and get the duct tape that you keep handy for those fishing emergencies.

Step 4: Have someone (you trust) tie you to the chair using the duct tape. Ensure that all is secure and a piece goes over your mouth.

Step 5: Have that person reach into your back pocket, take out your wallet and burn all the money in there in the ashtray.

Step 6: Send the person off to the ATM to max out your cards. Please make sure he has your PIN numbers before he ties you up!

Step 7: Have your buddy burn all the money from the ATM in the ashtray while screaming "Fly Tying – Bad!" over and over again. Voila! You're done!

This simple "Seven Step Plan" will save you the time that you'll spend hanging out in petting zoos trying to trim all that yak, stopping for road kill on a charcoal black ground squirrel and expounding ad nauseum on how unfair the penalty for importing polar bear pelts is to a true fly tying artist. I won't even go into the prices that people pay for a chicken skin! Or the problems that can occur when an improperly stored road kill has its own "hatch", (never, my God!, never mention maggots to my wife). Burning your money in one fell swoop is also cheaper in the long run. It gets it out of your system quickly and is good for your neighborhood fly merchant.

-Frank Reid

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Video Presentation – “Underwater World of Trout – Feeding Lies”

January 25,26,27 2012 – Winter 2013 Outing
Outing at Rainbow Trout & Game Ranch – Rockbridge, MO

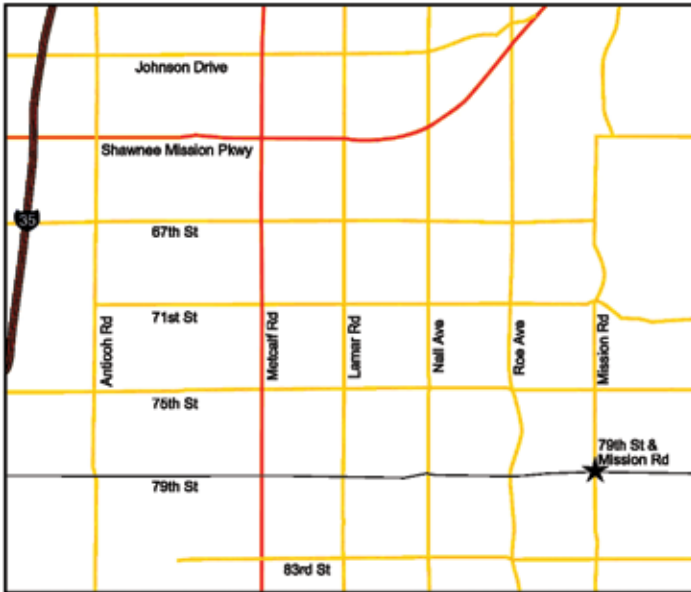
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