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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JULY/AUGUST 2013

Kansas and Missouri Parks Need Our Help

the opportunity to attend an the state parks we all frequent are outing in southeastern Kansas starting to show some "wear and sponsored by Kansas Wildscape tear." Thankfully there are groups Foundation. You might remember like Kansas Wildscape Foundation that we had Wildscape's executive raising money to offset the budget director, Charlie Black, speak to cuts and making a positive impact the club last year. He shared with on this difficult situation. us how Wildscape is dedicated to

and Missouri parks that have fallen be making things better for HOAFF victim to tight budgets. It pointed members of the next generation.

The last weekend in June I had out that, unfortunately, some of

All of us at HOAFF should work encouraging outdoor recreation diligently to support organizations across the state and especially like Wildscape - and others that you through the use of our park system. might know – through donations Shortly after that, on July 2nd, and volunteer efforts. Not only will The Kansas City Star ran a front our current HOAFF membership page story that focused on Kansas benefit in the short term, but we'll

> See you at the next meeting! -Peet Crissey

HOAFF MEETINGS

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Across the Stream July/August 2013 _

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Important Information About Upcoming Outings/Events/News

- *July 17th Our friend, Jeff Williams*, Trout biologist for the AGFC (Arkansas Game and Fish Commission) will be with us again. Jeff comes annually and updates us on what is going with our favorite tailwaters in Northern Arkansas. Jeff is a great presenter, always engaging and informative
- *August 19 Wes Swee*, Hatchery Manager for the Missouri Dept of Conservation will be joining us to talk about a new Brook Trout Program.
- *Change of Picnic Venue*. This year we will hold our annual picnic at Franklin Park at Roe and Somerset in Prairie Village. This venue is all new, very clean, very convenient and well-lighted. The picnic will be the third Monday in September the 16th. We're sure you'll like the location.
- November 9th, we will have the opportunity to participate in a class on streamside entomology given by Mark Van Patten of the MDC. Mark is an accomplished entomologist and you will want to watch for more details on this as it comes closer. His streamside class is legendary!

2013 Annual Casting Games

BY: MARK BORSERINE

Monday Night June 17 saw our Club's Annual Casting Games. Everyone who participated seemed to have a good time, win or lose.

Loop the Hoop was won by our newest member that very night – Rod Accuracy was won by Bill Brant with a perfect score of 3. Distance was won by Chuck Schaefer with a cast of 91 feet, 2 inches. I've been studying on different casting games and next year I promise some more variety!

-Mark Borserine

2013 ONE FLY CONTEST

BY: MARK BORSERINE

Saturday June 15th, the Club gathered at our Annual One Fly Outing, held again at Lake of the Forest, Bonner Springs. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Steve Nelson for letting us come to his lake!

The weather was ideal and fishing was excellent! Our two champions each won a \$25 gift certificate to K&K Fly Fishers. Kevin Carrill had the most fish with an amazing count of 82 and all legitimately with one fly, a popper! Don Murrel had the largest fish with a 16" Bass to his credit, and caught over 50 fish!

The variety of watercraft exhibited by members is always of interest – see the photo spread later in the

newsetter for a sampling – "crowned" by Steve Hegstrom's version of the Armed Forces Zodiac attack inflatable!

This year we got a photo of the entire group. This is always one of the most enjoyable outings we have all year!

-Mark Borserine







Mid. Left: Kevin & Don,
"The Winner's"

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The Watercraft of One Fly



























Top Left: Gary Bader

Top Right: Ron Carruthers

Mid. Left: Steve Hegstrom

Mid. Right: Peet Crissey

Bot. Left: Charlie Ball

Bot. Right: Our Host, Steve Nelson

BACKYARD OPPORTUNITIES

BY: MARK BORSERINE

In the most recent issue of the "FlyFisher", the FFF magazine, there is an article by Terry and Roxanne Wilson encouraging everyone to seek out warmwater creeks near home as an opportunity. I thought about this, especially with our recent presentations on Carp fishing in our local creeks and small rivers. It occurred to me that there are other species in these waters as well as carp. Remember that Joe Ferber said that any stream that drains into the Missouri or Kaw Rivers will have fishing potential.

Two weeks ago on Sunday, I had a couple of hours in the afternoon and I went to Indian Creek behind Suburban Lawn & Garden on Roe. This is only a few minutes South of where I live and I had a wonderful hour of fishing despite the heat. I saw a couple of carp cruising around, got in a couple of well-placed casts at one but, no interest. What I did catch was about a dozen healthy bluegill and a Largemouth.

The fish were all small, but definitely fully-developed adults and terrific fighters! The blugill were all about the size of the palm of my hand but deeply-colored and very thick and strong. The Bass was about 9" long and gave a better than average account of itself for its size.

I was fishing a leech pattern I tied with black Alpaca wool and an underbody of Kreinik Ribbon in Peacock Color. It would best be described as a mohair leech but with more movement and color. The Alpaca moves more like a leech than a leech and the Kreinik underbody gives it an iridescence just like a live leech – I think I've developed a pretty good pattern and I'll share it with the club.

No matter what part of the city you live in, I bet there's a warmwater stream very close that has some surprisingly good fishing! Give it a try! The Carp may be the trophies but there are other opportunities as well and despite not catching a large fish, I had a great hour of fun!

-Mark Borserine















The Primrose & Pearl

BY: STEVE HEGSTROM

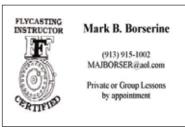
















Hook: 2457 TMC size 14-18

Thread: Uni-thread 6/0 off white color

Body: Flashabou/pearl

Rib: UTC Wire BR (copper or gold)

Head: Tungsten Bead 3/32 for 14, 5/64 for

16 and 18

Step 1. _____

Slide the bead on. Depending on the hook size will determine the size bead you will use. The 2 sizes I tie are size 14 when fishing high water when 3 or more units are running on the White River. Otherwise I'll use size 18 when the water is low.

Step 2. _____

Start the thread just behind the bead and do enough turns to secure it into place then cut off the tag end.

Step 3.

Cut a piece of wire and tie it in behind the bead. Make about 4 turns securing the wire.

Step 4. _____

You should still be up at the front just behind the bead. Now cut 2 strands of flashabou. You want them fairly long. Tie the 2 strands in. Take the 2 strands of flashabou and your wire holding them all together as you wind to the bend. Make each wrap side by side. Advance your thread back up to the bead still keeping the thread side by side. It's important that you keep a smooth thread base so when you wrap the flashabou up you can't see any imperfections from underneath {bumps, etc.}

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Step 5.

Now wrap your 2 strands of flashabou up to the bead. When you start wrapping the 2 strands up you will notice you're winding them side by side and one of the pieces will overlap the other one. That's what you want it to do. You don't want to see any thread wraps from underneath. This will also help the flash stand out more. If you only tied with one strand you won't get as much color (flash) showing. You can see through to the thread if you do it that way. Now make a couple of thread wraps and cut the excess off.

Step 6. _____

Now wrap the wire up. You don't want your first wrap to be too tight or you will cause your wire to shift to the side of the hook shank. Then after the first turn you can add more tension as you make your segmentations up. I do 5 wraps keeping the segments evenly spaced. Tie down the wire and move it real fast back and forth to break it off. If you use scissors you will have a tag showing .

Step 7. _____

Whip finish and you are done.



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Mark Van Patten – Entomology on the Niangua River



