



Cross Currents

October 2010

**September Meeting at D Rowes
October 5, 2010
7:00 pm
"Trout Fishing the Southeast
(34°S 19°E)"
Bill Lamberson**

President's Corner:

An old Sage once said, you won't be successful trying to cram conservation down a person's throat. Teach them to fish and get them hooked, then you are able to teach them conservation. I believe that fishing and conservation go hand in hand. Actually, they're more than just complementary, they're synergistic.

The possibility of a winter trout fishery at Bethel sure perked up interest, and controversy. If you attended our September meeting presented by David Urich, you've learned that two of the many barriers to youth fishing are distance and success. The Bethel Lake winter trout fishery has the potential to reduce the distance barrier for Columbia youth due to its proximity and enhance success due to its numerous naïve trout. From this perspective, it's a great opportunity. Urich also indicated that he promoted hunting success by first introducing youth to rabbit

hunting, not deer hunting. In this vein, should MMTU also consider teaching catch and release of bluegill and bass at Bethel?

On the flip side, MMTU receives inadequate recognition, bears some cost on a limited budget, and observes public abuse of fishing regulations. I know Bethel is patrolled by MDC, because I've been asked for my fishing licenses, but it may not be adequate given the abuses others have observed. It may help if a hot line number for abuses were posted on the fishing regulation signage. The bottom line is the price of public access is public abuse. Despite this, I typically support public access.

We should be grateful for those individuals who stepped up to the financial challenge to support the Bethel winter trout fishery that would allow for an education program, but we face a **much greater challenge, one of manpower**. To date only one person has volunteered to help introduce youth to trout fishing and no one has stepped up to take a leadership role in this endeavor. The lack of volunteers is pervasive throughout our chapter. Attendance at meetings has been woeful despite having superb speakers, even our regulars have become irregular. Only a few were willing to participate in monitoring water quality on the Little Piney below a gravel mining operation. **Nobody wants to help, let alone chair, our**

banquet committee. We could use a treasurer. If I interpret the rhetoric of recent emails correctly, it looks as if we need an education/youth chair.

This problem is not one unique to this organization, its effecting many volunteer organizations. It's not directed at any one individual, but to MMTU collectively. To some this is shocking, but several have noticed the hemorrhaging for over a decade. I am not bitter about it, simply reporting our reality. And it has reached a crisis point.

Please take time to thank those who have volunteer, **current and past.** Getting out the newsletter is a relentless task, but our life blood; thanks to all who are involved. I personally want to thank those who I've had the pledge to work with on the Banquet Committee the last several years and this year's very successful Borger Event. Do you even know who they are?

When a person joins an organization, it usually reflects their priorities. The mission you concurred with when you joined was to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. I know most of you still feel that way. I challenge members and previous members to commit some time to these endeavors. Please come to our meetings with an open mind and creative ideas. Let's have a fruitful discussion. Otherwise, I will become a leader of a void.

Michael Riley

Notice:

On a few occasions MMTU finds it beneficial to release our mailing list to one of our conservation or angling supply partners. No names or emails will be released. If you do not wish to have your name and address release, please contact Michael

Riley by June 1, 2010 at rileym@missouri.edu, (573)882-6475 wk or 4625 E Raccoon Ridge, Columbia, MO 65201

Announcements

There will be no December Newsletter

Nominations for the Donati Memorial Award and the Conservationist Award are now being accepted.

We are need of a Treasurer to fill out Bob Suits term. If you are interested, please contact Michael Riley.

We need more volunteers to help out with our Annual Conservation Banquet Feb 19th, 2011. If you can help, please contact Michael Riley

Win \$50 in 2010 MMTU photo contest: Photo must be taken by (or include) a MMTU member, promote trout fishing or conservation, and taken in 2010. Submit up to three digital photographs to rileym@missouri.edu by Dec 6th. Photo's will be judged by those in attendance at the Dec 7th dinner/meeting.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

October 5, 2010: "Trout Fishing the Southeast (34°S 19°E)" – Bill Lamberson

Wednesday October 20th Banquet Committee meeting 7:00pm at Riley's house, 4625 E Raccoon Ridge. If you can help but not attend please contact Michael Riley rileym@missouri.edu or 882-6475.

Saturday Oct 16th - Lebanon Youth Event. Help teach youth fly casting and fly tying. Details to come.

November 2, 2010: Ron Bentsch – "Flyfishing Zimbabwe (Fish and Crocodile)"

December 7, 2010: Christmas Dinner and 2010 MMTU Photo Contest

January: Open

February: Diana Papoulias – “Intersex Bass”

Upcoming Conservation Banquet: Friday, Feb 18th, 2011 at Stoney Creek Inn. If you would like to help, contact Michael Riley at rileym@missouri.edu

Fly Fishing Gear & Fly Tying Materials for Sale

A former Columbia resident and Hickman grad died a couple years ago and left his collection of fly fishing gear to a friend of mine (who is not a fisherman). I'm trying to help him dispose of this stuff, all at bargain prices. There are several bamboo rods (Orvis, Thomas and Thomas, etc.) and good reels, along with lots of hooks and tying materials that he is willing to part with at 20-30% off retail. There are also available a number of fly tying books, including an original, autographed edition of George Grant's *The Master Fly Weaver* with three flies tied by Grant to accompany the book for the lucky purchaser.

Please contact me to find out more if you are interested. I have a pretty good inventory of this stuff that you can peruse.

-- Ken Pigg (573-443-4211)

FLY CASTING CONCEPTS – CREEP vs DRIFT

Creep is the movement of the rod tip away from the unrolling loop that is:

- 1) unintentional
- 2) shortens available rod arc
- 3) occurs too early to be an effective part of the casting stroke.

Note that creep may occur in any direction, either away from the back cast or forward cast loop. Most often, it becomes a problem in movement away from the unrolling *back* cast.

Usually, *significant creep* leads to compensatory, abrupt initiation of tip speed and premature or

excessive arc. The net result of this compensation for **creep** appears as an altered tip path compared to the cast without creep, often resulting in a *tailing loop*.

CREEP is inherently *dynamic*. Any static depiction provides less complete information than animation or video. Essential to any graphic of **CREEP** is a shorter available rod tip movement for the post-creep cast compared with the non-creeped cast.

NEXT is the description of **DRIFT**, the opposite of **CREEP**.

Drift is the movement of the rod tip in the direction the loop is unrolling which is:

- 1) intentional
- 2) *lengthens* available rod tip movement for the subsequent cast
- 3) occurs early, effectively lengthening the casting stroke *after the stop* and after loop formation.


Drift may occur in any direction, either into the back cast or into the unrolling forward cast loop. Most often, it moves toward the unrolling *back* cast.

Usually, **drift** leads to compensatory stroke lengthening that may be applied to prevent tailing loops, especially when tails arise from creep. The primary prevention of tailing loops involves proper match of length of tip movement to the amount of fly line carried and extreme delay of rotation.

DRIFT is inherently dynamic. Any static depiction provides less complete information than animation or video. Essential to any graphic of **DRIFT** is a **LONGER** available rod tip movement for the post-DRIFT cast compared with the identical non-DRIFTED cast.

NOTE - **DRIFT** is the opposite of CREEP.

Undisciplined observers of casting confuse **drift** with a stop that is further from the caster. True **drift** comprises movement after the stop. The **DRIFT** is directed *into* the unrolling loop, neither down nor back, unless that is the direction of the loop trajectory.

One of my contributions to early introduction of the topics in teaching is – “It is okay to be a *drifter*, but bad to be a *creeper*.” 

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Casting instruction, alone, will not improve your fly casting; **practicing well & often**, that which you have learned, is required. BY **Gary Eaton**,
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