



## *July MMTU Newsletter*

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## **President's Corner**

Dear MMTU members,

### **Stream Team Report – by John Wenzlick**

On Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> we finally got our spring Water Quality Monitoring done at our new site on Little Piney Creek. After following my questionable directions, all five of us finally met on the county road about 9:30 AM and followed Sam Potter to the site. Besides Sam and myself the rest of the volunteers were Doug Grove, Bill Lamberson, and Curt Morgret.

The stream flow was good and while I did the water chemistry tests the other four did the bug sampling. There were lots of insects and a good variety of species. It had a Water Quality Rating of 32 (way above the rating of > 23 for excellent). There were a lot of caddis, there were four woody cased caddis and one larva that we couldn't identify. Sam took it home and identified it as a Long Horned Caddis, he said it was a first for him.

Sincerely,  
John Wenzlick





The Iowa DNR does a tremendous job acquiring access and improving trout streams. Iowa has many more spring creeks than we have in Missouri. Our MidMO TU chapter donated money to help obtain land along a spring creek in the northeastern part of the state. Overall Iowa has:

- 50 catchable-stocked [rainbow](#) and [brook trout](#) fisheries on publicly-accessible streams
- 9 special trout fisheries with restrictive regulations
- 17 community trout fisheries
- Over 50 [wild, self-sustaining trout fisheries](#) throughout northeast Iowa

This site gives more details: [https://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Trout-Fishing\\_](https://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Trout-Fishing_)

John Wenzlick and I got the opportunity to fish streams near Decorah.

Most are small and they were very low. We walked miles in hot and humid conditions. Many stream banks were high and lined with weeds and brush, but we caught some nice fish, so it was worth the

effort. A few were stocked rainbows and a couple brookies, but many were wild browns. My camera quit, so take my word, we did not get pictures of the nicer fish.....



Check out Brandon Butler's article on [Ozark Trout Fishing](#)

## Conservation Appeal

[HR 2307](#) is a new carbon fee and dividend bill very similar to the Energy Innovation Act, which our chapter endorsed, now has 71 cosponsors. It will reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. Please copy and paste [CCLUSA.org/Call](https://CCLUSA.org/Call) into your browser to call to urge your members of congress to support HR 2307. You get a sample script and phone numbers, so in a few minutes you can help reduce carbon emissions to protect trout and salmon for us, our children and grand children.

I hope everyone is getting so time to fish and am looking forward to hearing about your trips.

Stay safe and share your stories and pictures for the newsletter, web site and Facebook page.

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