



TVFF Club News

September 2023



September 21st Program

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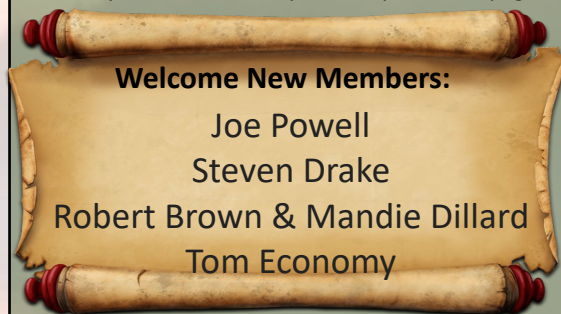
I am originally from Northern Virginia. Was blessed to learn to fish wading the trout streams of western Virginia with my Pop. Received a B.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a M.S. degree in Environmental Toxicology from the University of Tennessee. At UT, I was able to study under Dr. David Etnier who taught me to appreciate non game species, and truly enhanced my appreciation of stream ecology. I was privileged to work at both Oak Ridge National Lab and at Tennessee Valley Authority as an aquatic ecologist, where I was able to travel all over the Tennessee Valley and see the many beautiful streams and rivers in this region.

During the worst of the covid epidemic, as I spent more and more time isolated at home, I began to research all the black bass species, and came up with a goal to catch all of the recently described and proposed species of Micropterus genus. To date, I have been able to catch 10 of the 15 species of bass. Although, depending upon the source, there may actually be a total of 17 to 19 species/sub-species of bass. My talk will focus on describing the lesser known bass species, where they can be found, and the fun I have had in my quest to catch all of them.

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This Month

- September 14 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- September 21– TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- September 28 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

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Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is November 2, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Room 201.

TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.



Sept 14th, 7 PM

GFA Hopper – Steve Kerkhof

Cost: \$3.00

This hopper pattern comes from Walter Wiese, a guide in Montana. Those western trout patterns have proven successful all around the country. We will tie it in a size 10.

Materials

Hook: Size 10 2x long light wire or standard wire hook

Thread: White or black 140 denier (or match foam color”

Wing: Elk hair, deer hair or poly post material

Body: Dubbing

Legs: Medium rubber legs



Sept 28th 7PM

Kreb's Popper Jig

Cost: \$3.00

In collaboration with River Road Creations, Gary Krebs came up with a tool to form your own popper from a cylinder. These are cheap and will last! Purchased at Orvis in Huntsville.

Materials (Many color combinations work)

Hook: Gamagatsu B10S

Thread: 6/0 or 140 denier, white

Body: Foam Cylinders

Legs: Silli Legs (8per side)

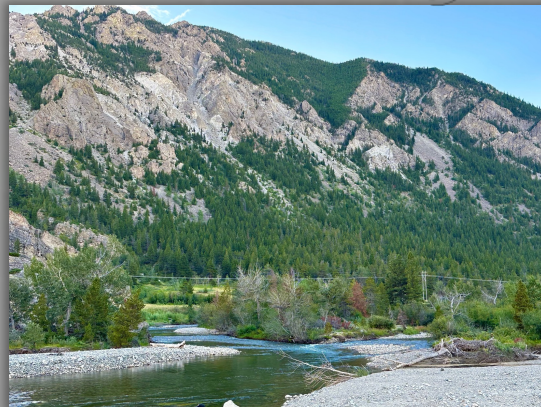
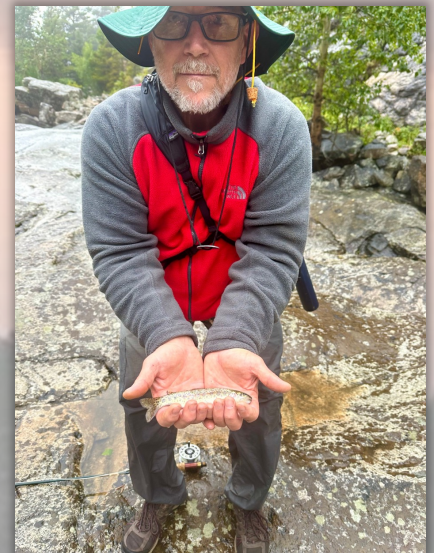
Tail: Foxtail and hackle, with crystal flash



All are welcome! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or, better yet, one of your own design. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Fish of the Month

TVFF member Victor Luna had a fun fishing trip to Montana, beating the heat and fishing some cool mountain streams. Take a look at the beautiful scenery. Thank you for sharing Victor looks like a fun trip!



More Fish of the Month

TVFF member, Connor Baker was passing through Missouri for work and decided to buy a license and fish some smallmouth streams. He had some success, catching most of his fish on a chartreus Clouser. However, he did catch one on the Stealth Bomber we tied two months ago.



TVFF members, Greg Bayuga fished his back yard pond quite a bit this month. On one particular day, he caught around a dozen bass in the span of less than an hour! Look at these fish!





August TVFF Recap

August Meeting

Our guest speaker for August was Mr. Andy Mahurin, middle Tennessee guide on the Caney Fork. He shared his experience with us fishing for trout. If you'd like to fish with him, give him a call at 931-252-8709. His website can be found [here](http://www.andymahurinflyfishing.com).



August Fly Tying

We had two great flies for the month of August. TVFF member Andy King led us in tying the Bruised Balanced Leech for the first session. For the second session, Tom Vajentic led us in tying the Ol' Mr. Wiggly, a good bass fly. Thank you Andy and Tom!



Lefty's List of Best Dry Flies

This article is originally from Fly Fisherman magazine. It was first published in the May-June 1982 issue. The author is none other than the renowned Lefty Kreh. The full article can be found [here](#). A summary is provided below.

Fishing for trout with dry flies is one of the finest things you can do in fly fishing! Nothing beats landing a trout on a chubby or parachute. Lefty has narrowed the list of his favorite dry flies to seven. These are generic flies that can match different hatches. These flies are listed below! Make sure not to leave home without them.

Adams Recipe



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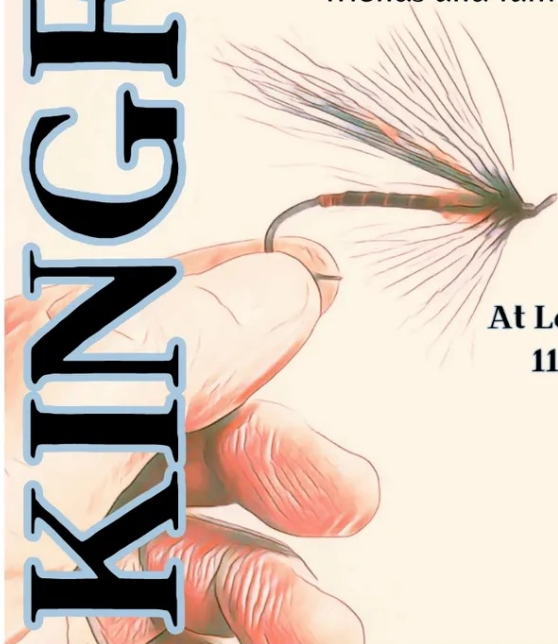
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Some of the world's most gifted fly tyers and designers will be demonstrating their artistry with hooks, tubes, feathers, hair, fur and synthetics. Tyers will demonstrate how to tie every genre of flies. Learn from the masters and tie some flies of your own. Bring your friends and family!



October 28, 2023

9-4:30 PM

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Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.

Caney Fork Call to Action

The time is now, and here's what you can do: **submit comments to the Corps of Engineers demanding a better plan than the one they've produced as part of the update to the Center Hill Dam Water Control Manual.**

The Corps of Engineers (USACE) must either redo and expand their insufficient Environmental Assessment produced as a part of the update to the Center Hill Water Control manual OR move to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, in a manner and with a level of evaluation commensurate with the scale and scope of the impacts created by Alternatives 4, 17 and 23 to the Caney Fork River, that achieves compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 and the Federal Clean Water Act, and that also complies with USACE own internal policies pertaining to water quality and environment operating procedures.

The Corps has proven under most circumstances and conditions that it is capable of meeting water quality standards and project purposes. HOWEVER, since 2017 the Corps has repeatedly managed Center Hill in a manner that has perpetuated poor dissolved oxygen, problematic temperatures, and problematic river flows – all parameters identified as factors impairing the Caney Fork River placing it on the “Listing of Impaired Waters under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act”.

The full text of the USACE's inadequate Environmental Assessment is available [here](#). Thanks to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation for providing important analysis of the full document. The TWF analysis document is available [here](#).

Submit your personalized comments to CorpsLRNPlanningPublicCom@usace.army.mil

Renew Alabama Fishing License

Alabama fishing licenses expired August 31st. Make sure that yours is renewed and ready to go. Go to outdooralabama.com to renew yours!



Aldridge Creek Cleanup

Our annual Aldridge Creek clean up is October 7th, Saturday morning. Official time to be determined, but we will be meet sometime in the morning at Southside Park in South Huntsville. Aldridge Creek is a popular spot for TVFF members. This event is a lot of fun, the club will pay for breakfast afterwards.



Mark your calendars for the Annual TVFF November Banquet!

This year's banquet will be Friday November 10th. Board members will be calling shortly to get a head count so we can know how much food to order. If you are interested in donating any items or even if you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Larry Hice, lhice@plasticfusion.com or (256) 508-2344. This is the number one money maker for our club. If you are a new fly fisher, this is a good chance to pick up some new items. In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle with many items.

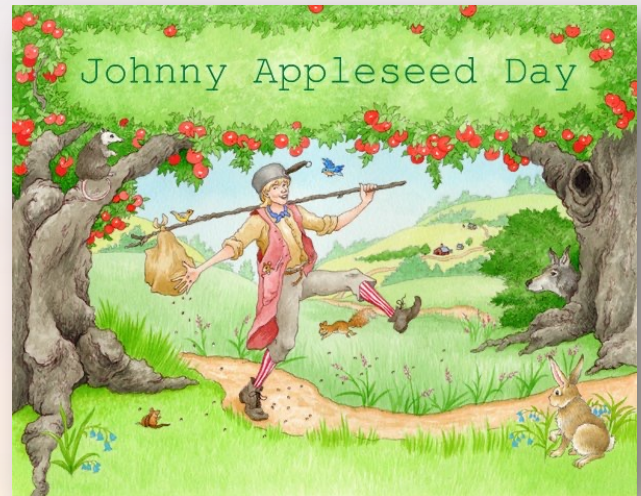


September Holidays

Johnny Appleseed Day

Date When Celebrated : March 11th and/or September 26th.
Why two dates?.....read on

Johnny Appleseed Day honors one of America's great legends. Johnny Appleseed was a real person. John Chapman was among the American settlers who were captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny Appleseed travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree that was planted, the legend grew.



A Little About the Legend: John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed) was born on September 26, 1774. He was a nurseryman who started out planting trees in western New York and Pennsylvania. During the life of John Chapman, the "West" was places like Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. John Chapman was a deeply religious person He was known to preach during his travels.

According to legend, Johnny Appleseed led a simple life and wanted little. He rarely accepted money and often donated any money he received. It is believed that he died on March 11, 1845, from what was referred to as the "winter plague". The actual date of his death has been disputed.

There is a lot of "legend" in stories written about Johnny Appleseed. By it's definition, over the years, legends grow bigger than life. It also appears that there is some link between Johnny Appleseed and very early Arbor Day celebrations.

Celebrate today with an apple rich menu. Include fresh apples for snacks, and some applesauce or apple pie for dessert. And, make plans to plant an apple tree.

Wife Appreciation Day

Date When Celebrated : Third Sunday in September

The objective of this special day, is for wives without children to receive appreciation from their husbands. Mother's Day is for wives with children. So, today is an opportunity for husbands in a childless marriage, to recognize the value of their wife. Let her know how important she is to you, and how much she is appreciated. It is a day that she truly deserves.



WIFE APPRECIATION DAY
THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

It should be very easy to show appreciation to your wife, for who she is, and for all the great things she does for you. You know her well, her likes and dislikes. Begin the day by telling her that she is appreciated. Give her a few examples why. Then, select a couple of things she likes or likes to do, and make it happen. Giving her a gift is perfectly okay, but in is not a requirement.

While this day was originally intended to honor wives in a childless marriage, we encourage all husbands to show appreciation for their wives on this day. Showing your appreciation today, is a basic ingredient for a long ad happy marriage.



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