



Streamline



November 2015

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

November 6th - 8th - Outing on the North Fork of the White River

November 12th - General Meeting; Phil Lilley will present "TaneyCoMo Fly Fishing" and election of officers

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

General Meeting

Phil Lilley from Lilley's Landing in Branson will speak on TaneyCoMo Fly Fishing. Here's Greg Hink with a nice brown caught 11/1/2015 at TaneyCoMo. Greg's fish was released unharmed. Phil's talk may lead you to a fish like this. Don't miss this opportunity.

Follow us Facebook

There are now **534** members on Facebook and growing. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

Other Facebook groups our members support are:

Tulsa Fly Tyers - 51

Tulsa Area Trout In The Classroom - 44

Oklahoma River Warriors - 30



This month's meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Tulsa Fly Fishers will be held Thursday, November 12th. We will meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the North side of the Creek Turnpike off Memorial Drive. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but the doors open a little after 6:00.

A Message from Your President

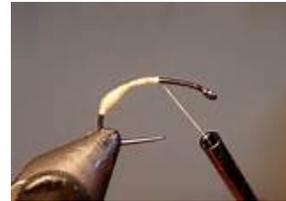
Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma

PHWFF

PHWFF is not meeting again until after the holidays. Then 2nd Tuesday in January. Same location, Graves Boy Scout Reservation at that time we will begin rod building classes.

Contact Chris Gorman ... for more information or to help out..

phwffok@gmail.com



Contact Chris for more information, if you need it.

phwffok@gmail.com

Womens Initiative

Hey Ladies,

LADIES, its time for our monthly meeting to talk fly fishing and get a little fishy. We will be meeting at the Tulsa [Herman and Kate Kaiser Library](#) meeting room Saturday November 7th from 12pm to 2pm. Its going to be rainy so perfect day to get introduced to rod n' line basics and have an intro to fly tying by our own Mike Shuman. We may even find a break in the rain for some casting practice. Sorry guys, this is a women only event. Any questions, send me a message at OK420.TUWomen@gmail.com



Hello ,

I hope everyone is getting in some good fishing this fall especially since we have had some amazing weather these past few weeks. The challenges we are facing with the Lower Illinois River this season has caused many of us to either adapt towards fishing for other species that are either new, or less familiar to us. And also to have hopefully caused some of us to branch out to unfamiliar waters that will either test your skills as a fly fisherman or humble you in a way that causes you to up your game as an angler.

My first trip to Montana was one such experience that humbled me in a way that let me know I was now a little fish in a big pond. Fishing in Montana looked just like everything I had ever seen in a magazine or fishing video, but was so much more amazing in person. My friend Heath and I set out into unfamiliar waters with a good selection of flies that had been recommended to us by a local shop. The clearest water running at just the right speed for us to throw some dries or swing some emergers, and boulders that looked like they were placed in the river with the perfect pattern to hold some waiting trout to eat our flies.

Look forward to seeing everyone, Terrie



Terrie Blackburn and friend

Did You Know?

By: Pat Daly

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau may be Selling Us Down the River

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau is proposing changing their charter to actively support and lobby to sell our water to out of state interests (Texas). It is also taking the misguided position that eminent domain may be used to force easements, take water or worse yet, take Oklahoma farmers, ranchers or citizens land for this purpose.

The OKFB will be voting to adopt this drastic change in position within the next 2 weeks.

We find this a highly unusual and controversial position to be adopted by our own state Farm Bureau.

Last time we checked, our farmers, ranchers and cities need all the fresh water they can get, as do our rivers and lakes for fishing and recreation by the citizens of Oklahoma.

That day tested all of my skills, approach to the water, presentation to the trout and trying to match a Western hatch that seemed to constantly change patterns throughout the day. Between the two of us I believe we caught 3 or 4 fish that day. All of them were nice looking trout but none of them were the monster fish we had envisioned in our heads. When I got back to Oklahoma, I knew immediately what needed to be done, I needed to immerse my self into this addiction and feed it with all of the knowledge that greater fisherman than myself had learned and shared over the last two hundred years.

The Trout will be back in the L.I.R. when the water gets cold enough to stock them this winter. But don't let it keep you from exploring other possibilities that will feed your fishing addiction and help you become a more well rounded fly fisherman. A guide once told me that "Trout pay the bills and Smallmouth give the thrills", I understood it after I caught my first Smallmouth on a fly rod.

John Sellars, President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

November Raffle Prize

Is a chest pack from Fishpond; pictured below.

Don't get sold down the river by our own Farm Bureau. Contact your State Representatives and let them know your opinion now...

Here's the

link: <http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature2.aspx>

Go to our Facebook page to see the actual line items protecting our water that their 'Resolution Committee' wants to strike November 15th.

NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?" is a feature of our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

TFF Bylaw Changes

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULSA FLY FISHERS IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TULSA FLY FISHERS BE REVISED AND UPDATED.

Membership of the TFF may go to www.tulsaflyfishers.org to review. The Board of Directors of the TFF will bring these revised By-Laws up for a membership vote at the November annual meeting for ratification and acceptance by the membership.

REPORT ON THE LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER

As all local trout anglers know, the lower Illinois River has suffered the tragic loss of nearly all the trout that occupied that river before the floods this spring.

Tenkiller Lake is by most comparisons a small Ozark lake. It's deep and in most years is host to enough cold water to



Annual Raffle Prize

Did you know that at every OKTU/TFF meeting we offer a great raffle prize? We do and you can read about this month's raffle prize elsewhere in this month's newsletter. This is the last chance to register and this month's prize is a good one.

But, what you really need to know this month is that once again this year we will collect all the sold raffle tickets after each meeting and place them all in a single jar and keep them until this November's meeting. Then, just like we did last year one lucky raffle ticket will be drawn.

NOT THIS YEAR ... PAY ATTENTION NOW
BECAUSE THIS YEARS END-OF-YEAR SPECIAL
RAFFLE PRIZE IS A **BRAND NEW ORVIS**
HELIOS2 5 WGT FLY ROD ... NOW, IF YOU
DON'T WANT TO WAIT TIL NOVEMBER TO WIN
IT YOU CAN SHELL OUT ABOUT \$800 FOR IT
AND BUY IT RIGHT NOW.

sustain the releases of that chilled H2O to keep trout alive all year long. When you flood a lake like that, not once but twice, in a single rainy season bad things are going to happen. That is the case this year ... two major floods brought far too much water into that lake and the mixing caused a complete turnover of all the water it holds. Yes, there is a chance that the near total reliance on the sluice gate for releases "might" have made a difference but that is truly hind sight and the folks seeing to it that flooding down river is minimal must do what they must do. No second guessing for them ... serious property loss and the risk of lives lost could be the result of a "bag" guess.

The Army Corp of Engineers is not to blame for this tragic loss of trout this year. It was an odd year and bad things happened. And yet today, we continue the work to acquire a year around constant, minimum flow for the Lower Illinois River.

Here's where we are today. Enclosed in this *is an email direct from the local USACE office*. I believe they understand the importance of this river and the joy a year-round trout fishing experience brings to many area anglers. Not to mention the economic importance that this river and its trout anglers have on that area of Oklahoma. (Having been there only a week or so ago I have to admit things in the town of Gore looked a little gloomy when we passed through.)

Here are some of the facts for Tenkiller:

Tenkiller Lake was originally authorized with the purposes of Flood Control and Hydroelectric Power. Municipal and Industrial Water Supply was administrative authorized by the Chief of Engineers. This was done because a water supply need developed (Kerr-McGee Corporation) in 1967, prompting the reallocation of flood control storage to water supply under discretion of the Chief of Engineers. Congress provided the Chief of Engineers discretionary authority to convert storage from another purpose to Water Supply by the Water Supply Act of 1958, the maximum allowed was 50,000 A-F. The conservation pool was raised from 630 to 632 in 1969, providing the 25,400 A-F of storage for water supply.

The USACE must, by law work only within what they are

 HELIOS



Check it out for yourself

... <http://www.orvis.com/p/helios-2-5-weight-9-fly-rod-mid-flex/7a8c> Suggest you never miss a meeting and you never miss a chance to buy a few raffle tickets. \$5 for 5 tickets and \$10 will buy you 12 .

Election of Officers

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for 2016. Nominations may also be made at the November General Meeting prior to the election of officers.

President - John Sellars
Vice President - Phil Curtis
Secretary - David Wilson
Treasurer - David Games

Directors - Frank Kohn, Pat Daly and Heath Tiefenauer

authorized to do.

Sequoyah Fuels (Formerly the storage the Kerr-McGee had) had 14,000 AF of Water Supply storage under temporary contract, in 2011 this contract was terminated by Sequoyah Fuels. We are working with three different groups to put this 14,000 A-F under contract. They are Lake Region Electric Development (371 A-F), Tenkiller Utility Authority (4,000 A-F), and Sequoyah County Water Association (9,629 A-F). When we sent these contracts to our higher headquarters, they realized that the water supply was not one of the Congressional authorized purposes. At that time it was discussed that we would need to perform a reallocation study on this 14,000 A-F, but not the 11,400 that was already under water supply agreements. After much research by the Tulsa District staff, we identified old correspondence that provided documentation that water supply was an administrative purpose. Since the 25,400 A-F was water supply, a reallocation report is no longer required for this storage. Therefore, we are not planning on do a reallocation study for water supply at this time.

We do recommend that either Trout Unlimited and/or ODWC work with these entities that are gaining these contracts to request that the water storage be "lent" back again to the ODWC for use in the river to sustain the environmental stream flows, at least until such time that they needed it. We did contact Jim Burroughs regarding this information.

We realize that the above is a temporary solution. Since our phone call with you we have been working with our higher headquarters on a possible long term solution. The Corps of Engineers has an authority under the appropriation bill for Sustainable Rivers. The purposes of this effort are to assess ecosystem needs downstream of USACE projects, to evaluate water management opportunities for potential operational changes and/or reallocations to enhance ecosystem values while maintaining or improving primary project purposes (e.g. flood risk reduction, water supply, and hydropower), and to implement environmental flows where feasible. Please note that the funds for this authority are very limited, but

Trout in the Classroom

Eggs have arrived and were distributed to the schools. Here's some pictures from East Central. Thanks to Phil Curtis.



The eggs (2,000) are in the tanks and by the time you are reading this little Kamloops rainbow trout will be hatching.



Trout Eggs in the incubator cage

we are attempting to obtain some of these funds so that we can investigate the need for environmental stream flows below Tenkiller. We do not know if this will lead to more permanent solution, but we are at least trying to explore this possibility.

We will keep you informed if we are successful on this effort.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

MIKE R. ABATE, PMP

Ch, Civil Works Branch, PPMD USACE Tulsa District

I have reached out once again to ask the USACE if they need any help in finding or acquiring the funds for the study mentioned in the message and I have not heard back as of this writing. I do believe that the USACE have an understanding of the situation and believe that they are in fact acting to help resolve the problem of no allocated water to sustain a minimum flow for the river. (Minimum flow would in fact answer the need for "environmental steam flows" in the river.)

I will continue to keep everyone posted on news regarding the situation on the Lower Illinois River. As with many of you it is my favorite local fishing hole!

Scott Hood

2016 Schedule

The Meeting room has been scheduled for 2016. Two of the dates will **NOT** be on the usual second Thursday due to library events that are held that day. However, all will be on a Thursday.

- January 14
- February 11
- March 10
- April 7 - a week early
- May 12
- September 15 - the third Thursday

This year's TIC program is one school short of last year. The Beggs middle school teacher overseeing the program took an opportunity at a new job only days before the eggs were coming and his school administration and our tank leader at the school, Michael Siegenthaler were unable to find a teacher in Beggs to take over the tank. We still are full speed ahead at Tulsa's East Central High, Broken Arrow High, Catoosa High, Jenks High and two tanks at Union High School. (One in a Marine Biology class and the other is in a Special Education class.)

From now and until spring students in the classes will learn a lot about clean water chemistry and what happens when there is an over population in an enclosed system. (Kind of like what happens when 7 billion people occupy an enclosed environment ... ring a bell?)

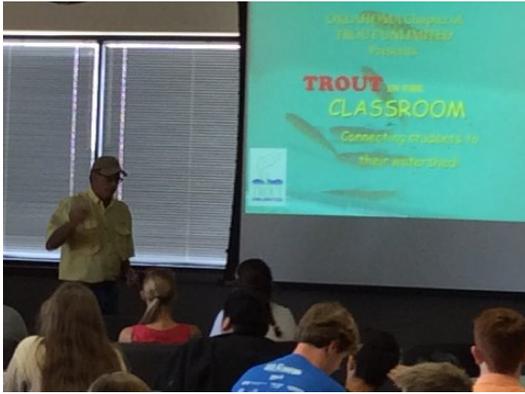
In 5 to 6 months, if all goes well, volunteer members of OKTU and TFF will accompany each school to the lower Illinois River on a field trip day where the students from each school will release the young trout. They will also do stream studies taking water quality samples and search out aquatic invertebrates that live in the river. Some, if they want will have a fly casting lesson and if the weather and water release that day is favorable we'll all go fishing too.

Anyone interested in helping with the Trout In the Classroom program should contact Scott Hood. Scott is the Youth Education Coordinator for the Oklahoma Chapter.

- October 13
- November 10

Remember we do not meet at the library during June, July or August. The December meeting is the annual dinner meeting.

We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive.



Scott presenting the program at Broken Arrow

Scott Hood

OKTU Youth Activities Coordinator

Members, if you have a youth group that you would like to expose to Fly Fishing, fly casting, or fly tying please contact me at shood91849@aol.com .

Annual Dinner Meeting

Come join us for our annual Holiday Party

McNellie's Restaurant
409 E 1st St in downtown Tulsa.
Parking is free

December 8th, Tuesday
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Full dinner with appetizers, salad, 2 entrees and a great dessert tray.

Cash bar

Gift exchange. Bring a small \$10 plus gift to exchange with others

Tickets \$25 at the door. Bankcard, cash or

check

Please RSVP pat@cimtel.net with number in your party to reserve your tickets now

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- December 5 - Lower Illinois River Clean-up ... Hosted by the 89'er Chapter ... meet at 9am Parking lot at the dam. Lunch at Watts 12 noon. (There will be Trout by then!)
- December 8 - Annual dinner meeting at McNellie's in the Blue Dome District of Tulsa
- December 19 - Arkansas River Clean-up ... Oklahoma River Warriors / Tulsa Fly Fishers / Oklahoma Trout Unlimited. In conjunction with the City of Tulsa and the new "Adopt a Stream" program within Tulsa. Meet at 9 am to 12 noon at the volleyball courts Southeast of 71st. 71st and Riverside . Cleanup area east side of the river from 71st street bridge down river to the first drain culvert off of Riverside Drive. (Approx.. 1/4 mile) Details on Facebook at ... OKLAHOMA RIVER WARRIORS

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