

Early March, 1987

Missouri Mycological Society
517 E. Capitol #2
Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear MMS members,

At the moment, it seems most convenient for me to be the temporary Newsletter Editor. Please consider this #2.

1. We had a good meeting at UMSL with thanks to John Mruzik for the space, specimens, and arrangements and Charles Morgan (and friend) for the superbly photographed slides. There was a roomful of people; I was too busy to count.

2. The membership list is enclosed. One result of the meeting in St. Louis is that over half of our members are in the St. Louis area. Also, we received memberships from less than 1/3 of the people who made inquiry after the announcement in the October Conservationist. I am particularly disappointed in South Central Missouri where we had numerous inquiries but no members yet. I think that the way to get members is to have forays and get some publicity, as John did so effectively in St. Louis.

3. As some of you may see to your surprise, almost everyone outside the St. Louis area is a "Regional Coordinator". That simply means that I beseech you to think of a date and a place, in your part of the state, where we can have a fall mushroom hunt, weather permitting. It would be nice if you could also work on publicizing the event. Saturdays are probably best for most. We should be able to have two forays on some weekends, one in the St. Louis area and another elsewhere. I will try to get to all out-state forays, but if I don't make it, someone should solicit memberships. Experienced mushroomers should instruct beginners on precautions to take if they intend to eat what they gather. (For our purposes, "fall" runs from the latter half of August into mid-November. Don't let anyone fool us into thinking that fall runs from Sept. 21st to Dec. 21st. Not for mushrooms in Missouri!)

4. This newsletter is going to members only, to save on duplicating and postage. The next one will contain the fall foray schedule and will go to the full mailing list. If you can think of other outdoor groups who should get a copy, let me know. It will come out in July, so please send your foray ideas by the end of June.

5. SPRING FORAY!! After some discussion in St. Louis, Dave Skaer suggested a spring foray for Canaan State Forest. (Fires and camping are allowed.) This is "C3" on your "Missouri Outdoors" map. (If you don't have this map, write the Conservation Department, P.O. Box 180, Jeff City 65102, and get one. Most forays will be on state or federal land shown on this map.) Dave enclosed several maps of which one is reproduced and enclosed. It is just off "A" Hwy about 2 miles North of Bland on Boettcher Rd. The USGS 7.5" topo is 'Owensville West'. It is about 2 hours from St. Louis. (St. Louis folks might get together to arrange carpools.) Let's bring our lunches and meet at 11:00 am at Boettcher & "A". Please bring a pocket knife. There is no need to dig out a morel and disturb the mycelium. DATE: If the weather continues unseasonably warm and spring comes early, April 4th. If the weather turns cold or the rains stay away, April 11th. Dave is the coordinator, so call him if you have questions.



Philip D. Roos

3rd
Creek TWP.

Clay Twp

BOURBOIS TWP.

PHELPS COUNTY

Gulf Central Pipeline
G. Neuser or H. Parker
(314) 252-4334
10" Ammonia

Southwestern corner
Gasconade Co.

Intersection of Boettcher
Road & "A" Hwy circled.
Meeting point.

