

Lee Redmond Citizen's Award - This award is given to persons not directly employed in the aquatic field who make a substantial contribution to Missouri's aquatic resource.

This year's recipient of the Lee Redmond Citizen's award is Ron Moffet.

Ron Moffet is a native to northeast Oklahoma and spent a career working for Boeing in Tulsa. He was a technician on the space shuttle program and was responsible for working on the door for the shuttle. Ron retired from Boeing and started working the night shift at Roaring River hatchery part time on the weekends around 1998. When he finally retired fully in early 2000 he began to be an avid volunteer for the hatchery. Over the last 20 years Ron has donated countless hours to Roaring River Hatchery. Ron has volunteered with every kids fishing day teaching fish cleaning and cooking. He has assisted with veterans free fishing, the Wonders of Wildlife weekend, and also assisted the hatchery with the award winning First Hole program. This program provides bait, tackle and fishing education to various groups averaging over 4,000 participants a year. Ron has assisted with this program by teaching fishing and fixing rods and reels. Roaring River has over 200 loaner fishing rods and Ron will show up and work on these rods and reels many times per year to make sure the line and reels are ready to go for the next group or kids fishing days. Ron always shows up for kids fishing days and will spend the week before assisting the hatchery with handing out brochures, fixing rods and helping answer questions for the thousands of people that show up. Ron has volunteered thousands of hours of his time to assist in the education of thousands of children and adults and we certainly could sure use a lot more people like Ron in the world, willing to give of themselves to help others. MOAFS is proud to recognize Ron's efforts with this year's Lee Redmond's Citizen Award.