



Kansas City Chapter



April 2006

Club Meeting:

April 25, 2006
7:00 pm
Program: "Basics of Fly Fishing"

Executive Board Meeting:

May 16, 2006
Fleming Meeting Hall

Location:

Fleming Hall
21906 SW Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri

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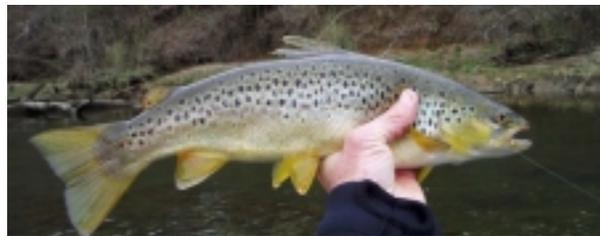
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Sowbug

Joe Fusco - Dateline Mountain Home, Arkansas – March 16, 17, 18, 2006

Spring break was an especially enjoyable time for me this year. I arrived in Mountain Home, Arkansas late Monday afternoon, March 13, and, since I was early for The North Arkansas Fly Fishers' (NAFF) annual Sowbug Roundup, I spent two days fishing. I was not able to get into one of the feisty Brown Trout

that inhabit the beautiful White River, but I did catch a few fair sized Rainbows. It was a great prelude to the Roundup.



One of the Brown Trout that inhabit the White River

For the next three days, I had the opportunity to not only attend The Sowbug but also to participate as an exhibition tyer. I was not alone in representing MTFA. Another of our club's tyers, Tom Criswell, represented the club and also exhibited at Sowbug, while five other members, accompanied by three other guests, attended the show. Those who were there to enjoy the show were newly wed Carol and David Cook, George Scott and his son-in-law, Chlorine Bunch and her husband, Jay, and Marvin Allison with his wife, Sherry.



Upcoming Events

May 6, 2006

Kids Fishing Derby
Lake Jacomo
Call 816-229-8980 extn 20 if this event is cancelled due to bad weather

May 13, 2006

Kids Derby
Bennett Spring

May 20-21, 2006

60th Annual Spring Derby
Bennett Spring

June 10-11, 2006

Free Fishing Weekend &
Trout Fishing Showcase
Bennett Spring

June 17, 2006

Fly Fishing/Casting Clinic,
MDC
Chillicothe

July 8, 2006

Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

September 11, 2006

Start of Fly Tying/Rod Building
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Crackleback Pattern

I have had a lot of requests for this pattern - so out it goes to the whole list. Received permission from the originator (as I was told) to post it, Ed Story of FC Feathercraft in St. Louis. I learned of this fly upon moving here two years ago. It works here like you would not believe. The fish here do not take dries very often, preferring scuds, nymphs, etc (IME). Anyhow, the browns and bows in Missouri waters have been tearing this fly apart. I used it in NY and PA with reasonable success as well. Easiest to fish in big water with moderate current. Fish it untreated on floating line with 5x tippet. Cast across the current and let it drag. When the fly starts into the bend of the drag, give a sharp tug and pull the fly under the surface. Let the line hang below you in the current for a count of 20 or so. Fish hit most often on the "swing" and when the fly is hanging in the current below you. You can dress the fly and fish it dry. Also a very good fly to skitter across the surface. Without further ado....



hook: size 12 dry, Dai-Riki #300 (I use Tiemco now)
thread: black 8/0 or 6/0
hackle: slightly oversize furnace
saddle hackle
body: pale-olive (yellow) pinched dub,
narrow body
rib: dorsal rib of peacock herl

Directions. Tie in at hook shank; tie in furnace saddle hackle (long and thin, dark ginger, with fine black furnace center) with the dull side facing you; tie in two strands of peacock herl sticking out back of hook shank (on top). Pinch dub and wrap body to just behind eye. Pull the strands of peacock over top of fly body (like a dorsal fin on a fish) and tie in behind eye. Cut away waste herl. Make 5 equal wraps of hackle (palmer style) up to the eye and tie in. Cut away waste. Use thread to wrap a modest head. Whip finish.

Very easy to tie. I can do one in 5 minutes or less. I usually take 6-10 fishing every time. The trout hit so hard the fly doesn't last more than 4-5 fish. If you want to buy one to use or copy call Feathercraft at (800) 650-1707 and ask Bob, Ed or Robin for the F-C Crackleback Dry Woolley. I think Ed asks about a dollar for them. get his catalog if you don't have it. You could also get the materials for this fine fly from them.

Note: While the dubbing is called pale-olive in Ed's book, I think it is a pale yellow. The pack I have is called pale morning dun if that helps. Sorry cannot remember the manufacturer.

Taken from the Missouri Fly Fishing web site, article written by Scott D. Blystone, Ph.D.

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**September 30/
October 1, 2006**

Fall Derby
Roarding River

October 6-8, 2006

FFF Southern Council Conclave

October 24, 2006

Chili Dinner

December 10, 2006

Christmas Party
Fleming Hall

January 9-14, 2007

Sports Show

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President's Message - Dave Cook



Once again we can see the explosion of Spring in April, in our yards, neighborhoods, streams, ponds and woods. The Conservation Calendar is also loaded with spring activity from the bobwhite calls to the May apples blooming. Our personal calendars are also full in April with family events and celebrating our religious holy days. But none of us need a calendar to tell us it is time to make fishing a priority too. We've watched the

redbuds bud and bloom and the blossoming of the dogwood to herald the spawning season. Yes, crappie and bass are moving to the banks, visions of stringers of slab crappie can make us rearrange many of those things we have placed on the calendar. But there is one more thing. Is it hunting for morels? Is it turkey season; for many the answer is yes. But for me, the answer has always been trout fishing in Missouri.

It doesn't seem to matter which trout stream you visit. It could be the Current River, Bennett Spring State Park, the Niangua River or upper Lake Taneycomo, they all offer the best trout fishing of the year right now. I have countless memories of these places in April and how no other time of the year comes close. In April it's almost impossible to choose the wrong fly. For the dry fly fishermen, you will see some of the best caddis and mayfly hatches in April. For the wooly bugger fishermen, you will catch trout gorged on minnows or crayfish. In April, the streamflows are good, the fish are fat and healthy, and once you hookup, the trout put meaning into the expression "tight lines".

So get out and trout fish now, and you can get that done before and after turkey season. You can get that done along with the crappie, white bass and largemouth fishing you've planned this spring. But I think April should be declared a national holiday so that we have time to make all of these activities part of an April we will always remember.

Reminders:

Also starting in April, the April and May regular meetings will be open early at 6:00 pm for anyone who wants to practice or get tips on fly casting, fly fishing and fly tying. The regular business meeting will still take place at 7:00 pm.

May 6th, is the 25th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Lake Jacomo. MTFA has always been a sponsor of this event.

May 13th Bennett Spring Kids Fishing Day

May 20 – 21st 60th Annual MTFA Spring Derby Bennett Spring State Park

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Sowbug Roundup has increased in size each year since NAFF began. This year, The Sowbug had 116 tyers from across the US who participated, and one tyer, Niclas Runarsson, came all the way from Sweden to participate. There were also 18 vendors who were there to present their wares to the 1600 people in attendance during the two and one half day show. A number of youth tyers participated, and several schools sponsored class trips for their students.



Joe and Nic Runarsson Tying at Sowbug (as usual, Joe attracted the younger crowd)



Tony Spezio, one of the founders of the Sowbug Roundup, teaching a class

What makes the NAFF Sowbug Roundup such a good show is that it's still small enough to be personable. The attendees are able to sit across from the tyers to see how the flies are tied, while the folks who just want to attend out of curiosity, also have a great opportunity to see the many experienced fly tyers and browse the equipment and materials for just \$5. This is definitely a fly tyer's show. Plans are already underway for the 10th Anniversary Roundup in March of 2007.



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