



Kansas City  
Chapter



August 2006

## MTFA Fall Derby at Roaring River – Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 2006

**Club Meeting:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of  
Each Month

**Next Meeting**  
Aug 22, 2006  
7:00 pm

**Executive  
Board**

**Meeting:**  
Sept 11, 2006  
Fleming Meeting  
Hall

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

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Family Fun Day  
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I think we have an outstanding fall event planned. All club members and their guests are invited to the Fall Derby. We will have a Big Fish (length of fish) Derby that begins Saturday and ends on noon Sunday.

A club dinner is planned at the Park Hotel & Convention Center, the Tree-Top Grill, for Saturday night beginning at 6:30. Beef brisket and fried chicken will be the entrees on the buffet. Cost will be \$10 a person. Door prizes are included. We need to get a headcount for planning purposes, so please let us know by Sept 20<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending dinner.



Entering the Big Fish Derby is an optional event. Any member of MTFA may enter the Big Fish Derby. The rules will be the same as they have been for the last few years. You can register for the Big Fish Derby at any of our meetings between now and the derby or you can register Friday evening at the park store that sells the daily tag or Saturday morning until 8 am. Or you can mail your registration to me, Dave Cook, 403 SE Crescent St, Lees Summit, MO 64063. To register, we need your name and \$5.00. That's it. All entry fees will become the Big Fish Derby prize money with a distribution of prizes as 50% - First place, 30% - Second

place and Third place 20%. Catch and release fishing is encouraged. Some of the biggest trout can be found in the catch and release zone. To enter a catch and release fish, the fish must be measured by another member of the club. Complete rules will be provided at registration.

Sunday morning we will have the Betty Britton Memorial Breakfast between 6 & 7:30 am at the Rock Shelter House. Cooking and cleaning is done by the men of the club. This is a hearty breakfast, so come hungry. We will meet at the Rock Shelter House again at noon to determine the winner of the Big Fish Derby. We will have a hot dog and chips lunch and we will have a raffle drawing for a rod and reel outfit. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 at Saturday night's dinner or at the shelter house Sunday noon.

**Upcoming  
Events  
2006**

**September 9**

Raytown Fishing  
Derby Kenagy Park

**September 11**

Start of Fly  
Tying/Rod Building  
Classes

**September 30/  
October 1**

Fall Derby  
Roaring River

**October 6-8,**

FFF Southern  
Council Conclave

**October 24,**

Chili Dinner &  
Raffle

**December 10,  
2006**

Christmas Party  
Fleming Hall

**January 9-14,  
2007**

Sports Show

**President's Message - Dave Cook**

I am really looking forward to all the club activity this fall. Please check our calendar for upcoming events.

But first, I want to revisit this summer's Family Fun Day. Just like most of the days this summer it was a hot one but there was one cool party going on inside Fleming Hall. Twenty-eight club members attended including "retiree's" Dorothy Fears, Bill & Betty Sillin and Clarence & Florence Pleaslee.

It was a great social event, plenty of barbeque and homemade dishes. I believe the tradition of friendship and fellowship with the Kansas City MTFA is alive and well.



Our fall activities will begin with our August meeting to finish the planning for the Fall Derby. We will also need to prepare for the Fall Fly Tying classes that begin Sept 11.

MTFA heavily depends on it's members to donate flies to the club throughout the year. In the Spring we provide about 350 flies to the Kid's Fishing Derby at Bennett Spring. In the Fall, we donate several dozen flies to a raffle at FFF Southern Council Conclave. And in January, we operate a booth at the Sports Show and sell flies to the public as a way to generate interest in our club. So please keep these needs in mind when you find yourself at your tying bench.



From the FFF – Club Wire

**Formula for Determining the Weight of Fish**

In determining the weight of fish, the value of the constant (C) is adjusted dependent on the species of fish and how fat or skinny it is. The formula for fish weight is: The (Girth) squared in inches, times the (Length) in inches, divided by a Constant (C) is equal to (=) the weight of the fish in pounds.

**Girth \* Girth \* Length / Constant**

Using inches and pounds:

For slender fish similar to trout: C = 900

For fat bodied fish such as a fat black bass; C = 800

Trout Example: Girth = 13 in. and Length = 16 inches

13 x 13 = 169

169 x 16 = 2704

2704/900 = 3 pounds, the weight of the fish

## Fly of the Month



The John Deere has been ranked as the top fish catcher in the mini-jig category at Bennett Spring this summer as reported in the [Online Fishing Report from Weaver's](#). Many times it has been reported as the best overall fly.

This is a 1/80 or 1/100 oz mini-jig tied on a #10 or #12 hook depending on which size you prefer.

This pattern also works well in larger sizes such as a 1/32 oz jig fished on ultra-light spinning tackle.

Paint the leadhead with green enamel paint. The Testor's model paint works well with lead. Give the paint a day to dry and then paint the eyes with yellow enamel paint. A toothpick can be used to dot the eyes onto the leadhead. Again give the paint a day to dry. Actual drying time is a couple of hours but I have better success if I just leave them alone until the next day.

Tie in olive marabou at the bend of the hook. You can have fibers extend all the way to the leadhead and wrap them with thread up to the head and then back down to the bend. You want a short, stubby, fluffy tail at the end. You could even tie in the marabou in backwards if you prefer a fluffier tail.

Tie in small (size 00 or 0) green or olive chenille at the bend, advance your thread and then wrap chenille to the head, tie off and whip finish.



### Miscellaneous Items:

**MTFA has a piano in our storage room. It is free to anyone who wants to haul it away.**

## 2006 Family Fun Day Photos



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