



**Kansas City
Chapter**



April 2009

Next Club Meeting
April 28, 2009
Fleming Hall
6:30pm

Executive Board Meeting
May 12, 2009
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 26, 2009
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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MTFA - April Program "Fly Fishing 101"

This month we are going to let you cast different fly rods and ask questions from the more experienced members of our club about fly fishing. I thought I would write a little about other areas of fly fishing.

Fly fishing is a sport or hobby enjoyed by many fisher persons although some consider it an art form. I started out fly fishing when I was around 10 years old, fishing farm ponds and small lakes up in Northern Missouri. While most people associate fly fishing as fishing for trout, my cousin Bob White and I were interested in fishing for crappie, bass, bluegill and anything else that would hit a live grasshopper, or a bumble bee fly. Today, fly fishermen pursue everything from fresh water species, to salt water species of fish. Even large game fish such as sailfish, marlin, tarpon and even sharks.

I believe most American fly fishermen spend their time pursuing rainbow or brown trout. The other types of trout are brook trout, golden trout, lake trout and my favorite steelhead trout.

When most people when they think of fly fishing, they picture a person standing in a stream or think of the scene from the movie "A River Runs Through It." Fly fishing has become extremely popular throughout the world. There is no place you can not use a fly rod. You can fish anything from spring creeks, lakes, streams, rivers and the ocean. You can fly fish from Alaska (my favorite) for salmon, rainbows, dolly varden to the Amazon River for peacock bass and to Argentina for large brown trout. Just pick a place and there is something to go after.

Fly fishing equipment is always changing. My first fly rod was a two piece fiberglass rod. Not sure you could call it a fly rod by today's standards but I caught everything with that rod from 15# carp to 10" trout. It worked and it was all I could afford. The reel I started out with was my grandfathers and it was an automatic reel. Now days you can purchase rods from under a \$100 to as much as \$1000 and reels run in about the same price range. My suggestion is to purchase the best you can afford. But if you plan on traveling by plane to some of those far away places, you will want to consider a four piece fly rod. As for reels purchase one that has a really good drag.

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Upcoming Events

April 22, 2009

MTFA trip to the Posey Wildlife Area (Contact: David Cook - 816-272-5194)

May 2, 2009

Kid's Derby Lake Jacomo.

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Kid's Derby Bennett Springs State Park.

May 16 - 17, 2009

MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Springs State Park.

May 23 - 24, 2009

Fifth Annual fly Fishing Expo at Reading's Fly Shop on Highway 64, Bennett Springs, Missouri.

June 6 - 7, 2009

Free Fishing Weekend

July 18, 2009

MTFA Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
10:30am - 4:00pm

September 14, 2009

MTFA Beginning & Intermediate Fly Tying/Rod Building Classes Start
Fleming Hall
7:00pm - 9:00pm

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Fly-fishing 101 cont'd

Leaders and tippet's are very important to fly fishing. Their purpose is to provide the connection between the fly line and the fly. There are three types of leaders: made-up knotted leaders, commercially manufactured tapered leader and manufactured braided tapered leaders. The tippet is the final length of monofilament at the end of your leader to which the fly is attached. Tippet's are given an X number, from 0X to 7X. Normally the breaking strain of the tippet is listed on the tippet spool you purchase by the manufacturer. There is a formula you should remember so you can figure this on your own. Subtract the number of the X factor from eight to give you the breaking strain of the line in pounds.

I hope I have wet your appetite to learn more about fly fishing. Our club members have extensive knowledge to share with you to make your next fly fishing trip more enjoyable and successful. So come early to the April meeting (6:30pm - weather permitting) to test different types of fly rods, get pointers on casting using your own rod and ask your questions.

By - Gary Davisson



Kid's Derby at Lake Jacomo and the Kid's Derby at Bennett Spring.

Both events occur on the same day (May 2th, 2009). The MTFA has been a co-sponsor of this event for over 20 years. It appears that most of our members will be working the Lake Jacomo Kids Derby.

The Kids fishing derby at Lake Jacomo is open to all children ages 2 through 15. A fishing license is not required. (All contestants must be accompanied by an adult.) Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event. Kids need to bring a fishing pole, bait and a bucket to hold their catch in. This event is free of charge. Any child who catches a fish will win a prize. We need volunteers to register contestants, weigh and measure fish, help set up and tear down, and pass out awards. So please plan on helping us make this event a great success, and sign up. There will be a sign up sheet at our April club meeting.



Registration Table 2008—Carrol Cook

MTFA Membership Directory:

The club voted to put together a club directory for members use only. If you do not want your name, address, phone number or e-mail address in the directory please contact David Cook at 816-272-5194.



Fly of the Month - The Bunny Leech

HOOK: 5263

THREAD: Match body

BODY: Rabbit strip This is a guide's fly. It is quick and easy to tie, it's very durable, and it catches fish like mad. When tying the bunny fly, get rabbit strips that are cut across the grain so the hairs stick out at an angle to the leather. (Add lead eyes or cone head for weight if desired.)



The bunny is one of those flies that can't be fished wrong. It pulses and quivers with every breath of current or strip of line. When tied in cream colors it called a flesh fly and imitates chunks of rotting salmon.

(Also tie in colors of black and white.)

The classic way to fish one of these is to cast at an angle across the current and let the fly swing on a tight line. You can catch fish by simply slinging and swinging, but you'll catch more if you add a few tricks. The first is line management. When you cast across a stream, the current quickly puts a curve or belly in the line. As the current pushes the bellied line downstream, the fly moves faster and rises closer to the surface. That's sometimes desirable, but rarely at the beginning of a presentation. If you cast across the current and immediately after the fly hits the water make a big mend lets your streamer drift straight downstream and it time to sink. Give this a try.....

SowBug Round Up Report

By all reports, the 2008 Sowbug Roundup was the best ever. The tiers were very pleased with the show. A tier who attends shows all over the world stated that Sowbug is one of the top two shows that he attends. The other being the British Fly Show! The buzz on the Internet forums

and mailing lists has been excellent! The total attendance, by ticket count, was almost 1500. We had both the highest net income and highest gross income ever. The new sowbug merchandise sold very well. Almost every Sowbug pin was sold, 80 hats and a lot of tying log books were



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MTFA Member Joseph Fusco, Sr.

sold. By the end of the show, the Sowbug committee and helpers were exhausted. Most of them felt that if they never saw another show, it would be too soon. But on Saturday, April 5, the Sowbug 2009 committee met for the first time. They did an after action review of Sowbug 2008 and were ready to get cracking on Sowbug 2009. Hope to see you there.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE;

What a beautiful weekend to be a Bennett Springs, it has been sunny and warm which is a big difference from the past weekend with all of the rain, cool weather and rain. I hope to wet a line tomorrow, and catch the ole wily trout.

Up coming events on Tuesday our monthly meeting will be Fly Fishing 101, which will start at 6:30pm for those who can make it there early. This will also be the last night to order any Danville Fly Tying material for this time around.

Other upcoming events on May 2, 2009 are the kids fishing derby at Lake Jacomo, and Bennett Springs. There will be signup sheets for anyone that can donate sometime for these events.

The MTFA annual fishing derby will coming up on May 16-17, 2009. there will be handouts at the meeting and an email with the schedule of events will be sent out this week. Also anyone that is planning on going to the derby but will not be at our monthly, please email me letting me know how many will be attending, so that a head count for food can be made. (kdinman@yahoo.com)

There is also a youth fly tying class in the planning for later on this summer when school lets out. More information will be forth coming.

See you at the meeting!

Kent Inman