



Kansas City
Chapter



April 2012

Next Club Meeting
April 24, 2012—Fish Fry
Fleming Hall
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
May 8, 2012
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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Timber Hills Outing—Report

Right—The gang that attended the
Spring outing at Timber Hills

Twenty members of the MTFA Kansas City chapter met on March 30 thru April 1 to enjoy good company, good food, and some great fishing. The location was at the Timber Hills Lake outside of Ft. Scott, Kansas. Since

the club had reserved the entire ranch, owners of the ranch catered exclusively to the MTFA members for the weekend. This included meals and a wine tasting event. This year, the early spring weather was unseasonably warm which provided an exceptional experience.

When the group wasn't fishing, many spent time in the ranch's lodge. The lodge is new this year and sports some interesting stuffed wild game. Some of the ladies turned out to be pool sharks on the ranch's pool table.

Timber Hills Ranch is a private reserve that provides opportunities for hunting as well as fishing. They maintain their own herds of buffalo, elk and white tail deer.

Everyone agrees that the event was one worth repeating. We will be looking for a date for a return next year.



VP Bill Beckman



Sunset at Timber Hills Ranch

Upcoming Events

April 24, 2012
Club Meeting & Fish Fry
Fleming Hall
6:30 pm

May 5, 2012
Kids Fishing day at Lake
Jacomo

May 19-20, 2012
MTFA State Derby
Bennett Spring State Park

Norm Crisp Seminar—May 22, 2012

We have a real treat coming up for the May club meeting. Join us at Fleming hall at Lake Jacomo for a seminar by Norm Crisp on the Alternative Trout Fishing in Missouri. Norm's guide service has a new program that focuses on teaching anglers to catch wild trout in Missouri fisheries rather than the hatchery raised at the three Missouri trout parks and Lake Taneycomo. The meeting will be May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Casting Class

Calling all lady anglers! If you are interested in taking a class specifically designed for lady fly casting, please contact Diana James at djames1163@yahoo.com.

If we have enough interested participants, we will schedule a four to six hour class on a Saturday and it will be taught by our own Gary Davisson. Gary is a great instructor and will be able to teach casters with varying levels of experience.

More details will be posted in the next issue of the Troutline.

Jim Rogers Fly Casting Clinic at Bennett Spring

MTFA club president, Kent Inman, has been talking to Jim Rogers, the concessionaire at Bennett Spring, about reserving some slots in his casting clinics for MTFA members. Jim is a world-class fly caster and a great teacher. The dates available are April 21, May 19, June 23 or July 14, and Aug. 25. Please contact Kent at 816.682.4924 if you are interested in reserving one of these slots. Kent will be able to provide information on the cost and what to expect from the class.



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April Club Meeting—Fish Fry

The April club meeting will be a fish fry. Yes, the club members will gather together to do what we do best; cook, eat, and socialize. Merrill Miller and others from the eBoard will be providing the fish. The club will provide paper plates, tableware and drinks. Marvin will be providing some of his amazing Dutch oven cobbler. Club members are asked to bring a side dish or desert based on the first initial of their last name:

A-L Deserts

M-Z Side dishes and salads

How to Tie a Fly by Jack Ohman

I'm not much of a fly tier. I can do it—my friend calls it “ham and eggs tying”—and I tie some cool flies that I can't buy in a fly shop, but other than that, I would no more sit down and tie a dozen hopper patterns than I would do something absolutely insane, like build a rod. A friend at *The Oregonian* often says that he's going to become a crazy old guy who's building a robot in his garage, and that's about what rod building is to me—the mark of someone who has completely gone around the bend.

I have read a lot of fly-tying instruction books, and some of them are pretty good. But I have not as yet seen a fly-tying book that honestly breaks the process down, step-by-step, and shows you—honestly—how to do it in a way that truly reflects what you need to know. So I provide here a basic, building-blocks guide to tying a fly.

1. Select a hook. I like to tie small flies, so I like to use a hook that I can't really see, like a 20.
2. Drop the hook into the carpet and hope you don't step on it.
3. Get another hook.
4. Put the hook in the vise. Make sure you prick your thumb when inserting the hook into the jaws, otherwise you won't have enough blood to hold the fly together.
5. Carefully wrap size 8/0 black thread around the hook shank. Take care to overwrap the hook shank so that the profile of the fly is way too fat.
6. Examine your materials and organize them carefully.
7. Sneeze.
8. Reexamine materials and reorganize them carefully. Let's try a simple pattern, like an Adams.
9. Take the tail materials (I can't remember what they are, and I can't find my tying guide, anyway). Brown hackle barbs, I think.
10. Take the brown hackle barbs off the hackle, and wrap the thread around the bend of the hook.
11. They should be sticking out .00000009 microns.
12. Switch reading glasses, again.
13. Switch reading glasses, again.
14. Switch reading glasses, again.
15. That's better.



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16. Okay, get the dubbing material and rub wax all over the thread. Too much wax will make the fly body even fatter, so just screw the wax.

17. Carefully spin the gray dubbing material around the thread until it gets too twisty and the bobbin spins wildly. Six thousand rpms should work.

18. Now wrap the dubbing material around the hook shank, all the way up to the hook eye. The rear part of the fly will be fatter, even if you don't want it to be. Try squashing that fatter part down between your bleeding thumb and index finger. Good luck.

19. More blood.

20. Good.

21. Now, for the fun part. You need to tie in the wings and wrap the hackle. Clip the wings from the ends of two too-large grizzly hackle feathers.

22. Tie on the wings.

23. No, this way.

24. For the love of Pete. Please.

25. They have to be like this.

26. No, they need to be at a 45-degree angle and uprightish. Like this.

27. NO, DUMBASS. LIKE THAT.

28. Close enough.

29. Okay, now tie in your hackle. It should be grizzly and brown.

30. Get out your hackle guide to make sure that, again, they are simply too long. You will need to have the profile of the fly way too fluffy to be natural, so be careful. You can lightly trim them later in the process to assure maximum unnaturalness.

31. Now wrap the hackle around and through the wings.

32. Okay, now you have mashed the wings in a completely weird and useless position. Take your bloody thumb and forefinger and readjust them.

33. Oops. You don't need that second wing, anyway. Don't even bother to get on the floor to find it. Keep wrapping.

34. Now tie off the hackle, making sure that you can't tie off the head without having those little points sticking out.

35. Wrap even more thread around the head of the fly. More. MORE THREAD.

How to Tie a Fly—continued

36. Now you can't see the points at all, but the head now looks like The World's Largest Ball of String Roadside Attraction in Fromage, Wisconsin.
37. Whatever.
38. Now do a whip finish. Take your whip finisher and get the little wire thing over the thread, rotate it, hold it up perpendicular to the shank of the hook, turn it again, rotate, twist, twist again, drop, loop, hook, and then GENTLY break the thread.
39. Good. Now, as fast as you can before the fly unravels (usually instantaneously, but sometimes you get a break and it will hold for ten seconds, just before you can get the new thread on), tie on even more thread.
40. Forget the whip finisher. Use the hollow thingee needle device.
41. FASTER.
42. Okay, now open the bottle of head cement and inhale.
43. Kidding.
44. Get the needle and dip it in the bottle.
45. Put one to eight drops of head cement on the head of the fly.
46. Compulsively stick the dubbing needle into the hook eye so it doesn't get filled in with cement. No matter how many times you do this, it will magically in-fill when you take the fly to the stream and attempt to put your tippet material through.
47. Now trim the thread.
48. You must have accidentally cut the thread, again.
49. Never mind.
50. Go to fly shop and buy a dozen Adams.

Excerpted from *Angler Management: The Day I Died While Fly Fishing* ([Headwater Books](#), September 2009, 214 pages, hardcover). Purchase [in the MidCurrent Store](#).

Kemper Outdoor Education Center—Lake Jacomo

Two members of the MTFA are helping out this year at the Kemper Outdoor Education Center. They are soliciting volunteers to assist in teaching grade school children how to fish. The children will be in groups of around 23 at a time, and each will be provided with cane poles. Assistance is needed April 20, 24, 25 & 26 as well as May 1 & 3. If you are interested, please contact:

Marvin Allison -816.358.9820

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Kids Fishing Day—Lake Jacomo—May 5

Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Kids Fishing Day at Lake Jacomo on Saturday, May 5. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Fishing will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is a great family activity to introduce sport fishing to youngsters ages 2-15. Entrants are asked to bring their own tackle, bait and buckets. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.



President's Message

As you can see from the information here in the Troutline that we have a lot of activities going on and a lot more coming up this year.

The MTFA State Derby is coming up on May 19th, at Bennett Springs, with the Springfield chapter being the host this year. Springfield is going to entertain everyone with a fish fry for the annual meal.

Timber Hills Lake outing was a great success, a big thank you to Sharon & Bill Beckman for all of their scouting and time in putting together such a trip. I would also like to thank all of the members that were able to attend the weekend outing.

In late June or early July or chapter will be having a day at Roaring River to commemorate the bench for Clarence and Florence Peaslee. A exact date is yet to be announced but it will be in this time frame.

In May we will be having Norm Crisp as a guest speaker, so try and attend the May meeting to hear about fishing trips offered through out the United States, and world wide.

Hope to see you at the fish fry. *Kent*

