



Kansas City Chapter



February 2014

Next Club Meeting  
February 25, 2014  
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
March 11, 2014  
7:00 pm

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

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March 25, 2014  
7:00 pm

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## MTFA Annual Lunker Dinner - Fleming Hall

Tuesday February 25, 2014 (6:30 pm - 9:00pm)

The nominated club officers are: Bill Beckman -President; Gary Davisson - Vice President; Carol Cook - Sect'ry; Kent Inman - Treas. Members at Large: Marvin Allison, David Cook, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend the dinner. David will be conducting our annual Lunker Dinner raffle. David has procured some really nice items for our raffle. If you have any items the club could use for our raffle please contact David Cook (816-272-5194).

The **Bakers Dozen** has been such a success that we have been asked by many members to continue this program. We would like as many club members as we can get to tie flies for the bakers dozen. That's (13) of your favorite fly and the club will supply the fly box. We will put all the boxes in our raffle at the Lunker Dinner. Please tie just one pattern, note the size and name for the bakers dozen. We will take the 13th fly and put it in a box with the 13th fly from all the other boxes to create one or two boxes of a collection of assorted flies. We hope you will participate, there are some really great fly tiers in our club so it should be interesting to see what their favorite fly is and have a chance to win a box of flies. Please label your box with the name of the fly and the size.

The **menu** will be Brisket and Pork. We need side dishes and desserts to go along with the meal. If your last name starts with an **"A" through "M" bring a side dish** (ex: Potato salad, Bake Beans, or Cole Slaw) and **"N" through "Z" bring a dessert**.

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## Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association 2014 Calendar

There are a few 2014 club calendars available for purchase for \$8.00 at the Lunker Dinner. If you do not have yours yet, be sure and pick one up or call and reserve one! Each page features photographs taken at club events plus an area for personal notes and important dates. The calendar contains all 2014 club meeting dates and event dates plus holidays and the phases of the moon. Contact our club president Kent Inman at 816-682-4929 or e-mail [kdinman@yahoo.com](mailto:kdinman@yahoo.com).

**For More Information**

Visit the website for the latest News and updates  
[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org)

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Who had this as part of his show? "Gone fishin' instead of just a wishin'"

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## Upcoming Events

February 17, 2014  
Fly Tying Class  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

February 24, 2014  
Fly Tying Class  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

February 25, 2014  
Lunker Dinner  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 - 9:00pm

March 1, 2014  
Opening Day Trout Season  
In Missouri

March 2, 2014  
Bass Pro Spring  
Extravaganza

March 3, 2014  
Fly Tying Class  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 - 9:00pm

(Note: All of the dates and future club activities are in the New MTFA Club Calendar on sale now!!)



### MTFA Officers

President: Kent Inman  
(816) 682-4924

V President: Gary Davison  
(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Sharon Beckman  
(913) 341-3260

Treasurer:

### Members at Large:

Merril Miller  
Roger Theroux  
David Cook  
Bill Beckman

## 2014 Membership Dues are Due:



This is the last month that the membership form will be in the Troutline so if you have not sent in your dues for the upcoming year, send it in now or pay at the Lunker Dinner. The dues are \$15 per person, family membership is \$30.00 and Legacy Members are \$10.00 per person. (Family membership includes all family members up to 18 years of age). At age 18 your child must register as a adult. You may mail your dues and form to:

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association**

**PO Box 3202,**

**Harry S. Truman Station,**

**Independence, Missouri. 64055**

For your convenience you will find the MTFA membership application on page 6 of the newsletter.

## Fly Tying Classes 2014



Fly tying classes started on January 27 and the first class was on Monday, February 3rd. The classes are each Monday night at Fleming Hall starting at 7:00PM. The cost is \$8.00 per class night per student (6 class periods). All manuals and fly tying materials are included in the cost. Fly tying equipment is available during class time if needed. Contact Kent Inman at

816-682-4924 or e-mail: [kdinman@yahoo.com](mailto:kdinman@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**Note: If you are not taking the class please refrain from interrupting the class because you would like to say something to an individual while the class is in progress. Please wait until the class has concluded to talk with your friends. Thank You.**

## Missouri Fishing Licenses going Online

Beginning July 1, 2014, the Missouri Department of Conservation will be phasing out their license machines and go strictly to online "permits". Now you will be able to purchase your fishing license and trout permit before you get to your destination. Check out: [www.mo.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php](http://www.mo.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php)

## Club Survey

A club member comes up to you and asks you the question, "I am going down to fish the Norfork River in Arkansas and will be staying a few days. Where is the best place to go get some BBQ? Tell us where to go and get some good BBQ where you go fishing. Example: Branson area, Bennett Springs, Roaring River, White River. Send your suggestions to: [medman3@att.net](mailto:medman3@att.net)

## *President's Message*

Its hard to believe that is has been 4 years since I was elected president of MTFA, Kansas City Chapter. During this time the club has been very active in a lot of new endeavors some that worked out well and others that we still have questions about. However none of this would have happened if it was not from suggestion from the members, and the attitude that we can do it, and we did it.

The monthly meeting attendance has improved several time over and we have had some interesting guest speakers which have given us many a good pointer for use at trout fishing, taxidermy, night fishing, warm water fishing, and caring for our sled dog . It has really been a learning experience for everyone.

An other venture that the club has under taken and has done quite well at is hosting our own derby at Bennett Springs. The first one was a nail bitter but everyone stuck it out and it was successful, which made the second one a hole lot better to host for the participants. The third one would have been a real showing of our club if the weather had not interfered, but there is this year to meet the challenge.

The biggest accomplishment for the club was the sponsoring of Project Healing Waters. This has turned into the greatest asset that a club could have. My deepest gratitude goes out to all that they accomplished since the onset of the PHW project, and their service and sacrifices that they have given for our freedom.

So with all of this being said, I would like to thank all of the members and the E-Board for their support and that they continue the support to innovate new ideas and challenges to kept the club growing.

It has been a great journey and fun experience to severe you and the club. Thanks to Everyone; *Kent*

### **Special Guest Speakers “Stan & Carolyn Parker” River Run Outfitters; Branson, Missouri.**

The January meeting featuring Stan and Carolyn Parker owners of River Run Outfitters was awesome. The slide show presentation that Carol used to show where to fish, the access areas to walk in at, and the hazards of not paying attention to the warning horn when they allow more water to flow down Taneycomo was the best I have seen. Their guide staff all use drift boats and if you have never been on a guided fishing trip you should try it sometime. It's a wonderful experience, you not only catch fish but you learn so much about how to fish this great tail water whether the water is up or down.

If you are going to be in the Branson area and want to fish Taneycomo be sure and stop by their fly shop and book a guided trip. MTFA would like to thank Stan and Carol for a great presentation.

See you on the water. Gary



### **K&K Flyfishers Free Clinic's in February:**

A different topic each Saturday morning during the month of February. All clinic's start at 9:00AM. All equipment and materials are provided. Clinic attendees will receive special offers and discounts. Call 913-341-8110 or 800-795-8118 for reservation

## Off Season Fishing Ideas

**Learn to switch-hit.** Being able to cast with your non-dominant hand is beneficial whether stalking trout or chasing bonefish. We're not talking about shooting into your backing here – just aim to accurately place a forty foot cast or so. This is a great goal to aim for during the off season as all you need is an open area and some ambition. Some of us are more ambidextrous than others, but try it out, you may find it easier than you think!

**Learn to spey cast left handed.** If you love fishing with a two handed rod, try learning to cast with your hands in the opposite position (if you don't already). Take it slow and concentrate on the mechanics of the cast and odds are you will find it is not as difficult as it seems. Being able to switch hit with a spey rod is extremely useful as you no longer have to rely on casting across your opposite shoulder. Also, you will never think twice of which side of the river to fish from since you can chuck off a dominant side no matter what!

**Learn to whip finish.** For you fly tyers out there, try learning a different technique of whip finishing. We have found that the majority of tyers either know how to whip finish using a tool or by hand, but not both. If you fall into this category, try using the down time to learn the opposite technique, as both techniques have their advantages. There are many videos available for each and would require no more than ten minutes and some practice to learn.

**Organize.** Organizing your gear is a great way to ease those fishing withdrawals. Organize your gear into your vest or pack you will hit the water with first so that it is ready to go the second it is time to fish! Doing so before the season will also allow you to inventory your gear to help decide what you might need to prepare for the upcoming season or trip.

**Maintain gear and lines.** If you haven't already, try using this time for a little gear maintenance. Clean fly lines, tune-up reels, re-treat your waterproof gear, clean out your fly box, and so on. It will pay dividends in the long run.

**Learn to nail knot without a tool.** Even if you only ever use a loop to loop connection, knowing how to correctly tie a nail knot is still very useful. A nail knot works for more than just attaching your leader to your fly line. It can also fix a blown loop in your fly line or be used to create loops in your sink tips. However, did you know you don't need a tool, tube, or nail to tie one?

**Learn to tie.** Don't know how to tie but have always wanted to? There is hardly a better way to help pass the time during the off-season than spending some time at the tying bench. Anyone can learn and there are many starter kits that are reasonably priced and straight forward.

**Create your own fly pattern!** If you already tie flies, try using your time at the vise to spin up a few of your own design. It is extremely rewarding to catch a fish on a fly you tied, but even more rewarding to fool a fish on your own pattern.

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## Off Season Fishing Ideas Cont'd

**Deal with those Hero Shots!** The off-season is a good time to go through all your fishing inspired media from the season before. It is also a great way to reminisce on the good times and get excited for those to come.

Organize and edit all photos and videos you meant to get back to now before you start making more!

**Plan that bucket list trip.** Want a great way to cure cabin fever? Try planning your trip of choice for the coming season! Thinking about Alaska, British Columbia, the Bahamas, Michigan or New Mexico?

**Practice some line management.** If the weather is not very inviting but you want to better yourself as an angler, try practicing some line management techniques inside. If you like to fish with a two handed rod and haven't learned already, try learning the old climbers trick for managing your running line. All you need is the first two sections of your rod and reel. String your line through your stripping guide and out across your floor. This is a good way to learn such techniques as there are no fish in the picture to distract you.

**Get Out There and Fish!** Got a bad case of the winter blues? The absolute best way to cure this is to simply get out there and fish! The winter time can be an extremely rewarding time of year to fish as often times you get the entire river to yourself. Don't fall victim to the belief that winter steelhead are the only game in town this time of the year. Take to your local trout stream and try your hand at some winter trout fishing.

In fact, if you are a fan of switch rods, try swinging some flies.

Remember, practice makes perfect, Gary

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## Casting Tip 1 "The Grip"

In golf, most of swing flaws can be traced to the hands and how you hold the club. The same is true of the fly cast. It all starts with your grip. You want to be firm, without over clutching the handle, don't apply the death grip! Remember the line goes where the rod tip directs it to go, and your grip dictates the direction of the rod tip. Line your hand up so that it can control how the rod flexes. Hold your thumb on the top of the grip, then snap those cast.

Do you practice casting between fishing trips or do you just go fishing. Between fishing trips set out some objects at different distance's, 30', 40' and 50'. Practice casting to the objects and pay attention to those tailing loops. This exercise will really help you become a better caster.

Gary

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to become a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter and join in their endeavor to improve the sport of Trout Fishing in Missouri. **I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Member ( ) Renewal ( )

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Send Newsletter via email: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Business or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored (By Member) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever before been a member of the MTFA? \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined? \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are subject to approval by the Executive Committee

**Individual Dues: \$15.00**

**Family Membership: \$30.00**

**MTFA Legacy Members:(25+ yrs) \$10.00**

**When this form is completed mail to:**  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association  
P.O. Box 3202  
Harry S. Truman Station  
Independence, MO 64055

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Life Membership Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**CODE OF ETHICS**

To practice the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife, and to encourage others to do the same.

To cooperate with the constructive efforts of the Missouri Conservation Commission and comply with the Objectives and Purposes of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point hook lures when fishing in Missouri trout water. To assist in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the State of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available waters and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.

To help conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, forests, soil and water.

To lend assistance to the Missouri Conservation Commission and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.

The above has been read and agreed to by: \_\_\_\_\_