



Kansas City Chapter



January 2016

Happy New Year

Club Meeting Date:
January 26, 2016
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Executive Board Meeting
January 12, 2016
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
February 23, 2016

I would like to wish all a very "fishy", safe and healthy New Year. Our club has had a very busy 2015 and we are looking forward to planning things for you in 2016.

Bill has asked me to give a presentation on Michigan Steelhead fishing at our January club meeting. If you have ever thought about going steelhead fishing, I will try to confine my excitement on catching a steelhead trout. I will have photo's, places to stay and try to answer any question you might have. I also want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President and Troutline editor. If there is a subject you would like to see covered in the newsletter please let me know. If you would like to submit an article, do so. Thank You for your support, *Gary*

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For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org

2016 Membership Dues are Due in January



Dues for the upcoming year: Individual (\$15), Family (\$30), Legacy (\$10). (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 MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055 or you can bring it to the next club meeting or fly tying session. For your convenience you will find the MTFA membership application on page 6 of the newsletter. (Note: Because of insurance concerns it is important that all club members have their membership paid up to date). *Thank You.*

Taneycomo/Roaring River? - MTFA Winter Club Outing - January 9 & 10

At the Christmas party the club members decided that if they were running water at Taneycomo the club would change venue and go to Roaring River State Park. I will send out a flyer on Tuesday, January 5th to update everyone on the decision.

For information on Taneycomo contact David Cook: (816) 516-1549

For information on Roaring River contact Kevin Gabert: (816) 796-0343

Upcoming Events

January 9-10, 2016
Winter Fishing Trip
Taneycomo

January 12, 2016
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 21-24, 2016
KC Sports Show
Bartle Hall

January 26, 2016
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

February 9, 2016
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

February 23, 2016
Annual Luncheon Dinner
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm



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Don't Feel Ashamed to Watch Your Back Cast by Louis Cahill

In fact, if you make a habit of consistently watching your back cast, you'll become a much better fly caster overtime and catch a good deal more fish when you're on the water. Just because Brad Pitt in the movie, 'A River Runs Through It', didn't watch his back cast in most of the fly fishing scenes throughout the film, doesn't mean fly anglers should follow his lead. The best fly casters in the world watch their back cast when presentations call for it. They might not do it all of the time, but they sure as heck don't think twice about doing so, when a specific presentation calls for it.

I think they shy away from doing so, because they feel like they're raising up a red flag that signals, "Hey everyone, I'm a rookie." But that notion is completely untrue. In reality, if a more advanced fly caster walks up on you and you're casting poorly because you're not watching your back cast, he or she is probably going to be thinking, "That poor angler, all he/she needs to do is make an effort to watch his/her back cast and most of those casting flaws would disappear." If you've hit a plateau with your fly casting skills, more times than not, the best thing you can do to take your skills to the next level is start paying more attention to watching your back cast. Put it to the test next time you're on the water or out in the back yard, especially if you're a newcomer or intermediate fly angler. And don't think it only applies to trout fishing in freshwater, it can be just as important, sometimes even more important, when fly fishing in the salt.

4 Reasons Why Watching Your Back Cast Can Improve Your Fly Casting and Fishing

1. You'll stay out of the overhanging trees and other stream bank foliage.
2. Your Timing will be much better, and better timing means less knots, more distance, and increased accuracy.
3. When making back cast presentations you'll be able to aim more effectively because you'll know where your fly is at all times during your false casting.
4. You'll be able to diagnose casting flaws much easier because you'll be able to compare your forward cast and your back cast to each other.

Off Season Things to Do:

1. Organize your fly boxes. Check your flies for rust, sharpen and de-barb your hooks.
2. Clean and dress your fly lines, tune up your fly reels and extra spools and re-treat your waterproof gear.
3. Organize: If you use a fly vest or a chest pack, this is a great time to clean out those pockets and get organized. Doing so before the season will allow you to inventory your gear to help decide what you might need to prepare for the upcoming season or trip.

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone that came out to our Christmas Party and thanks to all for bringing goodies.

Our next outing is January 8 thru 10, 2016. (Refer to page 1)

Don't forget The Sports Show January 21 thru 24, 2016. We are always looking for volunteers to help.

Fishing report:

Trout fishing at both The Bluffs and James A. Reed is still good.

Fishing at Bennett Springs and Roaring River is good during Catch-and-Release.

*Give a man a **FISH** and he'll **EAT FOR A DAY**.*

*Teach a man to fish and you'll **GET RID OF HIM***

FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Looking forward to a great 2016

Bill



Off Season Things to Do Cont'd:

4. Learn to Tie Flies. Don't know how to tie, not sure you would like it, this is a great time of year to find out and pass the time during the off season, spending some time at the tying bench. Anyone can learn and our fly tying classes will be starting up after the 1st of the year.
5. Organizing and reviewing those pictures you took on the streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. Review the photos and critique them. Look at your light source, backgrounds, how was your buddy holding the fish. This will help you take those great hero shots.
6. Your bucket list. Want a great way to cure cabin fever? Try planning your trip of choice for the coming season! Thinking about the White River in Arkansas, Montana, Wyoming, Michigan or some really far away places like Alaska, British Columbia or the Bahamas. This is a great time of year to look into a destination. If you are wanting to take that trip of a life time, you should be making those reservations now, as some lodges or guide services may be already booked. I usually set up my Alaska trips a year in advance.
7. When it's cold, raining or snowing outside and you have a computer, go to You Tube. Watch videos of fly tying or casting. Whether it's stream, lake or pond fishing there is an abundance of video's on all different subjects that can be helpful to make one a better fisherperson. This holds true for photography also.
8. Casting, you can practice casting when it's cold outside.... Practice makes perfect, so get out there and do it. Neighbors may think your crazy but what the heck, who cares.

If you have something that you do that is not on this list, please let me know so that I can pass it along to our club members.

Keep after it, Gary

MTFA Annual Luncheon Dinner - Fleming Hall

Put this date on your calendar; Tuesday, February 23, 2016 (6:30 pm - 9:00pm). The nominated club officers are: Bill Beckman - President; Gary Davisson - Vice President; Ardith Haynes - Sectary; Diana James - Treas. Members at Large: Marvin Allison, David Cook, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux. David will be conducting our annual Luncheon Dinner raffle.



8643 Grant St, Overland Park, Ks.
913-341-8118.

January - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

January 2 - Fly Casting Basics
January 9 - How to Build a Fly Rod
January 16 - New Generation Bait Fish
January 23 - Joe Tomelleri
January 30 - Learn to Double Haul
All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call if you plan to attend)

Holiday Closeouts

Simms Guide Jacket

reg. 299.95 **SALE 209.**

Black Olive color sizes Medium, XXL

Simms G3 Guide Jacket

reg. \$399.95 **SALE \$279**

Black Olive / Elkhorn sizes Medium, XXL

Simms Rouge Fleece Hoody

*Large, XL, XXL reg. \$99.95 **SALE \$69***

Lamson Guru Fly Reels - 2015

*Guru 3.5 reg. \$249. **SALE \$179.***

*Guru 4 reg. \$269. **SALE \$189.***

Rio Outbound Short Fly Lines

Floating 6wt - 10wt / Intermediate Sink Tip 7wt - 8wt

#6 Sink Tip 6wt - 9wt

reg. 89.95 **SALE \$49.**

Redington Palix River Wader - 2015

reg 159 **SALE \$99** S, M, MK, XXL

Redington Willow River Womens Wading Boots

reg \$99 **SALE \$64** Rubber Soles 6, 7, 8, 9



Fly Tying Classes Start



Fly tying classes will be starting on February 1st - 7:00-9:00PM at Fleming Hall, 21906 Woods Chapel Road, Lees Summit, Mo. Classes are conducted each Monday evening for 6 weeks. Enjoy the fun with other club members and non club members tying flies. If you are a beginner wanting to learn how to tie your own flies or a more advanced fly tier and need help to tie a certain fly, come and join us. MTFA will help you learn how to use all the different tools of fly tying. For more information contact Bill Beckman at:

ewbeckman@kc.rr.com or call (913-341-3260)

We look forward to seeing you .



A Fly In The Air Catches No Fish

All the time you spend false casting and re-casting and blowing casts because you tried to cast too far and oh-man-I-really-wanted-to-land-it-6-inches-to-the-left-so-strip-it-all-back-in-false-cast-false-cast-false-cast-oops-it-landed-in-the-same-spot-anyhow-ing? That's wasted fishing time.

You know those guys who always seem to catch the most fish? Watch one of those guys for a little while – more often than not you'll realize that it's not as much about fly selection or incredible casting ability. Guys who catch a lot of fish tend to be the guys who spend more time **fishing**.

But here's the important point – by **fishing** we don't mean 'spending time on the water with a rod in hand'. We mean actually **fishing** – swimming (or floating) their fly in (or on) the water, presenting it to fish. Great anglers spend very little time casting. They spend more time **fishing**, and that's the only time you have a shot at catching a fish. Drop that fly in (or on) the water and fish it!

A fly in the air catches no fish.

Got it?

Fly Of The Month - Olive Hare's Ear



Size 10 - 18. Use the standard soft hackle technique. The advantage to this method are quick feather preparation and ease of hackling since the pliable stem tip is wound around the hook shank. Tying in the feather by the tip permits you to wind the more flexible part of the stem around the hook which is particularly helpful in tying smaller flies. By not stripping the feather barbs you have more fibers of the same length in the hackle wrap. You quite often only need to make one turn of the feather to get a properly hackled collar.

Hook: Mustad 3906B, size 14 .

Thread: Brown 6/0

Ribbing: Gold wire.

Abdomen: Olive hare's ear dubbing.

Thorax: Gold bead 1/8"

Hackle: Brown partridge from wing shoulder

Missouri
Trout Fishermen's Association
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

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.** These can be found on the chapter website **MTFA-KANSASCITY.ORG**.

NAME _____ NEW MEMBER () RENEWAL ()

ADDRESS _____ Cell Phone _____

(Hm)/(Wk) Other Phone _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Send Newsletter via email: Yes ___ No ___

BIRTH MONTH: _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Have you ever been a member of any chapter of the MTFA? Yes ___ No ___

Year joined _____ Most Recent Year Paid Dues: _____

- ___ **Individual Dues:** \$15.00
- ___ **Family Membership:** \$30.00
- ___ **MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)** \$10.00

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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When this form is completed,
mail to:
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc.
PO Box 3202 Harry S Truman Station
Independence, MO 64055

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: _____