



Kansas City
Chapter

June 2011



June Club Meeting—June 28, 7:00 pm—Fleming Hall

Executive Board Meeting

July 12, 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Location

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

Next Club Meeting Date

June 28 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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“Tie Along with Joe” is the theme for the June MTFA meeting. So, bring your fly tying kit and be prepared to tie flies with Joe Fusco, a long-time member of the club. He will be doing a hands-on fly tying demonstration. Participation is not required, you can just sit back and watch. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Fleming Hall at Lake Jacomo. Be ready to learn some interesting new patterns.



Family Fun Day

The club's annual Family Fun Day will be on Saturday July 16th, and will start at 10:00am and end around 2:00pm, at Fleming Hall. Meat and Drinks will be furnished by the club. Those of you that would like to bring a covered dish or desert please feel free to do so. There will also be games and fly fishing challenges during the day. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Derby Report

The MTFA annual state derby was held at Bennett Spring State park on May 14-15, 2011. The weather actually cooperated this year, so everyone had a good time. Due to recent rains, the water level was higher than normal, but it didn't hamper the fishing at all.

120 anglers signed in for the opportunity to try their hand at catching a tagged fish. Sixty tagged fish were released for Saturday fishing and 40 were released for Sunday. Those lucky enough to land a tagged fish were eligible for prizes donated by local businesses.

The St. Louis chapter of MTFA hosted this year's event. They did a great job organizing the event, including providing a wonderful group meal for Saturday evening. After dinner, a representative from the Missouri Department of Conservation gave a presentation on trout parks in Missouri as well as preservation efforts in the area. Didymo (a.k.a. rock snot) is a major concern for Department of Conservation right now. They are trying to make the public aware of the damage that could be seen if rock snot is introduced into Missouri fisheries. Boot washing stations have been installed at all the Missouri trout parks so anglers can decrease the spread of this invasive algae.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting
Tie along with Joe F.
June 28, 2011—7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

KC Chapter Derby
August 13, 2011, 2011
Bennett Spring State Park

Family Fun Day
July 16, 2011
Fleming Hall

KC Chapter Fishing Trip
Norfolk & White River
October 15-16, 2011

MTFA is on Facebook!

That's right, MTFA Kansas City Chapter now has a page on Facebook. Check it out and "like" the page to keep up with club news. This is a forum for anyone who wishes to participate. This includes sharing fish tales and trip reports. We have already seen some visitors, so come check it out and submit a post or two. We'd love to see pictures of the big one that didn't get away. Just search for Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association – Kansas City Chapter.

KC Chapter Derby

We had so much fun with the state derby that the Kansas City chapter has decided to host their own derby the second Saturday in August (8/13/11). More information will be provided in the next issue of Troutline.

Club Fishing Outing—October 15-16

The MTFA Kansas City Chapter is hosting a fishing trip to the Norfolk and White river the weekend of October 15-16. This will be a great opportunity to get out and fish with other members of the club. We will meet at Whispering Woods Cabins in Arkansas. Their website is www.norfolk.com/whispering-woods/. Their rates are reasonable and they allow pets for our furry, four-footed family members. Check out their web site, talk with one of the board members if you have questions. We hope to see you there!

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Call for Submissions!

Have you recently returned from a fishing trip? Have you learned some new techniques or found an awesome fly pattern that you would like to share? The Troutline is looking for articles and information for future issues of the newsletter. You can submit information to Diana James at djames163@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Anglers Compete with Fashionistas for Feathers



(Reuters Life!) - For the first time in 40 years, Philip Greenlee cannot get the choice feathers he ties into fishing lures to tempt trout from the blue-ribbon streams in the western United States.

A new nationwide trend of attaching feathers to hair, known as feather extensions, has spurred a run on the decorative plumage of designer roosters produced at just three farms in the country.

Until this year, the long, skinny and spine-free feathers were the almost exclusive province of fly-fishing

devotees. Now the multibillion-dollar beauty industry is hawking feather extensions, triggering a shopping frenzy that has pitted fishers against fashionistas.

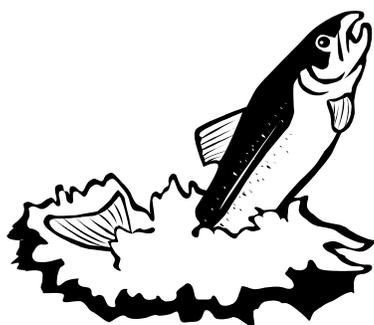
Hair stylists are snapping up feathers at a rate that has exhausted stocks at fly fishing shops at the peak of trout fishing season from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

In the laid-back and historically genteel culture of fly fishing, throngs of feather-seeking, cash-flashing hairdressers are causing consternation.

"We've got these blond gals attaching feathers to their hair, we've got people from California and Colorado calling us; it's like we're sitting on a pot of gold," Duane Schreiner, owner of Bighorn Fly and Tackle in Montana, told Reuters.

Since January, demand for the specialty feathers - a fad fanned by the stars of TV series such as "American Idol" and "Glee" sporting the extensions - has left anglers high and dry even as it has boosted profits for farmers who raise the fowl.

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**"If fishing is like religion, then fly fishing is high church" -
Tom Brokaw**

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BAFFLED CHICKEN FARMERS

Prices for some packages of the distinctive feathers, known as hackles, have soared from \$60 (£36.8 million) to \$400 as supplies have dwindled for a product that takes roosters one year to grow.

A hackle of black and white stripes, or grizzly, is most sought after by both the beauty and sporting goods industries. Salon operators say clients prefer the striking pattern, which is also prized by anglers for its buoyancy and resemblance to insect wings.

Greenlee, president of the Federation of Fly Fishers, an international nonprofit in the state of Montana, said the craze threatens the time-honored tradition of crafting lures, or fly tying.

The lures, or flies, rely on feathers perfected over decades of selective breeding, imitating mayflies and other aquatic insects favored by cold water fish.

Feather extensions, which can hold up for weeks amid routine washing and styling, range from \$8 to \$15 per feather.

Hana Johnson, president of Hair Flairs, a Florida company that distributes feathers and other beauty products to salons in the United States and Canada, said she has sold a million feathers so far this year. That compares to 3,000 in 2010.

"We've been spinning our little feather wheels like hamsters since day one," she said.

Hair Flairs has already bought the bulk of feathers that will be produced in 2012 by Bill Keough at Keough Hackles in southwest Michigan.

Keough said he is as surprised as anyone to find himself at the head of a hairstyling movement.

Editor's note: Steven Tyler, front man for Aerosmith and judge on "American Idol" has been attributed with beginning this fashion craze by wreathing the feather hair extensions on the show



Special Thanks to Bass Pro Shops

MTFA would like to acknowledge Bass Proshops for their support of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. Their donations of items that we used for raffle's and prizes has been greatly appreciated. We encourage our members to patronize these Bass Pro whether in the Kansas City, Springfield or Branson areas.



President's Message:



Well Mother Nature has dealt us another spring that has a wide variety of weather conditions that made getting out on the stream from tolerable to impossible. Water levels have been the highest its ever been in years on the White River System, and many of the smaller Spring Branch Streams have been impossible to access. Hopefully this weather pattern will be changing with the onset of summer.

I had the opportunity to fish Bennett Springs over Memorial day and again on Fathers Day, what a difference the water was very high on the first outing but the fishing were biting well, and were of nice size, on the second outing the water was very clear, and the fish were playing hard to catch, but were of nice size. Also the crowd for Fathers Day was very light which made for some good open areas for fishing.

Coming up at our next meeting will be a Tie Along with Joe meeting where we all can watch and/or participate in tying flies with Joe. So be sure and try and attend.

Our club has been fortunate to be in receipt of a large amount of fishing equipment that was donated by Clarence Peaslee's family for the clubs use, which will be brought up in future meetings.

Our next Outing is going to be the Alpaca Exhibition at Lebanon, MO. At this event club members will be teaching exhibitors & visitors in the use of Alpaca fur for fly tying. This will be our clubs second year to participate in the Expo. If you are going to be at Bennett Springs, you can stop by and visit our display at the Lebanon Community Center.

Be sure and plan on attending the Family Fun Day at Fleming Hall, there will be lots of good eats, and lots of fun, so we hope to see you there.

Kent

Fly of the Month

If you have been outdoors much so far this summer, you know that there is a bumper crop of cicadas. I thought this would be a great pattern for a current, abundant terrestrial.

Scott's Cicada

Everyone has been awaiting the 2011 thirteen-year cicada hatch. We are at the tail end of it, and fishing it has started. It took me a little while to get samples in Northwest Arkansas and come up with a prototype of the fly pattern. Here's a belated tutorial. There is a sub-hatch that is expected again in 2015. The next regular 13-year hatch in the Ozarks will be in 2024.

The pattern below is not anything original to me. Several techniques from different patterns have been mixed together to form a reasonable imitation. Share what you know with others and enjoy fishing it.

Tied in green, the pattern makes a good annual cicada imitation also. These cicadas hatch later in the summer and are slightly bigger. Tie it in various colors to also make an easy hopper or cricket pattern. I elongate the body and use slightly longer legs on the hopper.



Materials—

Hook—3x long multi-purpose hook, straight eye, size 6 (Daiichi2461)

Thread—Black 3/0 monochord

Body—Black squirrel dubbed on the hook overlaid by 3mm of craft foam. Cut the strip 3/8" wide x 3" long and taper it on one end. Foam is doubled back to form a rounded head

Underwing—Gold Flashabou-like fibers

Overwing Orange elk or deer hair

Legs—Orange Sili Legs on bottom, black rounded rubber legs on top