



**Kansas City
Chapter**



March — 2008

Club Meeting

March 25, 2008

7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting

April 8, 2008

7:00 pm

Location

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

Next Meeting Date

April 22, 2008

7:00 pm

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President's Message by David Cook

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 25th. Our featured speaker for that meeting, chuck Prather, has been rescheduled to the following Tuesday, April 1st at Rainbow Fly Shop (See Chuck Prather below this sheet.)

There was great enthusiasm about ordering club shirts at the last meeting. For those who weren't there, it is a short-sleeve polo style shirt in tan (to match the new hats), with the MTFA—Kansas City logo embroidered in black. We will need your cash in advance before we can place an order. You have two chances coming up to pay for your order, March 25th and April 1st. Please bring a check or cash to one of our upcoming meetings to cover your order.

Next month, our program for the April 22nd club meeting will be given by Kim Schultz of Springfield MTFA. The topic will be white bass fishing in the Ozarks. Kim has a vast knowledge of many of the fishing waters within a couple hours drive of Springfield. He is also a FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor and accomplished fly tier.

Basic fly tying classes begin at Bass Pro Shop—Independence in the Conservation Room on Monday, March 24th at 7:00PM. There will be four sessions in all for this class. There are currently 30 people signed up for the class. If there are any members who have missed our basic class and would like to attend this one just let me know. Students are expected to bring their own tools and materials. Several members have said they will help teach. If you are able to teach this Monday night please let me know. If all the people who signed up, show up, then I will need the extra help.

In other news, a large part of the Ozarks has received historic amounts of rain March 17th and 18th. From Lake of the Ozarks and Lebanon and Rolla in the North and then eastward to Southern Illinois and then southward to Poplar Bluff and onto Interstate 40 in Arkansas and then back west to Oklahoma and then back north again to Joplin and Springfield, there is a large area that received 5 to 10 inches of rain.

The campground at Montauk is closed until Friday the 21st. Pictures of Montauk are available on the internet at: http://reedscabins.com/movies_and_news.htm. The park is open.

The spring branch at Bennett Spring rose about 4 feet. Pictures of Bennett are available at Weaver's Fishing Report on line at: www.Missouritrout.com/weavers/report. The park is open.

Roaring river also flooded but is open to fishing. More information is available on line at: www.ozarkanglers.com/forums/index.php

Flood waters have caused many road closings including major highways such as Highway 63 by the Gasconade River. The Meramec River is threatening to close part of I-44 near St. Louis. In Southeast Missouri, the Black River has caused flooding in Poplar Bluff.

Upcoming Events

**Club Fishing Outing at
Bennett Springs**
March 29, 2008

Bass Pro Seminars

We have been conducting seminars at Bass Pro's new Independence Store. If you have not attended one of the sessions be sure and do so. We will be teaching Basic Fly Tying on March 24th starting at 7:00PM. Come join the fun and help represent MTFA .

The class will be held in the Conservation Room which is adjacent to their fly shop.

Hope to see you there.



Lunker Dinner

The February meeting of the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association was our annual Lunker dinner. The evening was started of with a very nice catered dinner. Our guest speaker from Bass Pro became ill and was not able to make the event. But our raffle and door prizes were a great success. If you missed the dinner be sure and plan to be with us next year.



Chuck Prather — April 1st - 7:00PM - Rainbow Fly Shop

Watch a slide show presentation on fishing the best part of the Colorado River (Colorado's White River) and the how too's of Czech nymphing.

Be sure to mark your calendar and RSVP Matt at Rainbow Fly Shop (816) 373-2283 or David Cook MTFA at (816) 272-5194.



Fly of the Month

Pattern: Midge Emerger Soft Hackle

Thread: Uni 8/0, Iron Grey
 Hook: TMC 2499 SPBL Superfine point, 2X heavy, 3X Wide, 2X Short, curved shank.
 Body: Krenic "cord", 005C, gun metal. Two Strands
 Underwing: Four strands of Midge crystal flash, pearl. Tied downwing style.
 Collar: Natural muskrat or fine Adams gray dubbing
 Hackle: Whiting Brahma hen, mottled gray or gray partridge.

Note: It is difficult to find small soft hackle sizes to match the correct proportions of this fly and as such I occasionally trim the soft hackle to match the fly size. When completed this fly is actually a size #20 when tied on then TMC 2499 SPBL, size #18.

Most fly patterns are tied out of necessity to match aquatic insect hatches or the different phases of the hatches



Members Bio's—Getting to know your fellow members

Name: Bill Otis

Age: 72

Occupation: Retired



Background: I have spent most of my life here in Kansas City, North except for my four years serving in the United States Air Force. I met my wife in Chicago, Ill. We were blessed with three daughters, and we have three grandsons. I enjoy all sports and I like to go camping all around the United States. I have traveled on vacation to Hawaii and Alaska.

I started fly fishing only 7 years ago when Tom Criswell and Roger Theroux really sparked interest in fly fishing. Tom taught me how to tie trout flies and Roger gave me lessons and worked with me on how to use a fly rod. They taught me how to read a trout stream and to be a better fly fisherman. I really enjoy going down to all the trout streams, Taneycomo, White River, and the Norfolk in Arkansas.

I enjoy all the club programs and the fishing trips we go on.

I would like to see the club do more video's on fishing and it would be nice to have a noted fly tier to put on a seminar or a presentation to the club.

"Calling Fly Fishing a hobby is like calling Brain Surgery a job." Paul Schullery

President's Message Cont'd from front page

All the reservoirs on the White River system have risen rapidly. Most of them have gone up 6-7 feet in the first 24 hours after the rains and are still rising.

Table Rock is currently releasing water through 5 flood gates and Beaver Dam has opened its flood gates. Beaver and Table Rock reservoirs are expected to crest near flood pool. For all those that know the Norfolk River in Arkansas, the parking area for the handicap access is under water. Also there was a flood that came through Dry Creek which is located by the hatchery. The river level of the White River near the village of Norfolk can be viewed online at: <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?07057370>. This location on the White River is downstream of Crooked Creek and the Buffalo River which contributed significant amounts of flood water. Water levels rose at Norfolk (village) about 35 feet above the levels you get when all 8 of the generators are operating at Bull Shoals. Bull Shoals Reservoir is currently storing all the water that is being released from Beaver and Table Rock until the lower White River falls to a low enough stage to begin releasing again. With no additional large rains this spring, it is estimated it will take two months of constant generation at the dams to lower the lake levels to normal levels. Data for all the reservoirs in the White River drainage can be viewed at <http://www.swl-wc.usace.army.mil/reservoirs-0%20graph.htm>. Our prayers go out to anyone hurt by these floods.

Our next club outing is March 29th at Bennett Spring. The MTFA pre-derby meeting is also scheduled that day.

Hope to see you on the Stream.

Dave



San Juan River (Northern New Mexico) October 2008



Are you interested in a club trip traveling to Northern New Mexico to fish the famous San Juan River? If you are interested in making a trip to the San Juan River please contact David and let him know. Cost will vary depending whether you drive or fly. If you fly, you will be flying into Albuquerque, New Mexico and then rent a car to get to the San Juan River which is about 2 1/2 hours north and west of Albuquerque. Should you decide to drive, its about a 900+ mile trip.