



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



May / June 2008

#### Club Meeting

**MTFA— Family Fun Day  
July 19, 2008 (Saturday)  
Fleming Hall  
10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Next Club Meeting  
August 26, 2008  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm**

**Executive Board Meeting  
Sept 9, 2008  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm**

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

**Fly Tying Classes Begin  
Sept 8, 2008**

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### Kid's Day 2008 at Jacomo Lake

On a very nice but chilly day with a light breeze, the Kids Day at Jacomo Lake was a great success again this year. I want to thank all MTFA club members that volunteered at this event; getting the children signed in, passing out the packets with free goodies inside, and free cane poles while they lasted. We had approximately 130 children sign up and participate this year, not quite as many as last year. The chilly weather may have had something to do with the lighter turnout and with not a lot of fish being caught, there also seemed to be an early exit of some families. MTFA club members enjoyed helping the children to get their poles set up, and untangling a mess or two. Then there was the coffee station; you need to know which coffee thermos to get your coffee out of and we will keep that a secret. Those of you that were not able to attend it to this event, can plan on being with us next year. It's a great time.



Marvin at the weigh in station. He was really thinking about turkey hunting!

## Upcoming Events

### June 7 & 8, 2008

Free Fishing Weekend

### July 19, 2008

MTFA Family Fun Day at  
Fleming  
Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm.

### September 8, 2008

Fly Tying/Rod Building  
Classes Begin

### September 26— 28, 2008

Fall Derby at Roaring River

### October 2— 4, 2008

FFF Southern Council  
Conclave

### October 28, 2008

Annual MTFA Chili Dinner.

### December 2, 2008

Annual Holiday Party

## Fishing Emergers By Matt Selders

Early spring brings some nice hatches here in Utah, the best of which are the prolific blue winged olives and midges. These insects are very small and are matched by artificials in sizes from #16 through #24. But don't let the small sizes fool you; fish eat them in great numbers. For these insects to be a staple of the trout's diet, they need to be eaten in large quantities. The prolific hatches can sometimes hinder an angler, when fish become selective as to what insect they prefer and, in some cases, at which stage of development the preferred insect is most easily consumed. These elements combine to make for tricky fishing conditions.

Trout seem to feed readily on adult insects exclusively almost every day in the spring. But they are actually eating many insects that are in the emergence stage. After reviewing the stomach content of many fish during hatch times, I have noticed that trout seem to prefer the emergence stage of the insect over the adults. I don't presume to know why, but 19 out of 20 insects taken from stomachs are nymphs or emergers, with few adults. Learning to fish emerger patterns can greatly increase your success rate.

Many people fish nymphs with some success; others prefer fishing dries. I'm going to describe a technique that is a combination of both, to a degree. Unlike nymph fishing, this rig is easy to cast, yet it does not require the delicacy needed to cast dry flies.

Start with a 4-or 5-weight rod with 12 feet of 5x leader. Starting at the butt section, add micro strike indicators every 8—10 inches, until you have four or five on your line. Two types of indicators work well: the Palsa stick-ons and the Bio-Strikes from Loon Outdoors. I like the Bio-Strikes because they are biodegradable. Each indicator is about the size of a small pea. Singularly they have little buoyancy, but together they have more total than many of the much larger indicators. They cause much less wind resistance and are easily cast.

After determining which flies to use (I prefer two on a line), attach the first to the end of your leader. Add 20 to 24 inches of leader to the bend of the hook, then attach your second emerger. Watch the rise forms of the fish. If they are only occasionally breaking the surface add a single #8 split shot 12 inches from your first fly. If they seem to be feeding much closer to the surface, use no weight at all.

Place your cast across the river and slightly upstream of the rising trout. A few mends to combat current are all that is needed. Make quite a few presentations until the fish takes. The strike is often very subtle, but your indicators are very sensitive.

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**“A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it” - Arnold  
Gingrich, 1969**

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## Fly of the Month—Pan Fish Time

### Pattern: Orange Blossom Special

Thread: Black 6/0  
 Hook: Mustad 9672 12-16  
 Tail: Red Deer Hair or Red Goose Shoulder  
 Body: Fine Yellow and Black Chenille  
 Wing: White Z-Ion  
 Hackle: Quail Hackle or Black saddle hackle



- 1.) Tie in Tail
- 2.) Wrap body with yellow and black chenille
- 3.) Tie in wing and hackle. (I leave the wing off about 80% of the time)
- 4.) When you finish the head, wind the thread back against the hackle.



### Fishing Emergers Cont'd

Instead of the entire indicator system disappearing beneath the surface, only 1 or 2 of the micro indicators will disappear when you get a strike. Sometimes, if you watch the drift carefully, the multiple indicators will almost point to the flies like an arrow. You will often see the fish "flash" underwater as he takes your fly, even before an indicator moves an inch.

Good emerger patterns include Rainbow Warriors, WD-40s, Serendipities and palomino midges.

This is one of my best techniques for spring fishing. It is my go-to pattern for finicky fish. Try using different colors of indicators and different lengths of leader until you develop a system that works for you.

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**“Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout” - Irish proverb**

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## Bakers Dozen

We are asking our club members who tie flies to tie a bakers dozen (13) flies for a raffle at our Annual Chili dinner and raffle on October 28, 2008. Please tie just one pattern (your favorite) 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 turned in 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 to have a chance to win a box of flies.



## Women Fly Fishers or “Want to Learn Fly Fishers” – Make the Connection!

The International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) will hold their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Festival in Branson, Missouri October 16-19, 2008. This is a great opportunity to meet other women fly fishers from all over the world, learn about fly fishing, and fish! We start with a cocktail party Thursday evening, clinics Friday and Saturday mornings, a banquet and auction Saturday evening, and fish in the afternoons. What more could you want? This year’s Festival will be held at Pointe Royale Golf Resort which sits on the banks of Taneycomo, a world class fishery. Please check out our website – [www.intlwomenflyfishers.org](http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org), click on “Festivals” to learn more about the Festival, or any of the other categories to learn more about IWFF. The registration form and information on accommodations is also given. You can also contact Carolyn Parker at: [rvrrunoutf@aol.com](mailto:rvrrountf@aol.com), if you want more information. *We certainly hope you will join us!*

## San Juan River (Northern New Mexico) October 8-12, 2008



With the higher gas prices and uncertain airline costs going higher the club has decided to cancel the planned trip to the San Juan river. Hopefully we will be able to put it on the calendar for next year. There are a lot of places we can go close to home without driving 900 miles or flying a great distance. Keep the San Juan river on your list of a place you want to go fishing.

Have a great summer.