



Kansas City Chapter



October 2014

Annual Chili Supper and Raffle - October 28, 2014

Next Club Meeting
October 28, 2014
Annual Chili Supper & Raffle
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
October 14, 2014
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
Family Fun Day
November 25, 2014



Fall is in the air and the annual club Chili Supper and raffle is scheduled this month. Club members and their guests are invited to attend. Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Some of our best cooks have volunteered to bring pots of chili, there will be something to please everyone's pallet. If you would like to bring a pot of chili or a favorite Fall soup,

please contact our president, Bill Beckman at 913-387-9090. Members that don't bring chili are asked to bring a side dish or desert. The club will provide the necessary condiments.

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A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. This year, we will be doing a fly swap. Contact David Cook at (816) 272-5194 to sign up. You must be signed up to participate. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

MTFA Fly Tying - each Monday Nights for the next 5 weeks

The Kansas City Chapter of MTFA is sponsoring Fall fly tying starting on September 29th with Merrill Miller lead instructor. We are doing something a little different this Fall. Fly tiers are asked to submit a fly with the recipe. We will put all the suggestions in a hat and Merrill will draw from the hat the fly to be tied. If you have a fly that you have never tied, this is the time to put our instructors to the test. You need to bring your fly tying equipment and materials.

If you are interested in attending please contact Merrill Miller at (816)-673-9863 to let him know how many tiers to set up for.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2014
Group Fly Tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 10 - 12, 2014
MTFA Club Outing
Taneycomo

October 13, 2014
Group Fly Tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 14, 2014
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 20, 2014
Group Fly Tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 28, 2014
Annual Chili Supper and
Raffle
Fleming Hall
6:30 pm



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Taneycomo - MTFA Fall Club Outing

The past two years the club has picked the Norfolk River in Arkansas for it's Fall club destination. This year, the club has decided to make the Taneycomo River in Branson the place to go. Be sure and mark your calendar for October 10-12. There are many places to stay and things to do in and around Branson, so come along and join the fun. We will have more information about the schedule in next month's Troutline. Hope to see you there! *Bill*



Kenton Douglas Inman - Eulogy

January 6, 1952 – September 18, 2014



Kent Inman entered this world kicking and screaming on January 6th, 1952. His mother's pride and joy, he was the only baby in his family for another 3-1/2 years. In 1955, his sister Julia would join the family, making them four. As a child, Kent always had an interest in how things worked. When he & his trusty KOO-GUY-GER (aka screwdriver) unscrewed all the screws in the kitchen table, his dad and dinner nearly took a

dive when the table swayed back and forth. Quite the helper!

More evidence of his curiosity and craftiness was revealed when he had his tonsils out. He quickly figured out how to escape his crib so he could make off with the other kids food & ice cream in the hospital.

As he was growing up, his mother worked the night shift at the Independence Sanitarium. When she was home sleeping during the day, they had to put a lock on the bedroom door so the enterprising young tike and his KOO-GUY-GER wouldn't escape.

When the family moved to Independence, Kent made fast friends with a little boy next door. One day when he was called in for dinner he got so mad that he held his breath until he passed out face first into his mother's flowerbed. He didn't like the taste of dirt, so he never did that again!

The family eventually settled at a house on North Pearl in Independence. The new house had a gravel drive way. Still ever the helper and fixer, Kent decided one day to fill his dad's gas tank with 'rocks' making it 'full' so that his dad wouldn't have to fill it up with gas.

In Independence, Kent attended Ott Elementary School from 1st to 6th grade. One day he came home from school with a half starved Dalmatian puppy that was

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MTFA Club Derby at Roaring River:

Sixteen members participated in this year's derby. There was a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening, everybody chipped in and contributed hot dishes, salads, side dishes and desert. It turned out to be quite a feast and the fellowship lasted well into the night. This year's derby was the second one with our friends from Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF). A larger number of people went to Dogwood Canyon for fishing and a tram tour. Debbie stated that the tour was better than the fishing..... Guess if they do it again in the future more people will go on the tour.

After the pot luck dinner, we learned that there was a new Queen of the Stream for the Derby. This year David Cook graciously accepted the task of blessing the fishermen of Roaring River. We had a club lunch Sunday at 11:30 to wind up the event.

The derby winners were: 1st Place - Beth Armour (15 1/2") Rainbow (*)
2nd Place - Roger Theroux (15 1/2") Rainbow
3rd Place - Bill Kendel (14") Rainbow

(*) - Even though Beth and Roger tied for the biggest fish, Beth caught hers before Roger; therefore Beth took first place.



Bennett Springs

Weed Cutting Tuesday and Wednesday starting on October 14th.

October 31st is the last day of the regular trout season

Catch and Release begins on November 14th (8:00am)



President's Message:



We had a great turn out for the Roaring River Derby. It was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of the members that pitched in. The trip by PHWFF-KC and MTFA-KC to Dogwood Canyon, Lampe, MO was enjoyed by all.

Come join us the week end of October 10-12, 2014 for MTFA Club Trip to Taneycomo, Branson, MO.

Don't forget to add the MTFA Club Annual Chili Supper & Raffle October 28, 2014 to your agenda.

"May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it." – Irish Blessing.

"Man and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths. – Author Unknown

Bill Beckman, President

Let's Talk Knots: The Five most important knots to know

Ask 5 angling professionals which 5 knots are most important, and you may very well get 25 answers.

In our humble opinion, here are the 5 knots you need to know for fly fishing, in priority order.

[Non-Slip Mono Loop](#). For attaching any sub-surface fly to your leader, this is our go-to knot. It's extremely strong when tied properly, and being a loop knot it allows your fly to dance around with plenty of action. The non-slip mono loop also gives you a strong loop any time you need one – in either end of your running line or in the back end of your leader, to name just a couple of examples.

[Improved Clinch Knot](#). Yes, this is the knot most likely to have been taught to you by your dad and therefore not a secret to anyone. Even so, it's your best, strongest, simplest option when attaching dry flies to your leader, or in any other situation where you don't need the 'play' of a loop knot.

[Blood Knot](#). For attaching tippet to your leader, the blood knot is probably your best option. If you're connecting two pieces of mono (or fluoro) with very different diameters you should use a [surgeon's knot](#) instead, but big differences in diameter tend to result in crappy casting performance anyhow!

[Surgeon's Loop](#). The surgeon's loop isn't as strong as the [non-slip mono loop](#) in most situations, but it results in lower-profile loops that are often plenty strong. The most common example in our book would be tying a surgeon's loop in the front end of your backing to enable a loop-to-loop connection with the back end of a fly line used for trout fishing.

[Bimini Twist](#). We're not looking to start any religious wars here, but the Bimini Twist is generally considered to be the strongest loop knot you can tie with most materials. If you tie tarpon leaders you definitely know this knot, but we use it most often in the front end of our backing – attaching it to a loop on the back end of a fly line or running line used to chase king salmon, steelhead or any fish in the saltwater. **Bonus:** you look really cool when you're tying a Bimini Twist.

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MTFA Fly Fishing / Casting Class - Sign Up

Our last class was well attended and some people asked about when we are going to do it again. As soon as we have 7 to 8 people sign up we will schedule a class. To put your name on the list, contact Sharon Beckman at:

913-341-3260 or e-mail to: ewbeckman@kc.rr.com

Kent Inman - Eulogy Cont'd

given to him from a neighbor who was moving. He was so excited but his parents wondered how they were going to be able to care for it. Thank goodness for free samples of 'Gravy Train', that's how Pumper the Dalmatian survived.

In addition to dogs, Kent always liked snakes, turtles, toads and anything 'creepy crawly'. His friend in Boy Scouts, Lonnie, became a conservation agent and they shared the love of critters that crawl. Kent always had a snake in a case, which he said kept his aunt away because she hated snakes.

In the 9th grade Kent tried out for football. He didn't last more than a week because he realized he did not like being hit by the other players and he most definitely did not like the coach telling him what to do!

At age 16 he was certain he was ready to convert to Catholicism when he fell head over heels for the girl at the camp spot next to him at Bennett Springs. His mother said absolutely not.

He was active in the Drama club in high school and did all the musical blending for the plays. He had so much fun at the cast party at the Chrisman Sawyer house in Independence sliding down the bannister and right out the front door.

When he graduated from high school he decided that he was going to enlist. He came home and told his mom & dad of his plans. He quickly changed his mind, however his dad told him that it was too late and soon he was a sailor headed off to San Diego. He shipped out the week before Christmas in 1970 serving in the Navy for more than 2 years, departing with an honorable discharge. He worked at an almond ranch in Northern California for a short time before heading back home to Missouri.

Back in Kansas City, he went to work for Allis Chalmers in Independence where he learned to be a master welder. Later he moved to Waverly where he started his first welding business and where he met his wife Anna and son Troy.

Later the family moved to Lexington and the family grew to include his son Seth. As the boys grew, Kent was involved in many activities with them, helping out with things like concession stands at football games, Boy Scout campouts, and much more.

Kent loved his boys. He always had time for the kids and loved being there for them.

His youngest son Seth remembers all the miles and time his dad spent going to shoots around the country. He passed the gift of his eagle eye on to his youngest, and through his encouragement his son has made a career out of shooting, participating in competitions around the world. Seth will tell you that none of this would have been obtainable without his father's guidance and love.

When his eldest son Troy met his wife Lala her then 4 year-old son Gilberto became Kent's first grandson. Kent enjoyed every minute he spent teaching Gilberto to trout and fly fish. When his grandson got to high school he encouraged him to join a robotics club where he could spend time with him, teaching and mentoring. They had so much fun together.

Troy and Lala would go on to expand their family blessing Kent & Anna with a granddaughter, Kate, and another grandson, Cale. Kent loved nothing more than when his grandkids visited. Kate would always call it a sleep over, taking the chance to sit with her grandpa, patting his belly and saying 'Grandpa you have a big belly!

Kate was the first grandkid to visit their home in Bennett Springs, where Kent would teach her how to fish too. She named the place the 'Fishing House' and it stuck. When her grandparents bought their retirement home in Hollister, MO, Kate had a terrible time naming it. Her grandpa was delighted when she and her dad came up with the name the 'Taneycomo Fishing House'.

His grandson Cale, the youngest, is a lot like his daddy, always listening carefully to what his wise grandpa had to say. Even though Cale wasn't too much into fishing, he loved going to the Fishing House to hang out with his grandpa.

Kent Inman - Eulogy Cont'd

In addition to his family, Kent touched the lives of countless friends over the years and he didn't know a stranger.

Kent was a great man in so many ways, not just to his closest family, but to so many others. He spent countless hours volunteering his time at the Missouri Youth Shooting Foundation as he loved to see the kids succeed at shooting. He never asked for anything in return for his time and dedication other than to see the kids smile. As you know, Kent was an avid fly fisherman. He spent hours on the phone with close friends like Gary Davisson talking about what else? Fishing! Some of the most precious time he spent was with his boys fishing in the trout streams of Missouri. The stream was the place where Kent bonded with his sons and grandkids, where they all got away from the rat race of every day life. This is where their dad taught them and mentored them; where they shared stories, jokes and laughter. Troy and Seth will never forget those moments with their dad, hoping that they too can carry on his tradition by taking their own kids to those trout streams to go fishing.

His son Troy said it well... even though here on earth there is a huge void now that he's gone, we can all take comfort knowing he is reunited with his parents and that he's already back in his favorite stream fishing.

Rest in peace Kent, we're all going to miss you so much,

Fish on.

The family asks that donations be made to Kansas City Hospice and Project Healing Waters to honor his memory.

K&K October Free Clinics

Saturday event schedule:

October 11th - Spring Creek Streamers - Luke Langton.

October 18th - Carpenter Bros Bamboo Rods

October 25th - ARC Fishing Lines, Leaders, Tippets

(Call 913-341-8118 or 800-795-8118 for reservation)



Club Member News:

The grandson of Bill & Joan Otis is having problems with his heart. This is a transplanted heart so he may be going through another heart transplant.

Please keep these members in your prayers! *Marwin Allison*
