



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



September 2009

**Next Club Meeting**  
September 22, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

**Executive Board Meeting**  
October 13, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

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

**Next Club Meeting Date**  
October 27, 2009  
Annual Chili Dinner & Raffle  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

## MTFA Fall Derby—Roaring River State Park

We have an outstanding fall event planned. All club members and their guests are invited to the Fall Derby. We will have a big fish (length of fish) Derby that begins Saturday and ends at noon on Sunday. On Saturday at 12:00 (noon) all in attendance is invited to meet at the stone shelter house for a brief club meeting and lunch. A club dinner is planned for Saturday night. The dinner is potluck style. The club will provide pulled pork and brisket, plates, dinnerware and drinks. Everyone needs to bring a side dish and or a dessert. There will be door prizes and a Fly Rod Raffle.

On Sunday there will be a brunch at 11:30AM provided by club at the stone shelter house. We are looking for some club members to help cook. Please contact Marvin Allision if you can help out. The club is also looking for some extra stoves and lanterns. If you are not able to go and have one the club could use please contact Marvin Allision (816-272-5194). This is always a great event and we hope to see you all there. *Kent*

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## Annual MTFA Chili Dinner

- 1 Our annual Chili Dinner (October 27) will be an extra special event this year. We
- 1 will have dinner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Bring your stuff. We will need three
- 1 pots of chili and three soups for dinner. The club will be supplying catsup, onions,
- 1 crackers, cheese and of course hot sauce. For those not bringing chili/soup we
- 2-3 need side dishes and desserts. Don't forget that you will receive a free ticket for
- 3 every item you bring, either food or a raffle item. We will be selling tickets for \$1
- 3 each or 6 for \$5. If you have any questions call Kent Inman.

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## Bakers Dozen

- 4 This was such a success last year we are again asking our club members who tie
- 4 flies to tie a bakers dozen (13) flies for a raffle at our Annual Chili dinner and raf-
- 5 fle on October 27, 2009. Please tie just one pattern (your favorite) for the bakers
- 5 dozen. We will take the 13th fly and put it in a box with the 13th fly from all the
- 5 other boxes turned in to create one or two boxes of a collection of assorted flies.
- 5 We hope you will participate, there are some really great fly tiers in our club so it
- 5 should be interesting to see what their favorite fly is and to have a chance to win a
- 5 box of flies. Please label your box with the name of the fly and size.

## Upcoming Events

### August 25, 2009

MTFA Club Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

### September 14, 2009

MTFA Beginning &  
Intermediate Fly Tying  
Classes Start  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

### September 25 - 27, 2009

MTFA Fall Derby at  
Roaring River

### September 26, 2009

National Hunting & Fishing  
Day  
James A Reed—Family  
activities are scheduled 10 am  
– 3pm

### October, 2009

FFF Southern Council  
Conclave

### October 27, 2009

MTFA Annual Chili Dinner  
& Raffle  
Fleming Hall  
6:30pm

### December 1, 2009

MTFA Christmas Dinner  
Fleming Hall  
6:30pm

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## MTFA Officers

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Merril Miller  
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Bill Otis

Past President: David Cook

## How To Break Your Fly Rod - 10 Simple Options

Most fly rod manufacturers these days offer lifetime warranties, and we say you should do whatever you can to take advantage of such generous offers. Paying repair fees is awesome, ruining your fishing day is super cool, and having to wait for your rod to be repaired is the most fun you'll have this side of pouring sand down your throat!

If you want to break your fly rod, just pick anyone of our 10 simple options, and you'll have success in no time.

1. **Set it up inside, in a room with a ceiling fan.** Ceiling fans love devouring the tips of fly rods, as do doors - especially doors that the wind blows shut as you're walking through.
2. **Prop it in your open car door.** Car doors, tailgates and trunk lids love crushing fly rods too. You might forget your rod's propped there, or your buddy might not know your rod's propped there, or that wind might flare up. (Snap)
3. **Step over your rod tips on the way in and out of the boat.** This is by far, the most effective technique for rod breakage that's employed at our lodges. It's a numbers game - if all week you step in over the tips of your rods while getting in and out of the boat, you're giving yourself at least 100 chances to make a tiny little error in balance and break a few rods at a time. Awesome! If you sit on the bow of the boat and smoothly and easily rotate your legs over the gunwale, your hopes of mangling rod tips will be dashed.
4. **Don't check your ferrules while fishing.** Ferrules that are separated by even a quarter of an inch are weaker than ferrules that are seated tight - if you want a great opportunity to destroy your fly rod, definitely don't check to make sure that your ferrules are tight, at least a few times a day.
5. **Set on a big fish with your rod tip.** The butt section of your fly rod is much stronger than the tip section. Setting the hook with the rod lifted high, with the butt at a 180 degree angle to the tip of your fly line (Bassmaster style!) exploits your rod's weak tip section beautifully, and give you a great chance at cracking on rod per hook set.
6. **Cast wildly with lead eyed flies.** Giant lead - eyed flies might not successfully destroy the tip of your rod the first or fifth time that they bounce off it, but rest assured that they're doing invisible damage. One of these days, the damage caused by those repeated flows will win out, and the tip of your rod will go flying.
7. **Carry your rod through the bushes tip first.** Pointing your rod backwards when you're bushwhacking is really boring - the strong part of your rod hangs up first, and you've got plenty of time to maneuver

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before the fragile tip section comes bouncing through. If you point your rod straight in front of you though, you're forming a giant, weak spring, and the exploding tip of your rod will do a great job letting you know that it just got hung up on a tree branch.

8. **Lay your rod on the ground.** If you're taking a picture of your buddy's fish, or answering nature's call, or stopping for lunch, don't prop your rod up on a stick or a rock where it's easy to see. Just lay it down flat on the ground, where you or your buddy or your enemy can easily and unwittingly take one step and help ensure job security for the rod company's repair department.
9. **Yank on your fly line when it's caught in the tip top guide.** This is yet another way to take advantage of the delicate tip of your fly rod. If you're pulling line through the tip of your rod and a knot get hung up on the tip top guide, just give it a hard yank! The thinnest, weakest part of your rod will double over and snap, and rod breakage victory will be yours.
10. **Flail the rod wildly when you're hung up on a snag.** The safe, easy way to get your fly off the snag (or break it off if it's really buried), is to point your rod straight at the fly and pull the line with your stripping hand. That's never going to break your rod though - to succeed here you should yank up, yank down, yank left and yank right until your rod gives up and you get to take the rest of the afternoon off.

I am sure each of you have experienced another way to test the strength of your rod. The one that I remember was when my buddy Barry laid his rod down in the boat and then while holding a fish for a photo opportunity, dropped the 10 lb plus fish on his rod. (Snap). Thank goodness you take extra rods. The original article was taken from the fly fishing blog of Deneki Outdoors and Alaska West fly fishing.



### Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Garage Sale

The garage sale is set for October 10, 2009 at Rainbow Fly shop. Our garage sale will open at 9:30am and will run until 3:00 pm.

Only fishing and outdoor type merchandise should be brought to the sale, to keep in the spirit of fishing.

We will be collecting goods on Friday night, until closing time at Rainbow fly shop which is 6:00pm.. If you need to leave your goods earlier, please bring your items to the club meeting on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Remember this is a **donation** to the club and a tax exempt letter will be available for those who want it.

Please contact Carol Cook (816-272-5194) for more information. Carol will be chairman of this event. So look through your gear, old fly rods and reels catching dust, make your wife proud you are cleaning out your fibbers closet.

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There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process. ~Paul O'Neil, 1965

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Fly of the Month by Joe Fusco, Sr.

## Squirrelly

**Hook:** Mustad 3906B #10.  
**Thread:** Black 3/0.  
**Eyes:** Gold bead chain.  
**Wing:** Grey squirrel tail hair.



**Notes:** When I think of Bluegill

My Squirrelly comes to mind.

I still fish with Spiders, Poppers, and Divers but sometimes when the bluegill are hitting surface flies but aren't very aggressive, a sub-surface pattern like the Squirrelly will provide hook-ups.

The Retrieve I use most often is a slow, short hop along the bottom. If that doesn't work I try a quicker twitching retrieve at different depths.

I've caught countless numbers of bluegill on this fly and, even when other flies were working, the Squirrelly always managed to entice larger Fish.

I don't know what this fly imitates; maybe the fish think it is a small baitfish, crawfish, or nymph. Who knows, maybe it resembles a variety of fish food depending on what retrieve is used. Whatever it is, they sure like it, especially big bluegill.

The Squirrelly is a sub-surface pattern something like a Crazy Charlie, only much simpler. It is tied inverted with bead chain eyes, no body or flash, and a wing that is cut off just past the hook bend.



### FFF Southern Council Conclave - October 1st - 4th Mountain Home, Arkansas

The Conclave is the premier event of the Southern Council Federation of Fly fishers, held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas. It is held **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 1st thru October 3rd, 2009**. The business meeting will be held **Sunday morning the 4th**. This year they are planning a fishing outing. If you have any questions ask some of our MTFAs members that have attended this event.

For more information, go to: <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org/conclave/conclave.php>

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS WHAT IS STACKING UP TO BE A GREAT TIME!



**Presidents Message:**

With summer winding down and the cool fall air moving in, let us hope that the weather is going to hold for our fall fishing trips, and other activities that everyone has planned.

Bennett Springs was so tranquil this weekend, and the fish were very active and very strong fighters. The size of the fish were some what larger than earlier in the summer, and the stocking numbers were still up around 1500 so there were lots of fish for the taking.

This Monday we will be having the second meeting of our fall fly tying class. At our first night we had 5 tyers in attendance, and foam bugs were the flavor of the night. Merrill and Daniel were putting together some might impressive fly's that would be sure bet for a nice size rainbow or brown to take.

Tuesday night we will be having our monthly meeting, at which time we will be presenting the new cookbook to the members, and the new trade show display that was purchased for use at the sports show will be on display so that we can start developing ideas for show.

Also any one that would like to sell or purchase any cookbooks and are not able to get to the meeting contact Sandy Theroux, at [rs-luv2fish@att.net](mailto:rs-luv2fish@att.net), or Sharon Beckman, at [ewbeckman@kc.rr.com](mailto:ewbeckman@kc.rr.com), or Kent Inman, at [kdinman@yahoo.com](mailto:kdinman@yahoo.com), and we will assist you in getting the cookbooks.

On October 6, 2009 at 7:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop there will be a meeting to get everyone orientated for the requirements for the rod building class's that will be starting on October 20, 2009 at Rainbow Fly shop. The rob building classes will be on the 20, 21, 23 & 26 at 7:00pm.

Hope to see you there!

Kent



**MTFA Fly Tying Classes - September 14th—October 19th.**

Classes are on Monday nights at Fleming Hall starting at 7:00 PM.

Are you interested in learning to tie flies for trout, bass, or Blue Gill? Learning about the different tools used to tie flies and how to use them. Then come and join us for some fun and fellowship. This is a good time to tie flies for the club to sell at the KC Sport show in January. Hope to see you there.....

