



Kansas City Chapter



April 2013

Next Club Meeting
April 23, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
May 14, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 28, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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MTFA State Derby - May 18th - Bennett Springs State Park

The 67th annual MTFA Convention and Derby will be held at Bennett Spring State Park on May 18 - 19th, 2012. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the clubs from both the Kansas City chapter, Springfield and St. Louis chapters. This year, the derby is hosted by our club chapter and once again by the park concessionaire, Jim Rogers. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for registration. Full derby details and rules will be available at the registration desk.

A brief schedule of events:

Friday, 5/17 at 7:00 pm until the park store closes. Registration. The club will have a table set up in the park store.

Saturday, 5/18 - Registration continues when the store opens and will continue until 8:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. a brief memorial service at the MTFA memorial behind the hatchery raceways, adjacent to area two. The service will be conducted by Mike Rissell. At 5:30 pm there will be a catered dinner at Shelter house 'A'. A brief business meeting will follow dinner with the installment of new officers.

Sunday, May 19— Fishing continues at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Prizes will be awarded at Shelter house 'B' and entrants must be present to win. A members-only raffle will follow the awarding of prizes.

Thank you, Jim Rogers for hosting this derby. Thanks also to Jim Mitchell, hatchery manager, and his staff for tagging and releasing the fish for the derby. See you on the water, *Gary*

Lunker Dinner - Tuesday April 23th, (6:30 pm) Fleming Hall

As you know the Lunker dinner had to be postponed again because of another snow storm. We are hoping for nice weather which will give you no excuse but to come out and enjoy good food, fellowship, some dessert and participate in the raffle. Our meal will be catered, with two meat



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www.mtfa-kansascity.org

Upcoming Events

April 23, 2013
MTFA Lunker Dinner
Fleming Hall
6:30pm

May 4, 2013
Kids Fishing Day
Lake Jacomo Marina

May 14, 2013
MTFA E-Board Mtg
Fleming Hall
7:00PM

May 18-19, 2013
MTFA State Fishing Derby
Bennett Springs State Park

May 25, 2013
Readings Fly Expo
Bennett Springs, Mo
(All Day Event)

May 28, 2013
Monthly Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

June 8, 2013
MDC Free Fishing Weekend

Lunker Dinner - Continued

entrée's, salad, vegetable and rolls. Club members are asked to bring their favorite dessert to share. The cost is \$12.00 per person. So that we can order the correct amount of food, I would like to know by April 22nd, if you will be attending. Contact Kent at (816-682-4924) or e-mail to kdniman@yahoo.com. There will be a short business meeting to introduce the 2013 MTFA Club officers. David Cook will then conduct the annual Lunker dinner raffle. If you have any items you would like to donate to the raffle contact Roger. You fly tiers out there need to tie a baker's dozen of your favorite fly or one you know would be good to use this summer. Please call Roger at (816-523-5119) to let him know to have a fly box ready for you. See you at the dinner!

Gary

Tri-Lakes Expo - April 13th

The annual Tri Lakes Fly Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, April 13 at the Highway Assembly of God Church in Brighton, Missouri located 9 miles south of Bolivar and 14 miles north of Springfield, Missouri, located on the old northbound lane of highway 13 (now county route F). The Tri Lakes Expo will have tiers and presenters from 7 states and attendance has grown each year. The show is Missouri's largest fly fishing only show featuring:

- Demonstrations by 30 fly tiers to help you learn to tie new patterns & new tying tricks.
- Programs on learning to fly fish and fly-fishing for trout and smallmouth bass
- Dutch oven outdoor cooking classes
- Outdoor casting pool manned by a IFFF certified casting instructor.
- Special programs for young people.

There will also be bucket raffles, silent auctions, rod raffles, and a live auction.

MTFA Officers

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David Cook
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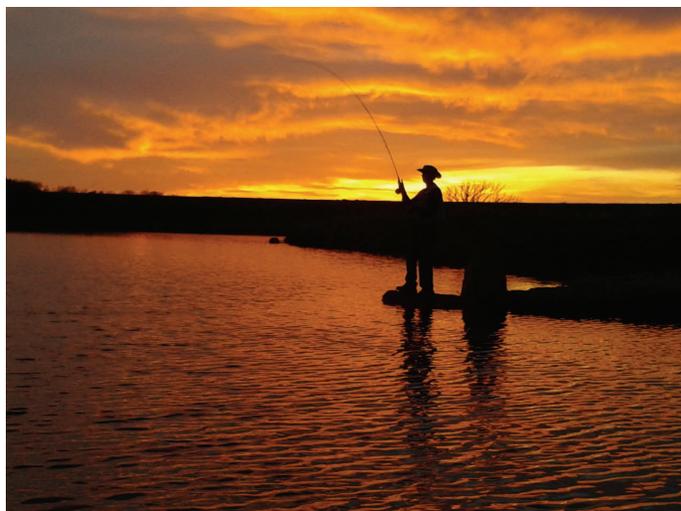


Kid's Fishing Derby - Lake Jacomo - May 4th

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation department will host its annual Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Jacomo on Saturday, May 4. We need members to help weigh in fish, rig poles, tie knots, untangle line and to be a good will ambassador to the community. Last year we had 192 youth ages 2-15 that registered for the event. We need all volunteers to be there between 7:00 - 7:30AM.

Timber Hills Lake Outing Report

Fifteen club members attended this year's outing to Timber Hills Lake Ranch and enjoyed good company, good food and great fishing. Timber Hills Ranch is located near Mapleton, Kansas just 20 miles southwest of Ft. Scott, Kansas. Timber Hills Ranch is a private reserve that provides opportunities for hunting and fishing. They maintain their own herds of buffalo, elk, deer and turkey. Since the club reserved the entire ranch, it was an all-inclusive weekend including lodging, meals and fishing. This year, the early spring weather was unseasonably warm which provided an exceptional fishing experience.



Friday evening consisted of Chile and drinks. Saturday breakfast included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns, and fresh coffee. Lunch included sandwiches with ham, turkey, cheese and a baked potato. At dinner they served BBQ brisket, pork, a bean casserole, cold slaw, baked potato and dessert. Sunday breakfast was a man's favorite, biscuits and gravy, sausage and hash browns. When the group wasn't fishing, members spent time at the lodge socializing, playing games and watching the NCAA basketball game on the big screen. Oh, and some members found time for a nap! In spite of the high winds, fishing was fantastic, although casting was a little bit of a challenge we endured. Friday evening we were catching crappie three out of four casts, David said his brother caught over 100. On Saturday the bass were hitting on about every cast in the big lake and on Saturday evening the crappie moved back to shallow water next to the bank and it was incredible fishing. Sunday the wind died down, casting was easier and the fishing/catching was as plentiful as the past two days. We caught a great variety of fish throughout the weekend including trout, bass, crappie and blue gill. Keeping this as an annual trip was of high interest from the club members that attended, so we have made reservations for April 4, 5 and 6th of 2014. Put these dates on your calendar for next year and plan to attend.

Bill & Sharon Beckman



TROUTBUST - May 3, 4 & 5th. Bennett Spring State Park

The Troutbust is a 3 day event held biannually to support and fundraise for friends in need. Join us for the first bust at our new location near Lebanon, Mo. and Bennett Spring State Park.

“RIVERFRONT CAMPGROUND “

Cost: \$60.00 or \$70.00 electric site (Includes 2 nights camping, 2 days food and live music.)

Thursday dinner and sites are available at \$10.00/\$20.00.

Supporting: Reeling and Healing Reel Recovery our Scholarship Fund at Missouri S&T.

Go to: TROUTBUSTERS.org for more information.

K&K Fly Fishers Annual Sidewalk/Garage Sale - May 2,3 & 4.**Sidewalk - Garage Sale "3 Days This Year!"**

Thursday May 2nd - 9:00 am - 6:30 pm,

Friday May 3rd - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and

Saturday May 4th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Reps with the Latest Gear on Saturday)

40% to 70% OFF Selected Items:Fly Rods, Reels, Fly Lines, Leaders, Tippets, Waders, Boots, Hats, Clothing, Books, DVD'S
and Selected Fly Tying Supplies**Factory Rep's Samples 1/2 Off**

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Reading Fly Fishing Expo

Reading Fly Fishing Shop in Lebanon, Mo will host a fly fishing expo on May 25. At the expo there will be giveaways, fly tying exhibits (including our own David Cook and Daniel McGillihan) as well as casting demonstrations.

If you're in the Lebanon and Bennett Spring area that weekend, it would be worth your time to check it out.

In Memory:

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Kim and Ann Schultz, members of MTFA Springfield Missouri who lost their son Sean on April 2, 2013 at the age of 27. He was born on September 12, 1985 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri to Ann and Kim Schultz. Throughout his life, Sean followed his dreams. He studied to become an audio engineer at Full Sail University in Orlando, Florida. After graduation he worked for a recording studio in New York City. He then toured the world with the band Mutemath, serving as their audio engineer. Please keep Kim and Ann in your prayers as they go through this difficult time in their lives.

President's Message:

With the turning of spring hopefully we can finally get to celebrate the Lunker Dinner, and start getting in a few good fishing days to help shed the cabin fever we have grown to dislike this winter. Speaking of outings the Timber Hills team reported back with good time and good fishing, and lots of good cooking. Our next outing is going to be the Kids Fishing Day at Jacomo, hopefully it will not be a rainy one, and all of us can catch some sunshine.

This past weekend my family and I had to be in Branson on business so we took the opportunity to go to the College of the Ozarks, and per take in their Sunday Brunch, Oh What A Meal. The food was excellent with a large amount of the meat, eggs, milk, butter, and many more items being produce by the students that attend the college. The waitress and waiters are all students, and they are very impressive with their outstanding service, and their knowledge of the college and how it is developed by the colleges culinary, agriculture, and business departments to make such a grand experience. So if you are in the Branson area take time to visit Keeter Center, and the Veterans exhibit it is well worth the time. Lunch is served 10:30a to 4:00pm, Dinner is served 4:00 to 8:00pm, and Sunday Brunch is served 10:00am to 2:00pm. There also several museums that share the history of the college, so put this stop on your next fishing trip to Lake Taneycomo you will be impressed!

Kent

8 Common Mistakes anglers make while fighting trout by *Kent Klewein* Gink & Gasoline

This is a article from Gink and Gasoline that I read sometime back and saved it in my things to re-read folder. It's a little lengthy so you will have to read the remainder of this article in the May Troutline. I hope you enjoy this information and that it will help you land more fish. *Gary*

If I looked backed on my early fly fishing days and had to grade my fish fighting skills, it would yield a discouraging report card. I lost way more fish than I actually landed during those first few years after picking up a fly rod. I'll never forget how tense and anxious I was every time I'd find myself hooked up with a nice trout. It seemed like every second of the battle I was terrified that I was going to lose my trophy. In turn, I constantly second guessed my fighting instincts, I wouldn't follow after my fish if it swam upstream or downstream of me, and I knew very little about the correlation between rod position and applying fighting pressure. Furthermore, I was really clumsy when it came to clearing my excess fly line and reeling in the fish. I always had a hard time figuring out when it was a good time to do that. When all said and done, I bet I only landed one or two fish out of every five fish I hooked during my rookie days. That's not so hot, probably a D average if I was grading myself extremely leniently. We've all been there at some point during our fly fishing career, some of us may even find ourselves with that D average right now. Here's the positive outlook though, most trout that are hooked and lost during the fight can be linked back to a handful of common mistakes. Yet, most of the time, they all can be easily avoided if you pay close attention to what you're doing when you're fighting a trout.

MISTAKE #1 – NOT BEING IN THE HOOK SET READY POSITION

I know it sounds elementary, but during my early days, I would often find myself fumbling around with my fly line during my drifts. I didn't always have my fly line secure in my rod hand, and that usually put me with too much slack in my fly line to pull off a solid hook set. I see anglers all the time during their drifts holding their fly line in their stripping hand only. Bites often come when we least expect them. To increase your chances of getting a good hook set and landing the trout, always make sure you're in the hook set ready position. Get in the habit of putting the fly line in your index and middle finger on your rod hand immediately after you present your fly. This will have you ready to set the hook the instant you get a bite, and you'll find your line management will improve.

MISTAKE #2 – ANGLERS FAIL TO KEEP TENSION AFTER THE HOOK SET

Not all the time, but more times than not, trout will swim towards you after being hooked, and it's critical that you keep your rod tip up and immediately begin stripping in your fly line after the hook set. Doing so, you'll have a good chance at eliminating the slack and maintaining tension on the fish. Instead of stripping, some fly anglers feel compelled to swing their body around and begin moving away from the fish after setting the hook. This puts the angler out of position, shuffling their feet awkwardly and also doesn't allow them most of the time to take in the amount of slack needed that's being created by the fish moving towards them. Another common mistake I see anglers make is dropping their rod tip down after setting the hook. Although they get a good hook set, by dropping their rod tip down immediately afterwards, they're providing significant slack to the fish. This causes tension to be lost, and increases the chance the hook will be dislodged by the trout.

MISTAKE #3 – ANGLERS HAVE A DEATH GRIP ON THE FLY LINE

I see this mistake all of the time and adrenaline is usually to blame. Big fish are notorious for making hard charging runs right after being hooked. It can all happen within seconds of the hook set and if you've got a death grip on your fly line, and don't let the trout take fly line, you'll almost always break the fish off. Keeping a firm grip on the fly line after the hook set is important, but you always need to be ready to loosen up your grip and let that fly line slide through your hand or fingers when a fish makes a powerful run.

In next months issue we will cover Mistake's 4 through 8! Can you guess what mistake's 4-8 will be?

Hope you enjoyed what you have read so far. *Gary*

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