



Kansas City
Chapter



February 2026

Club Meeting Date
Feb 24,
Fleming Hall 6:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
Feb 2,
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
March 24, 2026

Lunker Dinner - Fleming Hall February 24

We Changed the starting time to 6:00 pm for our dinners. Let's see how that works. Spring is in the air and the annual club Lunker Dinner and raffle is this month at Fleming Hall. Club members and their guests are invited to attend the dinner which will be served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The entre' will be Roast Pork. Members are asked to bring a side dish that compliments the Pork or a dessert.

(Last names A-L - Side Dish to share),

(Last names M-Z - Dessert to share).

The club will provide the necessary condiments.

A raffle will be held, tickets will be sold at the door. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook.

We look forward to seeing you.

David

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MTFA 2026 Calendar

1 Fly Tying Classes have started:

2 Fly tying classes are on Monday evenings through
3 February 16th at 7:00 PM at Fleming Hall. If you are still
4 interested in learning the hobby and fun of fly tying
5 come and join us. We furnish all the supplies for tying
6 and the instructors are very qualified to teach you. If
interested please contact Merrill Miller at 816-673-9863 or e-mail: mmiller@irishmusicatw.com to sign up.



2026 Membership Dues are Due in January



Dues for the upcoming year are, Individual (\$15), Family (\$30), Legacy (\$10). (Family membership includes all family members up to 18 years of age). At age 18 your child must register as an adult. Print the application (Pg 5) and mail your dues and form to MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055. The MTFA-KC Chapter application will be in the December, January & February Troutline. You can also download the application off our web site.

Thank You.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Feb 2,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #2
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Feb 3,
E-Board Meeting
7:00pm
Fleming Hall

Feb 9,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #3
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Feb 16,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #4
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Feb 24,
Lunker Dinner
6:00pm
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MTFA Nomination of Board Members for 2026

At the January meeting the following people were voted in for MTFA-KC 2026 officers. Installation of officers will be held at the Luncker dinner in February.

The MTFA current office holders are:

President: David Cook

Vice-President: Gary Davisson

Secretary: Diana James

Treasurer: Doug Thomas

Members at Large: Kathy Yardley, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux, Marvin Allison, Greg Davison, Ken Hicks and Jim Spencer..



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing-Kansas City

Next Meeting is February 11,2026 at 6:00pm at

Sheet Metal Workers Hall 2902 Blue Ridge Blvd KCMO
64129

Bring your fly tying vise or some tools will be available.

Project Lead: Greg Davison email:

greg.davison@projecthealingwaters.org



Is this the Last of Winter? — David Cook

The last time I fished one of our local lakes was January 16th. Then the ice came but MDC still stocked trout through the Ice on January 21st.

So now we are having a warming trend, and I expect open water by then end of this week, Sunday, Feb. 8th.



But until then ...

Greg Davison has been fishing thru the ice at Capital Federal this month and has had successful outings.

MTFA Officers

President: David Cook
(816) 519-2531

V President: Gary Davisson
(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Diana James
(816) 210-0777

Treasurer: Doug Thomas
(660) 422-1128

Troutline Editor: Gary Davisson
medman3@att.net

Members at Large:

Merril Miller
Ken Hicks
Marvin Allison
Greg Davison

Kathy Yardley
Jim Spencer
Roger Theroux

January Club Meeting:



We had two Fisheries Biologists from the MDC to present a new program that is now being used to track fish count in the managed lakes in our five county area. The web site is not up and running yet but will be in the near future. We will post a link once its up and running.

Off Season Fishing Ideas:

Learn to switch-hit. Being able to cast with your non-dominant hand is beneficial whether stalking trout or chasing bonefish. We're not talking about shooting into your backing here just aim to accurately place a forty foot cast or so. This is a great goal to aim for during the off season as all you need is an open area and some ambition. Some of us are more ambidextrous than others, but try it out, you may find it easier than you think!

Learn to spey cast left handed. If you love fishing with a two handed rod, try learning to cast with your hands in the opposite position (if you don't already). Take it slow and concentrate on the mechanics of the cast and odds are you will find it is not as difficult as it seems. Being able to switch hit with a spey rod is extremely useful as you no longer have to rely on casting across your opposite shoulder. Also, you will never think twice of which side of the river to fish from since you can chuck off a dominant side no matter what!

Learn to whip finish. For you fly tyers out there, try learning a different technique of whip finishing. We have found that the majority of tyers either know how to whip finish using a tool or by hand, but not both. If you fall into this category, try using the down time to learn the opposite technique, as both techniques have their advantages. There are many videos available for each and would require no more than ten min-utes and some practice to learn.

Organize. Organizing your gear is a great way to ease those fishing withdrawals. Organize your gear into your vest or pack you will hit the water with first so that it is ready to go the second it is time to fish! Do-Ing so before the season will also allow you to inventory your gear to help decide what you might need to prepare for the upcoming season or trip.

Maintain gear and lines. If you haven't already, try using this time for a little gear maintenance. Clean fly lines, tune-up reels, re-treat your waterproof gear, clean out your fly box, and so on. It will pay dividends in the long run.

Learn to nail knot without a tool. Even if you only ever use a loop to loop connection, knowing how to cor-rectly tie a nail knot is still very useful. A nail knot works for more than just attaching your leader to your fly line. It can also fix a blown loop in your fly line or be used to create loops in your sink tips. However, did you know you don't need a tool, tube, or nail to tie one?

Learn to tie. Don't know how to tie but have always wanted to? There is hardly a better way to help pass the time during the off-season than spending some time at the tying bench. Anyone can learn and there are many starter kits that are reasonably priced and straight forward.

Create your own fly pattern! If you already tie flies, try using your time at the vise to spin up a few of your own design. It is extremely rewarding to catch a fish on a fly you tied, but even more rewarding to fool a fish on your own pattern.

Off Season Fishing Ideas Cont'd:

Deal with those Hero Shots! The off-season is a good time to go through all your fishing inspired media from the season before. It is also a great way to reminisce on the good times and get excited for those to come. Organize and edit all photos and videos you meant to get back to now before you start making more!

Plan that bucket list trip. Want a great way to cure cabin fever? Try planning your trip of choice for the coming season! Thinking about Alaska, British Columbia, the Bahamas, Michigan or New Mexico?

Practice some line management. If the weather is not very inviting but you want to better yourself as an angler, try practicing some line management techniques inside. If you like to fish with a two handed rod and haven't learned already, try learning the old climbers trick for managing your running line. All you need is the first two sections of your rod and reel. String your line through your stripping guide and out across your floor. This is a good way to learn such techniques as there are no fish in the picture to distract you.

Get Out There and Fish! Got a bad case of the winter blues? The absolute best way to cure this is to simply get out there and fish! The winter time can be an extremely rewarding time of year to fish as often times you get the entire river to yourself. Don't fall victim to the belief that winter steelhead are the only game in town this time of the year. Take to your local trout stream and try your hand at some winter trout fishing. In fact, if you are a fan of switch rods, try swinging some flies.

Remember, practice makes perfect, Gary

Special Dates to Remember:

February 9th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks Ends.

Missouri annual fishing and trout permits are expire on the last day of February each year.

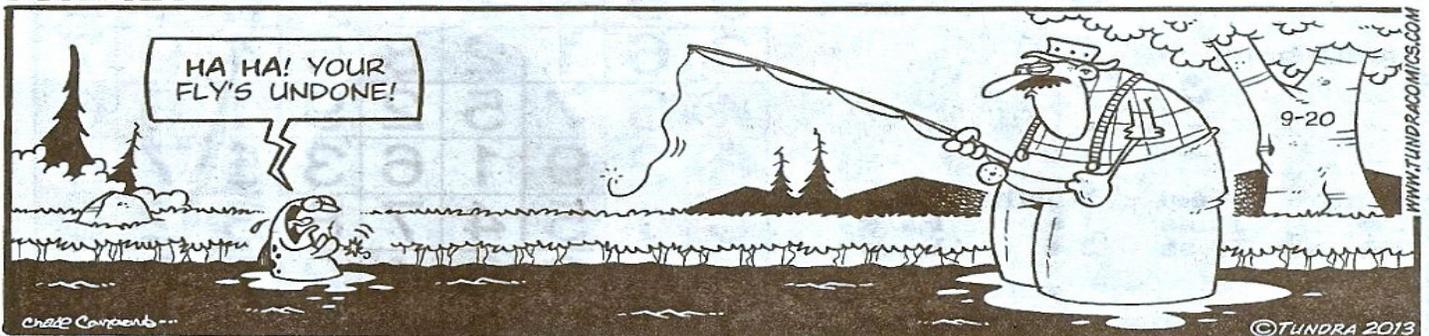
Missouri Lifetime permits are available to Missouri residents and do not expire even if you move outside of Missouri. Cost of Lifetime Fishing Permit incudes your lifetime trout permit. This is a deal if your are age 60 or older.

March 1st - Opening Day for Trout Season at Missouri State Parks

You can purchase your fishing, hunting, etc. license's on line through the Missouri Department of Conservation web site or even from your smartphone using the Mo. Hunting app. Your valid permit will appear on the app. immediately after your purchase. You can carry your license with you wherever you go. Check out:

<https://mdc.mo.gov/permits/fishing-permits>

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Missouri
Trout Fishermen's Association
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

I wish to become a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter and join in their endeavor to improve the sport of Trout Fishing in Missouri. **I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.** These can be found on the chapter website **MTFA-KANSASCITY.ORG**.

NAME _____ NEW MEMBER () RENEWAL ()

ADDRESS _____ Cell Phone _____

(Hm)/(Wk) Other Phone _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Send Newsletter via email: Yes ___ No ___

BIRTH MONTH: _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Have you ever been a member of any chapter of the MTFA? Yes ___ No ___

Year joined _____ Most Recent Year Paid Dues: _____

- ___ **Individual Dues:** **\$15.00**
- ___ **Family Membership:** **\$30.00**
- ___ **MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)** **\$10.00**

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards and individual email newsletters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

When this form is completed,
mail to:
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc.
PO Box 3202 Harry S Truman Station
Independence, MO 64055

CODE OF ETHICS

To practice the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife, and to encourage others to do the same.
To cooperate with the constructive efforts of the Missouri Conservation Commission and comply with the "Objectives and Purposes" of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point hook lures when fishing in Missouri trout water.
To assist in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the State of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available waters and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.
To help conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, forests, soil and water.
To lend assistance to the Missouri Conservation Commission and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.

The above has been read and agreed to by: _____

2026 MTFA Yearly Planning Calendar - Updated 02/2/26

DATE	EVENT	ACTIVITY & LOCATION	TIME
1/6/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
1/19/2026	Fly Tying #1	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
1/26/2026	Fly Tying Cancelled	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
1/27/2026	Club Meeting	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
2/2/2026	Fly Tying #2	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
2/3/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
2/9/2026	Fly Tying #3	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
2/16/2026	Fly Tying #4	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
2/24/2026	Club Meeting/Lunker Dinner/ Raffle	Fleming Hall	6:00 PM
3/3/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
3/7/2026	Frontline Fly Fishing Gala	100 NE Brezidine Rd, Blue Springs, Mo	11:00 AM
3/21/2026	MTFA Pre-Derby meeting @ noon	Bennett Spring	12:00 PM
3/24/2026	Club Meeting	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
3/26 - 3/28/26	Sow-Bug Roundup Mountain Home Ark.	Baxter Co, Fairgrounds	
4/7/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
4/18/2026	Crappie outing (and lunch)	Pleasant Hill City Lake Brown's Arm Shelter	all day
4/28/2026	Club Meeting	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
5/2/2026	Jackson County Kids Derby	Jacomo	7:00 AM
5/5/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
5/15/2026- 5/17/2026	MTFA Spring Derby / Reserve Shelter House for 2027 Derby	Bennett Spring	
5/26/2026	Club Meeting/Fish Fry/Raffle	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
6/13/2026	One-Fly Tournament	JAR	7-11 AM
6/23/2026	June Meeting	Fleming Hall	
7/24-25/26	White River FF Expo	Branson MO	
8/25/2026	August Club Meeting	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
9/1/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
9/11-12/2026	Tri-Lakes FF Expo	Clinton MO	
9/22/2026	September Meeting	Fleming Hall	
09/25 - 09/27/26	Fall Derby Roaring River	Roaring River State Park	
10/5/2026	Fly Tying #1	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
10/6/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
10/12/2026	Fly Tying #2	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
10/19/2026	Fly Tying #3	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
10/27/2026	Club Meeting/Chili Supper/Raffle	Fleming Hall	6:30 PM
11/4/2026	E-Board	Fleming Hall	7:00 PM
11/24/2026	No Club Meeting		
11/26/2026	Thanksgiving Day		All Day
12/8/2026	Christmas Party location to TBD		6:00 PM