



Kansas City Chapter



March 2026

Club Meeting Date
March 24,
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
March 3,
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
April 28, 2026

Vice Presidents Message:



March 1, 2026 signals the official start of trout season. Opening morning will be crowded as usual, but everyone will create great memories with family and friends. Newspapers and media, will be reporting on the event. Should you attend opening day please take and send me pictures.

On **Saturday the 21st of March** the state MTFA Board will hold their annual pre-derby meeting a Bennett Spring. Plans for the May MTFA Derby will be determined. The date for the derby is May 15-17, 2026. (See Page 3)

Crappie Outing & Lunch (April 18) - Pleasant Hill City Lake (Brown's Arm Shelter House located on the hill) Same location as last year. (See page 2)

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The **Jackson County Kids Day (May 2)** - MTFA-KC has been working this event for 40+ years. It give us great exposure to the community and future fisherpersons. I will have more information on this event in future newsletters. Last year we had approximately 300+ kids sign up. Plan to attend and help out.

Put these dates on your calendar. As a club member you are a vital and important part of MTFA and your participation is important. If you have suggestions to make our club meetings more informative or outings you would like to see happen in the future, send your ideas to: medman4503@gmail.com

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 a 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

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

**Mar 7,
Frontline Fly Fishing Gala**
100 NE Brezidine Rd
Blue Springs, Mo

**Mar 21,
MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting**
Bennett Spring
12:00pm

**Mar 24,
Club Meeting**
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

**Mar 26-28
Sowbug Roundup**
(See page 4)

Club Fishing Event - Date April 18

The outing is at the [Pleasant Hill City Lake](#) and we have reserved the Brown's Arm Shelter House, located on the hill. If members plan to use a watercraft on the lake then a permit is required and must be purchased at the Pleasant Hill City Hall. Below is information about purchasing a permit.

Permit purchase - Pleasant Hill City Hall

203 Paul Street
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080
(816) 540-3135

Hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday
(Closed on Saturday)

Cost: Non-resident boat with no motor is \$13.00

Non-resident boat with a trolling motor is \$33.00

The April Troutline will have more information and a map.

March 1st - Opening day Trout Season in Missouri

Did you go for opening weekend at one of Missouri's trout parks? If you participated in opening day, please send pictures or send me a note about your experience. Everyone should do this at least once.

Fishing Times:

March from 6:30 (7:30 after daylight savings time) to 6:00 (7:00)

April from 7:00 to 7:30

May from 6:30 to 8:15

June/July from 6:30 to 8:30

August from 7:00 to 8:00

September from 7:30 to 7:15

October from 7:30 to 6:30



MTFA Officers

President: David Cook
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(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Diana James
(816) 210-0777

Treasurer: Doug Thomas
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Troutline Editor: Gary Davison
medman3@aatt.net

Members at Large:

Merril Miller	Kathy Yardley
Ken Hicks	Jim Spencer
Marvin Allison	Roger Theroux
Greg Davison	



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing-Kansas City

Project Lead: Greg Davison email:
greg.davison@projecthealingwaters.org

March 11 (6:00pm)
Sheet Metal Workers Hall
2902 Blue Ridge Blvd
Kansas City, Mo. 64127

Note: Meeting night is always the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Fly tying kits are available for use during class or bring your own fly tying vice and tools.

Lunker Dinner Review:

Members and guests gathered at the Lake Jacomo Fleming hall for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 24. This year we had a potluck dinner. David Cook prepared the pork which was excellent (sorry you missed out), the side dishes and desserts were outstanding as our club is blessed with some very good cooks. I don't think anyone went home hungry. A raffle was held for great fly fishing prizes. Congratulations to those that won.

The new MTFA-KC office holders for 2026 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, and past President Ken Hicks.



President's Message— David Cook

If you can't get to a Missouri trout park for Opening Day, try fishing at one of our Winter Trout Kansas City Area Lakes. Carol and I went to our nearby James A. Reed Wildlife Area and fished on Opening Day Eve at Coot Lake. Of course the weather was sunny and 68, but even if it weren't, getting outside for a couple of hours for fresh air and trout fishing was just the recipe for a great day. We both fished black and yellow marabou jigs. Carol caught the first one. It took me a while to catch one. We ended the day with one each. The fish were released for another day. If you get a chance to fish — Take it.



Sowbug Roundup March 26-28, 2026:



This annual show in Mountain Home, AR at the Baxter County Fairgrounds is centered in one of the greatest fly-fishing areas of the world. The White and Norfolk Rivers provide a backdrop for anglers visiting the show. The show boasts 150 expert fly tyers, over 20 vendors, every day new auctions and raffles, free seminars, free fly-tying classes and free casting lessons. The entry fee is only \$10 for all three days AND if an adult is accompanied by a child, they are admitted free. One of the goals of the Sowbug is to encourage people of all ages to enjoy fly fishing. We even have a special free raffle, just for kids, where everyone wins!

Keynote speaker Chris Johnson: Chris is the owner and founder of Living Waters Fly Fishing, a fly shop and guide service based out of Round Rock, Texas. He has guided the Texas Hill Country for nearly two decades and has fly-fished the heart of the Lone Star State for over 25 years. In addition to guiding his home state, Chris has been a licensed fly-fishing guide in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Alaska.

Featured Speaker Al Ritt: Al has fished as long as he can remember and has been fascinated with flies for almost as long. Growing up in southern Michigan he fished primarily for warm water species but remembers feeling magic in trout and trout flies. Al recalls making “flies” including forming his own “hooks” out of pipe cleaners. He took his first formal tying class in 1983 after moving to California. Since then, he’s tied flies and fly fished for trout, grayling, bass, pike, panfish, catfish, carp, steelhead, salmon, bonefish, permit, snook, tarpon, redfish and other species.

Go to www.northarkansasflyfishers.org to see all the featured fly tyers and schedule of events. This is one of the best shows in the country.

MTFA-KC Fishing Reports



Kathy Yardley submitted pictures of her time spent up at Capital Federal near Liberty, Mo. This was the first time she had fished this area. Kathy said it was a beautiful day and everyone was catching fish.

Thank you for submitting the report.

Gary

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 03/2/26

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