



Kansas City Chapter

OCTOBER 2006



**Club Meeting:
4th Tuesday of Each
Month**

Next Meeting
October 24, 2006
6:30 pm Chili Dinner/Raffle
Guest Speaker:
Tod Gemeinhardt

Executive Board Meeting:
November 14, 2006
Fleming Meeting Hall

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

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**President's Message – Dave Cook
Roaring River Fall Derby – Revisited**



Breakfast cooks

What a Fall Derby we had! I had such a good time that fishing was almost (I said "almost") an extra-curricular event. The season was Fall, but spirits soared as if it were the first of spring. Everyone enjoyed the fishing and fellowship. There were many of us who had a chance to fish before the derby started. Considering that Roaring River seems to be caught up in a prolonged drought, I was surprised the fishing was as good as it was.

The banquet was outstanding. Debbie Jacques worked with Jim Rogers and David Waugh at the Convention Center to get us set up with great facilities and a menu that was superb. Door prizes began with David Haynes winning a fly (swatter) rod. Then we had a drawing for gift certificates at Cabela's of \$50, \$30 & \$20.

The Betty Britton Award is an award that Bobby Britton established in memory of Betty in order for the club to recognize outstanding individuals who have made unselfish contributions to the club. Individuals who can represent the same idealism and dedication that Betty gave to this club for over 50 years. This year at the Fall Derby the Award was presented to Tom Criswell.



The fishing report was that there were many fish caught, and many fish released around 10 -13 inches. Carol Cook had the big fish at the end of the first day that measured 14.5". That turned out to be good enough to place second at the end of the Derby. Jerry Weimer took top honors with a 22", 5 lb rainbow and Gary Rose claimed third place at 14".

Jerry Weimer - 1st place (22" 5 lbs)

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Upcoming Events 2006

October 6-8,
FFF Southern Council
Conclave

October 24,
Chili Dinner & Raffle

December 10,
Christmas Party
Fleming Hall

January 9-14, 2007
Sports Show

Bennett Springs Trip

Nov 10th - There will be a club fishing trip to Bennett Springs. All members are encouraged to attend.

The winter catch & release program begins the 2nd Friday in November (Nov. 10, 2006) and runs through the 2nd Monday in February (Feb. 12, 2007). Fishing is permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Winter anglers must have a valid Missouri fishing license, plus a Trout Permit. Winter fishing privileges at all four Missouri trout parks are included in the \$7 Trout Permit.

Am I Real Fisherman?

From the April FFF Clubwire. By: G.P.Thurlow

Returning through the office lobby with my fly rod, I am always asked for the score— “Catch anything?” The implication is that catching is what separates real fisherman from the daydreamers who flail a stick over head while trying to avoid the passing hook. I wonder — what is a real fisherman? Do I fish enough and catch enough fish to qualify? Or is there some other magic measurement of a real fisherman — like, fish caught per hour spent.

Fishing is the act of seeking an elusive quarry. You don't have to catch fish to be fishing, since even the best efforts do not always generate bites. Sometimes the satisfaction of knowing you have chosen the right piece of water, the correct rod, the right size, color, and type of fly has to be enough. No points are awarded for color coordination of hat shirt, vest, sunglasses strap, and the thread on a custom rod (Look out Orvis, Sage, and Winston). Points are only awarded for seeking.

If fishing is the act of seeking, where does prep time fall? I am constantly tying flies, building rods, reading and scheming about fishing. Most of this activity will help me when I am on the water — but involve neither seeking nor catching. By reading about habitat, biology, travel adventures, or how to catch the quarry, I am increasing my knowledge and chances of catching fish on my next trip.

Magic?

There is no magic measurement of being a fisherman — being a fisherman is not an act it's making a connection. A real fisherman has a sporting attitude and the ability to connect with fish, people, places and nature. Activities that build and understanding and knowledge of that connection build real fisherman. For me, it is the preparation time of fly tying, rod building, or reading about the quarry. However, there is no substitute for time spent on the water and yelling “fish-on, Capt'n” even if it is just another for inch bream on the office pond. So get out there while you can.

Tippet Tips

Taken from the McKenzie Flyfishers Club newsletter

- If trout see your fly but refuse it, go to a longer leader, lighter tippet and smaller fly.
- Big trout are rarely leader shy when aggressively feeding. Be sure to use fluorocarbon tippets strong enough to hold a large trout.
- The use of fluorocarbon tippets allows you to use a tippet 1X heavier such as 4X to 3X.
- Compound leaders, those we build, are poor choices for fishing in nutrient-type waters containing algae that catches on the knots.
- The forgiveness of a flexible soft tip rod is critical when using small tippets against big fish.



Derby winners Gary Rose - 3rd, Carol Cook - 2nd, and Jerry Weimer - 1st. Bill Otis gets the rod.

The raffle for an AlBright 9 ft – 5 wt “Yellowstone Emergency Rod & Reel” was won by Roger Theroux. Roger gave the rod to his buddy Bill Otis.

Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The club made \$55 from the raffle. That one item was equal to about 25% of the proceeds our club makes at the State Spring Derby.

And how about that breakfast we had Sunday morning? Let’s give all the cooks a big hand. Sausage gravy & biscuits were added to the menu. Nobody went away hungry. We could fill the whole newsletter with features on each cook’s specialty.

Casting Can Be Dangerous – wear protective clothing

by Stoney McFly – taken from the McKenzie Flyfishers Club newsletter

Think of a sharp barb flying uncontrolled through the air at a speed faster than a humming bird. Accidents occur when trying to reach extended limits. Be conscious of safety and look behind before starting your cast. Anyone in the casting radius is in a hazardous area. Don’t get a reputation of hooking your buddies more than fish. It’s inexcusable. Fly-fishing just might become a contact sport for you. Especially when you call your hooked buddy a “big sissy”.

Around the campfire, funny stories were told of people getting hooked. The time Sammy the Spoon hooked himself under both nostrils spey casting or Big Benny finding a Woolly Bugger attached right between the eyes. Describing past accidents, the reactions of people and what was said can be hilarious, but only because there was not permanent injury. It is very hard to justify any excuses when an eye was taken out. Luckily, or unluckily, our club president got it square between the shoulder blades at Hosmer Lake. He said the strike of the bead head hurt more than the hook. I think he was being nice to a rookie.

Point being, always wear protective clothing when fishing. Ears have a way of getting hooked. A wide-brimmed hat covers your head to protect from the sun, but also from sailing barbs. Polarized glasses protects your eyes from the damaging reflection of the sun’s glare off the water. They not only help you see fish, they help you see... period. Experienced members don’t bet their retinas on chance.





Zebra emerger

by: Jeremy Barela, www.customflys.com

I have used this fly a lot down on the San Juan in Northern New Mexico. But it has also worked well down at Bennett.

Recipe:

HOOK: TMC 2488 #24
THREAD: C&C Black and white, 8/0 black
RIB: C&C black and white thread
THORAX: 8/0 black thread
WING: Krystal Flash
HEAD: 8/0 black thread

Tying Instructions: Start black 8/0 thread behind eye. Tie in pieces of black and white C&C thread and wrap 8/0 black thread halfway down the bend, covering the C&C thread, and wrap back up to eye. Wrap C&C thread together back up to behind eye, tie off with black 8/0 and cut excess. Tie in Krystal flash for wing. Build up black thread to create head. Whip finish and cement. Cut Krystal Flash to create wing.



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