



Kansas City Chapter

September - 2007



Club Meeting:

September 25, 2007
7:00pm

Executive Board Meeting

September 11, 2007
7:00 pm

Location:

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

Next Meeting Date

October 23, 2007
7:00 pm

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President's Message by David Cook

I'm looking forward to the change in seasons coming up. I find this time of year to be as exciting as Christmas is to a kid. A new football season is always fun but the real fun for me is the opportunity for new fishing adventures each fall, especially the trout fishing. I've had great sunny September afternoons fishing topwater lures for bass or jigging around brush-piles for crappie, but trout fishing in the fall can be a 24 hour a day event for me. For "lazy" days of trout fishing, I love the trout parks this time of year. A person can sleep late and still catch the 7:30 am whistle in the trout parks. I love our Trout Derby at Roaring River at the end of September. Looking for that jacket and sweatshirt for the frosty mornings or ending up in a short-sleeve shirt is always part of the trip. And many of us look forward to making the trip to Mountain Home for the Southern Council FFF Conclave. It is so easy to fill many hours of the day with early morning fishing and then attending the exhibits later in the day. Then later, you're looking for a fishing partner for a few more hours of fishing in the afternoon, just so you can hurry back to town and make it to the dinner program or auction. But my real 24 hour a day addiction is trout fishing at Lake Taneycomo in the fall. Here are just some of the reasons.

Some of the best weather of the year can be enjoyed outdoors during the fall. There are very few insects to bother you now. For those of us with sensitive skin, you can enjoy the warm sunshine and still easily protect yourself from sunburn. The trees changing color bring back memories of fall fishing from last year and so many other fall seasons way back to my childhood. But the fishing at Taneycomo offers a person access to trophy trout 24 hours a day. No whistle to tell you to start or stop fishing. You can start as early or as late as you want. The trout fishing at Taneycomo starts as a tailwater below the Table Rock Dam. For fishermen who like to wade, the real opportunities come when the power generation at the Table Rock Dam have stopped. The cooler temperatures of autumn means less demand for electricity and less power generation. Almost every evening or night, power generation will cease, and one can find himself wading the gravel flats below the dam at night. And nighttime is the best time to probe the black waters sprinkled with star-shine for trophy brown trout. From September to November, the brown trout in Taneycomo have migrated from the depths of the lower lake to the gravel bars and flats of the upper lake to spawn. During the daylight you can scout holes that hold these fish and get a good feel of the stream-bed so when you return at night you are comfortable wading with very little or no artificial light. You

Are You Ready?

As we start a new season, it is time to ensure your equipment is ready for another year of fishing. The first area I work on is my fly rods. I wash the fly rods using water and a mild detergent and rinse the rod off in clean warm water. I dry my fly rods thoroughly and lubricate the ferrules with paraffin wax. I simply rub the wax on the ferrules make contact. This waxing prevents premature wear of the ferrules as well as reduces the harmful effects of dirt and sand on the ferrules. The next thing I do to my rod is to clean the cork handle. I use an old toothbrush and toothpaste to scrub it clean. Next, I cut my lines off my backing, clean the lines by washing them in mild soapy water, and rinse them well before drying. During this process I also stretch my lines to take the curls and twist out. I apply a line dressing to only my floating lines to protect them and to help them float. I re-tie all my lines back onto my backing using a nail knot and coat the knot with a product called knot sense. I find by doing this the knot area of the line will run smoother through the ferrules. Next, I put all new leaders onto my lines and use knot sense on all the knots. This not only help the knot move smoother through the ferrules, but also seals the end of the floating line so water will not wick up the end causing it to sink. For my reels, I regularly throughout the season take them apart and clean them thoroughly. After cleaning, I apply a coating of lithium grease to all the moving parts not associated with the drag system. When I finish the day of fishing, I back the drag off completely which will reduce the wear and pressure on the drag system. For my flies, I go through my boxes remove all the chewed up ones, remove the materials from these ones, and use the hooks

again. Any of my flies that have the hackles mashed down I fix by boiling a pot of water and holding the flies over the steam. This seems to work for almost any of my deformed flies. Ensure the flies are completely dry before placing them back into their cases. I inspect my vests and remove all the old chocolate bar wrappers, old leaders and tippet materials, and any other garbage I may find. I wash my vest and hang it to dry. When dry, I restock my vest with the items I regularly use. I empty all the pockets in my float tube and remove the tube from the lining. I clean the lining and inspect it for any rips or damage seams. I inspect the tube for any nicks or cuts and repair if necessary. I replace the tube and inflate my tube fully, then restock the assembled tube with the items I normally carry. I do this same process with my pontoon boat. For my neoprene waders I wash them with unscented mild soap, using a soft bristle brush to remove mud and debris. Again, I rinse with water, hang my waders and allow them to thoroughly dry. Once the outside is dry, I turn them inside out to ensure complete drying and to help prevent odor buildup. For my breathable waders I hand wash my waders in warm water with an unscented, mild soap. I rinse them thoroughly and hang them to dry. If I find that drops of water will not bead on the outside, I will spray my waders with a water repellent spray, like 3M Scotch Guard for fabrics. **DO NOT USE A SILICONE BASE SPRAY.** Last items to clean are my fins, boot-ties, and wading boots. I inspect both to ensure there are no rips and to ensure the felt soles are securely fastened to the bottom of my wading boots. I hand wash both in warm water with an unscented, mild soap. I rinse them thoroughly and hang them to dry. With all this now done, I am now ready to go fishing at a moment's notice. (by John Jaillet of the Penticton Flyfishers of BC)

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still need a flashlight to navigate the unfamiliar parts and for rigging a fly-line but once you give yourself a chance to adapt to the dark you will find there is a lot you can do without turning on a flashlight. Fishing at night at Taneycomo is not only a good strategy for brown trout but is also very rewarding for the rainbow trout. Large rainbow trout will mingle with brown trout.

For those who desire to try this fishing but have limited opportunity to go, the question that comes up is "when is prime time?" The most common answer is early November. But you will know it when you see it because there will be a lot of camera flashes going off on those nights. Some of my best fall fishing has been in September. Yes, I missed "prime time" last year, but my answer to the fishing forecast question has always been "the best time is when you can go". This year (as in many in the past), I will be joining family there for a week of fishing before deer season. That's right I'm headed for prime time. I hope you get a chance to go, too!

Upcoming Events 2007

September

Fly Tying Classes - September 10th - October 15th.

Are you interested in learning to tie trout flies? Learning about the different tools used to tie flies and how to use them. Then come and join us for some fun and fellowship.

September 29 - 30

Fall Derby - Roaring River

Roaring River Fall Derby

The fall derby will be held on September 29-30th. A dinner will be held on Saturday night the 29th at the lodge. Cost for dinner will be \$12.50 per person. There will be a breakfast at the shelter house starting at 6:30AM. Sunday lunch and awards will be at the shelter house at 12:00 noon. The entry fee for the derby is \$5.00 per person. Call David Cook or turn in your reservations at the September meeting.

Fly Fishing Etiquette

I have heard people say that they don't care how other people view them. Well, regardless of this, it is very important that all anglers follow some common courtesy rules so that these resources continue to be available to us.

The following are some basic rules of etiquette while fly fishing:

- Obey all state and local fishing laws and rules.
- Always recognize property rights. Always ask permission first. Leave all gates as you found them. Public waters are disappearing quickly and we must show the utmost respect to the property owners to show we are gentlemen.
- Do not litter. If you brought it in, take it out (even leaders). If you change a leader, spool it up and put it in a vest pocket to be thrown away later. Leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- Wade only when necessary. The aquatic life is crucial to the trout's survival.
- Strive to not leave any marks or tracks whenever possible.
- Do not enter the water anywhere near an angler who is already in the water. A section of water belongs to the first person fishing it. It is inconsiderate to crowd an angler who was there first. One of the only times this may be a problem is when fishing a crowded Steelhead run in the Great Lakes region.
- A stationary angler has every right to remain where he/she is for as long as they want. If you are working your way toward them, exit the stream and quietly walk around them.
- If a nearby angler has a fish on, yield to that person and if necessary, lend a helping hand by offering to net the fish, etc.
- Never light a fire.
- Use common sense.
- I believe fly fishing is the most rewarding sport there is to those who truly understand and embrace it. It can be a time for complete solitude and reflection, a means of stress/tension reduction from the rigors of the daily grind or a time of fellowship with friends and/or family. I have found it to be one of God's most awesome blessings.



"Fly-fishing is the most fun you can have standing up." - Arnold Gingrich, 1969