



**Kansas City
Chapter**



April – 2008

Club Meeting

**April 22, 2008
7:00 pm**

Executive Board Meeting

**May 13, 2008
7:00 pm**

Location

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

Next Meeting Date

**May 27, 2008
7:00 pm**

President's Message by David Cook

I want to thank all of the club members who donated many hours and mileage, since January, for instructing the fly tying classes we have conducted. This included a six session class at Fleming Hall, a five session class at Bass Pro Shops – Olathe and a four session class at Bass Pro Shop – Independence. So to Joe Fusco, Marvin Allison, Bill Otis, Darrell Durst, Charles Jacques, Red Duncan, Doug Piper, Kent Inman, Pete Richmond, Roger Theroux and Carol Cook, thank you very much for your time and support. And thank you to the other members that supported our club during the events we held at BPS – Independence, in particular George Scott for leading our seminars.

Other business of recent days is our club ordering shirts with the MTFA – Kansas City logo. I really appreciate the work Bill Otis has put into this. Bill has worked with our Treasurer, Debbie Jacques, to come up with the final cost for each shirt. Things like sales tax or the extra cost of XL shirts may not have been figured in when you first placed your order, so I hope you understand if Debbie has to contact you about the final costs of your order.

The **April 22nd** meeting will feature a program on “Fly Fishing for White Bass in the Ozarks” by **Kim Schultz** of the MTFA-Springfield Chapter. This is a program you don't want to miss. Kim is a walking encyclopedia for just about every fishing hole within a two hour drive of Springfield. He is also a FFF Certified Casting Instructor (CCI). He has shared a lot of information with me on every place I have questions, such as fishing the Pothole below Powersite Dam or Beaver Creek at Bull Shoals, various streams that have a spring white bass run and I'm always looking for tips for fly fishing Lake Taneycomo. Each year, I look forward to the MTFA Spring Derby and other events where we might have a chance to visit.



On a personal note, I will miss the April meeting. Carol and I will be traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the wedding of Carol's daughter, Erin Wright. As you can see in Erin's photo, Carol has passed on to her daughter one of the important things in life.

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Upcoming Events

May 3, 2008
Kid's Derby at Lake Jacomo

May 3, 2008
Kid's Derby at Bennett Spring State Park

May 17-18, 2008
MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Springs State Park

May 24 & 25, 2008
Fourth Annual Fly Fishing Expo Readings Fly Shop on Highway 64.

June 7 & 8, 2008
Free Fishing Weekend

July 19, 2008
MTFA Family Fun Day at Fleming Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm.

September 8, 2008
Fly Tying/Rod Building Classes Begin

September 26— 28, 2008
Fall Derby at Roaring River

October 2— 4, 2008
FFF Southern Council Conclave

October 28, 2008
Annual MTFA Chili Dinner.

Michigan Steelhead Fishing Report

Barry Wilkinson and I traveled to Newaygo, Michigan for our annual Spring Steelhead fishing trip. My first trip to Michigan was in 1999 with a fishing buddy from the office. That trip really hooked me on catching steelhead trout and I have been going ever since. I read in a book on Fly Fishing for Steelhead that people have a great passion for pursuing these brutes on light tackle. Steelhead trout are unbelievably strong and can strip line from the best reels as easily as a bird takes flight. We use 8wt rods, leaders are about 14 feet long with 6 lb tippet.



The weather was better than expected with temperatures in the 60's during the day and 40's at night. I think between the two of us we landed and released about 16 steelhead, 4 brown trout, 1 rainbow and about 3 (6 to 8# walleye). The photo is of a 14 lb winter run Steelhead I caught on my second cast, it really started my day off. Kent Inman was supposed to make this trip with us but his work won out over going fishing. I hope he will be able to make this trip next year. If you are interested in traveling to Michigan and trying out their trout fishing or their fall salmon fishing or fishing the Pere Marquette, Muskegon or White River, let me know.

Gary Davisson



CASTING TIPS AND TRICKS

by **JASON BORGER**

TENSING AND RELAXING: Regardless of whether you're gripping a single-handed rod or a double-handed rod, there are two things you can do to help you control your casts better: tensing and relaxing.

If you tense your grip slightly as you prepare to stop the rod, it helps to "lock" the muscles and tendons in your arm and wrist. That, in turn, allows you to more easily bring the rod to a halt. One caveat: don't clamp down so hard that you leave fingerprints in the cork. Just a slight squeeze will do the trick.

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Fly of the Month

Pattern: Ginger Variant Scud

Thread: Orange 8/0

Hook: Tiemco 2487 scud size 12-18

Tail & Back: Natural Deer Hair

Rib: Copper Wire.

Abdomen: Ginger variant Waspi Antron dubbing combed out



This is a great fly for the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry and some other tail waters out west, so be sure and put a few in your fly box.

<http://cvff.org/gingerscud.html>

Members Bio's—Getting to know your fellow members

Name: Barry Wilkinson

Age: 62

Occupation: Retired

I have been a life long resident of the Kansas City area. I have always loved any type of social activity especially competitive sports. After working for 36 years in the construction industry, with over 30 of those years as a full time elected officer of Heavy Construction Laborers Union #663 and experiencing heart problems to go along with being blind in one eye, I decided (in 1998) to retire.



Fishing has always been a love of mine and now in retirement I was able to spend quality time chasing bass, walleye, and the other fresh water fish.

Our Club secretary, Gary Davisson, introduced me to fly fishing in 2001 and I have been "hooked" ever since. Beside enjoying Missouri fishing, Gary and I have traveled to New Mexico's San Juan River for lunker rainbow's; to Alaska's Kanektok and Arolike Rivers in search of silver salmon, rainbows, and dolly vardon; and to the Pere Marquette, Muskegon and White Rivers in Michigan for steelhead, salmon, brown and rainbow trout.

I have enjoyed my membership in our MTFA Chapter, especially our recent special programs and speakers. I would hope we could provide for our membership more opportunities for fishing different quality waters, not only in Missouri but other areas of the USA.

Barry

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

Casting tips and tricks cont'd

Relaxing is just what it sound like: relaxing the muscles in your hand and arm after the cast has been made. Relaxing not only takes tension away from your muscles, but also helps to dampen any after-shocks in the fly rod. Such a damping action will assist in creating smoother line flow through the air. The idea with relaxing isn't to get so loose that the rod falls to the ground. The idea is to just slightly open the fingers that are curled around the rod handle--just enough to remove a bit of tension and to allow the rod a frog's hair of lee-way.

Try a bit of tensing and relaxing the next time you cast, you may find it allows you to be more controlled more easily. And the more control you have, the more precisely you can get the fly to the fish.

(Excerpted from Jason Borger's book, *The Nature of Fly Casting*)



San Juan River (Northern New Mexico) October 2008



Are you interested in a club trip, traveling to Northern New Mexico to fish the famous San Juan River? If so, please contact David and let him know. Cost will vary depending whether you drive or fly. If you fly, you will be flying into Albuquerque, New Mexico and then rent a car to get to the San Juan River which is about 2 1/2 hours north and west of Albuquerque. Should you decide to drive, its about a 900+ mile trip.

A date has not been set but we are considering the middle of October.