



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



August 2008

**Club Meeting**

**MTFA— Club Meeting  
August 26, 2008  
Fleming Hall 6:30pm**

**Next Club Meeting**

**September 23, 2008  
Fleming Hall 7:00pm**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**Sept 9, 2008  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm**

**Location**

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

**President's Message - Dave Cook**

Is Summer Over? Not Yet!

Here we are nearing the end of summer and it feels like my summer is just beginning. The last time we trout fished at Bennett Spring it was in early June. Last week we made our first trip to Bennett since then.

We discovered how much we had been missing all those weeks. Every weekend trip to Bennett is always a complete vacation for us. This last trip, the sun, moon and stars must have all been perfectly aligned, well, I know the moon was because we got to camp by the light of a full moon.

Besides the unusually cool, dry, August weekend, it appeared that most the kids had stayed home last weekend to get ready for school. And the fishing was great! Who could ask for more? I couldn't, but it only got better.



I have never seen such a small number of fishermen in the fly zone at Bennett. Carol and I started around 9:30 am on Saturday below the first handicap access, and actually got to choose where to stand in the water instead of waiting for a slot to open. Just about everything we tried caught fish. I'm partial to John Deere mini-jigs and Cracklebacks and we both had success with those. Just for fun, we traded rods somewhere during the day just to see how our luck was. Carol probably had her best day ever of fishing a Crackleback on my 3wt and I don't even remember which fly of hers I inherited on her 4wt, but it was working fine.

Sunday Carol decided to sit out the fishing. I decided to give Carol's rod another try and after a half-hour of fishing, I managed to break the tip section landing a fish. It wasn't the fish's or the fisherman's fault. On close inspection, it appeared to be a manufacturing defect, and since I did the wraps on the guides, which is where it broke, it means I will get sent back to remedial rod building class. While I was prowling around in the back of my van looking for a different rod, my son Dan had just arrived to fish with us, and since it was getting close to lunch-time we decided it was a good time to go to the lodge for lunch. That afternoon Dan and I fished the lower end of Zone #1 with hot and cold success. There were some long stretches where all the fish wanted to do was follow the fly. My last hour of the day I kept four for dinner back in KC. Dan was still fishing as we left and he had caught and released 30 for the afternoon. Well friends, if this is what summer fishing is like, I feel a little foolish waiting to get in on the action.

And we plan to kick off the fall season right away at Roaring River. Did I mention there will be a fantastic **MTFA Fall Derby** at Roaring River the weekend of **September 27<sup>th</sup>**? Folks, you don't want to miss this. You can hear all about it at the August AND September monthly meetings.

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## Upcoming Events

### September 8, 2008

Fly Tying/Rod Building  
Classes Begin

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

### September 26— 28, 2008

Fall Derby at Roaring River

### October 2— 4, 2008

FFF Southern Council  
Conclave

### October 28, 2008

Annual MTFA Chili  
Dinner.

### December 2, 2008

Annual Holiday Party  
This is a combined  
November and December  
meeting.

## Club Officers:

President –David Cook

Vice-Pres.—Roger Theroux

Secretary—Gary Davisson

Treasurer—Debbie Jacques

## Annual MTFA Chili Dinner—October 28th

Our annual Chili Dinner will be an extra special event this year. We will have dinner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will need three pots of chili and three soups for dinner. The club will be supplying drinks, catsup, onions, crackers, cheese and of course hot sauce. For those not bringing chili/soup we need side dishes and desserts. Bring your **Bakers Dozen** (*see p4*). You will receive a free ticket for every item you bring, either food or a raffle item. We will be selling tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will have many nice items to choose from at this raffle. Plus we will have a special raffle for a fly rod.

If you have any questions call David Cook 816-272-5194.

## CARING FOR YOUR FLY ROD

By Wayne Southwell

The following is a list of tips on how to care for your fly rod. This information was obtained from SAGE's web site at [sageflyfish.com](http://sageflyfish.com). I hope you find this information as helpful as I did.

1. Take extra care when stringing your rod. Thread a loop of fly line through the guides and tip top and pull the line and leader straight through without bending the rod.
2. Avoid placing or transporting your rod against metal or abrasive objects. Small nicks and scratches damage the graphite and lead to broken rods.
3. When using weighted or large flies, adjust to an open casting stroke. This allows the fly to pass over the tip or to the side of the rod (a fly hitting the rod can also damage the graphite).
4. Avoid severe rod angles when fighting and landing fish. Snagged flies should be broken off by pulling on the line with the rod tip pointed directly at the snag.
5. Periodically wax the ferrules (where the rod pieces separate) lightly with paraffin to ensure a firm fit and proper function.
6. Take the rod apart when you are done fishing to avoid stuck ferrules.
7. Completely air dry your rod and place it in a cloth bag and tube before storing. The rod tubes can trap moisture, which can swell reel seats and ruin the rod finish.
8. To protect the tip, it is best to bag your rod with the tip top and cork handle up.
9. Occasionally clean your rod with warm water and soap and completely dry.
10. To shine, apply furniture polish and don't forget to protect the rod when finished.

**“In my family, there was no clear division between religion and fly fishing.”**

**- Norman Maclean, A river Runs Through It, 1976**

## Fly of the Month—Boss Bob's Leech (Rusty Brown)

Weed guard: 30 lb test mono

Thread: Brown

Flash: Flashabou

Eyes: Lead eyes

Tail: Rabbit strip

Hackle: Saddle

Body: Sparkle chenille

Hook: TMC200 size 4-8



Tying instructions: Figure 8 wrap on lead eyes, attach weed guard at bend, tie on tail about 3 inches long, tie in flash material along each side of tail, tie on chenille at bend don't wrap, tie on chenille at bend don't wrap, Tie in hackle (tip first) at bend, Wrap chenille to eyes, Cut; Palmer hackle to eyes, make collar and cut.

This is great for small mouth in river: good for rocky area, riffles, runs to 4 feet, ledges, islands, drop-offs, along rip rap rock area. Can be swummed like a minnow, jigged up and down like a leech, crawled along the bottom like crayfish. Best if cast up and across, or down and across with cross stream swing. Best used with floating line and a short 7 foot leader is most versatile. Add split shot to leader if necessary for current. The more the fly touches structure, stirring up puffs of sand, silt, hitting rock, dragging across timber, ripping weed; the better.



## 2008 Conclave

The Conclave is the premier event of the Southern Council Federation of Flyfishers, held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas. It will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 2nd thru October 4th, 2008. The business meetings will be held Sunday morning the 5th of October. Watch for next months Troutline for more information on this event.

**“All Americans believe that they are born fishermen. For a man to admit a distaste for fishing would be like denouncing mother-love and hating moonlight.” — Steinbeck 1954**

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## Bakers Dozen

We are asking our club members who tie flies to tie a bakers dozen (13) flies for a raffle at our Annual Chili dinner and raffle on October 28, 2008. Please tie just one pattern (your favorite) for the bakers dozen. We will take the 13th fly and put it in a box with the 13th fly from all the other boxes turned in to create one or two boxes of a collection of assorted flies. We hope you will participate, there are some really great fly tiers in our club so it should be interesting to see what their favorite fly is and to have a chance to win a box of flies.



## Women Fly Fishers or “Want to Learn Fly Fishers” – Make the Connection!

The International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) will hold their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Festival in Branson, Missouri October 16-19, 2008. This is a great opportunity to meet other women fly fishers from all over the world, learn about fly fishing, and fish! We start with a cocktail party Thursday evening, clinics Friday and Saturday mornings, a banquet and auction Saturday evening, and fish in the afternoons. What more could you want? This year’s Festival will be held at Pointe Royale Golf Resort which sits on the banks of Taneycomo, a world class fishery. Please check out our website – [www.intlwomenflyfishers.org](http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org), click on “Festivals” to learn more about the Festival, or any of the other categories to learn more about IWFF. The registration form and information on accommodations is also given. You can also contact Carolyn Parker at: [rvrrounutf@aol.com](mailto:rvrrounutf@aol.com), if you want more information. *We certainly hope you will join us!*

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## Fly Casting Clinic: August 26th 6:30 pm.

Come early, bring your favorite fly rod and get the help you need to make your next fly fishing trip more enjoyable. Prior to our regular meeting, weather permitting, there will be club members on hand to help you with any casting problems or answer any questions you may have. All you will need to bring is a rod, reel and a leader tied onto your line. Hope you will come early to practice and improve your fly casting skills and stay for the first club meeting kicking off the fall program.

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