



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



February 2009

**Next Club Meeting**  
Lunker Dinner  
February 24, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
6:30pm

**Executive Board Meeting**  
March 10, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

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

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## **Lunker Dinner/Installation of Officers - Tuesday February 24, 2009 (6:30 pm) at Fleming Meeting Hall**

We had our election of officers at the January meeting. The new officers are:

Kent Inman -President  
Marvin Allison - Vice President  
Gary Davisson - Secretary  
Sandy Theroux - Treasurer  
Members at Large:  
Bill Otis, Merrill Miller, Ken Stoner.

Plan to attend our Lunker Dinner/Installation of Officers, this will be a catered BBQ dinner supplied by Filling Station BBQ in Lees Summit . The cost is \$12.00 per person, kids are free. So that we can order the correct amount of food, I would like to know by February 23rd if you will be attending. Contact Debbie at (816-356-5710) or David at (816-272-5194) to turn in your reservations or notify them at the fly tying classes. After dinner our guest speaker will be Bob Mattucks from the Missouri Department of Conservation. David will be conducting our annual Lunker Dinner raffle. If you have any items the club could use for our raffle (Bakers Dozen flies) that would be great. Please contact David.

The menu will be BBQ beef, ham and turkey, we need side dishes and desserts to go along with the meal. So if your last name starts with an:

**“A” through “R”** bring a **side dish** (ex: Potato salad, Bake Beans, or Cole Slaw)  
**“S” through “Z”** bring a **dessert**.

Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

## **Attention: Seminar by Leonard Keeney of “Taneycomo Nights” at Rainbow Fly Shop. March 7th (2pm-4pm)**

Taneycomo Nights is a nighttime guide service ran and operated by Leonard Keeney. Leonard was born and raised in Branson Missouri. He began fly fishing when he was 15 years old and has been fishing Lake Taneycomo for over 25 years. Here at Taneycomo Nights Leonard will offer some of the best nighttime fly-fishing or spin cast fishing on a trout lake. **Leonard has the only full time -night time guide service on Lake Taneycomo. He does not guide during the day.** Lake Taneycomo is a man made lake that is part of the White River system. The two dams separated it, Powersite dam completed around 1913 and

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**Upcoming Events**

**February 24, 2009**

Annual Luncheon Dinner at Fleming Hall - 6:30pm.

**March 1, 2009**

Opening day of Trout Season in Missouri

**March 7, 2009**

**Seminar 2pm-4pm**

MTFA & Rainbow Fly

Shop present

“Taneycomo Nights”

**March 10, 2009**

MTFA Executive Board Mtg.

**March 14, 2009**

MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting at Bennett Springs State Park.

**March 19 - 21, 2009**

Sowbug Roundup — Mountain Home Arkansas.

**May 2, 2009**

Kid’s Derby Lake Jacomo.

**May 2, 2009**

Kid’s Derby Bennett Springs State Park.

**May 16 - 17, 2009**

MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Springs State Park.

**May 23 - 24, 2009**

Fifth Annual fly Fishing Expo at Reading’s Fly Shop on

**MTFA Officers**

President: David Cook  
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VPresident: Roger Theroux  
(816) 523-5119

Secretary: Gary Davisson  
(816) 896-5221

Treasurer: Debbie Jacques  
(816) 356-5710

**Members at Large:**

Charles Jacques  
Gary Rose  
Marvin Alison  
Merril Miller  
James Duncan  
Tom Criswell

**Fishing Report for Feb 6 Weekend.**

Carol and I went to Taneycomo for a weekend of fishing. Generation had been off for the last three days and Friday afternoon they cranked up the power again. I went out to fish Friday night below the Table Rock Dam at around 11 pm and fished until 2:30 am. I caught about 16, all rainbows. About half of them on a black wooly bugger and the rest on a white bunny strip fly. The biggest was



a 19” rainbow. Saturday morning the power was on again and would be all day. So we drove over to Roaring River to fish the last weekend of the catch and release season. My son, Dan, meet us there and we fished until the closing whistle. We started up by the hatchery where I caught a 22” rainbow that weighed about six pounds and we finished the day fishing down in the fly zone. The big one came on the olive mini-jig. The weather was quite mild, in the mid 60’s all day. There were many folks on the stream but I never saw any rude behavior. We all caught fish and had a good time. I’m pretty sure Dan caught the most. We went back to Branson that evening and had a BBQ dinner. I took a short nap just around 9 pm and then at 10 pm I went back to Taneycomo to fish below the Table Rock Dam again. The dam was still generating. The water level had dropped some and while I was fishing and then it went back up and then down again. The catching was really tough. After 2 hours I had one rainbow and one brown trout caught. So I called it a night. Sunday morning, the weather was still nice and the dam was still generating so we decided to pack up and have a nice drive home.

David Cook

**One Fly for a Nice Mill Creek Day**

*by Norm Crisp, Stream Side Adventures*

Some folks are just not as lucky as me when it comes to being able to go fishing, I can go just about any time I please. For others it is more about what Bob Seager said “dead lines and commitments – what to leave in and what to leave out”. Finding time to take a is trip much more difficult. Choices have to be made. Participate in a club “one fly tournament” or fish just one fly pattern on a wild trout stream. Wild trout always win!

My friend and STREAM SIDE ADVENTURES associate Travis Knight and I made the choice and headed for the Rolla, Missouri area for a day and a half of fishing the Little Piney and Mill Creek. The drive down was uneventful thanks to the fact that we were driving parallel to not through a massive thunder storm well off to our south. It appeared obvious that the I-44 corridor

### Chad Mason Seminar (A Midwest fly fishing expert)

Sponsored by Heart of America Fly Fishers

**Date** Saturday February 21, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Continental Breakfast to start at 8:30 AM.)

**Location:** Missouri Department of Conservation Discovery Center 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

**Cost:** Club Members \$40.00 (after February 1, \$45.00) (Non-member: \$50.00)

(Registration fee includes a lunch catered by Alpine Catering)

Questions? Call Don Grundy at 816-781-9019 or Dick Martin at 816-781-9557

Send checks made payable to HOAFF to: Paul Bennetts, Treasurer, Heart of America Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 731, Mission, Kansas 66201

Chad Mason's Programs and Clinics for this Seminar

**Fishing the Midwest and Fly Fishing Tips:** 17 species of fish in locations in the Mid Western states and drivable from Kansas City.

**Fly Tying for Mid West fishing:** Demonstrations on designing and tying Mid Western state flies.

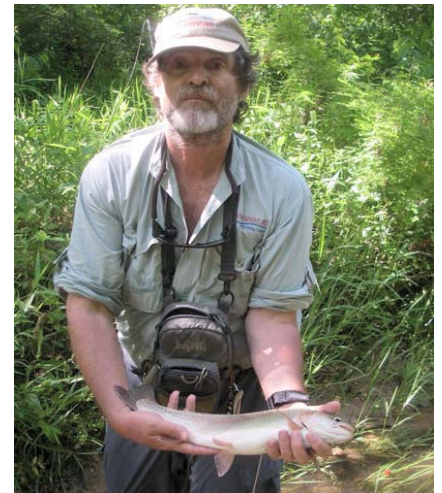
**Fly Casting:** Learn basics and fundamentals suitable for all fly casters.

Note to MTFA members: When making reservations be sure and tell them you are a member of MTFA. HOAFF is extending their club member registration fee to MTFA members.



### Mill Creek Day cont'd:

was getting another soaking, and it did. By about 6 pm we had our camp set up at Lane Springs Camp ground and I took a few minutes to follow. One Fly for a Nice Mill Creek Day the path to the Little Piney to see how the rain had affected the river. Just as you would expect, the river was on the rise. Just before bed another check and it indicated the river was still going up and likely going to get a lot higher. The following morning, with a cup of coffee in my hand, I checked again. The river had fallen back to near the 6 pm level but it was still high, so much for fishing the Little Piney this morning. Plan B. Reverse our fishing plans and fish Mill Creek on Saturday and fish the Little Piney on Sunday morning, a relatively simple decision to make. Mill Creek has a smaller drainage basin so water levels would recede faster. And, we could fish higher up in the watershed, above more of the tributaries and have lower water levels. Now don't get the wrong idea about water levels. High is not bad - high, just not too high, is good. The water will be a bit off color and there is a lot of food available: two things that make wild trout a little foolish. We started the day near the upper portion of the newly acquired [Bohigian Conservation Area](#). Having been in private hands for many years it has received very little fishing pressure and Dr. Bohigian had done some habitat improvements. Our one fly pattern for the day was a no brainer. If it is high water and wild rainbow trout or any trout for that matter the ONLY fly is an olive Kruse Mohair Leech. On when a leech and off we went fishing. It wasn't long before we realized we were back on the Mill Creek of years gone by. If there was good habitat there was a good trout to be tricked by the leech. Over the next several hours we touched, as best we can recall, nine fat and healthy wild rainbows. All but two were in the 10 to 12 inch range. The two outliers were a fish about 7 inches and another about 15 inches. We should have been satisfied with our success. But there was still some time left in the afternoon, we didn't have anything we needed to get done, and there was still the lower section of the Bo-



**Mill Creek Day cont'd:**

hugian section to fish. It turned out to be a great use of our time. Maybe it was the afternoon let down, we didn't have the intensity of the earlier part of the day or maybe it was the habitat was not quite as good as in the upper area we had fished. For what ever the reason, we cover a bit of water without any success. Our talk turned from the next trout to looking for a good place to get up on the bank and walking back to the car. Thankfully there was no good place to get out. At the first really "primo" run, my leech found the afternoon's first fish, another 10 incher. It was a "primo" run that I knew should hold at least one more fish. And it did! When my indicator stopped dead in the water my initial thought was "snagged". With more force than needed, up went my rod tip to get my leech loose. And then up went the "snag"; three feet out of the water. I was into one of the hardest fighting fish I had hook in some time. A third yard chase downstream and a few fleeting moments of concern nosed a bragging rights Mill Creek prize into the shallows. This was my first serious fishing trip to Mill Creek in well over 5 years. I stopped going when the prolonged periods of low flow had reduced our typical success from the expectation of one or two 12 inch plus trout and many 6 inch fish a trip down to just catching any trout on a trip. Thankfully brood stock fish like my catch survived the lean years by finding a spot back in some root wad or in a ground water seepage hole. This winter and spring rains hopefully



**2008 Membership Survey Results**

We asked for your input on club activities, events, and programs that would be of interest to you. The results are as follows:

**Guest Speakers:** 38% wanted to hear from Area Guides  
 22% from Club Members  
 18% from National Media Personalities  
 22% from Fish Mangers/Consultants

**Local Club Events:** 34% One fly fishing tournament  
 30% Fish Fry  
 36% Outing to Bennett Springs

**Number of Club Outings per year:** 75% would like 4 per year  
 25% would like 3 per year

**Equipment/Technique Demos:** 26% Rods and Reels  
 26% Lines and Knots  
 37% Handling Fish  
 11% Casting Demo

**Over Night Club Outings:** 36% Taneycomo  
 32% Bennett Springs  
 18% White River  
 14% Norfolk River

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**Seminars:** 15% Reading Water  
22% Fish Habits & Catching Them  
12% Fly Tying  
7% Beginning Fly Fishing Class  
7% Intermediate Fly Fishing Class  
7% Advanced Fly Fishing Class  
30% Casting Clinics

**Club Trips 5-7 days:** 14% San Juan River New Mexico  
42% Montana  
8% Colorado  
36% Michigan

**Classes (helping you one on one):** 39% Fly Tying (All Levels)  
31% Casting Clinic's  
15% Rigging  
15% Gear selection advice

Thank you to all that took the survey. We will probably do one similar again next year.

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### **Taneycomo Nights cont'd:**

Table Rock dam built in the late 1950's. Just over 20 miles long, Lake Taneycomo runs all the way through Taney County Missouri, this is how the lake was named. Lake Taneycomo generates power from the water out of the bottom of Table Rock Lake. This water is colder and is the temperature trout need to survive. Lake Taneycomo produces some very large rainbow trout and some gigantic brown trout. In the right conditions it is possible to catch a rainbow over 10 pounds and a Brown in excess of 20 pounds. In early spring big bows begin to spawn and in the fall the browns come in what is called the trophy fishing area.

Being a trophy trout fishery, and nestled in the Ozark hills near the tourist destination of Branson, Lake Taneycomo can see a lot of fishing pressure during the day, but at night things generally settle down and the fishing heats up. Some nights there is nobody fishing, and in the fall there can some times be a crowd of 20 or more. Leonard fishes over 20 nights per month, averaging over 200 nights a year. He's logged 1000's of hours on the water at night, and knows some of the best location to fish after the sun goes down. He chooses to tie most of the flies that he uses since they have proven to be very effective over the past several years.

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Bass fishermen watch Monday night football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side air bags and hardly think about women at all. This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of the time immersed up to the thighs in ice cold water..

*Author Unknown*

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