



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



**March 2009**

**Next Club Meeting**  
March 24, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
6:30pm

**Executive Board Meeting**  
April 14, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

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

**Next Club Meeting Date**  
April 28, 2009  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

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**Presidents Message:**

The 2009 season has now official started with all of the trout parks now open. Opening morning was crowded as usual, but everyone had a great time as reported by all of the newspapers and media.

Several of our club members were able to market our fly tying skills at Bass Pro on Saturday & Sunday the 7 & 8th . Also on the 7th we had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Leonard Kenney a guide from Taneycomo explain the fine art of night fishing, as far as technique, types of flies used, and stream conditions. It was a very informative seminar.

On Saturday the 14th of March the MTFA Board had their annual pre-derby meeting a Bennett Spring. Plans for the MTFA Derby were set, for May 16-17, 2009. More information will be forthcoming.

Other upcoming events are the Sow Bug, Tri-Lakes Conclave, and the Kids Fishing Days at Bennett, and Jacomo.

In response to the survey, a trip has been set for August to Taneycomo, and Dave Cook will be the coordinator for this trip

Recently the piano has been removed from the club room and a work day is in the making to replace the carpet, paint the walls, and organize the supplies & equipment we have. More information will be made available at our Tuesday night meeting. See you there. *Kent*



**Sowbug Roundup 2009**  
A Celebration of Fly Fishing  
March 19, 20 and 21st,  
Mountain Home, Arkansas.

The Sowbug Roundup is a fly tying show. It is the foremost gathering of fly tyers in the USA. Every year more than 100 fly tyers from all over North America and Europe meet and

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## Upcoming Events

### 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 Highway 64, Bennett Springs, Missouri.

### June 6 - 7, 2009

Free Fishing Weekend

### July 18, 2009

MTFA Family Fun Day  
Fleming Hall  
10:30am - 4:00pm

### September 14, 2009

MTFA Beginning & Intermediate Fly Tying/Rod Building Classes Start  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

## MTFA Officers

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Merril Miller  
Ken Stoner  
Bill Otis

Past President: David Cook

## April 18th - Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo.

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers of Bolivar, Missouri, will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Expo, which has evolved into the state's largest fly fishing show. The event will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm at the Assembly of God Church activity building located 14 miles north of Springfield on the northbound lane of Highway 13. Breakfast and lunch will be available and there will be informative seminars and programs throughout the day, including "White Bass Fly Fishing" by Michael Kyle, the line class world record holder, "Smallmouth's" by Oklahoma guide Larry Clark, "Belize on a Budget" by Don Greife and Lou Runnals, and "Trout Tactics" by Arkansas guide Ken Richards. In addition, there will be an outdoor casting pool featuring demonstrations and instruction from Misako Ishimura, Captain of the Japanese National Fly Fishing Team, Gene Holland, FFF Certified Casting Instructor, and spey casting by Marc Pinsel of Louisiana's Red Stick Fly Fishers. Thirty-five of the world's best fly tiers demonstrating their skills and techniques will be featured all day. Vendors with fly fishing equipment and art, guides, and outfitters, door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, and a live auction will round out the event. This is the club's only fund raiser for their education and community projects that include fly fishing and fly tying for Bolivar High School's Outdoor Education class, community outdoor education classes, and Project Healing Waters for wounded and disabled veterans from Fort Leonard Wood.

Come join the fun!



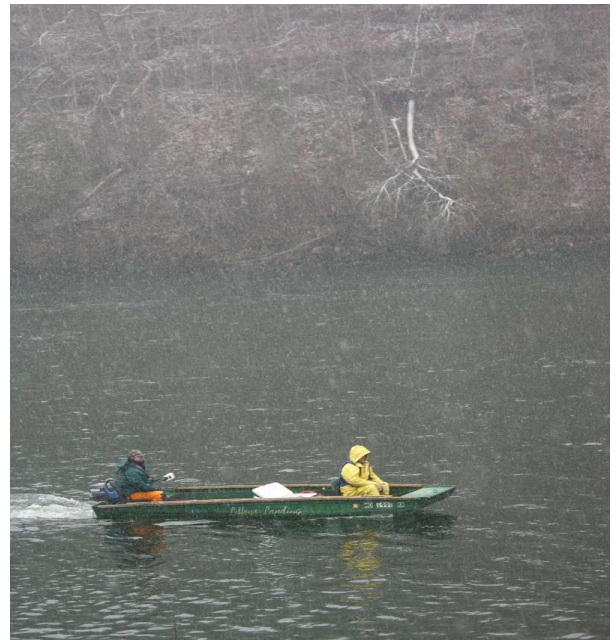
## Kid's Derby at Lake Jacomo and the Kid's Derby at Bennett Spring.

Both events occur on the same day (May 5th, 2009). These are great events for your grandchildren and friends who have children to spend a few quality hours outdoors teaching kids how to fish. We will have a sign up sheet at the March club meeting. Put these dates on your calendar and sign up to help at either Lake Jacomo or Bennett Springs..

Reading about baseball is a lot more interesting than reading about chess, but you have to wonder: Don't any of these guys ever go fishing? - Dave Shiflett, quoted in Houston Chronicle, 29 April 1990.

**Taneycomo Tournament Fishing Experience - 2009.**

Kent Inman and I had our first (rookie) experience into the world of tournament trout fishing. We participated in the Lilly's Landing Masters Trout Tournament the weekend of February 28. Our thought was to travel down on Thursday and fish on Friday hoping to find those hot spots. Well, it was very warm when we left Lee's Summit and we were expecting another warm day on Friday. It started out warm but by 2:00 the clouds rolled in, the wind kicked up its heels and because they ran all the water they could muster the fishing was tough. I ended up catching one, and Kent ended up with 3 or 4 for the day. It was back to the room to warm up, head out to dinner and determine how we were going to tackle Taneycomo on Saturday for the tournament. It was just a wonderful surprise to wake up Saturday morning with about 1 inch of snow on the ground and it was still coming down. The wind hadn't started up yet, that's for later on in the day. We headed down from Lilley's Landing to start fishing, and almost immediately Kent landed our first one. The conversation immediately turned to "its going to be a great day". Well that was the last trout we landed all morning. A decision was made to head back to our room, warm up and have some lunch, just maybe it would change our luck. After lunch, the wind was really kicking up its heels, the snow was blowing horizontal to the water, and it was cold. Keeping the boat in position with the water flowing at maximum flow, the wind being a factor, Kent was at his wit's end. Cold, wet fingers make for tying knots really difficult. I finally started to get on a roll catching fish, and with time running out, Kent decided to be the guide and I would try to add more trout to the live well. The tournament rules were that the teams had to be back to the dock by 4:00 pm. Kent loaded up our catch and headed to the weigh in area.



There were 38 teams of two registered for the tournament. There were 7 teams that didn't turn in any fish, 3 teams that turned in just one trout, and a couple of teams that turned in two trout. The winning team won with 8 fish and a total weight of just over 7 lbs. There was a biggest fish contest and the person that won it was with a fish just a little under 1.5lb. We had a wonderful (cold) experience and yes we are signed up for entry into next years tournament. I sure hope its warmer and a whole lot less water. It would be a great time to have some of you in the club join us. By the way, we placed in the middle of the pack.  
 Gary Davisson



We ask a simple question  
 And that is all we wish:  
 Are fishermen all liars?  
 Or do only liars fish?

William Sherwood Fox, *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, 1954

**D. G. Chili Bugger (i.e. Chili Pepper)**

Hook Size: #10 – 6

Style / Make: 3XL streamer hook

Thread: 6/0 -8/0 burnt orange

**Tying Materials:**

Head – copper bead sized to the hook

Weight – 6 turns of lead wire sized to the hook

Tail – copper marabou feather and 3 – 4 strands of copper crystal flash

Body – copper sparkle chenille

Hackle – natural red/brown saddle

Comments: Original pattern from Tony Spezio



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**Sowbug Roundup 2009 cont'd:**

Tie at the Sowbug Roundup The location of this event is at:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center**

**307 W. North St.**

**Mountain Home, Arkansas.**

Hours are from 9AM to 4PM: Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be Demonstrations by 100+ Expert Tyers, Seminars, Tying and Casting Instructions, Drawings for prizes and auctions.

The Admission: Adults \$5.00 for all 3 days

Children under 12: Free with Parent

(Go to [www.northarkansasflyfisher.org](http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org) for more information.)