



**Kansas City  
Chapter**



**November—2007**

### Club Meeting

**November 27, 2007**

6:30 pm—Christmas Party &  
Featured Speaker—Ray Bauer  
The Global Dorber Group

### Executive Board Meeting

January 8, 2008

7:00 pm

### Location

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

### Next Meeting Date

January 22, 2008 7:00 pm

## Gary's Hackles

It's hard to believe that 2008 is almost here. I look back and wonder where the year went. The sports show is just around the corner followed by fly tying classes and the annual Lunker dinner. The opening day of trout season, March 1, will be here before we know it. Time has a way of creeping up on us and seems to fly by faster the older we get. My fishing and hunting partner for many years, Uncle Mac, always told me to use my youth wisely and never put off a special trip or adventure. "Don't wait until you retire" he'd chide me. His advice has often influenced me. I hope I will never have to say, "I wish I would have traveled more, or taken that fishing or hunting trip that I thought I couldn't afford".

As 2007 comes to a close, think about what you would like to accomplish in the new year. Maybe your goal is to build a fly rod, fish more often or take a fishing trip of a lifetime. Start putting action to your goals so that at the end of 2008 you won't be saying, "I sure wish I had done that".

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## December 8<sup>th</sup> 2007—Bennett Springs Trip

A club fishing trip to Bennett Springs is planned and all club members are encouraged to attend. This is your stress relief before all the holiday shopping and events begin. The winter catch and release program at Bennett Springs started November 10th and continues to February 11th 2008. Fishing is permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 8 am to 4 pm each day. You must have a valid Missouri fishing license, plus a Trout Permit. Winter fishing privileges at all four Missouri trout parks are included in the \$7.00 Trout Permit.



### For More Information

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## Upcoming Events

### January 9 – 13, 2008

KC Sports Show (Starts on Wed)  
Bartle Hall

Fly Tying/Rod  
Building Classes

MTFA trip to Taneycomo

### Fly Tying Classes

Fly tying classes will be held at Bass Pro in Olathe starting on January 19<sup>th</sup> and end February 16<sup>th</sup>. The classes will run for 2 hours and we will need four (4) volunteers for each class session. Please contact David Cook or Roger Theroux to sign up to help conduct these classes. Having the class at Bass Pro is in cooperation with the FFF and Bass Pro's partnering initiative.

### 2008 Membership Dues

You may bring your dues to the November or December events or mail them to MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S Truman Station, Independence, MO 64055.

## The Boats, Sports and Outdoor Show

We will once again be promoting the Missouri Trout Fisherman's club at the Outdoor Show starting January 9th and running through January 12th at Bartle Hall. Contact David Cook to sign up for the times you will be able to work our booth. We need you to also be tying those marabou jigs for the club to sell at the show. If you need any supplies to tie the jigs please pick up the items you need at the next club meeting. This is a great time to meet people and promote our club to prospective new members. Come join us at this event.

## Chili Dinner/Raffle



Our annual Chili Dinner was a great success. Dinner started around 6:30 pm and the raffle started around 7:30 pm. There were great items that our members donated. I believe Kent Inman was the big winner walking off with about three gift certificates to the Rainbow Fly Shop. There were approximately 23 members in attendance. We hope that those who missed this annual club Dinner and raffle will plan on being with us next year.

## Board Election 2008

At the November meeting we will appoint the nominating committee for the upcoming election of the MTFA officers. If you are interested in serving please let David know. Our election will be held in January and installation of officers will be held in February at the Luncheon dinner. Here is a list of the MTFA offices and the current office holder:

President: Dave Cook

Vice-President: Roger Theroux

Secretary: Gary Davission

Treasurer: Debbie Jacques

Members at Large: Charles Jacques, Gary Rose, Marvin Alison, Merrill Miller, James (Red) Duncan & Tom Criswell

## Upcoming Special Events

We have two special events coming up. Be sure and put these dates on your calendar and bring a friend or two to these two exciting guest speakers:

**River Run Outfitters** fly shop and guide service owned and operated by Stan and Carolyn Parker will be speaking to our club meeting at Rainbow Fly Shop on **January 22, 2008** about their services and the why's and why not's of fishing at Taneycomo. Carolyn was featured in a article by Brent Frazee in the Outdoors section of the Kansas City Star back on September 23, 2007. They received the Orvis Outfitter of the Year Award in 2006.

Chuck Prather of Flyfishing Services, Inc of Littleton, Colorado will be at our club speaking and showing a slide show on nymphing. Chuck is a fully licensed guide and has been guiding for over 20 years on rivers, streams, and lakes in the Colorado Front Range region. Come meet and hear Chuck on March 2008 about fly fishing in Colorado.

## Members Bio's—Getting to know your fellow members

(By: Gary Davisson; Secretary)

I am going to start this off and I hope to have a different member each month. So please participate.



Name: Gary E. Davisson

Age: 62

Occupation: Architectural Engineer

Background: I started fly fishing when I was about 11 years old, only you couldn't call it fly fishing. See, we used the fly rod because it was long enough to reach over the cattails to fish the farm ponds around the area in Northern Missouri. My first real fly-fishing trip was to Bennett Springs back in the middle 60's. My wife was from Minnesota and her parents owned a fishing resort so I have fished in Minnesota, Michigan, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Alaska.

Outings: I enjoy steelhead fishing and silver salmon fishing in Alaska. I would like to see the club do more group trips.

Presenters: I have enjoyed all the programs the club has had for us. I would enjoy a noted fly-tyer to come in to do a presentation to the club.

## Fall Overhaul

By Lee Weil - taken from the Long Island Flyrodders Newsletter

As November approaches, most of the fresh water fly fishing aficionados are putting away their rods and reels, with the saltwater casters not far behind. We stow our equipment in cases and tubes, to await the start of next year's season, so far away, with plenty of time to clean lines and check leaders during the winter months ahead. So why then is it that we end up scurrying around like rats in a pickle barrel the night before opening day? If we're lucky we will remember to replace worn leaders before we arrive at the stream, and not have to attempt nail knots with frostbitten fingers. That's providing we have remembered to purchase new leaders and tippet material.

I have come to a realization that all this aggravation can be easily avoided with just a little time spent at the end

of the season. Instead of putting my reels away (out of sight, out of mind), I leave them out on my fly tying table. I tie every morning, so it is impossible for me to not see them and after about 3 days they annoy me so much I am forced to address the situation. It only takes a matter of minutes to clean and dress a fly line, and replace the leader if needed. Wipe out the housing and put a dab of lube on the spindle and you're set to go next spring.

Rods are even easier to put into hibernation. Just as long as they're clean and dry, you only need to check the guides and the grips. If there is a hole in the cork that needs attention you can easily patch it with a mixture of Elmer's glue and cork dust, made by filing a wine cork (we always seem to have plenty of those around.) Allow it to dry thoroughly before storing the rod in its sock and tube.

Waders can be turned inside out to air, and at the same time check the

places that wear out first; the back of the heel and seams on stocking foot models, and knees. If you do a lot of stealth fishing. You don't want to find out about a leak on first day out in February. This is also a good time to replace your laces and do any felt repair that's needed.

If you rinse your net with soapy water (Dawn is excellent) and let it dry it won't have that wonderful aroma when you pull it out of the closet next spring, unless you like that smell, in which case you can seal it in a plastic bag while it's damp. (Which reminds me, if you store gear for a friend, check his wader bag before you put it away; nuff said!)

Finally, don't forget your flies! Rust is contagious, and the foam bed of the average fly box can harbor enough moisture to ruin hooks on the whole batch. I let my boxes air out and while I'm in front of the idiot box I sort through them, remove the chewed up flies and if the hooks are not rusty

they go to the "fly hospital". It's rarely necessary to add more flies, since I have far too many in each box to begin with.

After you've accomplished all of the above, you can rest assured knowing that on Opening Day your gear will be in good shape and ready to fish. Then, when you get home from the stream you can start putting away your skis and hunting gear.

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## Casting Tips and Tricks with Jason Borger (FFF CLUBWIRE)

### Optimum Line Length

Actually getting out and practicing your casting is one of the best things you can do to improve your fishing success. However, there's always that big question: How much line should I be practicing with? Well, when it comes to learning new skills or honing old ones, I recommend using the Optimum Line Length.

The idea of the Optimum Line Length came from my father, Gary, and is based on selecting a length of line that works well for every caster and every rod. The trick for obtaining the Length lies not in some big mathematical algorithm, but rather it's found in a very simple experiment: Begin with about two rod lengths of line (excluding leader) and make a standard overhead cast (no hauls, etc.). Then lengthen the line two feet and cast again. Repeat the process until you have to begin to work beyond your basic energy level in order to cast the line (you'll feel it). Then shorten the line by a foot each cast until you're comfortable again. That's your Optimum Line Length; mark it. The Length will vary for every rod and every caster, but for the majority of casters and rods it's usually somewhere between 27 and 33 feet.

Practicing with the Optimum Line Length will ensure that you're not modifying your casting stroke (with extra energy and motion) as you also try to learn or hone a skill.

(Jason Borger, the Club-Wire's casting columnist, was the 'Shadow Caster' in 'A River Runs Through It' and is Editor of 'The Loop,' the publication of the FFF's Casting Instructor Certification Program).

## Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing EXPO

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers of Bolivar, Missouri, will host their **6th annual fly fishing show on Saturday, February 23, 2008**, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held 9 miles south of Bolivar (14 miles north of Springfield) at the Brighton Assembly of God Church's multi-purpose facility on northbound Highway 13.

The featured speaker will be **Mark Van Patten** of Missouri Stream Teams and host of the PBS syndicated television show "The Tying Bench." Thirty-five of the world's best fly tyers will demonstrate their skills and commercial exhibitors will display their wares. There will be seminars throughout the day on a variety of fly fishing and fly-tying related subjects. Interesting items will be available through bucket raffles, and a live auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. featuring fly fishing equipment, guided fishing trips, and even some non-fishing items of interest to all.

Among the commercial exhibitors will be fly shops that showcase a selection of rods to try out at the casting pool. A casting coach will be available to give free lessons to those wishing to learn the fundamentals of fly casting.

Admission to the event is free and it is open to the public. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Terry Wilson at (417) 777-2467 or via email at [terrywil@windstream.net](mailto:terrywil@windstream.net).

Overnight accommodations are available in Bolivar at Super 8 (417) 777-8888, Comfort Inn (417) 326-6169, Welcome Inn (417) 326-5268, or Country Inn (417) 326-8004.

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