



Kansas City Chapter



July-August 2019

Branson Fly Fishing Expo - July 26-27

When: Friday July 26th and Saturday the 27th.
Time: Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm
Location: Lions Community Building
1015 E. State Highway 76
Branson, Mo 65915

Activities: Fly Casting Demos
Fly Tying Demonstrations
Raffles and Silent Auctions
Many Local Exhibitors

For More Information Call: 417-335-6618 or 417-544-0056

Club Meeting Date:
No Club Meeting in July

Executive Board Meeting
No E-Board Meeting in July

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

Next Club Meeting Date
August 27, 2019

Inside this issue:

- Branson Fly Fishing Expo,** 1
- One Fly Tournament Results,
Fly Fishing A Woman's Perspective** 2
- K&K FlyFisher's Clinics,
Fall Fly Tying Class,
Fall Club Derby at Roaring River** 3
- Trips and Tips,** 4
- Fly Fishing A Woman's Perspective Cont'd,
Caring for Fly Lines** 5
- Caring for Fly Lines Cont'd,
Future Events,** 6
- Project Healing Waters** 7

For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org



Mike George

They are expecting to have approximately 70 fly tiers demonstrating their skills, talking about flies, and sharing tying tips. They will have nearly 25 vendors and factory reps on hand to show you their products and make you a deal. We will raffle and auction off some fine tackle, nets, boots and waders, tackle bags, fly tying stations, artwork, signature flies, and more. Here is an example of some of the featured award-

winning Fly Tyers: Danny Ward, Terry Tanner, Patricia Pezza, Patty Lueken, Clarence Winans, Wayne Simpson, Carolyn Hellmuth, Jay Dzik, Marc Pinsel, Terry Beeson, Dave Tucker, Ryan Walker, Larry Wegmann, and Larry Olson. Famous fly tiers who specializes in "sculpting" deer hair, Mike George and Joe Jackson will be on hand to demonstrate amazing deer hair flies. Adults can learn from fly casting experts demonstrating their skill on our casting pool. On Saturday, July 27, we will hold a Kid's Fishing Event for children 15 and under at the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery below the Table Rock Dam from 9 AM to 11 AM. "Barney Fife" will be there to help the kids and entertain them. Terry Sanders, five-time comedian of the year, will play the Barney character. Terry plays numerous comedic characters at both Silver Dollar City and the CJ Newsome Classic Country and Comedy show. A limited number of rods will be available, but feel free to bring your own. Mentors will be on hand to assist the kids.

Note: If you plan to attend this great event, please make hotel reservations early.

Upcoming Events

July 23, 2019
No Club Meeting

July 26 - 27, 2019
Branson Fly Fishing Expo
(See Page 1)

August 13, 2019
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

August 27, 2019
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

(Fly Tying & Rod Building
Classes Start in September)

September 10, 2019
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

September 24, 2019
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

September 27-29 Club Derby
at Roaring River State Park



MTFA Officers for 2018

President: David Cook
(816) 519-2531

V President: Gary Davisson
(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Lauretta Kellogg

Treasurer: Darrell Durst
(816) 833-3730

Troutline Editor: Gary Davisson
medman3@att.net

Members at Large:

Merril Miller
Roger Theroux
Marvin Allison

One Fly Tournament Results - James A. Reed

The One Fly Tournament was a success. There were around 25 that turned out for the event. A beautiful day to fish and fellowship with a great group of fisher persons.

The winners were:

- 1.) Max Steward with the most fish caught (54).
- 2.) Merrill Miller with the longest fish caught (12" bass).

A big "Thank You" goes out to Master Chef's Marvin and Chery Allison and Bill Otis and his biscuit and gravy spread for the fantastic breakfast. Hope you will plan to attend next year. *David*

Fly Fishing.....A Woman's Perspective



Carolyn Parker

Beautiful, Challenging, exciting, rewarding, relaxing, and the list could go on.

I often tell the story, "my father wanted a boy and only had one child". With this in mind, I probably grew up doing the things Pop would have done with a boy. I was working in the yard with him, on the roof when he was fixing shingles, and definitely going to the lake every time he went fishing. So, I grew up fishing. I tried fly fishing once with my now husband, Stan. Not pretty, didn't have a clue what I was doing, what I was supposed to do, and definitely how to do it. That was the end of that. However, one day a few years later and after we were married, we were fishing on Taneycomo, I observed a man and woman standing in the water doing what Joan Wulff describes as "dancing on the water". After several minutes of intense observation, I told Stan I wanted to learn how to do that, and that's where it all started some fifty years plus ago.

I consider fly fishing to be a true skill that you learn and practice, especially casting. It is absolutely awesome to lay a tiny little fly onto the water's surface with grace and ease. The natural presentation that you must master to fool the fish into thinking your fly is real is a true challenge. I love catching fish, don't get me wrong, but the real fun is fooling the fish. Getting it to take your pattern!

Many a day I have gone to the water totally exhausted, both mentally and physically. After less than an hour of standing in the water, taking in the sun, watching the moving water, and, maybe catching a fish, I am completely relaxed and happy. What more could a person want.

This awesome sport has something for everyone. It is an activity that one can enjoy completely alone or with a group of fellow fly fishers. As I introduce more women to fly fishing, I have learned that it definitely is a sport for women. It does not require muscle, but finesse, some days a little patience (we have lots of

Continued on Page 5



8643 Grant St, Overland Park, Ks.
913-341-8118.

July - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

July 6 - Jig / Euro Nymphs - Paul Taylor
July 13 - Basic Fly Casting 8am - Distance 9am
July 20 - Euro Nymphing - Greg McDonald
July 27 - Doug's Bassenator Flies

All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call 913-341-8118 if you plan to attend)



Learn to Double Haul - 1 on 1 Lessons

Call for Appointment
913-341-8118

Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2019 Trips -

- Sept 7-14 -** Katmai Trophy Lodge Alaska - Naknek River, King Salmon Alaska (6 days guided fishing, 7 nights lodging). \$3995.00
Sept 30-Oct 5 - Missoula Montana - Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Black Foot Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2450.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

Fall Fly Tying Classes



We are still looking for input from you on our fall fly tying classes. If there is a special fly, you would like for us to consider adding to the list that was in our April Troutline, (you can access the Troutline on our web site if you have deleted yours). Please send me either the type of fly or the pattern you would be interested in learning how to tie. If you are planning on attending the fly tying class, call or email to sign up. *Merril*

KC Chapter Derby at Roaring River State Park - Sept 27 - 29th, 2019

Be sure to put this date on your calendar. The Kansas City Chapter of the MTFa will again hold its annual club derby. This is an informal derby for members of the club. The winner will be decided by who catches the longest trout, so measure and take pictures. Please join us for the festivities and frivolity. Reservations can be made for camping or motel at the state park, and lodging is available outside the park at several campgrounds and motels. Many of us will be staying at the Roaring River Resort. This is the motel just outside the park boundary. It is not part of the state park. We will be using their pavilion for most of our gatherings. It is between Highway 112 and the motel building.



Watch for a flyer on this event in August with all the information about the derby.

Gary

Trips and Tips



Michigan Steelhead

You have decided to take a trip, maybe a family vacation or a destination fishing trip. Regardless of the destination. If it's a family trip you may get a chance to sneak off for a few hours of fishing, but if your headed to fishing lodge, you are going to need to bring your fly-fishing gear with you. Traveling with fly fishing gear can be easy if you follow the rules.

Research

Do your research for the trip regardless of the destination or activities. What kind of gear will you need for your destination, types and sizes of flies and leaders you will need, or if going to a lodge, do they furnish flies and leaders? Family vacation, are there fishing spots within walking distance from where you are staying? And is there a fly shop close by to get directions, access places, flies and water conditions. All of these are important questions to consider and research before you pack your bags. You want to go on your trip well informed and ready to make the most of your fishing time.

Carry Your Fly Rod and Reel onto the Plane

This is especially necessary if you are traveling specifically to fish. The last thing you want to have happen is you get to your destination and your luggage is lost or delayed and all your gear is in it. I prefer to use a *Harding & Sons* rod bag as it holds all my rods, reels, my Kindle, med's and my camera's. You can put back up gear you can do without in your checked bag.

Pack Essential Flies and Leaders

Just pack essential gear you will need for your fishing escapes. Two to three leaders and simple range of tippet spools will keep you fishing. Purchase a simple leader wallet and pack a minimum number of flies. It is easy to get carried away with bringing several boxes of flies. Try to bring along just 2 fly boxes with 2-3 patterns of flies that you have confidence in.

Make a List

I have a trip list that I have used for years. I feel this is one of the most important part of preparing for your trip. Not only will it help keep you from over packing, it helps you get organized. You do not want to get to your destination and then find out you left your boots, or waders, a rod, a reel or a fly box at home setting on the kitchen table.

Back Up Rod

Nothing is worse than breaking your rod on day two or sticking it in the ceiling fan putting it together. (This happened to a friend in the Bahamas). Therefore you bring a back up rod. Some lodges carry loner rods just because things happen. If your destination is a lodge be sure to ask if they have loner rods, otherwise take a backup.

If you would like a copy of my trip list, send me a e-mail: medman3@att.net

Gary

Fly Fishing.....A Woman's Perspective Cont'd

that) and sometimes multi-tasking (we excel at that). Each person sets their own pace and goals so there is no pressure.

This sport has taken me to beautiful places I might never have gone to, and I know (and hope) there are many more places yet to come. Kind of exciting.....

Carolyn Parker
Owner/Guide River Run Outfitters
Branson, Missouri.
(417) 332-0460



I want to add that Stan and Carolyn have an awesome fly shop and guide service. This past year they were rated the third best Orvis endorsed fly shop in the country. I have personally fished with both Stan and Carol many times and if you are going to be traveling to Branson, schedule a half or full day guide trip with them. You will not regret it. Gary.



Caring for Fly Lines



Contrary to popular belief, the fly line is arguably the most essential part of any fly rod setup. One can spend top dollar for the most elite rod and reel on the market, but their performance rests largely on the quality of the fly line it is paired with. We go to extreme lengths to protect our fancied rods and reels, but it often stops there. However, with just a little love you can keep your fly line performing like new, not to mention increasing the life span of a line you paid nearly triple digits for! A well-kept fly line will shoot farther, float better, and tangle less for seasons to come. Here are a few tips to increase both the performance and lifespan of your fly line.

Cleaning and Conditioning Your Line. A fly line can pick up a surprising amount of dirt and grime and should be cleaned regularly. Modern fly lines are often slightly porous and are impregnated with a form of lubricant. It is through these pores that the lubricant is able to be released, allowing the line to remain 'slick.' However, dirt and grime can get stuck in these pores, greatly impeding the line's 'shoot-ability' as well as its flotation. Therefore, it is important to clean your fly line periodically with warm water and a mild soap (most fly line companies recommend hand soap), and condition it with a proper fly line dressing (we like RIO's AgentX fly line dressing). In fact, here's a great post on [cleaning your fly line](#) from start to finish.

- **Don't Strip Line Out Across the Post of Your Reel.** When fishing from a boat, or any time where you strip a substantial amount of line off of the reel before fishing, take care at how you strip offline. Most of us tend to strip line straight down towards the ground when pulling it off the reel. This causes the fly line to scrape against the post of the reel on each pull. Instead, pull your line off of your reel in the direction of your

Caring for Fly Line's Cont'd

rod. According to a good friend of ours who has owned a fly shop for over 20 years, this simple change can nearly double the life of your fly line!

- **Avoid Prolonged Sun-Exposure.** U.V. Rays can readily break down the polymers used in most modern-day fly lines. Therefore, it is important to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun. We're obviously not talking about during the fishing day here but take care not to store a fly line on the dash or rigged up on a rod rack for extended amounts of time.
- **Avoid Sunscreen.** This is not an excuse to forget the sunscreen. Sunscreen is important when out on the water, so put it on! However, take care after applying sunscreen not to get any on your fly line. Over time, sunscreen can cause your fly line to break down, greatly reducing its lifespan.
- **Avoid DEET.** Most of us are well aware of the corrosive properties of insect repellent that include deet. Just like it will take the paint off of a car, deet can potentially strip your fly line down to the core. Make sure your hands are clean of deet before handling your fly line.
- **Stretch Your Line.** Before a day of fishing, stretching your fly line can greatly increase its performance. All lines have some degree of memory when stored on a reel for extended amounts of time. Stretching the line is the quickest way to remove this memory, leaving you with a much more manageable fly line. However, some fly line manufacturers recommend advise against stretching a fly line before storing. This is based on the idea that once wound tightly on a spool for storage, the line will contract over time, causing the line to become even tighter, potentially damaging the fly line.

Store in wide loops. If packing up the gear for the off-season (if there is such a thing!), it is important to make sure the fly line is stored in reasonably large coils to minimize memory in the line. It is not always necessary to remove it from the reel however, as on some large arbor reels, the spool of the reel is plenty large enough. Although if using a small reel, or a reel with a small to medium arbor, consider storing it in wider loops for the off-season to reduce memory.

I have been asked this question about taking care of your fly line a number of times this past month. Hope you enjoyed this article from the Deneki Outdoors Blog. (Copied w/ Permission)

Gary

Two Future Event's to Put on Your Calendar



October 5-6 - FFF Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair and Tournament

They are holding their **First Annual Fly Fishers International Southern Council Fly Fishing Tournament** on October 4th and 5th on the Bull Shoals and Norfolk Lake tailwaters of Arkansas' White River. This will be a "catch and release" tournament with two "man" teams. The first place team will receive a cash prize of 30% of the tournament entry fees. Fishing will be done from boats: White River Jon boats, drift boats, or any boat capable of operating on the tailwaters of Bull Shoals or Norfolk Lakes. Each team may submit up to four-time tagged and geo-tagged photos of a trout laying on the official tournament measuring device. First place will go to the team with the greatest length of trout caught, as determined by four pictures.

October 19 - Taneycomo Outing - The Branson Chapter will be hosting the Chili lunch this year. There is always a great turnout from the Springfield MTFA and a few of us from KC just can't help ourselves when there is good homemade chili and fishing involved. It's a beautiful time of year to be in Branson. Hope you will join us for this fun event.

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

Mike Davis, Stephen Licata Qualify for National Finals in Casting Competition

Two fly casters from the Greater Kansas City Program of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing will represent the Heartland Region in the National Cast-Off July 24-27 at Bozeman, MT. Mike Davis placed first in the Regional Cast-Off, and Stephen Licata, who won last year, placed second in the event, held at Lake Quivira Country Club.

David London of the Omaha, NE, Program placed third in the Regional Cast-Off, and Chico Jimenez, also of the Omaha Program, placed fourth. The five-state Heartland Region includes Programs in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

This marked the second year that Lake Quivira Country Club hosted the Heartland Regional Cast-Off, part of its Fore-Fish Golf Tournament celebrating the community's golf and fishing resources. Lake Quivira's hospitality included lunch and dinner for our group, as well as space for an information table, at no cost to our program.

The casting competition was expanded for this, the second year of the national contest. Winners at the regional level will compete in the Cup Division of the National Cast-Off, and runners-up will compete in the Plate Division. The National Finals will be part of the Fly Fishers International Fair at Bozeman.



"We are so grateful to the Lake Quivira community and to Jim Wise for their hospitality and generosity," said Bob Barnett, Program Lead for the Greater Kansas City Program. "This is an ideal setting for the event, and everyone enjoyed the occasion."

John Wright, Omaha Assistant Program Lead, agreed. "We want to thank our hosts and everyone who participated today for making the event so enjoyable. We had a real ball."

July-August Calendar

July 8-10 – Annual trip to Rockbridge Trout Resort.

July 9 – General Meeting at the DAV Hall, 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO, 6pm.

July 16 – General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.

July 17 – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

Aug. 7 – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

Aug. 13 – General Meeting at the DAV Hall, 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO, 6pm.

Aug. 20 – General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.

Aug. 28 – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm



Heartland competitors, from left, David London, Omaha; Mike Davis, Greater Kansas City; Chico Jimenez, Omaha; and Stephen Licata, Greater Kansas City.