



Kansas City
Chapter



April 2020

Club Meeting Date:
April 2020
(Cancelled)
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
April 7, 2020
(Cancelled)
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 26, 2020

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Presidents Message

Late Breaking News:

The MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Spring scheduled for May 15-17, 2020 has been cancelled.

The MDC has cancelled it's activities thru April 30. You can go to the web and check-out the news at <https://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-extends-closures-and-trout-tag-waiver-due-covid-19>

The MDC already announced all the kids fishing days in May have been cancelled.

So the trout parks are open but there are no trout being stocked during the covid19 shutdown. There are no facilities at the state parks like lodging or camping. The bottom line is we have to be patient and hope things will open up sometime in May.



I've turned my attention to crappie fishing at James A Reed. I've caught some nice ones in March. I was catching good numbers near shore in April before the latest chill. I hope they come back when it warms up. I've also caught a few bass in the process of fish-

ing my crappie jig near shore.

So our next scheduled meeting at Fleming Hall is now May 26th. Of course that depends on Jackson County Parks+Rec opening up. That is a hope. Things have to really improve for that to happen. The rules won't change by then. Wash your hands all the time. Wear a mask when you go out. Social distance 6 feet, no hand-shaking, no groups over 10 people. If I left any of rules out you can remind me.

The reality is everyone I know falls into the most vulnerable of our population to this virus. With those facts our executive board will meet and try and figure out if we should have any meetings in the next few months or maybe some other activities we can do as a group. I want us all to make it thru this time in history and when it passes we will celebrate.

David

Upcoming Events

April 1
April Fools Day

April 11
Tri-Lakes Expo *(Cancelled)*

April 7 *(Cancelled)*
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:30 pm

April 28
Club Meeting *(Cancelled)*
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Note: Hoping and praying that we are back to normal by May. Stay safe!!!!

39th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Saturday May 2, 2020



Kids ages 2 to 15 get to show off their angling skills at this fun-filled family event that includes casting clinics, fishing contest and prizes! The derby is held at the old Lake Jacomo beach adjacent to the marina. Derby starts at 9:00am and concludes at 11:00am. Last year there were approximately 100 plus kids that signed up for the derby. We will need volunteers for the registration table,

weigh in station, set up poles as needed, and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. Put this date on your calendar to help promote MTFA and kids fishing day. Volunteers need to be there between 7:00-8:30am to get things organized. Note: Registration begins officially at 8:30am but on some years when we have a large crowd, it has started earlier.

Gary (Note: Jackson County may cancel this event)

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association State Meeting Notes



The meeting was held as planned on March 14th at the Bennett Springs Inn with all 4 chapters, Branson, Springfield, St Louis and KC represented. The main topic was our derby that we have each

year at Bennett Springs. With the uncertainty of what implications the Coronavirus will have on our lives in the Month of May, it was decided to plan for the event as though we would be back to our normal lives and routine. However, since that meeting it has been decided to cancel this derby.



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Tube Flies



Have you thought about tying tube flies for trout or have you ever fished with them. Tube flies are exactly what they sound like.... They are tied up on a tube instead of a standard hook shank. Tubes are thicker than a conventional fly, an attribute most steelhead and salmon

fishermen find desirable. Tube flies have been around for some time now, particularly in Europe. It's only recently that they have been successfully fished on the west coast of Alaska, Washington, B.C., and Oregon. I was exposed to them in Alaska and at the Branson fly fishing expo there was two gentlemen there demonstrating tube flies for trout. Really peaked my interest in trying to tie some and I knew what my wife could get me for Christmas. Here are some reasons for using tube flies:

1. Easier to cast. Being made out of a tube, this fly easily leaves the water. No weight of the hook shank here. Great for beginners learning to Spey cast.

Tube Flies Cont'd:

2. Can use different hook sizes on the same fly. You can adjust the hooks you use based on the fish you are chasing. The same fly can be swung for King Salmon and Steelhead, with a different size hook on each.
3. Flies last longer. As long as you don't put them in a tree, the flies should last longer. Even if the hook gets damaged, you can add a new hook and keep fishing the same fly.

Better hooked to land ratio. By using a small hook that is able to break away from the fly itself (the fly can slide up and down the line) you don't let the fish get extra leverage that it could use to dislodge the hook during some intense head-shakes. If you are interested in trying to tie tube flies, you will need to get either an adapter or tapered needles for your current fly tying vice. Do your research and view some videos on YouTube also visit the *Canadian Tube Fly Company* or *frodinflies*.

If you are interested in learning how to tie tube flies please let Merrill know and we will include some patterns in our fall fly tying classes.

Gary

(Some of the information came from the *Deneki Outdoor Blog*)

DIY Fly line Loop



Most fly lines these days already come with welded loops at the ends for the easy attachment of backing and leaders. If you fish as much as I do though, eventually they get worn out and need to be replaced. Most anglers just use a standard albright knot or nail knot to fix this. It works perfectly fine, but I prefer instead to tie my own fly line loops with a fly tying bobbin and thread. Done correctly, it will provide a stronger connection to your leader than the manufacturers welded loops or knots you tie (this is important when fly fishing for big game species).

The bright thread that you tie the loop with also works really well as a spotter. It comes in real handy when you're fly fishing and you have conditions where it's hard to keep track of your fly in the water. That bright spot on the end of your fly line provides a quick reference that your fly is a leaders length away. Below are step-by-step instructions:

Materials Needed for the DIY Fly Line Loop:

Pair of Scissors

Bobbin with Fluorescent 140 Ultra Thread

Loctite Super Glue (Optional)

Clear Cure Goo UV Light (Can be eliminated if you use Loons UV Knot Sense)

Clear Cure Goo Hydro (Can be eliminated if you use Loons UV Knot Sense)

Step 1: Cut fly line at a 45 degree angle or tying your own fly line loops. (Make sure you cut the line on a 45 degree angle before you start. This will allow you to wrap the thread and fly line finishing with a nice tapered end.

Step 2: Fold over the fly line and secure it down with thread wraps. (Start wrapping your thread at the loop and work your way back slowly until you've covered the 45 degree cut fly line all the way. Then work it all the way back up to the loop. Be precise with your wraps, making them neat. Doing so, you won't have to build everything up so bulky and use so much thread wraps.

Step 3: Whip Finish to secure Thread and Cut with Scissors (Whip finish the thread a couple time and cut the thread. Pack and use a whip finish tool if you need one to tie this knot.

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

Greater Kansas City Program Receives Donation From Air Power Foundation

AirPower Foundation, a philanthropic organization supporting military service members and their families, has awarded our Greater Kansas City Program of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing a \$6,000 contribution, the largest single donation our program has ever received.

We are grateful to the AirPower Foundation, and to Doc Ballard, one of our program participants and advisor to the AirPower Foundation board of directors, whose support and endorsement of Project Healing Waters helped in obtaining this funding.

“This organization has helped me and many disabled veterans, from all branches and from wars, cope with their daily problems,” Ballard said. “Get the guys off the couches and give them something to look forward to: The peace of mind that comes from total relaxation, in a recreational environment, that promotes Fellowship, healing, all in a positive environment, with no cell phones, no challenges, no judging or criticism.

“An idle mind is sometimes cruel to us, and this form of treatment has proven to be very effective in treating the needs of our returning combatants. Just one step closer to getting back to normal, meaningful brain activity and their lives more fulfilling.”



Heart of America Fly Fishers hosted its spring program with noted Colorado flyfishing guide and author Landon Mayer. We are grateful to HOAFF for providing our members a great discount to a great presentation. Here, Eric Mitchell (left) gets Landon's autograph on a couple of his books.



The AirPower CityFoundation has awarded a \$6,000 contribution to the Greater Kansas Program, our largest single donation. Doc Ballard (left) presented the check to Program Lead Bob Barnett.

The activities of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing dovetail with the Airpower Foundation's programs supporting participant morale and welfare, sports therapy and counseling. Established by the nation's oldest civilian military support organization, the AirPower Foundation (airpowerfoundation.org) traces its roots to 1958 when Air Force General Curtis LeMay and businessman-philanthropist Frank Kent formed the Fort Worth Airpower Council.

The foundation provides funding to a full array of programs supporting Veterans as well as active, reserve and National Guard personnel and their families, including fallen heroes.

Activities Suspended by COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed all regular Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing activities, at least through March 31.

Veterans Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park, originally scheduled for April 18,

has been moved to July 11, per the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Other scheduling updates will be distributed via email and Facebook.

K&K April - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's Postponed

Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2020 Trips -

- June 14 - 20 - Missoula, Montana (5 days - 6 nights) \$2550.00
 June 28 - July 3 - Hidden Canyon Lodge Montana - Dry Fly Fishing the Mo
 River (5 days-6nights) \$3200
 Sept 5 - 12 - Katmai Trophy Lodge Alaska - Naknek River (6 days -
 7 nights) \$3995.00
 Sept 27 - Oct 3 - Missoula, Montana (5 days - 6 nights) \$2550.00

Note: These are all Guided Trips and prices do not include tips and transportation.

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DYI Fly line Loop Cont'd

Step 4: Brush on a thin Coat of Super Glue

Step 5: Coat Thread with Clear Cure Goo UV Hydro to the threaded area. You can always add a second coat so don't get messy.

Step 6: Use a UV Light to Cure Everything

I have had to repair a fly line in Alaska once and one of the guides showed me how to do this. I found this step by step loop repair on the Gink & Gasoline blog. It works great and I have used that fly line over and over again. It works great.

Gary