



Kansas City Chapter



August 2023

Club Meeting Date:  
August 22, 2023

Executive Board Meeting  
August 7, 2023  
Fleming Hall - 7:00pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
September 19, 2023  
Fleming Hall - 7:00 pm.

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### Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 15-17



Our Kansas City Chapter Derby will be held this September. 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.

[Roaring River State Park](#) offers lodging accommodations for everyone's taste from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms and camping.

[Roaring River Resort & Campground](#) (417) 847-3235 is a private resort near the state park on Hy-Way 112.

We will gather at the resort picnic shelter on Friday evening where you can register for the derby and get a copy of the derby rules or pre-register at our August club meeting. If you can't register for the derby on Friday or at the club meeting, please send a text message to (Linda Chase (816) 405-4124) and let Linda know your plans.

#### 3 Derby schedule:

**Friday Evening:** Dinner on your own. We will meet at the resort pavilion (on Hwy 112) Friday for meet/greet and snacks.

**Saturday:** Breakfast and lunch on your own,  
Dinner (to be determined) at 6:00pm at the pavilion and Princess of the Stream ceremony.

**Sunday:** Lunch at 11:00am, awards ceremony. Contact Linda Chase or Ken Hicks with any questions. See you on the water.....Ken

### Fly Tying Classes Start in September

It's now August and our fly tying classes will be starting before you know it. We need to start planning for the September classes. We will have three tables set up for tying; one for **Beginners**, one for **Intermediate** and one called the **Challenge Table**. We would appreciate if you would call or send us a note that you will be attending and which table. Helps us determine the amount of materials needed, and number of instructors.

Thank You, *Merril*

For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates  
[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org)

## Upcoming Events

### No Club Meeting in August

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

August 22,  
No Club Meeting

Sept 5,  
E-Board Meeting  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

Sept 15 - 17  
KC Club Derby at Roaring  
River State Park. Get your  
reservations in ASAP)



### MTFA Officers

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## New MTFA - KC Hats:

It's time you replaced that old MTFA hat and get a new MTFA KC hat! You are in luck as we are ordering hats. We will have 4 colors to choose from; Navy/Copper, Bluefin/White, Khaki/Dr Spruce and White/Gold. They will look similar to the one pictured except with the MTFA Patch. If you are interested in acquiring a new hat, please contact David Cook our hattery leader with your choice of color and number of hats you want. Cost will be around \$15.00 per hat.

David Cook (816) 519-2531  
[cookd@umssystem.edu](mailto:cookd@umssystem.edu)



## Pointers on Photographing That Fish:

Let's be honest, much has been said of this topic, so why does it still seem to confound so many?

You've come so far and looked so forward to the trip, and there, laying at your feet, is what makes it all worth it. Now, a quick picture and back it goes.

Let's place the emphasis on 'quick! If I held your head under water as long as some hold fish out of water, you would understand why.

1. **Keep the fish in the water...**this deserves a 'duh'! But seriously, this is particularly helpful with a net or cradle so the fish doesn't have other ideas before you get your moment.
2. **If you are the shooter...**be ready! This means camera out of the case, turned on, set accordingly (ISO, function, etc.), lens clean... The shooter, while yelling 20 instructions to the already nervous and generally uptight angler, should figure out where the best angle will be to shoot from. Generally a darker back ground is best, so I get out in the water and shoot back towards shore, avoiding the bright sky or water glare from 'blowing out' the image. Also...shoot LOTS...if the camera has a rapid frames per second setting...use it. Digital is great for this. There isn't a limit - delete bad shots after.
3. **Once ready for the shot,** (sunglasses off, hair nice) firmly hold the wrist of the tail and cradle the belly. Hold the fish up and point its nose slightly towards the shooter (but not in fully outstretched arms, that's kind of over-done and silly). Make sure the fish is over the water try to avoid a



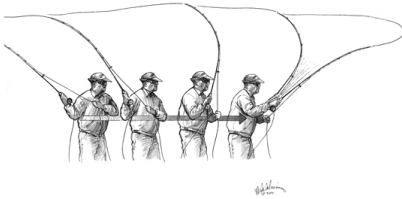
## Taking That Picture Cont'd:

direct reflection from the sun on the fish's sides. Also smile, look at the fish, look at the shooter, be happy!

4. **Do not stand up with the fish!** Please, please, please... bended knee is it. You wouldn't like it I dropped you off a roof, so don't do it to the fish.
5. **A nifty trick** I'll cover the fishes eye's if the shooter didn't read #2 and isn't ready yet...it seems to calm them, most of the time anyway.
- 6 **Remember** a fish resting in a net will be recovering fairly quickly and won't like it when you start picking it up, so be firm and supporting in case it starts to wriggle all over.



**Casting Tip:** By Pat Damico – Taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club Newsletter



Your leader should transfer energy smoothly from the tip of your fly line to the fly. A good general rule for leader construction is 40% butt section, 20% middle or taper section, and 20% tippet, where the fly is tied. To select the proper material for the butt, start with a monofilament whose diameter is 2/3 the diameter of your fly line's tip. Hold the fly line tip next to the butt selection and bend them together in a "U;" they should flex similarly. Use the same brand of monofilament for each section. For saltwater I use Ande monofilament. Put a two turn surgeon's loop at the butt section to connect to your fly line tip. A three turn surgeon's knot will connect each section of the leader. When practicing casting on grass, you can make a grass leader by not trimming the tag ends where sections are tied together. This is especially useful when doing a roll cast because the tag ends will grasp the grass and offer resistance similar to the water. The longer the grass, the more length is needed for the ends. Practice makes perfect only when it is perfect practice.

## Lubricate those Knots - Well:

Good and sloppy.

Some of the most common rigging mistakes the guides tell me they see at their lodges involve knots that haven't been lubricated well. Two of the knots that are used most frequently – the **blood knot**, for attaching sections of leader together, and the **non-slip mono loop**, for tying on a fly – really need to be lubricated well in order to seat correctly. Knots that don't seat correctly are weak.

There's no reason to be stingy with the lubrication! Most folks use saliva, which works amazingly well. After you've formed your knot and before you pull it tight, get plenty of saliva in your mouth, and pull all sections of the knot through it. Particularly with heavier mono (say if you're using a blood knot to attach 25 pound Maxima to 20 pound Maxima), your mouth really needs to be wet to get the knot well lubricated.

It's an easy step, all too often overlooked. Get that knot good and sloppy before you pull it tight!

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### **Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes**

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

### **Fly Tying Classes**

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

**FACEBOOK**

*Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst*

**Facebook.com kkflyfisher Facebook Live Streaming**

**\* Fly Tying**

### **Hosted Trips:**

**Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge**

6 Days Guided - 7 nights (Oct 23-30)  
\$4200

**Missouri River - Wolf Creek**

5 Days - 6 nights (July 9-15)  
\$3750.00

**Montana - Missoula**

5 Days - 6 nights (June 25-July 1) (Sept 24-30) \$3400.00 (Fishing the Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Rivers)  
Venue - Double Tree Edgewater

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

## **Fly Line Maintenance - Rio Fly Line Towelette's**

Routine fly line maintenance and cleaning is something all fly anglers should get in the habit of practicing. Taking the time to clean a fly line after every 2 to 3 uses will greatly increase the life of the fly line, and it will also keep it performing at its best on the water. Remember, it's not just the dirt and grime that builds up on fly lines during our fishing that degrades the performance and life of fly lines. It's also the harmful chemical residues that we often involuntarily bring our fly lines into contact with, such as sunscreen and bug repellent that cause the real damage.

### **4 PLACES FLY LINES GET DIRTY QUICK**

1. Practice casting on the lawn
2. Fly fishing in a drift boat
3. Fly fishing in saltwater
4. Fly fishing in still-waters (lakes and ponds)

### **3 INDICATORS - (that fly line is dirty and needs to be cleaned)**

1. The last few feet of the fly line is sinking during your drifts or fly line mending is harder than normal.
2. The fly line seems to have extra friction working through the rod guides and you can't shoot as much fly line as usual.
3. You notice that the fly line is getting tangled more than normal.

This year, RIO came out with an economical fly line cleaning towelette (one towelette per package \$0.95) that's small enough to stow just about anywhere, costs under a buck, and works great for quick fly line cleaning on the water. There is a video on the RIO web site that explains the benefits of keeping your fly lines clean and the proper way to use the RIO fly line cleaning towelette.

## **Frontline Calendar of Activities**



**Aug 8 - 7:00pm at the DAV**

**Aug 15 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)**