



Kansas City Chapter



February 2020

Club Meeting Date: February 25 Lunker Dinner @ DAV 6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting February 4, 7:00 pm. Fleming Hall

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

Next Club Meeting Date March 24,

MTFA Annual Lunker Dinner - DAV Building

Tuesday February 25, 2020 (6:30 pm - 9:00pm)

Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend our dinner which will be catered at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) building located at 14605 E 40 Hwy., Kansas City, MO. The cost to members and their guests will be \$5.00 per person. If you are a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing participate your cost is being covered.



It won't be long - Opening Day

For PHWFF participants, see your email from Bob Barnett about the details.

Please let David Cook (Email: cookd@umsystem.edu) know you are attending. Bring a guest and join in on the fun!

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The club will hold a raffle and raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

The elected club officers for 2020 are: David Cook - President; Gary Davisson - Vice President; Ardith Haynes - Secretary; Darrell Durst (Treasurer), and Carol Cook (Membership Chairman). Members at Large: Marvin Allison, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux, Ken Hicks.

2020 Membership Dues are Now - Past Due



Dues for the 2020 year are, Individual (\$15), Family (\$30), Legacy (\$10). (Family membership includes all family members up to 18 years of age). At age 18 your child must register as a adult. You may mail your dues and form to: MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055 or you can bring it to the next club meeting.

Go to www.mtfa-kansascity.org to down load the MTFA membership application or print page 6 of this Troutline.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

February 3,
4th Fly Tying Class

February 10,
5th Fly Tying Class

February 11,
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

February 17,
6th Fly Tying Class
Last Class)

February 25,
Lunker Dinner
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February 26,
Fly Fishing Show
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March 1,
Opening Day Missouri Trout
Season - Go Fishing

Fly Fishing Show - February 26



Date: February 26th.

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Glenwood Arts Theatre, Overland Park, Ks

Cost: \$10.00/person

If you love to fly fish and dream of distant travels to remote places or just enjoy watching some great fly fishing film you will enjoy this event. There will be eight short films of individuals at different fishing places around the world. If its organized as in past years they will have raffles for some very nice items. Come and join the fun and meet other fly fisher persons from around the greater KC area and support the host MoKan Trout Unlimited.

Purchase your tickets at K&K Flyfisher, 8643 Grant, Overland Park Ks. and check out flyfilmtour.com to watch video trailers.

President's Message (some tidbits)

In case you haven't heard, fishing permit prices are going up on Mar 1,2020. But you can buy your 2020 permits now (until Mar 1st.) at 2019 prices.

I have a lifetime fishing permit which has a price of \$35 if you are 60 or older. This includes your annual trout permit. Your lifetime permit is still valid in Missouri even if you change your residence to another state.

The lakes at James A. Reed thawed on Super Bowl Sunday, at least enough to do a little fishing. I spent a couple of hours out there on Sunday, Feb 2, but had no luck. I'll be back as long as they aren't frozen. Monday (Feb.3rd) turned out to be a very warm day (67) in Lees Summit, so hopefully the next few days won't completely refreeze our fishing holes.

All our trout parks have had above normal rainfall amounts this winter and the streams are flowing well above normal. Be prepared for high water if you are planning an opening day outing or a visit to Bennett Spring this Saturday.

In case you haven't done this yet, dig into wherever you've stored your tackle this winter, get it out and give it a good cleaning. *David*



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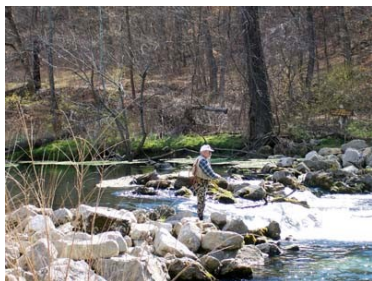
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Merril Miller
Roger Theroux
Marvin Allison
Ken Hicks

Bennett Springs - February 8th - MTFA Winter Club Outing



Will not look this way in January

It's winter time, could be a little cold but lets go fishing. I have adopted a friend's saying "If it's 45 or below, Gary don't go". As I get older that number may be moved to 50 degrees. Really cold weather doesn't appeal to me that much anymore, but I have been Steelhead fishing when it was 12 degrees above zero. Our club has decided to make a trip to Bennett Springs (**Weather permitting**) we will be watching the weather forecast and will send out a flyer to announce the plan of action when we get closer to the date. Plan to meet in the parking lot that is between the store parking lot and the new hatchery building, around 10:00 AM.

Get your cold weather gear out and ready, check your fly box. This is catch and release season at Bennett and is a great time to learn and practice new techniques. If you are new to fly fishing and need some help we will be there to help you. For more information contact any MTFA Board Member.

Gary

Missouri Trout Tag Price Increase *(reprinted from MDC web site)*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will raise the prices of its annual trout permits and daily trout tags starting in 2020. According to MDC, the price increases are needed to better cover its costs of running hatcheries and providing more than 1.7 million trout each year for public fishing. The prices have not been raised since 1999.

Starting in 2020, the cost of an annual trout permit will go from \$7 to \$10 for anglers 16 years of age and older and from \$3.50 to \$5 for anglers ages 15 and younger.

Also starting in 2020, the cost of a daily trout tag to fish at three of Missouri's four trout parks -- Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk State Park, and Roaring River State Park -- will go from \$3 to \$4 for adults and from \$2 to \$3 for those 15 years of age and younger.

Starting in 2020, MDC will begin a pilot program at Maramec Spring Park where the daily limit will be raised from four to five trout and the cost of a daily trout tag for adults will go from \$3 to \$5 and from \$2 to \$3 for anglers 15 years of age and younger. MDC has received public comments requesting the daily-limit return to five trout. Prior to 2004, the daily limit at the four parks was five fish measuring an average of about 10.5 inches. Today, the limit is four fish averaging about 12.5 inches. As a part of the Maramec Spring Pilot, the Department will maintain the current stocking size and daily stocking allotment. The daily limit will be five fish and the possession limit will be increased to 10.

"The five fish for \$5 pilot at Maramec Spring will allow us to survey anglers to determine their level of satisfaction," said MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley. "Gathering input from our anglers and area users is critical as we look at ways to recruit new anglers."

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Special Dates to Remember:

February 11th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks

February 28th - Missouri Trout Permits Expire

March 1st - Opening Day Missouri Trout Season

You can purchase your fishing, hunting, etc. license's on line through the Missouri Department of Conservation web site or even from your smartphone using the Mo. Hunting app. Your valid permit will appear on the app. immediately after your purchase. You can carry your license with you wherever you go. Check out:

<https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits>

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

Eagle Scout Project Will Help Promote Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program will get a boost from Boy Scout Troop 1412 of Smithville, thanks to an Eagle Scout Project to place informational shadowboxes in locations around the Greater Kansas City Area.

The project, developed by Boy Scout Cole Matthews, involves the construction of shadowboxes with a fly fishing theme and placing them in public areas where Veterans are likely to see them. The displays will include information on our program and how to become involved with Project Healing Waters.

After learning about our program, Cole decided he wanted to focus his Eagle Scout project around promoting our program and the benefits it provides for disabled Veterans.

Cole and several of his fellow Scouts from Troop 1412 attended our January fly tying session at the Disabled American Veterans Hall in Independence to give an update on the project and to tie flies with our participants. Some of those Veteran-tied flies, along with fly tying materials and vintage fly fishing equipment, will be displayed in the shadowboxes.

The Scouts have completed a prototype shadowbox,



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1412 of Smithville join Project Healing Waters participants in a fly tying session. The scouts are collaborating on a project to promote our program using shadowboxes with a fly fishing theme.

and plan to have several more ready for placement this Spring.

Many of our participants grew up with Scouting, so we are especially grateful for the support of Boy Scout Troop 1412.

Rod Building Scheduled to Begin in February; Opening Day of Trout Season Approaches

Rod building sessions will begin the first Monday of February and will continue for six weeks. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Fleming Hall.

Feb. 10, 17, 24: Rod Building, Fleming Hall, 6:30.

Feb. 11: General Meeting, DAV Hall, 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO, 6 pm.

Feb. 12: Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

Feb. 18: General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5 pm.

March 1: Trout season opens at Missouri's Trout

Parks.

March 4: Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

March 2, 9: Rod Building, Fleming Hall, 6:30pm.

Women's Group Attends Fly Tying Session

Seven participants in a Women's Veterans Program attended a special fly tying session in January. The session was arranged by Andrea Simpson, Women Veterans Program Manager at the Kansas City VA Medical Center, and Mike Davis, Outreach Coordinator, to gauge the women's level of interest in our program. Women Veterans interested in Project Healing Waters should contact either Andrea or Mike, or message the program through our Facebook page.

February - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

Feb 1 - KC Flats Co. Guided Fly Fishing our Local Waters

Feb 8 - Basic Fly Casting "Never too Cold to Start"

Feb 15 - Bait Fish Streamers w/ Luke Langton

Feb 22 - Tailwater Crustaceans w/ Kevin Shelly

Feb 29 - Hot Spot Jigs w/ Paul Taylor

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



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

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

Feb 29 - March 7 - Black Fly Lodge, Abaco Bahamas (6 days - 7 nights lodging) \$7375.00

March 29 - April 4 - Swain's Cay, Andros Bahamas (5 days - 6 nights) \$3650.00 + VAT

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.

Call for Trip Details and Questions: 1-800-795-8118

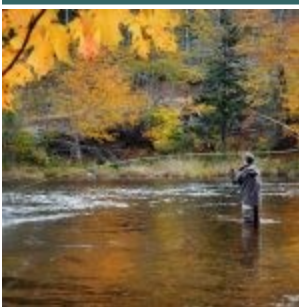
Missouri Trout Tag Price Increase *(continued from page 3)*

The price increases were given initial approval by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its May 23 meeting. As part of the rulemaking process, MDC asked for public comments on the changes during July. The Commission considered input received and approved the price increases and instructed MDC to initiate the pilot "five fish for \$5" at Maramec Spring Park during its Aug. 23 meeting. **The effective date for all trout changes will be Feb. 29, 2020.**

A trout permit is required to possess trout, except in trout parks where a daily trout fishing tag is required during the catch-and-keep season. In addition, a trout permit is required for winter fishing in trout parks during the catch-and-release season and for fishing year-round in Lake Taneycomo upstream from the U.S. Highway 65 bridge. To fish for trout, anglers must also have a fishing permit or qualify for an exemption.

MDC raises trout at five fish hatcheries and releases about 1.7 million trout around the state for public fishing each year. According to MDC, the annual cost of fish food and staff labor to raise a trout in 2003 was about \$1 per fish. The annual cost in 2017 had jumped to nearly twice that amount.

Those five fish hatcheries -- Bennett Spring, Montauk, Shepherd of the Hills, Roaring River, and Maramec Spring Park -- also require regular maintenance, and several have been damaged numerous times in recent years by spring flooding. MDC has spent more than \$11 million over the past decade on repairs and improvements to the hatcheries. MDC also reports that utility costs for the five hatcheries have increased by more than 25% since 2008.



Tri-Lakes Fishing Expo - 2020

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo coming to the Benson Center in Clinton on April 18th, 2020. Doors will be open from 9AM to 4PM. Admission is free. They will have seminars, over 30 regional fly tiers, raffles, auction items, casting instructions, and vendors. For more information call 417-646-5568.

Missouri
Trout Fishermen's Association
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

I wish to become a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter and join in their endeavor to improve the sport of Trout Fishing in Missouri. **I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.** These can be found on the chapter website **MTFA-KANSASCITY.ORG**.

NAME _____ NEW MEMBER () RENEWAL ()

ADDRESS _____ Cell Phone _____

(Hm)/(Wk) Other Phone _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Send Newsletter via email: Yes ___ No ___

BIRTH MONTH: _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Have you ever been a member of any chapter of the MTFA? Yes ___ No ___

Year joined _____ Most Recent Year Paid Dues: _____

- ___ **Individual Dues:** **\$15.00**
- ___ **Family Membership:** **\$30.00**
- ___ **MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)** **\$10.00**

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards and individual email newsletters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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When this form is completed,
mail to:
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc.
PO Box 3202 Harry S Truman Station
Independence, MO 64055

CODE OF ETHICS

To practice the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife, and to encourage others to do the same.
To cooperate with the constructive efforts of the Missouri Conservation Commission and comply with the "Objectives and Purposes" of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point hook lures when fishing in Missouri trout water.
To assist in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the State of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available waters and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.
To help conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, forests, soil and water.
To lend assistance to the Missouri Conservation Commission and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.

The above has been read and agreed to by: _____