



Kansas City
Chapter



February 2023

Club Meeting Date:
Feb 28, 2023 Luncker Dinner
DAV Bldg.
14605 E 40 Hwy, KCMO
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
Feb 8, 2023
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm.

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

Next Club Meeting Date
March 28, 2023
Fleming Hall

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MTFA Annual Luncker Dinner

Tuesday February 28, 2023 (6:30 pm - 9:00 pm)

Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend our annual dinner which will be at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) building located at 14605 E 40 Hwy., Kansas City, MO.

Dinner will be catered by Porky's BBQ and the cost to members and their guests will be \$5.00 per person. **RSVP** to Linda Chase at lschase52@att.net or call her at (816-405-4124) by February 24. The club will hold a raffle, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you have any fishing/fly tying equipment you would like to donate please contact Jessica Niccoli, our raffle coordinator. Bring a guest and join in on the fun!



President's Message:

Aaaaahhhhhh!!! February – The start of a new year, new friends, new activities! And speaking of new activities, I want to thank everyone that voted for me to be President of MTFA. - A person really finds out who his friends are and who has his back when missing a meeting during elections. So, make sure that you attend all of the meetings.

We started the new year with a trip to Roaring River State Park along with Frontline Fly Fishing (FFF) on Jan 6 & 7. The weather was mild and the fish were few, however it provided a good time to review hook removal. Thank you, Mike Davis, for the removal part of the review. Let's not forget to use barbless hooks or to mash the barbs down on those with hooks when fishing catch and release season.

Our fly tying and fly rod making classes that start on Jan 30 & 31 are filling to the point of bursting your tippetts. Sign up quickly to keep an open chair for yourself.

Always remember to keep an eye on the weather, upcoming events on the calendar and your friends at the meetings.

Ken Hicks

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Feb 6 -
Fly Tying Class #2
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Feb 7 -
Rod Building Class #2
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Feb 8,
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Feb 28
Lunker Dinner
(See page 1)

March 1,
Opening Day Trout Season

March 11,
Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing
Expo
Benson Center
Clinton, Mo (More
information next Month)

March 18,
Pre Derby Meeting
Bennett Springs State Park



MTFA Officers

President: Ken Hicks
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(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Jessica Niccoli
(913) 653-3502

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medman3@att.net

Members at Large:

Merril Miller	Bob Barnett
Roger Theroux	Mike Davis
Marvin Allison	Linda Chase
David Cook	
Greg Davison	

Special Dates in February

February 13th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks

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 on your smart phone, wherever you go.

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



Fly Tying & Rod Building Classes at Fleming Hall:

Fly Tying classes start Jan 30th. Classes will be held each Monday evening from 7:00-9:00PM. *Rod Building* Classes start on January 31st will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Enjoy the fun with other club members and non club members tying flies or building a rod. If you are a beginner MTFA will help you learn how to use all the different tools for fly tying and rod building. Any questions on the fly tying classes please contact: **Merril Miller** at: mmiller@kcirishmusic.com or call (816-673-9863), any questions on Rod Building please contact **Ken Hicks** at: kennethhicks07@att.net

These classes are open to all members of MTFA-KC. Put these dates on your calendar, looking forward to seeing you. Please watch your email for any modifications to the schedules due to weather or some other unforeseen event.



Calendar of Events

Feb 14 - 7:00pm at the DAV

Feb 21 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)

MTFA Officers for 2023

Our election was held at the December 2022 club meeting and the installation ceremony was conducted at the January 24, 2023 meeting.

The MTFA 2023 officers are:

President: Ken Hicks,

Vice-President: Gary Davisson,

Secretary: Jessica Niccoli,

Treasurer: Darrell Durst

Members at Large: Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux, Marvin Allison, Mike Davis, Greg Davison, Bob Barnett, Linda Chase, and past-president David Cook.

12 Ways to Tie Better Flies Faster:

Winter is here, and for many of us that means it's fly tying season. If you're looking to restock your boxes for next season, try a few of these tips to fill them up faster!

- 1. Take Your Time on the First Pattern.** Before you hit production mode, take your time on your first fly pattern. Experiment with the most efficient way to tie it. Figure out the most efficient order in which to add materials as well as the direction (up and down the shank) in which you wrap them. Also, use this first pattern to measure how much of each material will be needed per fly (more on this below).
- 2. Prepare Materials.** Prep any materials that can be prepared. Decide how many flies of a particular pattern you are going to shoot for and prep enough materials for all of them. If you will be spinning hackle or marabou, select and prepare each feather by stripping fibers down to the quill at the correct tie in point. Cut all necessary materials to the appropriate length – chenille, braid, wire etc. If using bead chain eyes, cut enough out to meet your goal. Obviously it depends on the pattern you are tying, but the point is to prep every material possible ahead of time – it'll save a lot of time in the long run.
- 3. Organize.** Organize both your prepared materials as well as your tools so that you know where everything is. Fumbling around the tying bench looking for your whip finisher wastes a lot of time, not to mention it's just plain frustrating! Find a system for your tools and head cement that works for you. You don't have to spend all your hard earned on an expensive tool caddy – a block of craft foam from the craft store with holes punched in it works great.
- 4. Production Mode.** If you are looking to tie a lot of the same pattern (like dozens worth), try to think in production mode. Try to do as many of the same step on as many flies as possible. This is most important on steps that require extra time, such as waiting for glue to dry. For example, if tying flies with lead or bead chain eyes, anchor the eyes in the appropriate spot, add some super glue, tie off your thread and repeat. This way, this step is complete on all your flies and you can continue to tie while the rest dry.
- 5. Use Two Vises.** We're not saying you have to go out and buy another vise, but if you have upgraded in the past and still have your old vise collecting dust, try setting it up too! Throw a hook in each vise and complete each step on both flies as you go. Not only will this increase speed, it will create better consistency in your flies too.
- 6. Hold Your Scissors as You Tie.** It may not seem like a lot of time, but if you are tying by the dozen, picking up and putting down your scissors between each step wastes a lot of time in the long run. Practice holding your scissors in your bobbin hand at all times while you tie. That way you never have to reach for them to trim materials. It may feel awkward at first, but after a little practice you will feel naked tying without them in your hand.
- 7. Don't Trim if You Don't Have To.** This depends greatly on the material and pattern you are tying, but sometimes there is no need to trim the excess of some materials, especially at the tie in point. For example, when palmering marabou many tyers will tie the marabou plume in by the tip, trim the excess, and begin wrapping the plume around the shank of the hook. This tiny excess at the tie in point will be engulfed by the rest of the plume and will never be visible. The next time you add a material take note to whether or not it is necessary to take the extra time to trim. If not, eliminating the extra step could save time in the long run.

2023 Membership Dues are Now Past Due .

If you forgot to pay your Dues for 2023 please get them sent in or bring to the Luncheon Dinner. You may also mail your dues and form to MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055. The MTFA-KC Chapter application is on page 5 and you can also download the application off our web site, print it out and mail it.

K&K FlyFishers



Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Fly Tying Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

Hosted Trips:

Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge

6 Days Guided - 7 nights (Oct 23-30)

\$4200

Missouri River - Wolf Creek

5 Days - 6 nights (June 11-17) (July 9-15) \$3750.00

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (June 25-July 1) (Sept 24-30) \$3400.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

12 Ways to Tie Better Flies Faster Cont'd

8. **Use Fewer Thread Wraps.** A mistake made by many new tyers is making too many wraps to anchor down each material. Tying thread is surprisingly strong when wrapped tightly. It depends on the material, but for most natural materials, a good 3-5 wraps will outlast the material itself. Also, if adding several materials at the same tie in point, only take a few wraps on each to hold them in place before covering them all at once with a layer of thread. Doing so will save time as well as create less bulk for better looking flies.

9. **Fold Materials Back.** When tying in long synthetic materials such as flash or rubber legs, use half the amount you want on your finished fly and add them in by making a couple wraps to hold them in place, fold them over, and anchor down. Less wraps are needed to secure the materials this way and thus will save time. By tying in materials in this fashion, you also waste fewer materials as well as create more durable fly patterns.

10. **Shorten Your Thread.** Tie with the least amount of thread outside the bobbin as possible. This may require you to tighten up your bobbin. Big, long wraps of thread not only take longer, they are also not as strong or accurate as small tight wraps.

11. **Applicator Bottle:** Try using an applicator bottle when applying your head cement. Applicator bottles can be found at most well stocked fly shops and are typically very inexpensive. These bottles use a needle tip to squeeze out a drop of head cement that can then be used as a bodkin to spread around. This simple tool eliminates the steps of opening a head cement bottle, dipping your bodkin, and closing the cement bottle. It may not seem like much time, but in the long run it adds up! Applicator bottles can be purchased with head cement included or empty if you have a cement of choice.

12. **Practice Practice Practice.** This one may go without saying, but tying as many flies as possible is the best way to tie better flies faster. We're not exactly sure of the number, but according to fly tying guru A.K. Best, you are not really familiar with a pattern until you have tied twelve dozen. We have also seen it quoted as ten dozen as well as a hundred dozen, but the message is clear – practice makes perfect!

(By Kyle Shea - Deneki Outdoors)

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: _____