



Kansas City Chapter



February 2024

Club Meeting Date:
Lunker Dinner
February 27, 2024
6:30pm

Executive Board Meeting
February 6, 2024
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

Location
Fleming Hall
21806 SW Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Next Club Meeting Date
Lunker Dinner—DAV Building
February 27, 2024
6:30pm

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Annual Lunker Dinner

The Lunker Dinner and Raffle will be held on Tuesday February 27, 2024 (6:30 pm - 9:00pm) at the **DAV on 40 highway**. The cost will be \$10.00/person. **RSVP** to Linda Chase at (816) 405-4124.

The 2024 club officers to be sworn-in are:

- President:** Ken Hicks
- Vice-President:** Gary Davisson,
- Secretary:** Jessica Niccoli,
- Treasurer:** Darrell Durst

Members at Large: Merril Miller, Roger Theroux, Marvin Allison, Greg Davison, Linda Chase, Bob Barnett.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact Jessica Niccoli (913) 653-3502, our raffle coordinator.

Bring a guest and join in on the fun!

Special Dates to Remember:



- February 12th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks
- February 29th - Missouri Trout Permits Expire
- March 1st - Opening Day for Trout Season at Missouri State Parks

2024 Membership Dues were Due in January



Dues for the upcoming 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.

A MTFA-KC Chapter application will be in the January & February Troutline. You can also download the application off our web site.

Thank You.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

February 5,
Fly Tying/Rod Building
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

February 6,
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

February 12
Fly tying / Rod Building
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

February 19
Fly tying / Rod Building
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

February 26
Fly tying / Rod Building
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

February 27
Club Meeting –Lunker Dinner
DAV building
6:30 pm



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Frozen Rod Guides - Try Lip Balm

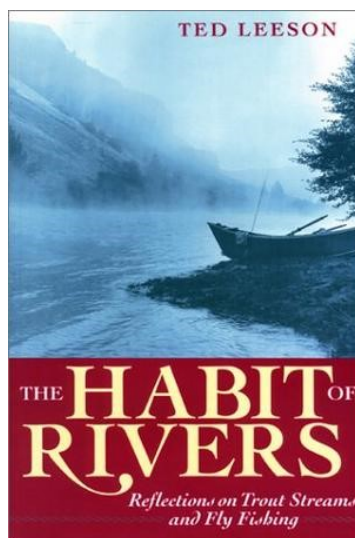
Without a doubt, one of the most frustrating things about fishing in freezing temperatures is the tedious task of freeing up frozen fly line and rod guides in between casts. The need to chip off ice immediately after each cast is enough to keep anyone inside tying flies, but there are some solutions.

Try Lip Balm!

A simple tried and true solution is to lightly coat the rod guides using a 'Chapstick' style lip balm. Doing so discourages ice build-up on the guides and lets you keep fishing. Although, due to the petroleum base of most lip balms, some believe this could wreak havoc on certain rod resins and/or PVC coatings on many modern fly lines. Not sure if the small amount of lip balm used would really make that much of a difference, but we'd rather not take the chance.

However, it came to our attention that there are now many 'organic' or 'natural' lip balms on the market utilizing ingredients such as beeswax instead of petroleum based chemicals. Therefore, we've taken to trying out such products and think you should to!

Book Review



Originally published in 1994, this book was a fly-fishing phenomenon in the way Howell Raines' Fly Fishing Through the Mid-Life Crisis was. Taking his fishing hobby to near metaphysical levels, Ted Leeson tells about his passions: rivers, trout, and fly fishing. With wry humor and rare insight, he explores questions that engage most fishermen: What is it about rivers that draws us so irresistibly, and why does fly fishing seem such an aptly suited response? Above all, The Habit of Rivers is about ways of seeing the wonderfully textured world that emanates from a river.

Great Book, Gary

Frontline Fly Fishing



Calendar of Events:

February 13 - 7:00pm Meeting at the DAV

February 20 - 5:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop (Bring your fly tying equipment. There will be some kits available)



Winter Trout Fishing at Area Lakes

The 2024 Sowbug Celebrating The Elegant Wet Fly

A celebration of fly fishing will be held March 21 - 23, at the Baxter County Fair Grounds, 1507 Fairgrounds Drive, Mountain Home Arkansas 72653. The hours are 9am to 4pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday .

There will be demonstrations by 120+ Expert tyers from around the USA and sometimes foreign countries, Vendors and Exhibitors, Seminars, Tying and Casting Instruction. There will also be drawings and auctions. The admission: Adults \$10.00 for all 3 days. (Under 12 free with parent). Free fly tying classes for kids.

There is fishing in nearby North Fork and White Rivers. There are many of our MTFA members that attend each year.

Guest of Honor Davy Wotton

Davy is one of the world's foremost experts on the arts and science of fly fishing the traditional wet fly. Which makes him a perfect choice for the Guest of Honor at a the next Sowbug Roundup, which will have a focus on the "Elegant Wet Fly".

Davy caught his first fish in the early 1950's and that started him on a life-long pursuit of fly-fishing perfection. This included everything from recreational fishing, professional fishing, fly tying materials manufacturer, industry consultant, conservation leader, fly tying expert, TV personality, guide, speaker, author, and teacher. Davy has been inducted into the Fly-Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians Hall of Fame – a well-deserved honor. Above all, Davy cherishes the friendships he has developed through decades of fly fishing and fly tying.

Davy will be in the featured tyer area, he will do a couple of presentations on the art and science of wet fly fishing, and "compete" in a wet-fly tie off "against" Tim Flagler. The best part - Davy will be around the floor for some good conversation.

Special Guest Tim Flager the owner of Tightline Productions, L.L.C., a video production company located in Califon, NJ. Although he produces video programs over a wide range of topics, his specialty is fly fishing. Tim is a well-known fly tying instructor. His YouTube videos are some of the best in the business and his YouTube channel, practicalpatterns.com

K&K FlyFishers



FACEBOOK

Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst
Facebook.com kkflyfisher Facebook Live Streaming

Bahamas / Abaco Island - Black Fly Lodge
(Feb 21-28, 2024) \$7000.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

Trout Dying for a Photo Opt.

In the past couple of months I have read a few articles on fish dying do to us anglers wanting a picture to share. Just look at the number of pictures on Facebook with people holding their catch and even though they may release the fish and it swims off the chances of it surviving really depends on a number of things. I believe that most fly anglers today would agree that catch and release is very important to our sport and it helps promote better fisheries. Releasing a fish back into the stream or river to fight another day is an awesome feeling and really adds to the experience. Trout Unlimited released a report on handling stress of fish from catch and release fishing. Here is some of their findings from their report:

15-20 Seconds. According to the report, a fish should never be out of the water longer than 15-20 seconds. After this length of time, the survival rate of released fish drops fast. In fact, one study found that rainbow trout had an 88% survival rate when exercised to simulate being caught. However, once exposed to air for 30 seconds, the survival rate dropped to only 62%! So, once you've landed your fish and removed the fly (in the water of course), make sure everything is ready to go before hoisting him out of the water for a photo. Aim for one big lift for that hero shot (closer to the water is better), before putting him right back in the water.

Long Fights Mean High Stress. The amount of time the fish is played is one of the largest contributing factors of stress on a fish. According to the report, some studies have shown that up to 89% of fish played to exhaustion die after being released. You don't have to be a statistician to know that's not good. Use as heavy gear you can get away with (within reason of course), and put the steam on! You may be surprised you'll land more fish by doing so!

Learn to Remove Hooks. The report also mentioned that some studies found that more fish were harmed by novice anglers, due to a longer time required to remove hooks. This shouldn't be discouraging to any novice anglers out there. Practice makes perfect! However, if you think you might be in this category, try this exercise. Take an orange (or similar fruit) and stick the hook point of a fly into the peel. Grab the hook with your forceps, and rotate your wrist in the opposite direction of the hook bend. Practice until you are comfortable removing hooks quickly and safely.

In summary of the report, the good folks of TU offered some 'common sense' guidelines that every angler should abide by in order to minimize stress to the fish. Be a responsible angler and follow suit!

- Minimize angling duration (the time a fish is played and handled for hook removal).
- Minimize air exposure by removing hooks with the fish in water and photographing fish quickly.
- Use barbless hooks and artificial lures/flyies.
- Use rubber nets void of knots that protect fish scales and mucous.
- Avoid angling during extremes in water temperature.

In my opinion some of the best pictures you can take of your catch is with the fish half in/out of the water. When fishing with a guide, I hand him/her my waterproof camera and tell them to take pictures.

Gary



MTFA-KC Yearly Calendar:

| 2024 MTFA Yearly Planning Calendar - last | |
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| DATE | EVENT |
| 1/2/2024 | E-Board |
| 1/8/2024 | Fly Tying #1 |
| 1/15/2024 | Fly Tying #2 |
| 1/22/2024 | Fly Tying #3 |
| 1/23/2024 | Club Meeting (New Officers Installed) |
| 1/29/2024 | Rod Building #1 |
| 2/5/2024 | Rod Building #2 |
| 2/6/2024 | E-Board |
| 2/12/2024 | Rod Building #3 |
| 2/19/2024 | Rod Building #4 |
| 2/26/2024 | Rod Building #5 |
| 2/27/2024 | Club Meeting/Lunker Dinner/Raffle |
| 3/4/2024 | Rod Building #6 (make up if necessary) |
| 3/5/2024 | E-Board |
| 3/16/2024 | Pre-Derby Meeting Bennett Spring |
| 3/21/2024-3/23/2024 | Sow-Bug Roundup Mountain Home Ark. |
| 3/26/2024 | Club Meeting |
| 4/2/2024 | E-Board |
| 4/13/2024 | Tri-Lakes FF Expo |
| 4/23/2024 | Club Meeting |
| 5/4/2024 | Jackson County Kids Derby |
| 5/7/2024 | E-Board |
| 5/18/2024-5/19/2024 | MTFA Spring Derby |
| 5/28/2024 | Club Meeting/Fish Fry/Raffle |
| 6/1/2024 | One-Fly Tournament |
| 8/6/2024 | E-Board (Election) |
| 8/27/2024 | Club Meeting |
| 09/14/2024 - 09/15/2024 | Roaring River Fall Derby |
| 9/23/2024 | Fly Tying #1 |
| 9/24/2024 | Club Meeting |
| 9/30/2024 | Fly Tying #2 |
| 10/1/2024 | E-Board |
| 10/7/2024 | Fly Tying #3 |
| 10/14/2024 | Fly Tying #4 |
| 10/22/2024 | Club Meeting/Chili Supper/Raffle |
| 10/28/2024 | Fly Tying #5 |
| 11/4/2024 | Fly Tying #6 |
| 11/5/2024 | E-Board (Election) |
| 12/3/2024 | Christmas Party (Elections) |

Please print this page so you won't miss out on some great activities. *The E-Board*

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: _____