



Kansas City
Chapter



June 2020

Club Meeting Date:
June 23, 2020
(Cancelled)
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
June Meeting
(Cancelled)
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
July 28, 2020
(To Be Determined)

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Presidents Message

We have no club activities scheduled for June and July. -- David

Enjoy a blast from the past courtesy of Jim Tobin. This is an ageless fishing classic that his parents experienced. They were two of the founding members of MTFA in Kansas City. This story is from around March 1958.

Copied from the KC Star - by Frank Alexander (a member of the Star's Sports Staff.)

There is joy in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tobin, 1443 East 78th St. Each caught a big rainbow on the second day of the Missouri trout season at Bennett Spring State Park, two of the largest creeks on the initial weekend in the one and a half miles of fast water.

"We didn't do so well on the opening day, but our luck changed Saturday morning," Mrs. Tobin commented. "I started to cast at a point on the lower fly water and hooked into a daddy, weighing 3 lbs and 10oz., using a brown grub with grizzley hackle and a No. 3 Colorado spinner.

"I walked to the upper fly water with the rainbow in my net to show my husband who also had scored with a fly rod. About the time I arrived at the spot where he was casting, I heard him make a remark to another gentleman angler, 'Well, at last I'm going to rule the trout roost in my family. She doesn't know I have a 3 lb, 7 oz. rainbow on my stringer.'"



The Tobins, after comparing their fish, decided to let the scales tell the story. Mrs. Tobin won by 3 ounces.

"Now, Mr. Tobin, who is going to rule the trout roost in our family, you or I?" the woman angler asked.

The baits used by the Tobins were tied by Mrs. Tobin, a graduate of the fly tying class at the World War II Memorial building, sponsored by the Kansas City chapter of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association.

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The Kansas City chapter was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pfeifer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Mr. and Mrs Jack Landreth, Lous Hoppe, Claude Relf, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Kenny Jonson, Charles Kitchen and Bill Fithian and party.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

June activities cancelled

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

A Good Way to Clean Your Gear



A rock covered with New Zealand Mud snails, an AIS species now found in the United States.

From zebra mussels to didymo, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are organisms that can be unintentionally transported to new waterbodies and quickly alter the ecosystem. This is the reason Alaska has a ban on felt sole boots. It is done in order to *stop the*

spread of these nuisance species. The various species spread from people (boaters, fishermen, etc.) using gear in one waterbody and then unknowingly transporting DNA from the species to a new waterbody. Simply drying your gear between locations does not guarantee you won't transport them. The DNA can stay alive outside of the water for weeks and once introduced into a new environment, it often spreads very fast threatening the biodiversity and aquatic habitat. The best way to protect your local waterbody is by not allowing these species to be introduced in the first place as once they have taken over, we have no real way of stopping them.

There are a few different decontamination options that have a range of effectiveness. The "clean, drain, dry" method is given to boaters but the only way to be 100% certain the boat has no living organisms that pose a threat is to flush the boat and its motor with water over 155 degree Fahrenheit. Many states now have *decon units* set up at boat ramps of popular reservoirs to clean the boat with hot water if it was previously used in a different waterbody. For gear like waders, not many people have access to a decon unit so they recommend cleaning the gear with a strong detergent like [409 degreaser](#) but there is still some debate as to whether or not that kills 100% of the DNA of these organisms. A lesser used approach that I find easier is to simply freeze your gear. If you have a large chest freezer, put your waders and boots in there for 8 hours and you will kill all AIS. Just do it a day or two before your trip so you don't have to put on frozen waders.

It is up to us to stop the spread of these organisms. Promoting awareness and doing your part to clean your gear, especially if you are traveling from a waterbody that has tested positive for AIS, goes a long way to ensuring these organisms do not get introduced into your favorite fishing spot.

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Fishing Emergers *By Matt Selders*

Early spring brings some nice hatches in Utah, the best of which are the prolific blue winged olives and midges. These insects are very small and are matched by artificial in sizes from #16 through #24. But don't let the small sizes fool you; fish eat them in great numbers. For these insects to be a staple of the trout's diet, they need to be eaten in large quantities. The prolific hatches can sometimes hinder an angler, when fish become selective as to what insect they prefer and, in some cases, at which stage of development the preferred insect is most easily consumed. These elements combine to make for tricky fishing conditions.

Trout seem to feed readily on adult insects exclusively almost every day in the spring. But they are actually eating many insects that are in the emergence stage. After reviewing the stomach content of many fish during hatch times, I have noticed that trout seem to prefer the emergence stage of the insect over the adults. I don't presume to know why, but 19 out of 20 insects taken from stomachs are nymphs or emergers, with few adults. Learning to fish emerger patterns can greatly increase your success rate.

Many people fish nymphs with some success; others prefer fishing dries. I'm going to describe a technique that is a combination of both, to a degree. Unlike nymph fishing, this rig is easy to cast, yet it does not require the delicacy needed to cast dry flies.

Start with a 4-or 5-weight rod with 12 feet of 5x leader. Starting at the butt section, add micro strike indicators every 8—10 inches, until you have four or five on your line. Two types of indicators work well: the Palsa stick-ons and the Bio-Strikes from Loon Outdoors. I like the Bio-Strikes because they are biodegradable. Each indicator is about the size of a small pea. Singularly they have little buoyancy, but together they have more total than many of the much larger indicators. They cause much less wind resistance and are easily cast.

After determining which flies to use (I prefer two on a line), attach the first to the end of your leader. Add 20 to 24 inches of leader to the bend of the hook, then attach your second emerger. Watch the rise forms of the fish. If they are only occasionally breaking the surface add a single #8 split shot 12 inches from your first fly. If they seem to be feeding much closer to the surface, use no weight at all.

Place your cast across the river and slightly upstream of the rising trout. A few mends to combat current are all that is needed. Make quite a few presentations until the fish takes. The strike is often very subtle, but your indicators are very sensitive.

Instead of the entire indicator system disappearing beneath the surface, only 1 or 2 of the micro indicators will disappear when you get a strike. Sometimes, if you watch the drift carefully, the multiple indicators will almost point to the flies like an arrow. You will often see the fish "flash" underwater as he takes your fly, even before an indicator moves an inch.

Good emerger patterns include Rainbow Warriors, WD-40s, Serendipities and palomino midges.

This is one of my best techniques for spring fishing. It is my go-to pattern for finicky fish. Try using different colors of indicators and different lengths of leader until you develop a system that works for you.

(Published in Utah Outdoors magazine, Feb. 2002)

Going Fishing is More Than Catching Fish

Here we are another month gone by, stores and restaurants are starting to open up. Our state trout parks are now stocking fish, it's a step toward getting back to normal. While being a home more, tying flies, cleaning gear, planning fall fishing trips and creating a slide show of my bone fishing trip, I've thought about some of my past trips and discovered the trips were more about the adventure, scenery, and comradery than whether I caught fish or not.

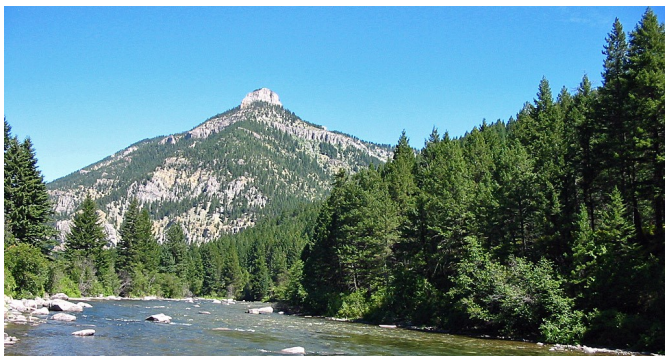


The memories that are made on fishing adventures are priceless. Gear left at home, melting a pair of wading boots on a heater, sticking a rod in a ceiling fan and we haven't even started to fish, falling into a boat, falling out of a boat and losing a rod and reel.

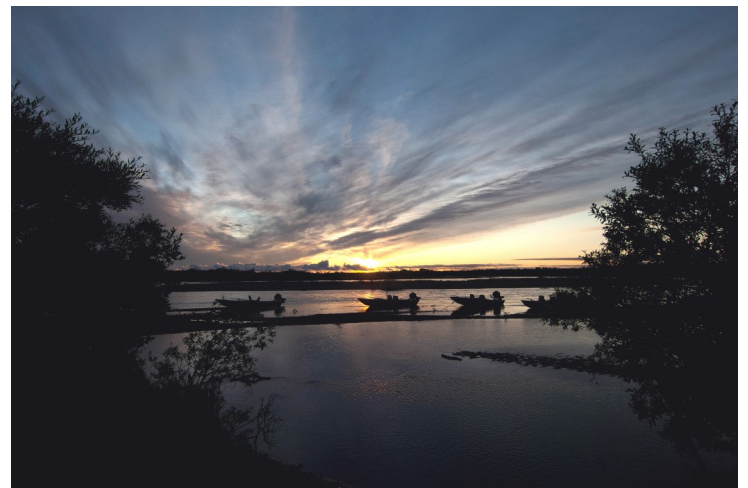
My fishing buddy Barry and I have had epic days on the water catching steelhead in Michigan and enjoyed our days on the San Juan River in New Mexico.



I enjoy taking lots of pictures of everything just documenting the area and all things that make up the trip. My wife says I have a lot of pictures of fish, and I do. But, a lot of scenery also. Fly fishing takes you to some of the most beautiful places around and I carry a camera everywhere all the time. Have you noticed there are no fish pictures in this article. Maybe I should do a article on fish pictures.



In closing, take lots of pictures on your trips. With the technology we have today, when you get home you can delete, delete and delete. Gary



K&K June - Fly Fishing Tuesday Clinic's



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June 2020
Saturdays

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Call ahead for drive by pickup. It's important to support your local fly shop. Gary

In Memory-



Bobby D. Britton
1931 - 2020

Bobby D Britton Bobby D Britton (88), passed away peacefully on May 16, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. He is a long time resident of the Raytown community. He was born the son of George A Britton and Frances Dearing Britton on July 14, 1931 in California, MO. He served in The United States Air Force as Staff Sergeant during the Korean War. He attended business school for 2 years and began a job working for Kansas City Loose Leaf Company when he returned from active military duty in 1955. Bobby became the owner of Kansas City Business Supply and worked there until 1993. He was a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association most of his life. Bobby joined the Temple Gate Masonic Lodge #299 some years back. He was an avid hunter and fishing outdoorsman that he devoted much of his life too. Bobby was United in Marriage to Betty Caregiver Britton in 1985 who passed away on March 5, 2004. He is survived by his son Kevin Britton and his wife Fe Britton of Raytown, MO, his daughter Velinda Britton of Denver, CO and his granddaughter, Faythe Britton of Raytown, MO and by his step daughter, Janet Trusty of Moberly, MO. Memorial Service is scheduled to be held at Unity Village, Lee's Summit, MO at a later date.

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