



Kansas City Chapter



March 2019

Club Meeting Date:  
March 26, 2019  
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
March 12, 2019  
7:30 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
April 22, 2019

MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting  
Bennett Spring State Park  
Restaurant March 9, 2019  
1 PM.

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### For More Information

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

## March Meeting - Special Guest Speaker (Brent Frazee)

We are excited to have Brent Frazee join us at our March club meeting. He will be sharing a photography power point presentation on places he has been to in the state of Missouri. Brent Frazee was the outdoors editor for the Kansas City Star for 36 years before retiring in August, 2016.



During that time, he won more than 75 state, regional and national awards for his writing and photography. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Outdoor Writers Association of America in 2014, and was inducted into the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame in 2015.

He continues to write, both freelancing for magazines and newspapers and as the writer of a website. He won seven awards for his writing and photography in 2018. He lives on Riss Lake in Parkville, Mo., with his wife Jana, his chocolate Lab, Zoey, and his yellow Lab, Millie.

Join us for a great evening and invite a friend. *Gary*

## 2019 Membership Dues are Due



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 or you can bring it to the next club meeting.

Go to [www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org) to down load the MTFA membership application or print page 6 of this Troutline.

## Upcoming Events

March 1, 2019  
Opening Day Missouri  
Trout Season

March 9, 2019  
MTFA State Meeting  
Bennett Springs State Park  
Bennett Springs Lodge  
Restaurant  
1:00 pm

March 12, 2019  
E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:30 pm

March 26, 2019  
Club Meeting  
(Guest Speaker)  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

## Lunker Dinner In Review:



Members and guests gathered at the new DAV restaurant for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 26. This year the club sponsored the dinner and it was great.

It was exciting as there were over 50+ people in attendance.

David Cook, our current club president, conducted the raffle. The 2019 club officers were sworn in:

David Cook -President;

Gary Davisson - Vice President;

Ardith Haynes - Secretary; Darrell Durst - Treasurer.

Members at Large: Marvin Allison, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux and Ken Hicks.



### MTFA Officers

President: David Cook  
(816) 519-2531

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Treasurer: Darrell Durst  
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medman3@att.net

### Members at Large:

Merril Miller  
Roger Theroux  
Marvin Allison  
Ken Hicks

## President's Message

Wicked Winter weather did not stifle this year's Lunker Dinner. We had an excellent turn-out of both new and old members. This year we outgrew our capacity of Fleming Hall for a Lunker Dinner. I was looking for an alternate site and Ken Hicks suggested that the DAV would make a great meeting place and he was correct. By having the catered dinner, it set the stage for having a relaxed, fun-filled environment to visit and swap some fish stories.

In case some of you haven't heard, KC winter trout fishing program had all of the trout lakes stocked by the MDC on Feb. 14th. This past Saturday, March 2nd, I drove out to James A. Reed Wildlife Area to inspect the ice. Plover Lake was wide open. So, even though we are kissed by another arctic blast, local trout fishing is not that far away. March will be the last month the MDC will stock trout for the winter trout program in the Kansas City area.

Looking for something different? Consider the [Sowbug Round-up](#) in Mountain Home Ar., Mar 28-30, 2019. It is a three day fly tying fly fishing show with over 100 fly tyers and many quality vendors. It is held at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mt. Home. It is close to the Arkansas State University-Mt. Home campus. This event is put on by the [North Arkansas Fly Fishers](#). They have been doing this for decades and it is one of the best show. Check the [Sowbug webpage](#). it has all the information. A trip to Mt. Home will also put you in the middle of some of the best trout fishing in the country. I've made reservations, how about checking it out.

*David*

## Overlining A Fly Rod - Do or Don't by Gary Davisson



It's interesting to me how people are either adamantly against overlining (putting a 6- or 7-weight fly line on a 5-weight rod, for example) or totally in favor of it. I'm somewhere in the middle. On the one hand, rods are built to handle specific lines for a reason. That being said, the moment you put a 6-weight line on a 5-weight rod, the rod becomes a 6-weight, right? The advantages of doing this are that the heavier line loads the rod more, you can feel that when you cast, it can help you fling heavier flies, and bust casts into heavy headwinds. It can also help turn over a [longer leader when you use one.](#)

Some people worry that this is a crutch. If you get too dependent on the heavy line, they say that it ultimately fouls up your casting stroke (I do not believe this). They say just figure out how to cast an 8-weight rod with an 8-weight line in the wind, or else go up in size when you know you will [cast larger flies?](#)

Of course, there are no rules for any of this, and I admire how anglers adapt and adjust their gear to optimize performance and success. I'd never criticize anyone for over-lining, or refusing to do so, for that matter. I don't think it's like throwing deflated footballs in an NFL playoff game. But are you cheating yourself and your own skill development by using fly lines off label?

In my opinion a well-designed rod should work with 2- or 3-line weights easily. Of course, on the light end of the spectrum 1-3 wt this is probably narrow but in mid ranges 4-6 one can play around with line weights quite a bit. Then say your using a Sage One or Sage X, they will cast the rated line weight and at least 2 up very easily, but never down.

I think if done in moderation, in specific situations, it's probably a good thing. *Gary*

## Mellow Yellow Carp Fly



### **Mellow Yellow Carp Fly Tying Recipe:**

**Hook:** #04-08 Gamakatsu SL45 or Tiemco Black 2499 SP-BL

**Eyes:** Medium to Large Black Brass Eyes

**Thread:** Olive UTC 140

**Tail:** Tan or Ginger Woolly Bugger Marabou  
**Legs:** Yellow Chartreuse Banded and Speckled Crazy Legs

**Body:** Stonefly Nymph Gill SLF Whitlock Dubbing

**Collar:** Natural India Hen Back

**Head:** Stonefly Nymph Gill SLF Whitlock Dubbing

The *Mellow Yellow* is a great Carp Fly developed on the [Denver South Platte River](#) by [Nate O Taylor](#). The Mellow Yellow has just the right amount of natural color, movement and profile to fool picky carp. The Mellow Yellow is a great fly when chasing Giant Carp On The Fly. The Mellow Yellow is a moderately simple carp fly to tie, but yet is very effective. Next time you are chasing *Carp On The Fly*, give the Mellow Yellow a shot!

Copied from <http://intheriffle.com/fishing-videos/fly-tying/mellow-yellow/>

If you have not visited this web site be sure to check it out. It is a great site for videos for tying flies.

*Enjoy, Gary*

## Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

### Donor Supports Project Healing Waters Program With Donation of Classic Fly Rods

Dan Prier has too many fly rods. That's a problem for him, but a blessing for our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Greater Kansas City Program.

As Prier's love of fly-fishing has grown, so has his collection of fly rods. He has his favorites, of course, but that means that other rods don't get much use. One of those rods is a magnificent split bamboo rod hand-crafted by master rod builder Mike Clark, founder of South Creek Ltd. of Lyons, CO ([www.southcreekltd.com](http://www.southcreekltd.com)). So Prier is donating the rod to our program, complete with a Ross Evolution reel.

"The rod has more value in your hands than it does in mine," he said as he presented the rod to Program



**Dan Prier, with the bamboo rod he donated to our Project Healing Waters Program.**

Lead Bob Barnett. "I know you'll put it to good use."

Prier also donated another outfit, a St. Croix Legend Elite with matching reel. Both outfits will be auctioned at the national level, with proceeds benefitting our local

program.

He understands the restorative nature of fly-fishing and wants to share it with Veterans.

"When I'm fly-fishing, God is touching me, giving me a way to get in touch with Him and with Nature in a new and different way," Prier said.

## Calendar

Rod building sessions will continue in March on an as-needed basis. All entries must be received at PacBay by April 19 for judging. Results will be announced May 3.

**March 1:** Opening day of the Trout Season at Missouri Trout Parks!

**March 12:** General Meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO, 5:30pm.

**March 13:** Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

**March 16:** Fishing outing at Lake Quivira, courtesy of Jim Wise and the Lake Quivira Fishing Club.

**March 19:** General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.



**VFW Post 30 members Dale Mellon (left) and Jim Cook (right) presented Bruce Storts, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, with a very generous donation to our program. We are grateful for their support and friendship.**

## K&K February - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

March 2 - Fly Casting Basics - Get Started  
 March 9 - Essential Bass Flies - Luke Langton  
 March 16 - Learn How to Double Haul  
 March 23 - Sage, Rio, Redington Rep Day  
 March 30 - Carp/Pan Fish Flies - Kevin Shelly  
 All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call if you plan to attend)



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

### Fly Rod Building Class:

Create your own custom rod in this fun 3 week class. Starting **March 9** (3 sessions) Saturdays 2-4pm Cris Carpenter - Instructor

Limit Six Students Cost \$60.00 (Call 913-341-8118 for reservations and information)

### Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2019 Trips -

- May 5-11** - Bahamas Bonefish / Permit Trip Swain's Cay, Andros Island (\$3650)
- June 30-July 6** - Great Waters Inn - Montana fishing the Big Hole, Beaverhead Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2850.00
- Sept 7-14** - Katmai Trophy Lodge Alaska - Naknek River, King Salmon Alaska (6 days guided fishing, 7 nights lodging). \$3995.00
- Sept 29-Oct 5** - Missoula Montana - Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Black Foot Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2450.00
- Oct 19-26** - Black Fly Lodge, Schooner Bay Abaco Bahamas (6 days guided fishing, 7 nights lodging) \$7375.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

## New Missouri State Record Caught at Taneycomo



Paul Crews of Neosho, MO, landed the biggest brown trout Saturday anyone's ever caught in the state of Missouri to date. It was officially weighed by Missouri Department of Conservation Fisheries Biologist Shane Bush and documented at 34 pounds and 10 ounces. That beat the previous state record by a little more than six pounds, caught by Scott Sandusky of Arnold, MO, in November, 2009, also on Lake Taneycomo.

Crews and partner, Jimmy Rayfield of Salem, MO, were fishing together in a trout tournament hosted by Lilleys' Landing Resort & Marina on upper Lake Taneycomo. It's called the Vince Elfrink Memorial, named after Vince who was an avid sportsman, husband, father, and friend to many of the participants of the contest, including Crews and Rayfield. Vince passed away in 2011 of brain cancer at the age of 52. And just so happens that the pair won last year's tournament, sealed by a 21-inch brown trout Rayfield had caught. The pair beat out 36 other teams to win this year's event. (Please go to <http://www.lilleyslanding.com> to read the entire article)

*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: \_\_\_\_\_