



Kansas City Chapter



May 2019

Club Meeting Date:  
May 28, 2019  
Fish Fry  
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
May 14, 2019  
7:30 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
June 25, 2019

## MTFA Annual State Derby - Bennett Spring State Park May 18th & 19th.

The 2019 MTFA State fishing derby will be hosted by the Kansas City chapter. Derby rules will be distributed when you register at Bennett Spring State Park. This can be a great family outing as there is no age limit on who can enter and you don't need to be a member of MTFA. We are encouraging a \$5.00 (donation) as an entry fee to the



MTFA. This is a good opportunity to meet other anglers that share your passion for trout fishing. Last year's derby attracted over one hundred angler's from surrounding areas, and those that caught a tagged fish were able to choose a great prize. If you will be late arriving Friday night or want to sleep in on Saturday morning and a MTFA Club Member you may pre-register by contacting David Cook our club president. Just call (816-519-2531) or email:

**(cookd@umsystem.edu)**

Derby Schedule:

May 17 - 7:15pm to Store Closing - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store.

May 18 - 5:30am to 6:30am - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store

11:00am Memorial Service

12:00 Lunch at the Pavilion near the Whistle Bridge

May 19 - 12:00pm Derby Ends

12:30pm - Awards ceremony and raffle.

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## 38th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Saturday May 4

Kids ages 2 to 15 get to show off their angling skills at this fun-filled family event that includes casting clinics, fishing contest and prizes!

The derby is held at the old Lake Jacomo beach adjacent to the marina. Derby starts at 9:00am and concludes at 11:00am. We will need volunteers for the registration table, weigh in station, set up poles as needed, and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. Volunteers need to be there between 7:00-8:30am to get things organized. Note: Registration begins officially at 8:30am.

*Gary*

### For More Information

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

## Upcoming Events

May 4  
Kids Fishing Day  
Lake Jacomo  
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May 14  
E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:30 pm

May 18 - 19  
MTFA Spring Derby  
Bennett Spring State Park  
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May 28  
Club Meeting 'Fish Fry'  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 pm

## Presidents Message:

Spring and the month of May are our busiest times in respect to MTFA activities and fishing opportunities. The left hand column on this page is a summary of events.



The first one, the Kid's Derby at Jacomo (May 4th) gives all club members a chance to take a kid fishing or be a volunteer at the event and help MTFA show Jackson County that we are a fishing club that is part of the community and actively working for the future of public fishing in

Missouri.

This May 18-19th, the MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Spring State Park, is being hosted by the Kansas City Chapter this year. This is a trout fishing derby for the public but is a huge social event for MTFA. Besides fishing for tagged trout, we will have a luncheon and a state-wide meeting at noon Saturday at Shelterhouse "B". There is also a memorial service at 11 am on Saturday. This is held every year to recognize MTFA members who have passed away in the previous year. We gather at the memorial stone, which is north of the new hatchery building, to pay respects for those members no longer with us. Sunday noon the derby ends and prizes are awarded to those who caught a tagged fish. Following that, we will have an MTFA members only raffle for many fine fishing items.

We get to make an impression on trout fishermen from all over the state this year by being the host chapter. Another chance to show the public who we are.

Our last event in May will our spring fish fry for our May monthly meeting. This will be at 6:30 pm on May 28th. We usually feature crappie fillets, hush puppies and fried potatoes. Members bring sides and desserts. We will have a separate mailing latter this month to give you a reminder and the details for the dinner. Crappie fishing has been a challenge this spring with all the rain we have had. I have confidence with the dedication our members have to fishing, to come up with all the crappie you can eat at this year's dinner.

*David*



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Roger Theroux  
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## Fall Fly Tying Classes



At the April club meeting we talked about our thoughts on the types of flies we might tie in the fall classes and asked for your input. If there is a special fly, you would like for us to consider adding to the list that was in our last months Troutline, please send me either the type of fly or the pattern you would be interested in learning how to tie.

*Merril*

## Casting and Fishing

I was giving a fly-casting lesson to a friend the other day working on accuracy and a few fundamentals that were giving him some problems. I enjoy giving lessons as it keeps me grounded on technique and the basics, but this lesson made me reflect on my journey in the art of fly casting. I thought about my first fly fishing trip to Alaska West and how I struggled with the elements mother nature threw at me. Especially the wind, from all different directions. That trip changed me as I was an average fly caster, but fishing every day for 8+ hours a day for 7 days straight and having a guide by your side giving you advice and instruction on how to handle the different situations that we were facing, helped me more than anyone could imagine.



After getting home from my trip or any trip, I work on the things that were giving me problems. If it's casting in the wind, go out and practice casting when the wind is blowing. There is a lesson to be learned from each experience and condition that we face. Sometimes the conditions/situations we face are humbling, but the one thing I think is the most important when you are on a fishing trip is to **relax** and **have fun**. It is not a competition! I have been on the water with people that get caught up in their own head and get frustrated. This just leads to more missed fish and a very stressful day. You hear about people throwing their golf club, well I have seen people throw their fly rod. The other important thing is to pay attention to what you are doing. You can recognize a good cast from a bad cast, a good drift from a bad drift, a good mend from a bad mend. I believe that the more relaxed you are, and the better caster you are, the more fish you will catch. When fishing with a guide I always tell them that if they see something that I can improve on to show me. I also tell them that I am there to have fun. When you are out there whether fishing a farm pond, on a guide trip or a DIY trip be observant, have fun and relax.

**Gary**

### **K&K May - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's**

May 4 - Fly Casting - Basic Intro - 8am,  
9am - Distance Casting

May 11 - Road Trip for Montana Trout

May 18 - Steelhead Addict - Parker Tuley

May 25 - Fly Casting - Basic Intro - 8am,  
9am - Distance Casting

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

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

**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 30-Oct 5** - Missoula Montana - Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Black Foot Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2450.00

**Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118**



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

## Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

### Jim Rogers School of Fly Fishing Leads Into National Casting Competition

Jim Rogers will conduct a special session of his School of Fly Fishing for our Greater Kansas City Program participants May 15-16 at Bennett Spring State Park. Rogers, a Certified Master Casting Instructor and concessionaire at Bennett Spring and Roaring River, will focus on the Project Healing Waters National Casting Program.

“Jim continues to be a great friend and supporter of our program,” said Program Lead Bob Barnett. “We are so grateful for all he does for our Veterans.”



We will organize more group practice sessions in preparation for the National Casting Program. Our Program Representative will be determined by May 31.

The Regional Cast-Off is scheduled for June 14 at Lake Quivira Country Club. Regional winners and runners-up qualify for the national finals at the Fly Fishers International Fair July 24-27 at Bozeman, MT.



### Greater Kansas City Program Will Relocate to DAV Hall

With the continued growth of our Greater Kansas City Program, the friendly confines of Fleming Hall will no longer hold us. So, beginning in June, our second Tuesday monthly meeting will move to the new Disabled American Veterans Hall at 14605 E. 40 Highway in Independence, just east of Noland Road. We appreciate the folks at Missouri DAV Chapter 2 making this space available to us, and we look forward to having our meetings there!

### Calendar

**May 4** - MTFA Kids Fishing Derby at the old Lake Jacomo Beach adjacent to the marina. For children ages 2-15. Registration begins at 8:30am; Derby runs from 9-11am.

**May 14** – General Meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO, 5:30pm.

**May 15** – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

**May 18-19** – MTFA Spring Fishing Derby at Bennett Spring. Our Kansas City MTFA sponsors are hosting this event.

**May 21** – General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.

## Club Fish Fry - May 28, 2019

Our May meeting will be a fish fry and raffle. The club will be cooking the fish and providing drinks. Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert. (Last names A-K dessert to share), (Last names L-Z side dish to share).

A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing or fly tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

Come hungry as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.



## Stocker Behavior

From studies in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Britain, British, and Columbia. Notes were collated by Steve Moore, the now retired head fisheries biologist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

- Stocked trout will only remain where stocked for a small number of days and then they move. According to the PA Fish and Boat Commission, brown trout move in 7 days, rainbows in 3 and brookies in 10. When trout move, they move downstream with few exceptions. How far they move depends on the nature of the stream or river. A study done in South Dakota pegged the movement at 224 yards while a British study discovered trout moved 656 yards. The PA study discovered one wandering, radio tagged trout 123 miles from the stock point.

- Unless the stocker is plopped into a raging torrent, trout do not “wash” downstream. They move with a purpose. The PA study demonstrated that radio tagged trout held their position through 2 major floods in 2005. So, fish move when they want to move.

- It takes a stocker a long time to completely adapt to eating in the wild. Several of the studies demonstrated that stockers were not fully adapted to wild forage even after several months had elapsed. They did this by examining and measuring the amount of “non-prey” items found in the stomachs of the fish. The good news is that a rainbow will start to adapt to the wild after a week. It can take a brown trout up to 50 days to make the change.

- The final bit of trivia is that the British study found that only 40% of the fish stocked are caught. Good news!

Talk about fishing pressure! Ben Havens, Hatchery Manager at Bennett Spring State Park says 85% of park stockers are caught out within a week, and the stockers in the Niangua River make it about 14 days before they are caught out almost entirely. Maybe Missouri trout fishers are better.

*Copied from the MTFA Springfield Chapter newsletter.....*