



Kansas City Chapter



September 2021

Club Meeting Date:  
September 28  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
September 7  
7:00 pm.  
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Next Club Meeting Date  
October 26  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

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

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**Presidents Message by David Cook:**

Sadly, we must report that over the last few months we have lost several members to illnesses. We have reprinted obituaries for Debbie Jacques, Tom Criswell and David Haynes. These start on page 3. I just found out this past week that we lost another member, Cindy Davis to cancer. We will have to include her obituary when it becomes available to us at a later date. Let us remember these people and all our MTFA friends, as well as our personal friends and families, who have passed from this life to the next with our prayers.

In other news...

I think the uncertainties of living with COVID-19 will affect our club activities for the rest of year. We can plan club activities for the rest of the year but everything is subject to change as the event's date draws near. Our September Fall Derby at Roaring River was cancelled last year.

This year I would like to have a highly modified Derby. I'm not planning any group activities. We can go to Roaring River as a personal decision and you can share your fishing report (or not) with me. So entries from catch and release fishing is still allowed but I would like to know your longest fish caught Saturday and Sunday up to 11 am on Sunday. Pictures of your catch are always welcome. I will report to the members the top three catches at future meetings. So no entry fee this year and no prizes, you're fishing for bragging rights. If you fish somewhere else and would like to submit a fishing report



that we can share. That would be nice too.

**Last Derby's (2019) Winners**

In the center is Jerry Gaines, who came in 1st place at 15.5". On the left is Diana James in 2nd place at 14.5" and 3rd place is Roger Theroux on the right with 14.25"

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

We have other activities this September, refer yourself to the Frontline Fly Fishing calendar on Page 5.

## Upcoming Events

Sept 7,  
E-Board Meeting  
DAV Building  
6:00 pm

Sept 11 - One Fly  
Tournament James A. Reed  
Saturday morning  
(See Page 5)

Sept 14,  
Frontline Fly Fishing 6 PM  
DAV (See Page 5)

Sept 21, 5:00 pm Fly Fishing  
Outing - Cleveland Lake,  
Belton, Mo) (See Page 5)

Sept 28,  
MTFA Chapter Meeting  
Fleming Hall (If possible)  
7:00 pm



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## Fishing Outside the Box

To encourage members to expand their thoughts on other places to use their fly-fishing skills, our club has had presentations on saltwater fly fishing in the Bahama's, fly fishing in Alaska for trout and salmon and Steelhead fishing in Michigan. If you are not interested in flying and the cost of a long-distance fly-fishing adventure, I thought I would give you some places to travel to within 500 miles or less. You know and have fished the state parks of Missouri; Bennett Springs, Roaring River and Montauk and you have probably been to Taneycomo at Branson. Let's get started with some new places to go:

### The North Fork of the White River:



Barry Wilkinson

The North Fork of the White River is one of the finest trout streams in the state of Missouri as well as the Ozark Mountains. It has a good population of wild rainbow trout and trophy size brown trout. Stocking of the rainbow trout was stopped in 1964 and the stream has since maintained a good population of wild rainbows. The brown trout are still stocked but only in part of the river. Both the rainbows and the brown trout grow to very

nice sizes. Rainbows are taken up to eighteen inches long and the brown trout commonly reach sizes much larger than that.

This beautiful stream starts at Rainbow Spring, one of the largest in the state of Missouri, and flows for over twelve miles into Norfolk Lake. Smaller springs along the way add to the flow. The stream can be waded or fished from a canoe or small raft type boat. There is some private property along its course but under Missouri law you are not trespassing when you are in the streambed.

The area between Rainbow Springs and Patrick Bridge is referred to as the Missouri Wild Trout Management Area. In 1998, the stocking of brown trout was stopped in this part of the river. This has allowed the rainbows in this part of the river to grow faster and larger because they have more to eat. Only flies and artificial lures can be used in the Wild Trout Management Area. Approximately 75% of the trout in this part of the river are wild rainbows. Anglers are only allowed one trout, either brown or rainbow but not both, over 18 inches per day. From the Patrick Bridge down to Norfolk Lake, the river comes under the Missouri Special Trout Regulations. This area is stocked with brown trout, but not rainbows. Barry and I fished the river a number of years ago and stayed at a bed/breakfast that is no longer open. One of the prettiest streams in Missouri.

**Location:** Tecumseh, Mo      **Distance** from KC: 250 miles      **Places** to Stay:  
River of Life Farm

### White River below Bull Shoals Dam:

The White River flows out of Bull Shoals Lake, the depth of the river and the speed of its current depends on how much water is being released from Bull

## In Memory:



### George Thomas Criswell

Tom (Criswell, 84, New Bloomfield, MO, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Oak Tree Villas in Jefferson City, MO.

Tom was born on February 7, 1937 in Columbia, MO the son of Russell and Jewell (Ballenger) Criswell who preceded him in death. On March 1, 2018 her retired from Fulton State Hospital, where he worked in security for several years. He had a passion for the outdoors, spending countless hours fly fishing and fly tying. Tom also cherished spending time with his family and grandchildren.

### David Cook's memories of Tom:

I joined the MTFA in the year 1999 and still feel like a newcomer. I am now the current president and have very fond memories of Tom. Tom was president in 1995. We taught fly tying classes together and fished at places like the Northfork River in Arkansas and Taneycomo at Branson.

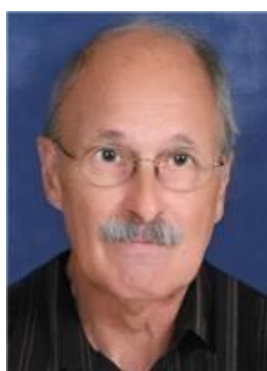
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In Mountain Home Ark. at the 2004 Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council Conclave, Tom was awarded the "Teacher of the Year" Award.

I've also attached a picture of Tom taken at one of those trips at Lake Taneycomo in 2005.



Tom joined MTFA-KC in 1968, he did not miss very many club activities.



### David Wayne Haynes,

David - 71, was born on May 5, 1950, in Los Angeles County, California. He passed away on July 14, 2021. He leaves behind a wife of 36 years, Ardith Haynes, two stepchildren, Cynthia Sexton and Craig (Dawn) Comfort, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Betty (Paul) Young, Susan (Keith) Johnson, one brother Mark Haynes.

Services for Dave will be held at Barry Christian Church, at 1500 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64155, on Saturday August 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM, preceded by visitation at 9:30 AM. Final disposition will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Higginsville National Military Cemetery at 20109 Bus, MO-13, Higginsville, MO 64037.

David joined MTFA in 2006 and was a active member of the club, attending State Derby's, Club Derby's, Family Fun days and Jacomo Kids Fishing Day.



David and Ardith at our 2009 Club Derby

## In Memory:



### Deborah Anne (Robertson) Jacques

Debbie was born on March 14, 1952 to Delbert and Lillian (Amos) Robertson. She departed this earthly life and was called to be with Jesus on June 10, 2021. Debbie grew up in Springfield, Missouri and was active in the Boulevard Baptist Church. She was baptized and saved at age eight. She was awarded Queen Regent in Service through the Girls Auxiliary mission organization, the organization's highest honor. Debbie graduated in 1970 from Hillcrest High School in Springfield, Missouri.

She moved to Kansas City in 1970 and started a job at Richards-Gebauer Air Force Base in the Strategic Communications Office, where she met Jerrold Huber. Debbie and Jerrold were married in 1971 and two daughters were born from this union, Delberta Lynne

and Sarah Marie.

Debbie worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a paralegal and administrative assistant for over 20 years. While commuting to work from the bus stop on Blue Ridge Boulevard, Debbie befriended several coworkers, including Charles Jacques. Charles and Debbie were married on June 3, 1993 and they were given 28 happy and wonderful years together. Debbie's family was the center of her life and she lived to serve others. She was a loving, caring wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren cherish memories of Mimi's hugs and her Christmas fudge.

Debbie loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. She enjoyed sewing, fishing and traveling and she was an outstanding cook. She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Lillian Robertson. She is survived by her loving husband Charles Jacques of the home, her daughters, Delberta and Sarah Huber of Raytown, Missouri and Debbie Robinson (Chip) of Chula Vista, California; her grandchildren, Emma and Preston Huber of Raytown, Missouri and Caleb, Joshua and Jadyne Robinson of Chula Vista, California; her sister, Susa Rathbun (Bill) of Bolivar, Missouri; several aunts and uncles and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Charles and Debbie with granddaughter at a MTFA Club Derby

Debbie joined MTFA-KC in 1998, she served as club treasurer, club secretary and club president in 2004 and 2005. Debbie also served on the MTFA State Executive Board and was President.

## Up Coming Events

### MTFA Fall Derby—Roaring River State Park - September 25th & 26th.

We have an outstanding fall event planned. All club members and their guests are invited to the Fall Derby. We will have a big fish (length of fish) Derby that begins Saturday and ends at noon on Sunday.

### Annual MTFA Chili Dinner

As of now our annual Chili dinner will be held on October 26. Hopefully we will be able to have this event.

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## Frontline Fly Fishing:



### September Calendar:

To err on the side of caution, the September meetings for Frontline Fly Fishing will be moved outside. We'll meet at locations specified below:

**Sept 11** - One Fly Tournament (See Note Below)

**Sept 14** - 6:00 pm, DAV meeting room w/ (Guest Fly Tier 'Tyler Dykes' Tyler is a avid fly fisherman, fly tyer, and writer. I enjoy chasing trout and small-mouth in southern Missouri as well as bass, catfish, hybrid stripers and sunfish

in northern Missouri. I operate a fly fishing blog at <https://showmeflyguy.blogspot.com/>, and sell flies online at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheShowMeFlyGuy>. You can follow me on Tik-Tok, Instagram, and Facebook as well. I am also a full time middle school teacher, after-school middle school fly fishing club sponsor, father of two boys, and soon-to-be husband. I am also working on a graduate degree from the University of Central Missouri. Any time spent on the water with a fly rod in my hand is time well spent and I couldn't be more grateful for my dad introducing me to the sport 20 years ago!

**Sept 21** - 5:00 pm (Fly Fishing Outing - Cleveland Lake, Belton, Mo ) Meet at the parking lot.

### September 11 - ONE Fly Tournament

Come out for some fun and camaraderie. We will be setting up at the shelter house next to the old Head Quarters Building for registration and breakfast. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The total of the entry fees will be divided by 3 and split between the biggest fish, the most fish and the costs of breakfast.

**ONE Fly Tournament Cont'd**

## Fishing Outside the Box Cont'd:



Shoals Dam. The Corps of Engineers determines how much water to release into the river based on flood control and electric power demand. The water level in the White River can drop or rise fast at any time of day depending on how many electric power generators the Corps runs. Fishermen must know what the water level currently is and what it is likely to do. Water fluctuations can cause hazardous situations when unexpected, so be alert! The first three quarters of a mile below the Dam is catch and release only and only barbless hooks. The other catch and release area is at the Rim Shoals access area.

**Location:** Cotter AR    **Distance from KC:** 260 miles    **Places to Stay:** Gaston's / Motel's / State Campground

### Little Red River in Arkansas:

The Little Red River is known for its fine brown trout fishing but it is also stocked with brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout. This river has some huge brown trout in its gin clear water. It's cold, water comes from the Greer's Ferry Dam at a temperature of about forty-seven degrees year-round.

**Location:** Heber Springs, AR    **Distance from KC:** 340 miles  
**Places to Stay:** Lindsey's Resort / Red River Trout Dock / Heber Springs Motels / John F. Kennedy Park Campground



### Norfolk River, Arkansas:

The Norfolk River is a tailwater below the Norfolk Dam and is only about 4.5 miles long and flows into the White River. It offers some of the best trout fishing and is one of the rivers in which you can catch the grand slam of trout, Rainbow, Brown, Brook and Cutthroat. Be sure to visit Two Rivers Fly Shop in the small town of Norfolk. Norfolk Café was a good place to eat, or it's a short drive to Mountain Home where there is lot's of places to satisfy your pallet.

**Location:** Norfolk AR.    **Distance from KC:** 280 miles    **Places to stay:** Norfolk River Resort, Army Corp of Engineers has a great campground directly below Norfolk Dam.

### Lower Mountain Fork River Oklahoma



This river extends for 12 miles below the Broken Bow Dam and is perfect for trout fishing. The first several miles are of trout fishing are located in Beaver's Bend State Park. The water is regularly stocked with brown and rainbow trout every month. This allows for stock to stay high, which gives great opportunities for catching! Besides trout, the lower river also has bass and walleye. If you are looking for a location to fish year-round, this spot is perfect as it is open all year long; however, from November thru March it has excellent fly fishing.

For more Oklahoma trout fishing info visit <https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/trout-information>

**Location:** Broken Bow, Oklahoma    **Distance:** from KC: 430 miles    **Places to Stay:** Beaver's Bend State Park, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.    **Fly shop:** Beavers Bend Fly Shop & Guide Service.

## Fishing Outside the Box Cont'd:



### Waterloo Creek Iowa:

This is one of the real draws for trout anglers in Iowa. The river is a tributary of the Iowa River and is an absolute cracker to fish. The river is stocked each week from April to November with both brook trout and rainbow trout. Generally, these all fall between the 10-to-12-inch size range. However, a good number of larger rainbows are introduced throughout the season.

Another draw of this creek is the population of breeding brown trout that can be caught. These can grow to large sizes and hooking one of these specimens highlights any trip. Latest estimates have shown a population of at least 700 brown trout per mile throughout the creek's 10-mile length. These are trickier to catch, and stealth and patience are required, but the results are worth it!

The fishery is split into two distinct sectors, the upper sector down to highway 76 is where the river is stocked, and the fishing is open to most methods. The water is strictly catch and release below this, and the methods are restricted to artificial lure and fly only. Access to the water is fairly easy even though the land around it is, in most part, privately owned. This is due in no small part to the agreement that the Iowa DNR has made with landowners to allow access to the state's streams and creeks.

I want to thank the Perfect Fly Store for it's help with some information on the North Fork of the White. I hope I have encouraged you to do some research and go fishing at some of these destinations. **Gary**



### One Fly Tournament rules:

- ◆ Derby Time span: 6:30 am to 11:00 am. Gates open at 6:00am
- ◆ You must register yourself and your fly before starting to fish.
- ◆ You may fish anywhere inside James A Reed. (where allowed)
- ◆ You can only use one fly, if you lose your fly you may purchase (for \$5.00) the opportunity to use a second fly **BUT**, you will have to start your fish count over.
- ◆ Breakfast served at 9:00am at the shelter house.
- ◆ This tournament is for fun and we will be on the honor system.