



Kansas City
Chapter



September 2022

Club Meeting Date:

Sept 27
7:00pm
Fleming Hall

Executive Board Meeting

Sept 6
7:00pm
Fleming Hall

Location

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

Next Club Meeting Date

Oct. 25

Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 23-25

It's September and time for the Kansas City Chapter Derby. This is an informal derby for members of the club. The winner will be decided by who catches the longest trout, so measure and take pictures. Please join us for the festivities and frivolity. Reservations can be made for camping or motel at the state park, and lodging is also available outside the park at several campgrounds and motels.



[Roaring River State Park](#) offers lodging accommodations for everyone's taste from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms and camping.

[Roaring River Resort & Campground](#) (417) 847-3235 is a private resort near the state park on Hy-Way 112 and I will be staying there. We can gather at the picnic shelter at the resort Friday evening where you can register for the derby and get a copy of the derby rules. If you can't register for the derby on Friday, then send me a text message (David Cook 816-519-2531) and let me know your plans.

We will not be having a scheduled meeting prior to the derby weekend, so if you have questions about the derby, you can call or email me (cookd@umsystem.edu) for additional information.

Derby schedule:

Friday Evening: Dinner on your own. We will meet at the resort pavilion (on Highway 112) Friday for meet/greet and snacks.

Saturday: Breakfast and lunch on your own,

Dinner (to be determined) at 6:00pm at the pavilion and Princess of the Stream ceremony.

Sunday: Lunch at 11:00am, awards ceremony. Contact David or Gary if you have any questions.

See you there, *David*

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

Note: Special guest speaker this month 'Ben Havens' hatchery manager at Bennett Springs. See page 3.

Upcoming Events

Sept 6
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

Sept 23-25
MTFA-KC Derby
Roaring River State Park

Sept 27
Club Meeting
Guest Speaker Ben Havens
Fleming Hall
7:00pm.

Sept 29 - Oct 1
Southern Council
Federation of FlyFishers
Conclave
Mountain Home, Arkansas



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Fly Tying Classes - September

The fall fly tying classes start in September. We have not picked a starting date as of now. Watch for a flyer in your email inbox. There will be a beginner's table and a second table set up for intermediate tyers. If there is a special fly, you would like for us to consider adding to one of the fly tying sessions please send me either the type of fly or the pattern you would be interested in learning how to tie.

We would appreciate if you would call or send us a note that you will be attending. Helps us determine the amount of materials needed for the class.

Thank You, *Merril*



Rod Building Classes - Winter 2022-23



Have you ever wanted to build your own fishing rod but don't know where to start? This is the class for you. Our rod building classes are taught by really experienced rod builders within our club. They know the latest techniques and components for building a top-performing custom rod. Although there are myriad of learning materials available to help you learn the craft, there is nothing quite like face-to-face hands-on instruction. If you are interested in taking part in this class you may want to start looking into the type of rod blank and components you may want for your custom rod.

September 29-30 - October 1, 2022



The Conclave is the premier event of the Southern Council Federation of Flyfishers, held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Check out: <http://ffisoc.org/conclave>

Calendar of Events

Sept 13 - This month we are planning to fish at Butterfly Trail in Grain Valley, 6:00 pm.

Sept 20 - 5:30pm at the Rainbow Fly Shop , 4621 Shrank Dr. Independence, MO



Choosing a Fishing Lodge: That Bucket List Trip:

In my opinion we are heading into the most exciting time of year for fishing. I love fall fishing, from fall salmon and steelhead up in Michigan, chasing the Brown trout at Taneycomo or on the White River or heading to the SanJuan in New Mexico or to Montana. It's just a great time of year for fishing and scenery. Its also the time of year to be thinking about that bucket list trip. Lodges fill up fast for the upcoming season.

You have read and probably re-read magazine articles, checked out the booths at a local sports and travel show, and picked up their brochures, watched TV fishing shows such as Fishing On The Fly, The New Fly Fisher or Fly Rod Chronicles and with YouTube and Vimeo you can digest a ton of videos. This will sound crazy, but life will not be complete until you've experienced Alaska. Mentally, you have made the commitment and hopefully your spouse thinks you deserve it. One of the biggest challenges to planning a destination fishing trip is your spouse and the questions that pop into your psyche. Should I spend the money, will the trip be as advertised, or will it be a disappointment? What questions do you need to ask yourself, the lodge or the outfitter? One important thing to keep in mind is that the anglers that attended the lodge in 2022 have first dibs on the dates in 2023. You should make sure you choose the right lodge for you. There are a number of things to consider when making that decision. Are you wanting to target a species, lodge accommodations, a fly-in lodge, guides (does the lodge have a huge turnover or an established group that has been there for a long time), is the lodge all inclusive?

If you are choosing a lodge based on targeting a specific species or the quality of the fishery depends on the type of angler you are. Are you a discriminating or hardcore angler? If you have a target species in mind you can narrow down your search of lodges to one that is right for you. If your hardcore, review the fishery, hours on the water and the guides. Pick a great fishery, the most important thing you can do is go where the fishing is really good. Let's get started.

Book your Trip Early

Choose the year that you want to go. This may seem obvious, but you need to understand that the best lodges have an incredibly high rate of re-booking clientele. Returning guests are given the standard first right of refusal for their particular week and often choose to go again every year at that same time. At some operations, time slots are rarely made available to new anglers. Your best shot at acquiring high demand dates is to book your trip a year in advance.

To Use or Not Use an Outfitter

If you are a DIY and not afraid of doing the research, it's a rewarding challenge. The good lodges will give you references and give you as much information as you can handle in order to make an intelligent decision. Outfitters are a great way to go if you do not have the time to do the research yourself. *Fishing with Larry, Yellow Dog, Fly Dreamers, FishWest* or even our own local fly shop *K&K* host trips. Outfitters have a strong relationship with lodges, know the guide to angler ratio, specific tackle recommendations and know what is included in your trip. For example, my son and grandson did a DIY trip to Xcalak, Mexico and discovered the Guides only accepted cash, there was no air conditioning at the lodge and they had to go out for food. They had a good trip catching bonefish, permit and tarpon but learned they should have done more research.

Budget

Your budget will to some extent decide the type of trip you will take. There are a few, but very few lodges offer less than a full week package, at correspondingly lower cost. I personally feel that if you are going to make a trip of a lifetime go for the week. An often overlooked but good option is discounts that some lodges offer on

President's Message: David Cook

Just a few more words about the fall derby. If you plan to be there, let me know your intentions. I just need an idea of who and how many people we need to plan on. So a email (cookd@umsystem.edu) or a text message to my phone (816-519-2531) will help get us organized for the derby.

Our Roaring River derby is a great way to begin the Fall season. The colors of the season and the crispness in the air are clues that there is a change headed our way and new opportunities for fishing and outdoor adventures can be found across the Ozarks. I hope everyone gets the chance to schedule some time in the outdoors and make some memories that you will cherish.

Below is our derby Friday night informal get together and pot luck dinner.



Here are some fishing scenes from MTFA members at the Roaring River derby





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Fly Fishing 2022 Trips -

Alaska - Katmai Trophy Lodge

6 Day - 7 nights (Sept 3 - 10)

\$4495.00

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (Sept 25 - Oct 1)

\$3100.00

Andros Bahamas - Swain's Cay

5 days - 6 nights (Oct 9 - 15)

\$4107.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

2022 Fly Fishing Classes - Call 913-341-8181
for details (Sign Up Now)

Choosing a Fishing Lodge: That Bucket List Trip Cont'd:

less popular weeks. The beauty to salt water lodges is that a lot of them offer 3 to 6 day fishing packages. Which may work better with your budget.

Three Types of Adventures



Fly-Out Lodges: The pinnacle of lodges and the most expensive. They provide their clientele with amenities that considering their remoteness, are unbelievable. Many have great rooms that can accommodate up to 20+ guest. Complete with leather furniture, art on the walls, awesome views. Private rooms or cabins that are as nice as home, with full baths. All the lodges will feed you and feed you very well, but the top lodges go up and beyond. Double entrée's, you will never see the same menu twice

and highly qualified chefs. What these lodges have is flying time. They normally own their own fleet of airplanes which is not cheap fueling and maintaining aircraft. The advantage is being able to fish new water every day. There are a variety of fisheries in Alaska. Go for grayling, slinging big streamers for big bows, or go for a big push of salmon that showed up on some tributary. These are the options that a fly-out lodge gives you. Be sure to ask the question that if the weather turns bad and the fly-out is canceled do they have enough boats available for everyone, so you don't lose a day of fishing.

Choosing a Fishing Lodge: That Bucket List Trip Cont'd:



Salt Water Lodges; What can I say. They are sitting next to the ocean, beach out front, beautiful scenery and your skiff is sitting there waiting for you or a short distance away. They are all inclusive and most lodges are single occupancy. Salt water fishing is addictive and you do not have to cast 60 feet.

Wilderness Camps – These are often located on remote reaches of river rarely accessed by other lodges. No TV and some have no cell service, but most do now days. They use jet boats and fish endless miles of water. If you haven't caught enough fish during the day, after dinner you can go back out and fish till you drop. Wilderness camp realize that they put more emphasis on angling than creature comforts. You will be able to take a hot shower and sleep in a bed every night. A hearty breakfast, a packed lunch, a shore lunch or head back to camp for a warm bowl of soup and a sandwich in the

dining hall and a chef prepared dinner. Research all you can about the fishery. Call and talk to the lodge manager, they will give you references to call.



River Lodges - If wood lodge with full amenities is more to your liking then this is the way to go. You have also just stepped up the cost of your adventure. These lodges will run the gamut from rustic to very comfortable. They will have a full bath/shower in each room or cabin or a shared building with these facilities. It's a good question to ask. When you return from a long day on the water, guest will gather in a great room, having a drink, sharing lies and stories in front of a fire in a nice stone fireplace.

Like Wilderness Camps these operations are also located on particular watershed and generally fish their anglers in the same manner, using jet boats. However, they have the option of hiring local air taxi services for their clients. Understand that flying time is expensive and is not included in the original package. For a fee, you can decide on any given evening to try a fly-out experience the next day. If several anglers want to go, the cost of the flight is split between them

Trip Timing – After you have decided which type of lodge/fishing that suits you, the next question is when do you want to go? What species of fish do you most desire to catch, this will determine the, when? Plan your trip a long way out, especially if you have to fly and get a motel room. Planning early gives you lots of time to find the cheapest flights. I usually fly in to the city a day ahead of time. When going to the wilderness camp in Alaska, everyone going for the week meets in Anchorage a day ahead of when we are to arrive at camp. The lodge sets up our flight from Anchorage to the camp. When traveling to the Bahamas, everyone meets in Ft Lauderdale a day before we are to arrive at the lodge. We take a small plane from Ft Lauderdale to Andros.

Take that trip of a life time. Time is short so go for it!

Enjoy, Gary