



Kansas City Chapter



September 2023

Club Meeting Date:
September 26
Fleming Hall - 7:00pm

Executive Board Meeting
September 5
Fleming Hall - 7:00pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
October 24
Annual Chili Dinner & Raffle
Fleming Hall - 6:30 pm.

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President's Message:

Summer is nearly over. We've gone from the Jackson County Kids Derby at Lake Jacomo in April to the Bennett Spring MTFA Spring Derby in May followed by the One Fly Tournament at James A. Reed State Park. Also, we've had a great July night at Drexel Reservoir catching huge Bluegills, watching the Cow-Boy Up Triathlon at Smithville Lake, tied some flies at the Branson MTFA 2023 Fly Fishing Expo, and even fished the Frank Petelin Memorial trip to Rockbridge, MO.

Now, as school is starting and summer is running downhill right into fall the Sept 15-17 Annual Fall Derby at Roaring River State Park is rapidly approaching, so you'll want to make your reservations to stay at the Campground or in a nearby motel. The Derby winner will be the fisher person that catches the LONGEST Trout. RSVP to Linda Chase soon as we are planning the event to include a catered dinner.

September is when the fly-tying classes start so let Linda Chase know so we'll have a table space for you and the friend that you are going to invite to learn tie flies and get started in fly fishing. There will be a beginners, a intermediate and a challenge table, each with an instructor. Merrill Miller has planned the flies to be tied.

October brings the Springfield/Branson Fishing/Chili lunch rapidly followed by our annual chili dinner - so start testing those Facebook recipes that have looked so mouthwatering and bring it for all to try.

The lakes will be turning over soon so there will be many fishing opportunities and other activities, so get involved, get fishing.

Ken Hicks

Fly Tying Classes Start on September 25 at 7:00pm - Fleming Hall



If you did not get signed up for our fly tying classes at our August club meeting. We would appreciate if you would call Merrill Miller (816) 673-9863. We need to start planning for the number of people that want to attend the classes and at which table you want to be at. There will be three tables set up for tying; one for Beginners, one for Intermediate and one called the

Challenge Table.

Thank You, *Merril*

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Sept 5,
E-Board Meeting
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Sept 15 - 17
KC Club Derby at Roaring
River State Park.
Get your reservations in
ASAP

Sept 25,
1st Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Sept 26,
Club Meeting
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Oct 2,
2nd Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall



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Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 15-17

Our Kansas City Chapter Derby will be held this September. 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 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.

We will gather at the resort picnic shelter on Friday evening where you can register for the derby and get a copy of the derby rules or pre-register at our August club meeting. If you can't register for the derby on Friday or at the club meeting, please send a text message to (Linda Chase (816) 405-4124) and let Linda know your plans.

Derby schedule:

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

Saturday: Breakfast and lunch on your own,

A catered Dinner to start at 6:00pm at the pavilion and Princess of the Stream ceremony. **(We need your reservation if attending)**

Sunday: Lunch at 11:00am, awards ceremony. Contact Linda Chase or Ken Hicks with any questions. See you on the water.

Ken

New MTFA - KC Hats:



It's time you replaced that old MTFA hat and get a new MTFA KC hat! You are in luck as we have the new hats. You have 4 colors to choose from; **Navy/Copper, Bluefin/White, Khaki/Dr Spruce and White/Gold.** If you are interested in acquiring a new hat, please contact David Cook our hattery leader with your choice of color and number of hats you want. Cost is \$15.00 per hat.

David Cook (816) 519-2531

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Somebody just back of you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl.

-Ernest Hemingway

Annual MTFA Chili Dinner:



Our annual Chili Dinner (October 24) will be an extra special event this year. We will have dinner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and then a raffle. Put this date on your calendar. There will be more information in the October Troutline.

How to Break your Fly Rod - 10 Simple Options:

Some fly rod manufacturers these days offer lifetime warranties, and we say you should do whatever you can to take advantage of such generous offers. Paying repair fees is awesome, ruining your fishing day is super cool, and having to wait for your rod to be repaired is the most fun you'll have this side of pouring sand down your throat! If you want to break your fly rod, just pick any one of these 10 simple options, and you'll have success in no time.

1. **Set it up inside, in a room with a ceiling fan.** Ceiling fans love devouring the tips of fly rods, as do doors - especially doors that the wind blows shut as you're walking through.
2. **Prop it in your open car door.** Car doors, tailgates and trunk lids love crushing fly rods too. You might forget your rod's propped there, or your buddy might not know your rod's propped there, or that wind might flare up. (Snap)
3. **Step over your rod tips on the way in and out of the boat.** This is by far, the most effective technique for rod breakage that's employed at our lodges. It's a numbers game - if all week you step in over the tips of your rods while getting in and out of the boat, you're giving yourself at least 100 chances to make a tiny little error in balance and break a few rods at a time. Awesome! If you sit on the bow of the boat and smoothly and easily rotate your legs over the gunwale, your hopes of mangling rod tips will be dashed.
4. **Don't check your ferrules while fishing.** Ferrules that are separated by even a quarter of an inch are weaker than ferrules that are seated tight - if you want a great opportunity to destroy your fly rod, definitely don't check to make sure that your ferrules are tight, at least a few times a day.
5. **Set on a big fish with your rod tip.** The butt section of your fly rod is much stronger than the tip section. Setting the hook with the rod lifted high, with the butt at a 180 degree angle to the tip of your fly line (Bassmaster style!) exploits your rod's weak tip section beautifully, and give you a great chance at cracking on rod per hook set.
6. **Cast wildly with lead eyed flies.** Giant lead - eyed flies might not successfully destroy the tip of your rod the first or fifth time that they bounce off it, but rest assured that they're doing invisible damage. One of these days, the damage caused by those repeated flows will win out, and the tip of your rod will go flying.
7. **Carry your rod through the bushes tip first.** Pointing your rod backwards when you're bushwhacking is really boring - the strong part of your rod hangs up first, and you've got plenty of time to maneuver before the fragile tip section comes bouncing through. If you point your rod straight in front of you though, you're forming a giant, weak spring, and the exploding tip of your rod will do a great job letting you know that it just got hung up on a tree branch.



Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Fly Tying Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

FACEBOOK

Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst

Facebook.com kkflyfisher Facebook Live Streaming

** Fly Tying*

Hosted Trips:

Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge

6 Days Guided - 7 nights (Oct 23-30)
\$4200

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (Sept 24-30)
\$3400.00

Fishing the Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Rivers) Venue - Double Tree Edgewater

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

How to Break your Fly Rod - 10 Simple Options Cont'd:

8. **Lay your rod on the ground.** If you're taking a picture of your buddy's fish, or answering nature's call, or stopping for lunch, don't prop your rod up on a stick or a rock where it's easy to see. Just lay it down flat on the ground, where you or your buddy or you enemy can easily and unwittingly take one step and help ensure job security for the rod company's repair department.
9. **Yank on your fly line when it's caught in the tip top guide.** This is yet another way to take advantage of the delicate tip of your fly rod. If you're pulling line through the tip of your rod and a knot get hung up on the tip top guide, just give it a hard yank! The thinnest, weakest part of your rod will double over and snap, and rod breakage victory will be yours.
10. **Flail the rod wildly when you're hung up on a snag.** The safe, easy way to get your fly off the snag (or break it off if it's really buried), is to point your rod straight at the fly and pull the line with your stripping hand. That's never going to break your rod though - to succeed here you should yank up, yank down, yank left and yank right until your rod gives up and you get to take the rest of the afternoon off.

I am sure each of you have experienced another way to test the strength of your rod. The one that I remember most was when my buddy Barry laid his rod down in the boat and then while holding a fish for a photo opportunity, dropped the 10 lb. plus fish on his rod. (**Snap**).

I want to thank the Deneki Outdoors blog for some of the tips on how to break your fly rod and lastly, be sure and place your rod on top of the car and drive off forgetting its up there.

Gary

Frontline Calendar of Activities



Sept 12 - 7:00pm at the DAV

Sept 19 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)