

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the fourth Thursday April. the 26 th, 7:00 P.M. at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the old Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

### Program

Byron Begley, our first Chapter President and one of our founding members will have a presentation on the history of the Little River Chapter. He will give his insight on the reasons for forming the Little River Chapter and how it came about. Byron and his wife Paula are owners of Little River Outfitters and are long time T.U. supporters. This is sure to be an interesting meeting!

## Stream work

**April 14:** NC Oconaluftee River Clean-Up Day- meet at Collins Creek picnic area (9:00AM)

**May 19 - 20:** Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

## Troutfest Notes

T-shirts are on order. They will be a dark orange similar to the Simms orange T- shirt. To get your order in for Banquet tickets and T-shirts go to <http://www.troutfest.org/forms.html> and download the Banquet Tickets & T-shirt Order Form. Banquet tickets & Bamboo Rod tickets can also be purchased at Little River Outfitters. Order yours today !

## Fishing Report

So far it's been an unusual year for fishing in the Smokies. First it's been very dry and the water levels for the most part have been low. Then in March the weather changed from Winter to Summer almost overnight. The water temperatures rose and the early aquatic insects started hatching. Nature has had a tough time sticking with tradition. The Quill Gordons and Blue Quills began their Spring hatch and the fishing was good but not great. It was so warm that the better fishing was early and late which is normal in the Summer but not in March. Some other insects such as Yellow Sallies, March Browns and Hendricksons started hatching early. With the water still low the fish were concentrated and not in their usual Spring locations. They were spooky. Now, it's the first week of April and we're back into winter again with lows in the 20's and highs in the 40's. The fishing will slow down.

This is a year I won't forget. By the time you read this we should be warming up and fishing in the Smokies will be excellent soon but when I don't know. It's mostly driven by temperature. We should see a lot of different insects hatching including my favorite the Yellow Sally. I like to be on the Middle Prong of the Little River a couple of hours before dark and be soothed by the sound of the stream and hatch these bright insects being slurped down by trout. I'll be

fishing Lynn Camp Prong a lot this year. → It's my favorite stream in the Park except for the Middle Prong which Lynn Camp and Thunderhead form. I like to fish above the cascade and upstream about two miles. I never catch a Brown Trout there. Steve Moore who is in charge of the Fisheries Department at the Park says there were not stocked and they can't make it above the cascade. So, what you have is thousands of fish per mile and they are mostly rainbows with an occasional brookie.

There have been some huge stocked rainbows caught in the Little River here in Townsend. I guess they released some brood fish last fall but I've seen pictures and even a corpse or two of trout in the 24" to 25" range. One kid caught his first trout, on his first cast and it was 25" long. So much for paying your dues. To me, the next couple of months are the best for fishing in the Smokies. I'm looking forward to that and I'm sure you are too. I'll see you at the April meeting and thanks for supporting the Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Byron Begley

## Orvis – Sevierville Volunteers needed for Orvis Days 2007!

As most of you know I am going to be stocking approximately 510 pounds of rainbow trout in the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River on April 28<sup>th</sup> for our second annual Spring Orvis Days. In conjunction with this event I will be inviting approximately two dozen local Boy Scouts to come and work on their Fly Fishing Merit Badge, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. I am asking for volunteers to help with the Boy Scouts and also with the general public that will be here fishing. As a volunteer you will receive a "loaded" Mountain River Lanyard. The shifts will only

be four hours long so you will have time to run to the mountains or try your luck fishing. This is also a great opportunity to talk up Trout Unlimited and Troutfest 2007. If you are interested please give me a call at the store.

Thanks. Kris Maurer – Fishing Manager, Orvis – Sevierville, (865) 774-4162.

## Maps! Maps! Maps!

If you are like me and have been looking for a new place to fish or somewhere you have not been in a while, the first thing I start looking for is a map. Lately I have been going online. I have come across what I think is the best of the online map services. And the most important thing to me is It's free. **ACME Mapper 2.0** (<http://mapper.acme.com>) is a high-precision general purpose mapping application, based on Google maps with a bunch of things added on. The reason I like it is because it has several formats. You can use it to get different views of the area you are going to. First there is "Maps" which is similar to a Street map. Next is "Satellite" which is just like the name satellite pictures taken from Google maps. "Hybrid" is a streets overlay on top of satellite pictures. "Topo maps" which are the most important to us. They are the USGS maps that we use to buy, but now they have been put online. One reason I like using it so much is that you can zoom in and out to different levels. By doing this you can get greater contour details then you can zoom out to get a road and trails access. Print them on Waterproof Paper and you can make a nice set of maps of the area you are going to. You can purchase Waterproof Paper at Office Depot or Office Max. I will also put a link on the Newsletter webpage for (<http://www.waterproof-paper.com>) an online store that sales waterproof-paper and also has a watertight map case for \$14.99 plus shipping. →



They also sell an inexpensive waterproof camera bag worth looking into.

Next there are the 'DOQ satellite pictures'. They are black and white and not as good as the Google satellite pictures but I think they print better on a laserjet printer. Then there is "NEXRAD" which is similar to the Hybrid. Below are some map coordinates to some of my favorite places to spent a day. Copy and place them in the ACME Mapper find box then zoom out. N 35.59131 W 83.85370, N 35.67679 W 83.64625, N 35.44829 W 83.98009, N 35.62619 W 83.54038

## For Sale

### Water Skeeter Guide Pro II pontoon boat with custom Raft Trailer!

This boat is one year old with minimal use, the pontoons are 12 foot long and it has two seats, with a casting deck, leaning bar and stripping basket for the front angler, rear mounted anchor system, anchor included. Also included are two SOS inflatable wading belts and all original accessory bags. The trailer is 12ft by 6ft with rollers and spare tire. This set up new would cost over \$3000.00. You can see pics at:

<http://www.canoeflyguyarticles.blogspot.com/>

**Asking Price \$ 2000.00 and 10% goes to Little River Chapter of TU!**

If interested please email me at [canoeflyguy@yahoo.com](mailto:canoeflyguy@yahoo.com).

## Fly of the Month

### March Brown Breakout Emerger

**Hook:** Mustad C49S #12, **Thread:** Brown  
**Tail:** Brown Hun. Partridge, **Rib:** Dark Brown embroidery Floss or Rod Wrapping Thread,  
**Abdomen:** Grey-Tan Dubbing, **Wing:** Short clump of Beaver fur **Wingcase:** Appropriately colored (tannish) synthetic dubbing with long fibers, twisted to form a rope and tied in like a wingcase. This imitates the dun "breaking-out" of the nymphal shuck.  
**Thorax:** Same as abdomen; picked-out at the sides  
**Legs:** Brown Hun. Partridge-wrapped as a collar to imitate legs and wing venation.



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