

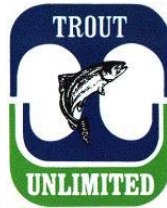
# Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

## Fishing Picks

The next meeting is on the **Fourth** Thursday August, 23 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting 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 BiLo and the Co-op Gas station  
**Door prize.** Flies tried by Walter Babb, Spring Creek patterns  
**Program,** Byon, Begley and Walter Babb Slide presentation on their recent Beaverville NY and Pennsylvania trip.

## Stream Work

**August 18 - 19** Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

**September 6 - 8** Little River Large Stream Monitoring

**September 13 - 15** Chattahoochee Creek Large Stream Monitoring

**September 25** Sam's Creek Control Sites Electrofishing

The Little River dates and locations are the following:

**Sept. 6** (Thursday) at the Milsap pulloff just west of Elkmont junction

**Sept. 7** (Friday) at the Little River truck Rd. entrance at the Jakes

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By: Ian Rutter We are now entering what are the driest months in the Southern Appalachians. It seems like we've had a wet summer, but it has been about normal. We've experienced droughts for the past few summers and have forgotten that the Smokies are supposed to be a temperate rainforest. School is starting up across our region so there should be less crowds in the park every week except Labor Day weekend. TVA usually starts drawing down reservoirs about now so schedules on the tailwaters aren't usually favorable for wading. Late summer is the absolute best time of the year to fish terrestrial patterns. Ants are my favorite. Terrestrial insects are busy gathering food and breeding before the first freeze in autumn descends on them. Yellowjackets in particular seem very active in the late summer. Ants are among the easiest of all fly patterns to tie. Woolly Buggers are usually the first fly beginning tyers start with but ants are simpler. My favorite ant pattern is a foam ant. Cover the hook shank with black thread and bring the thread to the half way point. Tie in a strip of black foam that is slightly longer than your hook shank so it is also tied in at about the half way point. At this same point tie in a wing of white poly yarn for visibility. Now tie in a black hackle and make two wraps with it. Bring your thread under the foam and tie off at the eye of the hook. (continued on page two)

**Fishing Picks** (continue from page one) I caught one exceptionally good brown trout on this pattern at the Crusher Pool near Elkmont while campers were swimming there.

Little River is not the only stream fishing well this year. As the crowds diminish, make the drive through Cades Cove and fish Abrams Creek. Several meetings ago Jim Haberra, a biologist for TWRA, acknowledged that Abrams Creek was probably the best wild rainbow trout stream in the state. Yes, Cades Cove is crowded but there are not usually many fishermen on the stream. The Oconaluftee is a great stream that has fished well when I have been on it this season. This stream parallels highway 441 between New found Gap and Cherokee. In spite of the easy access, fishing pressure seems light. Wherever you go, just enjoy the final weeks of the summer.

**Stream Work** (continued from page one)

**Sept. 8** (Saturday) just above Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (all TU folks should Park at Ck/ Truck Rd. split above Elkmont Metcalf and walk up to our sites just upstream)

The Cataloochee Creek samples will be meeting at 8:30am each day also at the Palmer house (bunkhouse next to Palmer house) in Cataloochee Valley.

The dates and locations are the following:

**Sept. 13** (Thursday) lower site at USGS gauge station (lower iron bridge)

**Sept. 14** (Friday) site just below bunkhouse at iron bridge & site behind church

**Sept. 15** (Saturday) Davidson Branch site and shocking/ moving brook trout into Winding Stair. Both of these large stream efforts could use anywhere from 6-12 TU volunteers. The farther downstream we are, the more people it takes.

The Sams Creek control site electrofishing will be meeting on **Sept. 25** at 8:30am at the end of the Tremont Rd. at the parking loop. We won't need many people for this one (2-6). There will be a sign up sheets at the August meeting.

Thank to Matt Kulp for the information.

## Western Flyfisher

<http://www.westernflyfisher.com/index.html>

A few weeks ago Roy Hawk send me this link to a new electronically distributed multi-media fly fishing magazine In short you have to download it from the internet. But its free. You have to have Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 4 or greater to



read the magazine. Which you can download at the web site. Each issues is about 10 mb in size, which at 56 kb will take a little time to down load. Once you have it open on your computer you will find it a well written magazine with lots of articles, and photos. Each articles has Flies with patterns that pertains to the article, some of the flies also have links to videos on how to tie the flies. The Higher Resolution version is real nice and the Low Resolution is still pretty good. You will need Real player to watch the videos. June 2001 has articles about Lee Ferry Arizona and California Stripers fishing. April 2001 article on Kamloops trout in British Columbia's. You can download year 2000 back issues or order then on Cd for \$12.95 and you will get all the video included. Whatever internet speed you have, it will be well worth you time to give this magazine a try.

## Cherokee

Normally when you think of Cherokee and Trout you think of Cherokee North Carolina. But there is a Cherokee closer to home, Cherokee Dam tail water. For a few years now I have been hearing from different people about catching trout below Cherokee Dam. I always wrote this off to trout being stocked in Buffalo Creek, and wondering down to river. Last week I was in the Creel and Mike Bone was there helping out. I overheard him talking to a customer about fishing below Cherokee Dam. They were more interested in the small mouth fishing down around Mascot, so when they left I asked him about the Trout fishing. He said that TWRA has been stocking trout below the Dam and the fishing has been pretty good. Mike said he has caught some good size fish, and the fishing was good downstream for several miles. There are a lot of shoals to fish but the access is limited because there is not much public land on the river. You can walk down stream from the Dam and there is a large shoal you can fish. Floating by boat may be the best way to gain access to the rest of the river, or become friends with a landowner. Maybe if our State ever gets itself out of its financial mess TWRA can buy some river access .

## Classified

L.L. Bean "Double L" 8', 5/6 WT rod. This classic styled, medium-fast rod features a Nickel Silver Reel Seat w/ Cocobolo insert, cloth sack and aluminum tube. This rod is in unused condition, \$125. Call Neal O'Conner phone 983-9746.

## Fly of the Month

### ISONYCHIA DUN

Look for *Isonychia* below high-gradient riffles where the water deepens into runs or pockets downstream.

### ISONYCHIA DUN, Henwing / Mayfly Dun

**Hook:** Dry fly, size 10 to 14

**Thread:** Brown

**Tail:** Medium dun hackle barbs

**Body:** A stripped stem of a Rhode Island Red neck hackle, dyed chestnut brown, wrapped and lacquered

**Hackle:** Medium dun

**Wing:** Very light colored grizzly hen hackle tips

### ISONYCHIA DUN, Hairwing / Mayfly Dun

**Hook:** Dry fly, size 10 to 14

**Thread:** Brown

**Tail:** Dark dun hackle barbs

**Body:** Super fine Mahogany Brown dubbing

**Hackle:** Dark dun hackle barbs cut on the bottom

**Wing:** Dun yearling elk or coastal deer hair





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