

## Next Meeting

**When:** June 26, 2008 at 7:00pm

(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Where:** River John's, Maryville.

From Maryville you can turn left on Wildwood Road at the intersection of East Broadway and Lincoln Road go about 3 1/2 miles until you get to Wildwood bridge. After crossing Wildwood bridge take the first right on to Cave Mill Road which is almost immediately after the bridge. River John's is the 7th house on the right. There is a small cabin and then John's house is on the right in a sharp bend in the road. The street address is 4134 Cave Mill Rd. The island is behind his house. We will put up our chapter sign on the fence at the driveway leading to the back. ***If it rains we will meet in the Pavillion!***

**Program:** Rest & Relax Cookout

This is a great place to kick back and take it easy in a scenic setting. You will certainly not want to miss this meeting! Please plan to join us!



## On-Stream Report

Summer is upon us and the water is beginning to warm and get low. The tailwaters, however, are continuing to fish good. I've heard good things from both the South Holston and Caney Fork.

Three weeks ago we fished the Caney Fork. We put the drift boat in at the dam and floated to Happy Hollow. Deep Nymph rigs produced fish and we boated several nice bows. Streamers however kept our attention as we were pulling very good sized browns off of the banks. The big fish of the day was about a 19 inch brown that fell for a size 4 conehead zuddler.

This is also a great time to throw streamers on the South Holston. Last year we caught some nice fish throwing streamers and wiggle minnows. My favorite rod for this is a 7 weight tip flex with either a sink tip or full sink line. Target your casts for current breaks or structure that will provide cover and ambush opportunities for big browns.

The smallmouth bite has moved to the surface. I've had good luck throwing poppers and sliders towards the evening. Both Walt's poppers and the Boogle Bugs are my favorite as they are extremely durable.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who helped make our Orvis Days a great success. We had good turnout and I hope everyone had fun.

Tightlines,

Kris Maurer - Orvis, Sevierville

## Fly Fishing and Other Ramblings

Troutfest is over for another year. This one was the best ever and my hat is off to all who participated, worked hard, donated and attended. The time has come for more of us to step forward and take responsibility for future Troutfest events. There has been talk about not holding the event again.

I pledge to step forward myself and take some responsibility to continue what we all enjoy while providing revenue to the Fisheries Department at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hopefully more new people will volunteer.

The fishing in the Park has been great this Spring but we are experiencing some low water right now. It's not as bad as last year but technically we are still in a severe drought. It is predicted to improve. Let's all hope we don't get into that situation again.

We are going to see some cooler weather than we have had so far in June. That will improve the fishing in the lower elevations. The streams up high are still fishing very well.

The "Big Fishout" on Lynn Camp Prong didn't attract as many anglers as everyone thought it would. The fishing however was good and there were some nice rainbows caught. Some of the people in our shop worked as volunteers at the trailhead.

I can't wait until Lynn Camp Prong is a pure brookie stream. Steve and Matt have worked hard to sell this project to the public which is what they should have done. It wasn't 100% popular but these guys held public meetings and from what I can tell they got the support they wanted. They also worked hard to get the needed funding. The Little River Chapter has been essential to making this happen and all of you should be proud.

## Fly Fishing and Other Ramblings (cont)

So what is next? Brook trout restoration is about finished I guess after Lynn Camp is done. What about handicap fishing access for anglers? That seems like a worthwhile project to spend money on. I'm sure Steve and Matt have some ideas.

Have a good June and thanks for all the great work you have done.

Byron Begley - *Little River Outfitters, Townsend*

## Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer spotlight shines on none other than Joe Hatton. Joe is "Mr. Everything" to the Chapter. In May, he led Troutfest as its chairman for the fifth consecutive year. That means he has led Troutfest in every year of its existence. This year, he served while on crutches and taking antibiotics for a staph infection stemming from knee surgery. The knee surgery marked his second operation for his right knee, but he still managed to lead Troutfest.

Joe did tons of work recruiting vendors and concessions and doing other coordination work for the event, and he did so with that scary infection hindering him the entire time. Earlier this month (June 2nd), Joe underwent a full knee replacement operation. Joe persevered through all of his trials, however, and I want to recognize him for all the hard work he did this year in the face of a true hardship. Thanks, Joe, for all you do for the Chapter.

Now get better!

Jeff Hall - President

## **TU Plate...The Proud 1,000 Committed to Conservation**

*From TU Plate Update*

You are receiving this e-mail because you wished an update on the TU plate. Whether or not you belong to TU, I'm asking you to assist us in making our goal.

***We have presold 815 TU plates or 82 % of our goal.***

### **Status Report**

First, this week, I received calls and e-mail from TU members who said they were committed to conservation funding for Tennessee waters. Asked what they could do, I said sell 10 plates to friends, family or purchase for employees as a "gift of conservation." Multiple individuals stepped forward and answered the call. All wanted too not only see the TU specialty plate succeed, but understood that purchasing the plate and putting it on others cars meant broadcasting the word that Trout Unlimited was synonymous with conservation in Tennessee and they wanted others to know it. This is what separates TU from other fishing clubs and similar organizations. Unfortunately, it takes money to do projects and create a difference. The TU plate will do just that.

Second, if you're a TU dues paying member in Tennessee, collectively we send \$90,000 to TU national. Of that money, \$5,500 is returned to the TN TU state council for funding and projects. That is pitifully low to say the least. Therefore, we need to find our own source of funds for conservation. Consider purchasing the TU plate for others as a TU gift which will stay in Tennessee and grow as others see our plate and want to be part of efforts for conservation.

Third, time is running out. If you've purchased the plate, thanks. However, if you sitting on the sidelines like many TU members in Tennessee waiting for a reason to buy the plate, then hopefully you've got it now. ***Those who purchase the first 1,000 plates will be distinguished by a TU plate number under a 1,000 on their car.*** You want this recognition and distinction of being part of the proud 1,000 who stepped forward and purchased the plate to get it into production! ***With just under two weeks till the June 30, 2008 deadline we need you to encourage others to help us purchase the plate.***

If someone doesn't wish a vanity plate for their car, remind them they don't have to pick it up when they receive notification the plate is ready from the county clerks office. Buying the plate is a 100 % tax-deductible donation.

Failure is not an option for the TU specialty plate. Together we will make the TU plate a reality. In addition, we'll enjoy seeing the plate on cars driving down the road knowing we helped contribute to the success of this most important statewide TU project.

***Look for an important announcement about the TU Plate on June 25, 2008.***

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Fourth, if you would like to see how your chapter is doing in plate sales, look at the simple table below. If you would like a detailed view, **click on the detailed graphic link below** to see the percentages of members in each chapter and how other chapters are doing. The numbers don't lie, there is plenty of room for improvement in many TU chapters to reach out and communicate the message and importance of the TU specialty plate.

<b>TU Chapter</b>	<b>Plates Sold</b>
Appalachian_#137	37
Cherokee_#577	20
ClinchRiver_#662	57
Cumberland_181	398
Delta	63
GreatSmokyMountain_#047	79
Hiwassee_#640	28
LittleRiver_#644	74
Overmountain_#492	59
Total Plates Presold	815

**Action Plan...What you must do NOW**

***The Cumberland Chapter of TU challenges other TU chapters in Tennessee to sell just 10 TU plates to members/non-members! This is an easy goal to achieve, but will make a difference and place us over 900 plates within striking distance of our 1,000 plate goal. Call your chapter president and tell him you are committed to conservation and want your TU chapter to be part of the TU plate success.***



*The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit volunteer organization that is committed to Protecting & Restoring Cold Water Resources and Watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park*

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**Thanks to all of you who  
worked on Troutfest.  
Great Job!**

And thanks for attending, supporting and donating to Troutfest. Together we have made a difference that we can all be proud of forever.

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