



Next Meeting

When: September 25, 2008 at 6:00pm
(4th Thursday of the month)

Where: River John's
4134 Cave Mill Road in Maryville

Program: "Fly casting and fishing tales on the river"

Hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served. Bring your own extra refreshment if desired. If you have never enjoyed our hospitality you won't want to miss this opportunity. Bring your rod and enjoy casting into the Little River at this scenic spot. Plan to join us during this time of relaxation and get to know us a little better!

You will certainly not want to miss this meeting! Be sure to mark this meeting on your calendar! Bring a friend... See you there..!

Upcoming Events

- September 15-17 ~ Lynn Camp Prong Restoration Prep Work - Contact Charlie Chmielewski for ALL of the details at (865)661-7325
- September 20-21 ~ Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample
- September 26 - 27 Large Stream Sample - Cataloochee Creek - Cataloochee church site Friday, USGS gauge station site Saturday - call fisheries office for meeting times & locations - 436-1254
- November 15-16 ~ Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

TU Plate Update... 83 to go!

August 21, 2008 – After a lull in sales, word has finally spread that we still need more presold plates to reach our goal of 1,000. Good news is we are now under 100 plates left to sell. Individuals are answering the call and we are seeing more multiple orders for family, friends and employees of small business who support conservation in Tennessee.

We have also heard from the Department of Safety acknowledging passage of Senate Bill 3017 from the 2008 legislative session which enacted into law a provision granting us additional time to sell the 1,000 plates. They are anxiously awaiting submission of our 1,000 names of Tennessee registered motor vehicles to put the TU plate into testing and production. Once produced, state law enforcement will place our plate on test vehicles and drive them around seeking comments and insuring visibility of the license number based on our initial design submitted and tentatively approved. After successful testing, the plate will be placed into production with a 3-4 month time frame to reach county clerk's offices statewide.

You can also help by continuing to talk up the TU plate amongst conservation minded friends and help us obtain the remaining 83 plates sold. We are all anxiously awaiting to drive them on our cars!

**917 plates have been sold
towards our goal of 1,000 or
92%**

On-Stream Report by Kris Maurer

Well I am regretful to say that I have not been out once since the last newsletter. I work in a fly shop and can't get out to fly fish! What gives? No really my life recently has taken on a new chapter. One that I am excited to embark on and it may for a short time cut into some of my fishing.

However, as I am writing this I am also packing and making the final arrangements for our trip to Montana and Yellowstone. It has been a long time coming and I can't wait. We leave out on September 4th to fish Yellowstone National Park for four days and the Bighorn River for three days.

I've been out west numerous times and actually had the privilege of living there for 4 months while in college. However I am most excited about the opportunity this year to go out with three Western neophytes. I can't wait to see the looks on their faces when we arrive, catch their first fish, drive through the Bear Tooth Mountains, see their first wild Buffalo, the list goes on and on. The west and especially Yellowstone National Park are magical places that everyone should visit at least once in there life.

Even though I have not been out myself, I have been hearing good things from the Caney Fork, South Holston and Watauga tailwaters. All have been fishing good this summer and have been a good alternative to the low mountain streams. Zebra midges, Quasimodo Pheasant Tails, Split Case Sulphurs and BWO's have all been producing, as well as streamers on high water or around dusk.

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LRCTU Members Catch State Record Fish!



Powell Partridge displays his state-record 2-pound, 15½-ounce golden redhorse caught on the South Holston River. Partridge also had the state record for shad, but — thanks to his friend — only for a little while.



Knoxville's Roy Hawk lifts a state-record 3-pound gizzard shad he caught on the South Fork of the Holston River.

Congratulations, guys!

Trout Unlimited... 49 years!

From the Desk of Chris Wood

TU celebrates its 49th birthday this week at our annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The story goes that we were born on the banks of the Au Sable River in Michigan to a group of anglers who believed if we "took care of the fish, the fishing would take care of itself." Nearly 50 years later, that adage still holds true. And how we take care of the fish is the reason we became TU members.

Energy development, growing population pressures, the effects of climate change, and many other factors can all negatively affect trout and salmon fisheries. Addressing those challenges is the focus of the strategic plan that TU has worked on for the past two years. Two years is a long time, but that time allowed the volunteers, chapters, councils, and National Leadership Council to help shape the strategy. The result is a nice mix of common sense and conservation science. Protect the most important habitats. Reconnect them to downstream areas by removing obsolete dams, improving instream flows, and ensuring that culverts pass fish. Restore the habitats that will yield the biggest benefit to fish for the least cost. Sustain the effort over time by focusing on kids and the capacity of our volunteers so that our work will endure over time.

This more integrated approach is vital to taking care of the fish. It will help local chapters connect their habitat improvement projects to the state council's efforts to secure better instream flows to the National staff's work to protect the headwaters. Thomas Edison, the holder of over 1,200 patents, was once asked why he had a team of 20 assistants. He replied, "If I could solve all the problems myself, I would." The problems confronting trout and salmon

are too large for local chapters, state councils, or national staff to overcome alone.

Only by working together, and enlisting others to our cause, can we hope to achieve the TU vision of ensuring that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Thanks for all you do, and please stay in touch.



Chris Wood

Trout Unlimited - Chief Operating Officer

On-Stream Report (continued)

Also if you haven't heard, our Fly of the Month is in full swing. We have tying demos on the third Saturday of every month. On September 20th we will tie the Quasimodo Pheasant Tail and October 18th will be the CDC Comparadun BWO, both great flies for fall tailwater fishing. Our fall Orvis Days will run from October 2nd thru October 12th and I have a bunch of good seminars and demos lined up for both weekends. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call at the store. (865) 774-4162.

Tightlines,

Kris Maurer
Orvis Fly Fishing Manager
Orvis - Sevierville

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