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NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

September is shaping up to be a busy month for our Chapter. LRCTU has activities planned for three consecutive weekends this month starting with Water Sampling supporting the Acid Deposition Study in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP). The following weekends include the Little River Clean-Up in GSMNP on September 23rd, the fall camping trip at Cataloochee September 22 - 24, and the Townsend Fall Festival on September 29 - 30. Combining the above events with the arrival of new eggs for our fall/winter session of Trout in the Classroom and the potential to begin Phase II of the Stream Barrier Survey Project should keep us busy.

The LRCTU exhibit at the Townsend Fall Festival will focus on the legacy of fly fishing in the Smokies and the importance of conserving our coldwater resources in and around GSMNP to preserve this fishery for future generations. Many of our members will be displaying their fly tying skills. We will also offer fly casting instruction and a display featuring our Chapter activities. This event is a great outreach opportunity for our Chapter.

The September Chapter Meeting will include a feature presentation by Sally Petrie of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) on brook trout restoration. We will also, for the first time, recognize our volunteers for their contributions since April.

I'm looking forward to getting caught up with our traveling members returning from trips to Pennsylvania, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

Remember to send some pictures to lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com so they can be shared with our Chapter.

Bob Bishop
President

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ BLUETIK TAVERN IN MARYVILLE
Social hour starts at 6:00, program starts at 7:00, business meeting

Ordering from the menu will be in the meeting room from 6:15 to 6:30. After 6:30 you will need to order any food at the bar. Adult beverages must be ordered and paid at the bar.

Sally Petrie from TWRA will be here to discuss brook trout restoration.

UPCOMING MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Ben Fields, an outdoor filmmaker will be there speaking on his most recent international fly fishing shoot on the Yucatan Peninsula.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Kulp, NPS Fisheries, has emphasized that we stay within the limit of volunteers requested. Too many people causes confusion and there's not enough work for everyone. Richard Barnes will fill in volunteer names as he is contacted. It's first come, first serve. Because it's possible to have cancellations as conditions may change between now and June/July he will schedule two more than requested to cover contingencies.

Richard Barnes, TN Coordinator, can be reached at canceleer1@gmail.com or 949-212-8480. TN opportunity will be designated (RB).

Mike Kesselring, NC Coordinator, can be reached at mikessel59@gmail.com or 828-736-6929. NC opportunity will be designated (MK).

Sep 23 - Little River Cleanup in GSMNP. Meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area 9:00 am. See more information below.

Nov 18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC and TN) #Vol. 10 - 12 (RB) and (MK)

LITTLE RIVER CLEAN-UP IN GSMNP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 9:00

If you'd like to help clean-up along Little River in the Park next Saturday, join us at the Metcalf Bottoms picnic area at 9:00. We will provide grabbers, trash bags, and gloves. We will provide a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks after the clean-up. Bring a dessert or side dish if you like. This is a family friendly event!

Liability Waivers will be provided at the picnic area.

CHAPTER FALL CAMPING TRIP IN CATALOOCHEE - SEPTEMBER 22 - 24

Group site 2 has been reserved for our fall trip. Check-in is Friday the 22nd after 1:00, check-out is Sunday the 24th by 11:00. This is a great time to camp in this section of the Park. It's not too cold, and there's a chance to see quite a few elk.

And, the fishing is pretty good too.

If you plan on coming, please let me know by Wednesday September 20. I can be reached at jmfrey@comcast.net. The Chapter will provide hamburgers and dogs for Saturday night dinner, bring a dish of your favorite side or dessert.

Liability Waivers will be provided at the campsite.

TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, SEPT. 25 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30



Again this month, we will be practicing several of the Appalachian Smoky Mountain flies that will be tied by our volunteers at the Townsend Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 29 - 30.

To stay within the Festival's Appalachian theme, the following flies have been selected:

Dry Flies - Hazel Creek, Jim Charley, Haystack

Nymphs - Tellico nymph, Secret Weapon nymph, George nymph

Videos of some of these flies can be found on Youtube under Savage Flies' Appalachian Trout Smoky Mountain Series, or recipes and pictures can be found in Ian Rutter's Smoky Mountains Park Angler's Companion.

We're still looking for a couple volunteers to tie. If you can spare a couple hours on either Friday or Saturday, contact Ernie Frey at ernest.frey@comcast.net.

Even if you aren't tying at the festival and want to learn how to tie these flies, or just want to hang out, come join us.

MEMBERS OUT THERE

Picture 1 - Our oldest member (90+) Earl Worsham and his son Mark with an 18 lb. female Atlantic Salmon in Norway. Hope we are all able to follow his lead!

Picture 2 - Steve Young with a Redband from the Williamson River in southern Oregon.



Joyce Frey with one of her nice rainbows from the Big Thompson in Colorado and a Yellowstone Cutthroat from the Wind River in Wyoming.



Ernie Frey with a fat rainbow from the Big Thompson in Colorado and a Snake River Cutthroat from McCoy Creek in Idaho.



“Sharing the fun of fishing turns strangers into friends in a few hours.” – Eugenie Clark

Joyce Frey
Newsletter Editor



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