

TIGHT LINES February 2010 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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"No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence" John Bailey

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S **NEW** MEETING PLACE New RE/MAX (old US Forest Service) Office, Clayton, GA

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm - Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm - Program & Meeting

(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to members without E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

"Always it was to be called a rod. If someone called it a pole, my father looked at him as a sergeant in the United States Marines would look at a recruit who had just called a rifle a gun."

From A River Runs Through It by Norman MacLean

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there! Feb 3 (Wed) 24th Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, CANCELLED

Feb 6 (Sat) Annual Chapter Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House, All members are invited

Feb16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: Sheila Humphrey & Ray Gentry "Trout Stream Bugs"

Feb 20 & 21 (Sat & Sun) Fly Fishing Weekend at Bass Pro Shops, Volunteers needed, Contact Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419, E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

Feb 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community B&T.

Mar 6 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting; 9 AM, Dahlonega

Mar 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: Kevin McGrath "Back the Brookie Update"

Mar 20 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch with drawing for the 2009 Dream Trip! For details, visit http://georgiafoothills.org/

Mar 23 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community B&T.

Mar 27 (Sat) AM Opening Day for Seasonal Trout Streams in GA Mar 27 (Sat) Evening - Satolah Fire Department Bluegrass & Bar-B-Q

2010 Rabunite 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop) – Sat. AM, April 3rd **2010 GA Trout Camp**; June 6th – 11th

Volunteer mentors needed for both

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



BLACK ELK-HAIR CADDIS

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR ANGLERS SHOULD HAVE ALL THEIR FLY BOXES FULL. IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS ONE, TIE A FEW ALONG WITH SOME BLACK STONE FLY NYMPHS. DROP OFF A NYMPH BEHIND THIS CADDIS AND JUST MAYBE YOU WILL KEEP WARM WITH A FEW HOOK-UPS. SEE Y'ALL ON THE RIVER.

HOOK: 12/18

BODY: BLACK HARE'S EAR DUBBING

PALMERED: WITH BLACK HACKLE AND WIRE.

WING: DYED ELK HAIR

Trout Unlimited Announces Succession Plan - Chris Wood Named CEO of TU

(1/26/2010) Chris Wood, TU's Chief Operating Officer, will become Chief Executive Officer on February 1. He will succeed Charles Gauvin, who has been TU's CEO since 1991. TU's board of trustees approved the succession plan at its meeting last week in Washington, D.C. The goal of the succession plan is to ensure that TU continues to execute its mission of protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds. »Read the Press Release

"That trout can remain hidden in the deeper and wider courses of a full-size river seems as natural to the observer as blue sky and green water, but the complete invisibility of those same fish in an ankle-deep rivulet where individual stones stand out clearly on the bottom is something almost mystical." From Flashes In The River by Ed Gray (1996)

February Hatches

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies .	
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT	
Winter Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	18-20 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph	
Small Dun Caddis	Late	L am to M pm	18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 18 Hair's Ear Nymph	
Blue Winged Olive Blue Quill	& Late	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph	
Quill Gordon	Late	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph	
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa	

'Websites-of-the-Month': http://www.chattoogatu.org/

Chattooga River TU Chapter (SC) releases this new web site on January 11, 2010. It looks great, Congratulations!



Do you want to learn to tie flies?

If so, Terry Rivers is offering to give free instructions in tying flies during February on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm till ??

For more information, contact Terry - Ph 706 782 7419 or E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net



(Click logo for more info)

Rabun Chapter has selected 2 campers for the 2010 Georgia Trout Camp.

They are:

Sara Beth Hill from Loganville, GA & Caroline DeBond from Johnson City, TN

Requests For Proposal Update

The Rabun Chapter is developing new ways to reach out to current and perspective members by using various social media outlets, such as Web Pages & Face Book. A Requests For Proposal (RFP) for a new website has been prepared and sent to several potential designers.

For more information, contact Pat Hopton scotts_creek58@yahoo.com.



Tom Landreth Memorial Fund Update

(Jan. 25, 1932 – Dec. 8, 2007) http://www.tom-landreth.com/



"Autumn Magic" (on the Chattooga) by Tom Landreth

Knowing of Tom's love of trout fishing and the Chattooga backcountry; his family gave their permission to establish the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund at Rabun TU with all donations used to help pay for the Chattooga backcountry sub-adult "put & grow" helicopter stocking program. What a nice way for his family to allow us to honor Tom.

To date, there have been 62 individual donations totaling \$6410. The donations have been sufficient to pay Rabun TU's share of helicopter costs for 12+ years (at the previous challenge cost-share agreement amount). The funds are being held in a CD and withdrawals are made annually as needed.

Status Update - Chattooga North Fork Recreation Management Plan

Forest Service Voluntarily withdraws Decisions on Recreation Uses on Upper Chattooga River

(USFS Regional News Release December 21, 2009)

The decision, which emphasized year-round high-quality trout fishing while providing boating opportunities on the main stem upper Chattooga River, was withdrawn on December 21, 2009 to allow for additional analysis. As a result, the status quo is preserved on the river (meaning no boating is allowed above the Highway 28 bridge) until the forests issue three new decisions, probably in the spring.

Concerning the boaster's pending lawsuit, the Forest Service filed a Motion to Dismiss (filed December 30, 2009)

The following is an excerpt from page 5 of the motion: "Specifically, the decision notices were withdrawn because the analysis in both the Biological Evaluation and Biological Assessment were based upon an alternative that was different from the selected alternative, resulting in inconsistencies between the environmental documents. Specifically, the BE and BA assumed that there would be a maximum of four groups per boatable day, but the selected alternative did not contain a limitation on the number of groups allowed per boatable day. Therefore, more analysis needs to be completed and new decisions made. This was a discrepancy that was not raised in any of the administrative appeals from the withdrawn decision notices, nor was it raised in this action."

"Catchin' Corner" - Trouting Tips from The Dredger (a.k.a. Jeff Durniak)

Winter - (January - February) for typical 40*F water temperature

Hints - long leader, split shot & eggs and buggers; Fish DEEP, fish the afternoons!

Where - Chattahoochee in Atlanta (DH and upstream sections); Dukes Creek; Tallulah River; Chattooga DH; Smith Creek DH (never muddy); Toccoa River tailwater (Feb caddis)

2010 Dream Trip Raffle - A Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 to Yellowstone N.P. Area!

August 1-6, 2010

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner for the trip • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging with meals at a private cabin in Island Park, ID near the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park.





Each person will receive • A Winston 9 foot, 5 weight, 4-piece Boron II-X custom made fly rod
• A LOOP fly reel with Scientific Angler line • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen each box)
• A float trip on the Madison River is included.

• \$1,000 total for both people in travel expenses - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winner. Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.

The drawing will be at the GA Foothills TU Chapter's annual banquet the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA on March 20th

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each.

Proceeds will go to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited to help fund Council projects including the Back the Brookie campaign for brook trout restoration and educational projects such as The GA Trout/Conservation Camp for youth.

Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com
For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

10 Runner-Up Prizes:

Custom made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School.

Custom made Temple Fork fly rod TiCr model - 6 wt. donated by Garland Stewart

Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people courtesy of River Through Atlanta Guide Service
One half-day unguided fishing for 2 people at Nacoochee Bend donated by Jimmy Harris;

Six dozen flies in nice fly box donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Certificate to Fly fishing or casting class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School

Use of a cabin in Michigan near Pere Marquette and Baldwin Rivers donated by Billy Smith, arranged by Paul Diprima

5-day trip for 2 at half price to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada donated by the Kasba Lodge.

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Two drawings for fly boxes with six dozen flies donated by the 12 GA Chapters of Trout Unlimited.

The person selling the winning ticket will receive ½-day unquided fishing for 2 people at Nacoochee Bend donated by Jimmy Harris.

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer a 4-hour Introduction seminar for adults (male and female - age 16 years and older). The seminar includes casting, entomology, knots and equipment for folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly-fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Recreation Center just south of Rabun County High School. We will be able to accommodate 24 students and the cost of \$30 per person will include lunch.

Do you know someone that might be interested?

Tell them to contact Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt to make reservations. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954 Members of the Rabun Chapter are needed to instruct and help in other ways.

Please save that date and let Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt know if you can help.

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creel Water Quality Monitoring – A Trout Unlimited Partnership with the Chattooga Conservancy

Trout Unlimited Funds Committed to the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project - \$31,059 Total

We continued to see lab analysis of contaminated water samples collected from sites in Stekoa Creek and it's tributaries. There is a new mayor and a new local LEO that handles environmental compliance issues. The City of Clayton is seeking action and grants to address issues relative to Stekoa Creek and water quality fecal contamination. Public education of the current issues is ongoing, and there seems to be more interest and collaboration to address the issues. There is talk of putting all the various city and county water and sewer systems in Rabun County under one authority.

To view 31 months of lab results for the Stekoa Creek Monitoring water samples, click <u>HERE</u>
To view the spreadsheet showing the affects Stekoa has on the Wild & Scenic Chattooga, click <u>HERE</u>

Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? For info on where you or your organization can send a donation to help pay lab fees E-mail edadams1@windstream.net. All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c) 3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

Know Your Forest: 8th in a series

National Wild and Scenic Chattooga River



http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/recreation/ChattoogaWildandScenicRiver.php



The Chattooga River begins in mountainous North Carolina as small rivulets, nourished by springs and abundant rainfall, high on the slopes of the Appalachian Mountains—the start of a 50-mile journey that ends at Lake Tugaloo between South Carolina and Georgia, dropping almost ½ mile in elevation.

THE RIVER is one of the few remaining free-flowing streams in the Southeast. The setting is primitive; dense forests and undeveloped shorelines characterize the primitive nature of the area.

On May 10, 1974, Congress designated the Chattooga a "Wild and Scenic River." Few rivers possess the special characteristics to qualify. This protection is reserved for rivers possessing not only outstanding scenery, but also recreation, wildlife, geologic, and cultural values. No motorized vehicles are permitted within a corridor about ¼ mile wide on either side of the river. Visitors must rely on their own skills and strength rather than on motorized equipment. Manmade facilities are minimal, consisting primarily of hiking trails.



Surrounding Area: THE RIVER is also known for its excellent trout fishing opportunities. One can also hike along the river on the Chattooga Trail. Horseback riding is allowed on the nearby Rocky Gap/Willis Knob Horse Trail. Because of the vast area covered by the Chattooga River, a number of different attractions are easily accessible. In South Carolina, the small apple orchard communities of Long Creek and Mountain Rest are nearby. In Georgia, Clayton is only 15 minutes away, while a little farther away are beautiful attractions on the Chattahoochee National Forest in Georgia and the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests in North Carolina.

For more info, click on: <u>The Corridor</u>; <u>Boating Safety and Outdoor Manners</u>; <u>Fatalities or Near Fatalities</u>; Chattooga Water Levels: <u>Highway 76 Gauge</u>; <u>Burrells Ford Gauge</u>

Annual Planning Breakfast, Saturday Morning, Feb 6

At 8 AM in the main dinning room at the Dillard House, the Chapter picks up the tab. All members are invited to attend and participate in the development of the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda include:

Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.

<u>2010 Budgeted Expenditures</u> – Chapter funds raised at the Rendezvous are available and needed to properly allocate its expenditure to support our TU mission.

<u>2010 Calendar</u> – Dates need to be set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

2010 Chapter Meeting Programs - The Chapter needs 9 meeting programs each year.

Letters To The Rabunites

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2009

Subject: Tight Lines

My name is Jim Hoskinson. I publish Snags & Snarls for the Pisgah Chapter Trout Unlimited. Once again congratulations on your fine newsletter. I would like to run your article "The Catchin Corner "in our upcoming issue. I will give credit to the "Dredger" and your chapter.

From: Jim Hoskinson - Brevard, NC

Editor's Notes: Hi Jim. That will be just fine. Please send Jeff

and me E-copies when you do. Thanks for asking.

Happy Trails, Doug

Click: http://www.main.nc.us/PCTU/snagsandsnarls.pdf

To: Rabun TU

Dear Friends at Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited,

Thank you so much for the gift to my mom's favorite church. My family was really touched by your kindness. Sincerely,

From: Maria Rodeghiero - Clayton

To: Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Fellow Members,

I, my wife and mother thank you for the memorial this chapter sent

to my late father's church.

From: Doug Mansfield - Hiawassee

Editor's notes: These memorial gifts were authorized by the

Rabun Chapter's BOD.

If you have a comment or an opinion to share in TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to edadams1@windstream.net

Volunteers Needed - upcoming Bass Pro/TU week-end on February 20-21, 2010

The following is an overview of the schedule, times. activities and programs that will take place during the two days of the event: Our Goal is to meet customers and make them aware of Trout Unlimited and our Mission, and hopefully gain some new members at the same time.

between 9 and 10AM)

TU activities between 10 AM and 4 PM - Each chapter will have a table that will seat two people and may have a second table if needed. Separate fly tying table that will instruct boys, girls and parents on fly tying techniques. Fish toss game for kids that win pond for fly-casting instruction. Presentations on Trout Camp -1PM (Charlie Breithaupt) and Where to Fly Fish in Georgia -2 PM (Jimmy Harris)

Sunday (Feb. 21, 2010) Store opens 10 AM (set up time between 10 and 11 AM)

TU activities between 11 AM and 4 PM - All activities will be the same

The following is a list of what is needed from TU members: Saturday (Feb. 20, 2010) Store opens 9 AM (set up time Each chapter should plan on providing two people from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. We will need 6 fly tiers through out both days to tie flies. We will need two people to man the fish toss game throughout both days. We will need two people to instruct fly-casting throughout both days.

Terry Rivers is the Rabun TU lead-person for this event trout flies (while they last) for participants. Fly casting (indoor) and he needs volunteers to help. It will be a big help If you can be there only part of a day. Terry needs to know on this matter no later than Jan. 29th. Contact Terry Rivers, Ph 706 782 7419, E-mail tlr1121@windstream.net

"BACKCASTING"

Jan12 (Tues) BOD meeting – 11 attended Some agenda items include: Recaps: Mentoring at Rabun County Middle School; GA TU Council Annual Planning Meeting; Donations to Other Chapters for Fundraising; Benefit Concert for the Stekoa Creek City Park Project; Annual Christmas Dinner; 2009 Tax Return was filed with IRS & GA Updates: Chattooga Boating Zoning; LWCF; Dream Trip Raffle 2010; Rabun Rendezvous; Redesign Website for Membership Recruitment; Learn to tie flies in Feb; Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges & Stream Explorer Members; Retention Plan; Chapter Lending Library News; 2009 Chattooga Fishing Diaries; Select 2 campers for 2010 GA Trout Camp Upcoming: Chapter Meeting Programs for Jan, Feb & Mar; Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting is Cancelled; 2/6 Annual Planning Breakfast; 2/20 & 21 Fly Fishing Weekend at Bass Pro Shops; 4/3 Rabunite New Business: 2010 River Clean-up Day; Advocacy Article for Newsletter; Call for Chapter Members to "step-up and volunteer"; Rabun Chamber of Commerce Membership; October Campout at Appletree C.G in NC **Updates:** Publicity: Membership; Treasury Report

Jan 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting - 29 folks attended. Jeff Angel, USFS Law Enforcement Officer, presented the program. It was "Common Sense Solutions to Game & Fish Law Violations". Jeff explained that he and Derek Breedlove work the 6 county Chattooga River Ranger District (about 300,000 acres of USFS land). They work closely with other Law Enforcement agencies such as DNR, County Sheriffs, GSP, Treasury agents plus agencies in NC and SC. The most common violations are Illegal use of ATVs, drunk & disorderly, use of dope, game laws, timber theft, illegal dumping and arson. The main thing to remember is that these 2 men cannot be everywhere; we (the citizens) are the front line. Often we are the only witnesses to most of these illegal actions. Safety First! Observe, document, photograph where possible but do NOT confront.

Call and report in detail as soon as possible. Call 911 or Jeff Angel's cell 706 982 2548 or Derek Breedlove's cell 706 970 0217. The Meeting raffle had 9 buckets with a fly assortment, 2 books, a landing net, local honey, wood duck feathers, 2 mini-tools with LED lights and much more. The raffle raised \$150 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. Thanks to Terry Rivers for handling meeting raffles. A BIG "Thank You" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

Jan 23 (Sat) 23rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous The Rabun Chapter hosted the event at the Dillard House Conference Center. Over 250 people attended the celebration of clean cold mountain streams and the critters that live in them. The activities included a pig pickin', music by the Foxfire Boys, raffles and auctions, Rabunite fishing videos, great food prepared by the Dillard House, and lots of fun. One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation of the "Old Rugged Creel" award to Bill Kelly of Dillard for his decades of service to Trout Unlimited. Bill was recognized for his contributions to youth education, stream restoration, and many other TU activities. Rabunite David Cannon of Loganville presented the program. He shared entertaining stories and some beautiful photos from his perspective as an outdoors writer http://www.cannonoutdoors.com/ . A fun time was had by all. Report submitted by Larry Walker.

Editor's Notes: The March issue of TIGHT LINES will include a financial report for the Rendezvous.

2010 Rendezvous Memories







Grandpa & Calder, A "Stream Explorer" TU Member - Crowd Checks Bucket Raffle & Auction - Bluegrass by The Foxfire Boys







Doug Mansfield Inspects The Mandolin - Story Telling In The Lobby - "Stream Explorer" Avril Adams Counts Her Raffle Tickets







Some Of The Silent Auction Items - Carolyn Kidd With Knit Cap & Fingerless Gloves in Bucket Raffle - Lobby Empties At Mealtime







Ralph Morgan Comes From St Marys GA For The Rendezvous - Another Awesome Dillard House Buffet Dinner

2010 Rendezvous Awards







(Left to Right) Program Presenter David Cannon was presented a framed LE Tom Landreth print titled "Chattooga" with a much sought after Rabunite map of THE RIVER in a pocket on the back. Past Chapter President Jimmy Whiten received a framed LE Tom Landreth print titled "Morning Mist" for his 2 years of leadership and service. Chapter President Larry Walker presented Charter Member Bill Kelly with the "Old Rugged Creel" award. Bill, the old creeler himself, was recognized for his decades of service to Trout Unlimited.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish **Lea Richmond** a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

We offer our condolences to **Doug and Sheila Mansfield** on the recent death of his mother, Zada Mansfield.

THANK YOU

Emily Perry in Tiger GA, Alex Watson in Atlanta GA, Meta Armstrong in Greenville SC, and Doug & Sheila Mansfield in Hiawassee GA, Peaks Store in Otto NC, and Greg's Tire & Service Center in Dillard GA for your cash donations.

Russ Tyre in St Petersburg FL and Margaret Hart in Woodstock GA, for your cash donations to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund

Donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **2 new members** this month: **KIRK ALLEN THOMPSON**, 1065 HWY. 76 W., CLAYTON GA 30525 and **LARRY PEEVY**, PO BOX 122, TIGER GA 30576

Thanks for re-upping: Lea Richmond, Ron Robeson, Mike Williams, David E Nichols, Chuck Breithaupt and Chris Bedea.

It is time to renew your membership: Warren Stiles, Chris Sawers, Brooks & Amanda Adams, Ron Grob, Jerry Webb, Peggy Crowe, Lonnie English, Walter Godfrey, Charles Jenkins, Chelsea Adams, Nancy Gribble & Billy McClain

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2010

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Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

I hope you were at the Rabun Rendezvous. If you weren't, you missed a great time. It was fun to see so many old friends and to make new ones. There were the usual fun times pickin the pig, listening to the Foxfire Boys, participating in the raffles and auctions, and eating the great Dillard House fare. David Cannon's program was filled with beautiful photos and neat stories.

However, one of the highlights was the recognition of Bill Kelly for his decades of service to the Rabun Chapter of TU. Bill is a very special man. He's quite an outdoorsman and a colorful character in every regard, but the award was for his untiring contributions to the Chapter. No matter what we are doing for the Chapter, the kids, or the creeks, Bill is there doing his share, and for that we thank him. We gave Bill the "Old Rugged Creel" award (the name of the award doesn't have any real significance other than it just seemed to fit). Thanks Bill.

Now we turn our attention to the year ahead. We have lots of challenges and opportunities. We'll meet for breakfast at the Dillard House at 8am on Saturday February 6 to assess our finances and plan our year. All members are welcome. You don't have to make a reservation; just show up. You'll get a better understanding of the scope of all that our Chapter does over the course of a year, and it will help you find ways you can contribute and can enjoy the fun times. Y'all come!

Regards, Larry

For more pictures, info, and back issues of TIGHT LINES, visit the Rabun TU website: http://www.rabuntu.com/ Georgia TU Council website: http://georgiatu.org/ & National TU Website: http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkl.RJ7MSKtH/b.3022897/k.BF82/Home.htm

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