



TIGHT LINES March 2008 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Visit the Rabun TU website: <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." John Gierach

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

Community Bank & Trust, On US 441 next to Ingles, Clayton, GA

We meet in the Community Room (Outside Entrance on South Side)

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.

Ted Trueblood called "Chasing Rainbows" the compulsion to follow every rumor of big trout, secret fishing holes, and lost lakes that filter from any third-hand telling or other unreliable source.

WARNING: There was another vehicle break-in at a Chattooga DH parking lot on 2/9. For details, click [HERE](#)

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

Mar 8 (Sat) Mountain Bridge TU Chapter Banquet, Greenville, SC, Visit <http://www.mbtu.org/>

Mar 15 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in Dahlonega

Mar 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust; **Program:** Lee Keefer – Update on native brook trout in Georgia

Mar 25 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

Mar 29 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch with drawing for the 2008 Dream Trip! For details, visit <http://georgiafoothills.org/>

Apr 12 (Sat Morning) Rabun TU's Fly Fishing School for Adults; Rabun County Recreation Center A half-day fly-fishing for trout seminar for adults (male and female age 16 years and older). The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology. To attend of volunteer to help, contact Charlie Breithaupt . Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail knc615@windstream.net

Apr 12 (Sat Evening) Oconee River TU Chapter Banquet in Athens. For details, visit <http://orctu.org/>

Apr 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust; **Program:** Mike Crane – Implementation of the new Chattooga North Fork Management Plan

Apr 16 – 20 (Wed – Sun) Camping & Fishing, the Upper Chattooga backcountry with camping at Cherry Hill Campground. Y'all Come! WHaaaahWHOoooo!

Apr 19 (Sat) Smith Creek Workday with GA WRD.

Apr 22 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust

Apr 25 – 27 (Fri – Sun) Southeast Region TU Rally, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion VA

Apr 12 (Sat Morning) 1/2-Day Fly-Fishing Seminar – Volunteer Help Needed

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



DARK VARIET CADDIS

FEBRUARY AND MARCH IS THE TIMES YOU USALLY SEE THESE CADDIS'S HATCHING. KEEP A FEW TIED IN DIFFERENT SIZES AND KEEP YOUR KNOTS TIED RIGHT.

HOOK: DRY FLY HOOK, SIZE 14 TO 18
BODY: DARK GRAY
WING: DEER HAIR (DARK CALF BODY HAIR)
HACKLE: DARK BROWN

"I held the tiny nymph on my fingertip, a mere speck that I duplicated with a clumsy fake. As I cast it into the fast-moving current, I too became a speck, held by the expanse of beauty that surrounded me, engulfed by a sense of peace as enormous as the nymph had been small. Amongst the mighty scheme of things, I felt I had a place."

"Thoughts While Fishing" by Chiyo Sagara in The Flyfisher, Winter 1981

March 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
Early Black Stone	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Black Elk-hair Caddis or Griffith's Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 Brown Elk-hair or Deer-hair Caddis 16-18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	L am to M pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-18 BWO or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Quill Gordon (Important)	All Month	L am to M pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Cream Caddis (Important)	Late	M day to L pm	12-14 Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Red Quill (Hendrickson)	Mid to Late	M day to L pm	14-16 Red Quill or Hendrickson 14-16 Pheasant Tail Nymph
March Brown (very Important)	Mid to Late	L am to M pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 March Brown, Dark Hare's Ear, or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Midges	All Month	M am to L pm	18-20 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa

'Website-of-the-Month': <http://www.donegaltu.org/>

Pennsylvania's **Donegal Chapter** received the **National TU's 2007 Best Website Award..**

This is the home chapter for our ole buddy, **Bob Bachman** (as in Chattooga's "Bachman's Rock" – ask Nugget Nixon to tell the story at the next campout).

Checkout a picture of Bob on a salt water fly fishing trip: <http://www.donegaltu.org/libraryDTU.asp?category=3>

What's New Elsewhere?

GA-WRD Need a license? Expect to pay more By Scott Bernade, excerpt from <http://www.ajc.com/> (2/1/2008) Georgia hunters, fishers and boaters spend about \$20 million per year for licenses. And they have around 1,100 locations around the state where they can walk in and get signed up. With a new licensing system that should be fully implemented by the end of the year, it'll cost more to get a license, and there'll likely be fewer places (outside of Wal-Marts) to make a purchase. To read more, click [HERE](#)

GA-USFS Campfire Restrictions Come to an End Gainesville, GA (1/9/2008) Rain and some snow across the northern half of Georgia in the last few weeks have moistened conditions enough in the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests to bring about an end to the restrictions on campfires. The restrictions were put in place last October at a time when the drought had raised the fire danger to extreme levels. To read more, click [HERE](#)

SC-USFS Success Story: Highway 76 Bridge Project Mountain Rest, SC (1/2/2008) Two federal awards have been granted for outstanding work on the US Highway 76 Bridge. In December, the project won a 2007 Exemplary Human Environmental Initiatives award from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In November 2007, Program Manager Michael Meetze was awarded the USFS Southern Region Regional Forester's award for partnerships. Two national forests, two offices of the FHWA, two Corps of Engineers offices, two state transportation departments, two State Historic Preservation Officers and two county governments worked together to achieve the same goal with seemingly little difficulty or fanfare, thanks to Meetze's efforts. Meetze demonstrated excellent leadership as Program Manager in the highly complex planning and implementation of the replacement of the U.S. Highway 76 Bridge over the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. To read more, click [HERE](#)

GA- USFS Update: Anderson Creek ORV Area The USFS received over 500 public comments and 80% of them were in support of the preferred alternative to permanently close the Anderson Creek ORV Area and protect the watershed's water quality.

In April 2007, the members of the Rabun TU Chapter were asked to participate in a survey of Experimental Forest Management Practices. Here are the preliminary results.

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Subject: Link--Your Opinion Needed On Forest Management Practices

Here is the link to the preliminary study results. This study went on forever as it was difficult to get some organization's participation due to infrequent meetings of governing bodies etc. We just now finalized the study results and are starting data analysis that involves looking at interrelationships between questions. It looks like 19 members of Rabun Trout Unlimited responded to the survey. The total number of respondents was 768. The results are for the entire sample. Thanks for your interest and help with this project.

From: Robert D. Bixler – Clemson University, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

Link: http://www.hehd.clemson.edu/PRTM/Fire_Survey_Results.pdf

Stekoa Creek Update

Stekoa Creek Monitoring - A National Trout Unlimited "Embrace-A-Stream" Project [HERE](#) Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a major, very polluted tributary to the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. The City of Clayton is entirely in the Stekoa Creek watershed.

DRIVING FOR TROUT

Seventeen (17) members of Rabun TU have volunteered their time and vehicle expenses to drive the weekly Stekoa Creek Monitoring water samples to the certified lab in Jefferson, GA (132 mile round trip) on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Pick up is at the new Chattooga Conservancy office location in the basement office space at the Clayton Veterinary Hospital, located at 205 South Main Street. The volunteer schedule through winter and spring is as follows: Ray Kearns (3/4), Charlie Breithaupt (3/11), Fritz Vinson (3/18), Bill Kelly (3/25), Travis Barnes (4/1), Tom Matthews (4/8), Kathy Breithaupt (4/15), Russell Johnson (4/22), Gary Deal (4/29), Doug Adams (5/6), Lea Richmond (5/13), Russell Johnson (5/20), Jimmy Whiten (5/27), Fritz Vinson (6/3)

If you can volunteer to be a driver of samples to the lab, contact Doug Adams, Ph 706 746 2158; E-mail edadams1@alltel.net

Status Update for 2008 Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) Grant Request (2/9/2008) Phoenix, AZ: Today the National TU EAS Committee reviewed the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project 2007 year-end progress report and the grant request for 2008.

Based on the merits, the 2008 EAS grant request was fully funded.

Our THANKS to the members of the **Oconee River TU Chapter** (Athens) for their continued financial support of this project.

A staff member from **US Rep. Paul Broun** attended a Stekoa Meeting in City Hall (2/12) and helps to get US EPA more involved.

The Stekoa Creek watershed has more problems than the City of Clayton leaking sewage collection system. The following 2 articles were on the front page of The Clayton Tribune (2/6/2008) <http://www.theclaytontribune.com/>

EPA looks at Duvall, contractor violations The Environmental Protection Agency is conducting an ongoing investigation into violations committed by a Tennessee highway contractor and local developer Jeff Duvall.

Ramey dozer work halted The flood plain on Stekoa Creek has been damaged by development, according to Buzz Williams, executive director of the Chattooga Conservancy.

To view the lab results for the Stekoa Creek water samples, click [HERE](#)

Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? The 2008 Embrace-A-Stream grant pays for about 50% of the lab fees.

Matching donations are needed for the other 50%. For info on where you or your organization can send a donation to help pay lab fees E-mail edadams1@alltel.net or visit [HERE](#) To see a list of organizations and individuals that have donated, click [HERE](#)

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

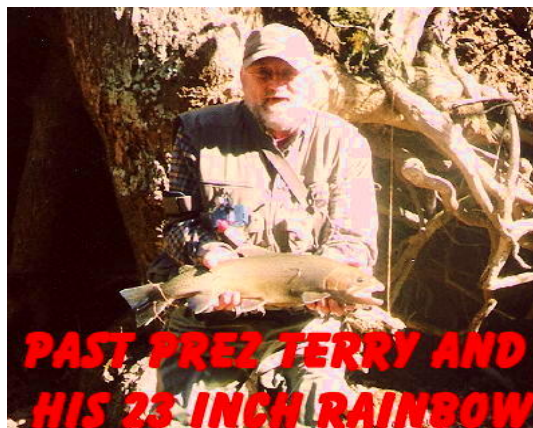
FISHING REPORT

Past Prez gets a good'un!
Apparently he had his knots tied right.

(1/29/2008)

There I was. Fishing the Tallulah River on a cold morning. 3wt. 6x tippet, when the fish hit I said, "Self, hope you got all your knots tied right, and to ever bring him to the net you are going to have to be very patient." After a long run and babying him for a while he headed under a rock. I knew then it was over. But after a 5-minute wait he made the wrong move and came out. Another long run, and pacifying him 5 more minutes he was brought to the net. A 23-incher!

That's my story, and I'm sticking to it – Terry Rivers



WAaaaaaaah WHOoooooo!

4th Annual Dream Trip Raffle For A Fly Fishing Vacation!

Last call to buy tickets – Drawing on 3/29 at the Hoot-on-the-Hooch

The winner and their partner will each receive:

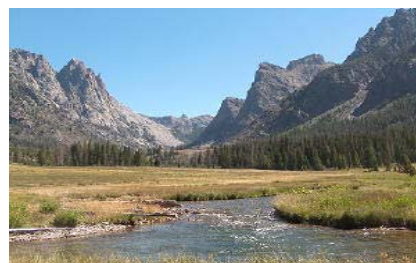
- 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at the Green River Guest Ranch in Cora, WY <http://www.grquest ranch.com/> • Dates July 26 – Aug 1, 2008
- 9 ft 5 wt Winston Boron II X custom made fly rod • An Orvis Battenkill barstock reel with line • A fly box and flies for the trip. (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box) • \$1000 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person) • For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

And 6 Runner Up Prizes: 2 custom fly rods, ½ day for 2 at Nacoochee Bend, & 3 fly boxes with 72 flies in each

Support the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited; buy a \$10 raffle ticket to win a week of guided fly-fishing.

TO PURCHASE YOUR DREAM TRIP RAFFLE TICKETS @ \$10 EACH, CONTACT:

Rabun TU Chapter President - Jimmy Whiten, Ph 706 886 6546 E-mail jimmywhiten@nctv.com



Heads-up, check the current issue of TROUT magazine:

Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt with their Youth Education Leadership Award on page 45,
Rabun Chapter volunteers "Backing Brookies" on page 46,
Georgia Trout Camp mention on page 48,
Our longtime supporter Dave Armstrong on page 51,
And our good friends at Coosa Valley Chapter on page 52.

In Memory of Tom Landreth

<http://www.tom-landreth.com/>

Through February 20th, Rabun TU has received memorial donations totaling \$950.

All donations will be used to help pay for the annual Chattooga backcountry helicopter stocking program.

What a nice way for his family to allow us to honor Tom. As a small token of remembrance, each donor is mailed 3 flies from one of Tom's fly boxes.

Carry one of his flies with you when visiting those places Tom loved.

Please make donation check payable to: Rabun TU For: Tom's Memorial Fund

Mail to: Rabun TU, PO Box 65, Rabun Gap, GA 30568

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

Rabunite 101 - An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout.

On Saturday April 12, 2008 the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer a 4 hour seminar including casting, entomology, knots and equipment to folks who want to get started in the pleasure of fly fishing for trout. The location will be at the Rabun County Rec Center just south of Rabun County High School. We will be able to accommodate 25 students and the cost of \$25 per person will include lunch.

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. knc615@windstream.net or (706) 782-6954

We appreciate the use of the Community Room for our meetings.

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"BACKCASTING"

Sat (1/26) 21st Annual Rabun Rendezvous Huge Success

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presented a celebration of rivers, streams, trout, and trout fishing. The event was the 21st annual Rabun Rendezvous. It took place in the Dillard House Conference Center and was attended by about 250 folks from near and far. In addition to Rabunites, there are a large number of out-of-town folks that come each year for the Rendezvous. The Dillard House motel booked about 50 rooms for guests attending from metro Atlanta and from all across GA, SC, NC, TN, FL, and as far away as VA, WV and CO.

The festivities began in the afternoon with a bar-b-que pig pickin', bluegrass music by The Foxfire Boys (all of whom are members of Trout Unlimited), Rabun trout fishing videos on a large screen TV and a full size Indian teepee for kids of all ages to enjoy. Just inside the building there were 129 items in the silent auction and over 100 items in the bucket raffles. Local businesses, artists and craftspeople donated most of the auction and raffle items.

This year the Rendezvous auction and raffle featured about 40 of artist Tom Landreth's fishing items. In 1986, Tom was a founding member of the Rabun TU Chapter. He passed away in December and his wife, June, graciously donated to Rabun TU most of Tom's trout fishing equipment, collection of willow creels, fly tying equipment and supplies, and his extensive library of trout books.

The Dillard House prepared a serve-yourself buffet, so none left hungry. After dinner, Sally Armstrong, National TU Volunteer Operations Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation emphasizing the importance of local volunteers in the protection and improvement of water quality and fisheries.

After her program, Ms Armstrong made a special presentation to Rabun County's own Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt for the 2007 National Youth Educational Leadership Award. The Award recognizes the fundamental importance of creating a new generation of conservationists in a manner that sustains TU's conservation legacy. The award honors individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership, and a deep passion for inspiring young people to become thoughtful, responsible stewards of North America's coldwater fisheries.

The Breithaupts truly are a TU "dream team." Charlie, a former chapter president, chairs TU's Georgia State Council while Kathy serves as council secretary and chapter Webmaster.

Most importantly, they combine their expertise in education—Charlie is a former high school principal, teacher and coach, while Kathy teaches graduate level courses in education—with a passion for spreading the joys of fly-fishing and coldwater conservation to the next generation. This wonderful mix came to fruition four years ago, when the Breithaupts launched the Georgia Trout Camp.

Prez Jimmy Whiten presented Past Prez Terry Rivers with a Tom Landreth framed LE print titled "Chattooga" in appreciation of Terry's 2 years of Chapter leadership.

The GA Council of TU presented Garland Stewart a special award in appreciation of his many years of service as a TU leader in his Chapter, in the state Council, and in National TU.

For the past 20 years, funds raised by the annual Rendezvous have been used in local support of the Chapter's mission. The 2008 Rabun Rendezvous raised over \$13,000 and the funds are being used for: sponsorship of student interns working in NE GA fisheries with the GA WRD; to provide financial support for youngsters attending the GA Trout Camp held in Rabun County; to provide financial support of the GA DNR's Smithgall Woods Youth Conservation Education Program; for the laboratory fees of the Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project; for Kid's Fishing Events at Black Rock Mountain State Park (GA DNR) & Tallulah River (USFS); National TU's "First Cast", "Embrace-A-Stream", & "Back-the-Brookie" programs; for TROUT magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and 3 state parks in Rabun County; for 3 in-stream work-project outings in Rabun County where TU members and youth volunteers work under the direction of the USFS and GA WRD fisheries professionals; and the helicopter stockings in the remote backcountry of Chattooga's North Fork (fall) and West Fork (spring).

21st Annual Rabun Rendezvous Financial Summary

\$7,165 paid for meal tickets

\$8,788 in silent auction sales for 129 items

\$2,357 was bid-in on Tom's items

\$3,708 in raffle ticket sales on 70 buckets & 104 items

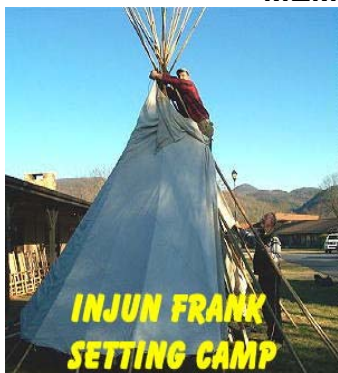
\$689 in raffle ticket sales went for Tom's items

\$370 in Dream Trip raffle tickets sales

\$20,031 total gross revenue

\$13,637 net cleared after all expenses

MEMORIES OF THE 21st ANNUAL RABUN RENDEZVOUS



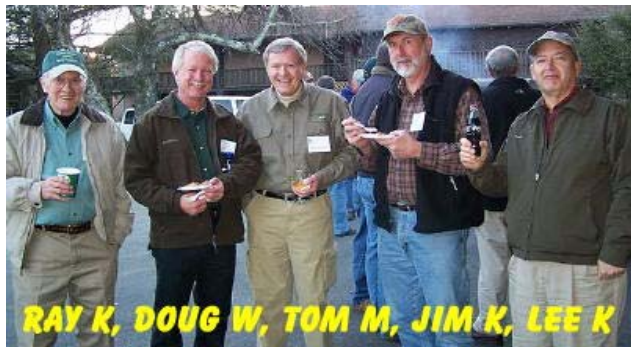
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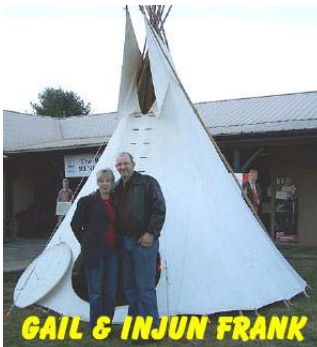
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GOOBER, KATHY & SANDY**



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GAIL & INJUN FRANK



**DICK ALBERTELLI
& HIS BEAUTIFUL LAMP**



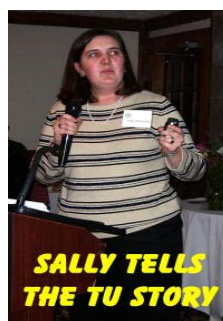
AUCTION, RAFFLE & BLUEGRASS



THE FOXFIRE BOYS & MARGIE



**AFTER DINNER
THE CROUD LISTENS AS**



**SALLY TELLS
THE TU STORY**



THANKS SALLY



THANKS, PAST PREZ TERRY



THANKS, KATHY & CHARLIE



AND THANKS, GARLAND!

For more pictures, visit <http://www.rabuntu.com/>

A BIG "Thank You" to the 89 Donors for the 2008 Rabun Rendezvous

Businesses & Organizations: Tom Landreth (posthumously), The Foxfire Boys, The Dillard House, Unicoi Outfitters & Jimmy Harris, Reeves Hardware & Lewis Reeves III, Wilder Outdoors, Orvis, The Fish Hawk, Patagonia, Cabela's, Atlanta Fly Fishing School & Mack Martin, North GA Custom Rods & Mack Martin, Little River Outfitters, Big Green Egg - Eggmania Central, Wapsi Fly, Daiichi Hooks, Stackpole Books, Countryman Press, The Book Mailer, Morris Communications, Blue Ridge Music -Tom Nixon & Dean English, Lee Johnson – Artist, Broderick Crawford – Artist, Patsy Lewis-Gentry - Artist, Joe Raguckas – Artist, Kay Money – Artist, Dick Albertelli - Artist, Kelly Albertelli – Artist, Maxine Albertelli – Crafter, John Richardson – Crafter, Tiger Mountain Vineyards, Rabun County Concert Series & Barbara Kobacker, Valley Drapery & Design, Rabun County Bank, Stephens Federal Bank, Regions Bank, Kountry Vittles, Valley Café, Cupboard Café, Feed Mill Restaurant, Mama "G's", Stockton House, Grapes and Beans, Valley Pharmacy, Amrine's Equipment & Rentals, Greg's Tire & Service Center, Prater's Main Street Books, Mountain Nature & Wild Bird Supply, The Rootcellar, Expectations Family Beauty Salon & Janis Jones, Total Therapy & Donna Marland, Clayton Reflexology Center, Gap Graphics & Printing, Coosa Valley TU Chapter & Paul Diprima, Chattooga River TU Chapter & Art Schick.

Individuals: Emily Perry, Pat & Bob Foster, Pat & Garland Stewart, Lori & Harlin Smith, Julie & Duane Stalnaker, Charlie Trettel, Doris & Carl Riggs, Cindy Vigil, Mack Martin, Pat Pattillo, Jan & Fran Uteg, June Landreth, Jeff Durniak, Steve Raeber, Dot & Ray Kearns, George Custer, Pat Hopton, Maria Rodeghiero, Gail & Frank Tolbert, Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt, Jim Nixon, Monte Seehorn, Amanda & Brooks & Avril Adams, Allison Adams, Jean & Bill Kelly, Eedee & Doug Adams, Emmilyn & Terry Rivers, Sandy & Ralph Morgan, Doris & Jimmy Whiten, Patsy & Ray Gentry, Carolyn & Jim Kidd, Sheila & Doug Mansfield, Fritz Vinson, Terry Seehorn.

"BACKCASTING" (Continued)

Sat (2/9) Annual Planning Breakfast: 19 members met to develop the annual plan for the Chapter. Items on the agenda were:
Rabun Rendezvous de-briefing - What we can do to make the next Rendezvous even better.

2008 Budgeted Expenditures – The Chapter had over \$20,000 in the checking account and needed to properly allocate its expenditure to support our TU mission.

2008 Calendar – Dates were set for the upcoming Chapter activities during the next 12 months.

2008 Chapter Meeting Programs – The Chapter needs 9 meeting programs each year.

The results of the 2008 Budgeted Expenditure Planning are as follows:

CHAPTER OPERATIONS - \$2,120 (Includes: newsletter, website, annual planning breakfast, memorials, meeting expenses, postage, administrative)

YOUTH & EDUCATION - \$6,400 (Includes: funding for 2 kids to attend GA Trout Camp, Smithgall Woods Youth Education Program, student interns working in cold-water fisheries with GA WRD, kids fishing events at Black Rock Mountain State Park and US Forest Service Tallulah River, gift TROUT magazine subscriptions to 3 libraries and 3 state parks in Rabun County, gift TU memberships)

PROJECTS - \$7,850 (Includes: Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project, Stekoa Creek/Clayton Greenway project, Stop I-3 Coalition, Back-the-Brookie project, 8 in-stream volunteer workdays, backcountry helicopter stocking of the Chattooga North and West Forks)

NATIONAL PROGRAMS - \$3,000 (Includes: First Cast – youth fly-fishing education initiative, Embrace-A-Stream program, TU member services)

GA TU OUTREACH & CONTINGENCY - \$1,100

TOTAL 2008 BUDGET - \$20,470

2008 Calendar - You Don't Want to Miss These

Regular Chapter Meetings with Programs & Raffles on 3rd Tues evenings: 2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 6/17, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18 & 1/20/09.

GA Women Fly Fishers Party (2/23). in Atlanta on Sat evening

Mountain Bridge Chapter Banquet (3/8), Greenville, SC

Hoot-on-the-Hooch on Sat evening (3/29) where the 2008 Dream Trip Raffle winners will be drawn.

Mentoring – Boy Scouts with Doug Hickman (?).

Mentoring – The 1/2-Day Fly Fishing School (4/12) by the Rabunites

Oconee River TU Chapter Fundraiser (4/12).in Athens on Sat

Camping & Fishing (4/16 – 4/20) the Upper Chattooga backcountry, Wed – Sun with camping at Cherry Hill Campground.

Workday - Smith Creek for DH (4/19) with GA WRD on Sat

Workday - for BtB with Camping (5/2 – 5/3) with USFS/GA WRD leading work on North Fork Moccasin Creek and camping beside the Wildcat Creek Road Fri – Sat (5/2 – 5/3)

Tailwater Chapter Banquet (5/5) Buford, GA

Blue Ridge Mountain TU Chapter Fundraiser (5/10) High Country Boil

Workday - Betty Creek In-Stream Trimming/Clean-up (5/17) on Sat. morning in preparation for GA Trout Camp

Mentoring - Annual Spring Family Cookout (5/20) at Indian Lake on Tues with Boy &/or Girl Scout Troops as our guests.

Mentoring - Annual Kids Fishing Event (5/31) on Saturday morning at Tallulah River with USFS

Mentoring - 5th Annual Georgia Trout Camp (6/8 – 6/13) from Sun – Fri; we need all the help we can get for this.

Workdays - Annual Chattooga River Electro-fishing (7/8 & 7/9) with USFS, GA & SC DNR on Tues & Wed and campout at Cherry Hill Campground on Mon & Tues (7/7 & 7/8).

Annual Summer Family Picnic (7/15) at Kelly's Waterfall Park on Tues

Workday - Waters Creek In-Stream Workday (9/13) with USFS, GA DNR, NGTO & TU on Sat

Camping & Fishing (9/17 – 9/21) with camp at the Blackwell Place and fishing in the Chattooga West Fork watershed from Wed – Sun

Gold Rush Chapter Picnic (9/?)

Mentoring - Outdoor Adventure Day (9/27) with GA DNR; Unicoi S. P.

Gold Rush TU Chapter Fundraiser (10/4) in Dahlonega on Sat

Coosa Valley TU Chapter Chili Cook off (10/11) in Rome on Sat

Camping & Fishing (11/5 – 11/9) with camping at Long Bottom and fishing in Chattooga DH and backcountry from Wed – Sun

Annual Family Christmas Dinner (12/9) at Dillard House on Tues evening

22nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous (1/24/2009) on Sat

Annual Planning Breakfast Meeting (2/7/09) on Sat at the Dillard House to set budget and planned expenditures for 2009.

Rabun TU Board of Directors Meetings on 4th Tuesday evenings: 2/26, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28 11/25 & 1/28/2009.

GA TU Council Meetings (3/15) in Dahlonega, (6/4) at BPS, (9/6) at AFFS, & (12/6) at USFS.

National TU Annual Meeting Sept (?) in Utah

Summary for 2008 Calendar: 51 Stekoa Creek Sample Days; 11 Mentoring Days; 6 In-Stream Volunteer Workdays; 9 Meeting Programs; 3 Social Family Meetings; 1 Major Fundraiser – 22nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous; 9 Fundraisers for other Chapters; and 13 Camping Days (with fishing, campfire stories, & bluegrass).

WAAaaaah WHOoooo!

"BACKCASTING" (Continued)

Feb 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting – 24 folks attended. Rocky Ford and Jim Manley, members of the GA Wildlife Federation Board of Directors, provided a brief overview of the activities of their organization. For more on GA W F, click [HERE](#) Scott Griffin of the GA Forestry Commission gave a PowerPoint presentation about the status of the hemlock woolly adelgid infestation and options available for treatment. For details, click [HERE](#) The meeting raffle had 8 buckets including a fly selection, a Rabun TU Tee shirt, a jar of local honey, a book from Tom Landreth's collection, a chest pack, and much more. The raffle raised \$75 to be used toward the cost of mailing newsletters to members without E-mail and for the meeting hospitality expenses. A BIG "thank you" goes to all the Rabunites who donated the items and to members and guests who purchased raffle tickets

Feb 23 (Sat) Georgia Women Fly Fishers Party – 3 Rabunites attended at Sweetwater Brewery in Atlanta. It was a fun event and a fundraiser for trout. For their auction, Rabun TU donated a Tom Landreth framed LE print titled "Changing Tactics".

Feb 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting – 10 members were present. Items discussed included: Thank you letters to Rabun Rendezvous donors; Planning for future Rendezvous - possible acceptance of credit cards; 2009 Rabun Rendezvous program; ½-day Fly Fishing Seminar on April 12; Dream Trip Raffle ticket sales for GA Council; Update: Chattooga North Fork – Boating Zoning; TUTV, 4-days on Chattooga DH; Chattooga DH vehicle break-ins; Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project - 2008 EAS Grant approved; ORC donated \$200 more; Rep Paul Broun (or a staffer) pushed the button at US EPA; Brook trout streams ANC - February water sampling; Update: 2008 GA Trout Camp; 3/15 GA TU Council Meeting in Dahlenega; March & April meeting programs; May Indian Lake cookout meeting; Putting monthly meeting notices in The Clayton Tribune; Update: Publicity, Public Relations, &/or Outreach; Treasury Report; Update: Tom Landreth Memorial Fund; Selling of a Tom Landreth original pen & ink drawing of a brook trout; Gifts for other TU Chapter's & GA WFF's fundraisers; and Meeting Programs for remainder of 2008.

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

The Forest Service plans to release the Preferred Alternative and EA for public comment by early March.

[Public Comments](#) (updated February 13, 2008) <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

"The true trout fisherman is like a drug addict;

he dwells in a tight little dream world all his own, and the men about him, whom he observes obliviously spending their days pursuing money and power, genuinely puzzle him, as he doubtless does them."

From [Trout Madness](#) by Robert Traver

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We wish **Emmilyn Rivers** a speedy recovery from her lung infection.

We wish **Fritz Vinson, Amanda Adams, and Frank Allan** speedy recoveries from their recent surgeries.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **8 new members** this month: **Rick Asbill** (Life Member - transfer), 600 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA 30308-2219; **Raymond Taylor**, 415 Shadow Mountain Drive, Dillard, GA 30537; **James Butler**, 928 High Darnell Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568; **David Cantrell**, 107 Lily Lane, Lakemont, GA 30552; **Justin Tyson**, 407 Joe Davis Rd, Tiger, GA 30576; **Marie Dunkle**, 726 Saga Mountain Rd, Tiger, GA 30576; **John and Pamela Harrison**, 618 Shadow Mountain Drive, Dillard GA 30537.

Thanks for re-upping: **William Jones (New Life Member), Robert Womsley (New Life Member), Robert Larsen, Cecil Greene, Gary Deal, Arnold Deitz, Donald MacLeod, David E. Nichols, and Warren Stiles.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Pat Gorman, Reb Hester, David Jordan, Terry Roderick, Nancy Gribble, Doug Hickman, Lee Prater, Tommy James, and Joshua Watts.**

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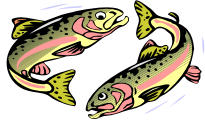
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From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten

Just a few days ago I was riding down the road listening to my radio when our local County Extension Agent was telling all of the chores that the serious gardener needs to be doing to his/her garden, fruit trees and lawn for the month of February and then I realized that gardening is a full time job year round (not just when it is warm and the sun is out.) Just like the serious angler, he/she will fish in the winter months, but most of his/her winter months is spent repairing his/her fishing equipment, building that special rod, tying those secret flies that no one else knows about and tying a few other types of flies that he will give away to some of his/her friends and the new friends he/she makes on the river and others that he/she meets West of Hiawassee.

With all of the chores an angler must do in the winter months, plus all the fishing trips that are mandatory and helping with all of the projects the Rabun Chapter plans to help with this year, not to mention when the fishing really starts, no wonder the angler must rely on the road side fruit stand or Ingles Food Store or some other source for their vegetables and fruits. We just don't have time for a garden.

Happy Fishing

Jimmy

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