



TIGHT LINES September 2008 Newsletter of the

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"Why do people go fishing? Some say they fish to get fish. This is obviously false." - John Randolph

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.

"Ours is the grandest sport. It is an intriguing battle of wits between the angler and the trout; and in addition to appreciating the tradition and grace of the game, we play it in the magnificent out-of-doors."

From Matching The Hatch by Ernest G. Schwiebert, Jr.; 1955

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

- Sept 6 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting at Atlanta Fly Fishing School
 - Sept 11-14 (Thurs-Sun) 2008 TU Annual Meeting near Salt Lake City
 - Sept 13 (Sat) Waters Creek Workday GA WRD, USFS, NGTO & TU
 - Sept 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust;
Program – Nicole Hayler "Update - Stekoa Creek Clean Up"
 - Sept 17-21 (Wed - Sun) Campout - CANCELLED
 - Sept 23 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM, Community B & T
 - Sept 27 (Sat) GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day at Unicoi State Park. Lots of volunteers needed to help. For details on how you can volunteer, contact Jeff Durniak Jeff_Durniak@mail.dnr.state.ga.us
 - Oct 4 (Sat) Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge – Mentoring by Rabun TU
 - Oct 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Bank and Trust;
Program: TBD
 - Oct 28 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM, Community B & T
- 2009 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 24th**
The Program will be presented by Noel Holcombe,
Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



OCTOBER CADDIS PUPA

IF YOU ARE FISHING OCTOBER CADDIS DRY IMITATIONS AND YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH HOOK-UPS, TIE ONE OF THESE TRAILING BEHIND. YOU COULD BE IN THE ZONE WHILE THEY ARE EMERGING DURING LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER

HOOK: 2X NYMPH HOOK 10-14
THREAD: 8/0 RED
HEAD: TUNGSTAN BEAD AND PEACOCK HERL
BODY: ORANGE DUBBING
WING: CASE: TURKEY QUILL
HACKLE: PHEASANT TAIL BOUND DOWN WITH ORGE DUBBING

"Signals of impending change come in many ways, some subtle, others without warning. Little children in fresh school clothes, shorter days and birds flying like they got to be somewhere: They all tell you that autumn is nearby. The cooler nights of early autumn chase summer away – another summer come and gone and like too many before, I ask myself why I didn't fish more than I did. It's become the bromide of the season, and the answer is always the same, the working man's lament."

"Indian Summer" by Craig Sprunge in *Flyfisher*, Autumn 2000

September Hatches

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	Can happen any time on any day		Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern
Small Dun Caddis	All Month	Mid AM to Late PM	8 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	Late	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis	Late	Early AM and Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
Trico Mayfly Trico Spinner Fall	Early	AM PM	20 Parachute Trico 20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Yellow Jackets, Etc			Various Times & Sizes

Kayaking Playground or Nature Preserve? Whitewater Boating Conflicts in Yellowstone National Park

‘Website-of-the-Month’: http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3951/is_200504/ai_n13602237

Is there an Upper Chattooga – Yellowstone connection? Click [HERE](#) & go to page 4 & 5.

Tom Landreth Memorial Fund

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



“The Green” by Tom Landreth (Click on picture)

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.

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.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following August donors to the Tom Landreth Memorial Fund:

Charles and Doris Morris – Statham, GA	Jeff Fields – Woodstock, GA
Sam Alatar – Alpharetta, GA	Steve and Renee Williams – Douglasville, GA
Pat Hopton – Clayton, GA	George Sclaughenhaupt – Johns Creek, GA
David and Rebecca Hulseley – Talking Rock, GA	Brent Langley – Covington, GA

To date, the donations have been sufficient to pay Rabun TU’s share of helicopter costs for 6+ years, through 2013.

It is not too late to make a donation. Write your 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



STOP I-3 Action Alert: The Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the study of the proposed Interstate 3 may be issued as soon as this fall. It’s crucial that the contractors bidding on this project know that many legislators in this area oppose Interstate 3. If Congressman Paul Broun represents you, please e-mail him NOW. Ask that he write a letter stating his opposition to I-3 that is proposed to run through his district. His letter should be mailed to the Secretary of Transportation, with a copy to the Director of the Federal Highway Administration. When writing Congressman Paul Broun, GA 10th District, remind him of his campaign promise in the last election to oppose I-3, and that he has long promised to write this letter and send a copy to post on the Stop I-3 web site. Contact Rep. Broun at <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/webreturn/?url=http://broun.house.gov> To read more, click <http://www.stopi3.org/>

Stekoa Creek Update

(See the brief article in TROUT, Summer 2008, page 51)

Stekoa Creek Monitoring - A National Trout Unlimited "Embrace-A-Stream" Project in 2007 & 2008 [HERE](#) Stekoa Creek is classified as primary trout water, and should be capable of supporting trout reproduction. Stekoa Creek is also infamous as a very polluted tributary to the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. The City of Clayton is entirely in the Stekoa Creek watershed.

DRIVING FOR TROUT

We need more volunteers – we have lost 3 volunteers (deceased, moving away, and illness)

Fifteen (15) 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). The samples are collected by trained employees of the Chattooga Conservancy and transferred (by a chain-of-custody procedure) to a TU volunteer in the parking area at the Stekoa Creek Trading Co. on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM. The volunteer schedule through summer is as follows: Gary Deal (8/26), Bill Kelly (9/2), Lea Richmond (9/9), Ray Gentry (9/16), Jimmy Whiten (9/23), Tom Matthews (9/30)

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

The following article is copied from The Clayton Tribune (8/21/2008) <http://www.theclaytontribune.com/>

City continues sewer repairs

By Chris McCaa
Staff Writer

Clayton is preparing to replace a section of sewer line in an effort to upgrade the city's aging sewer infrastructure.

The replacement will be along a 600-foot section running from the Rabun County Headstart building to the offices of Northeast Georgia Heating & Air off Old Highway 441.

The line facing replacement has been the site of numerous blockages requiring frequent repairs by city employees.

"We have just been going back and patching it up, but we finally convinced council that we need to go ahead and replace it," Mayor Tom Ramey Sr. said.

The new pipe will be more durable than the infrastructure's old terra cotta pipes, which are prone to cracks and

other structural problems.

"(The old pipes) came in 2-foot sections with a joint on every one," public works director Moody Barrick said. "The pipes were crooked and the joints were not smooth, which caused blockages."

The pipe replacement will be the latest in a number of sewer line projects conducted by the city over the past few months.

The city has outsourced several projects to private companies that cleaned, inspected and replaced sections of the city's sewage system.

In June, southeast sections of the city's infrastructure were cleaned and inspected by Video Industrial Services Inc. The company used video cameras to search for structural damage and ground water infiltration in the lines.

In July, the city

contracted CaJenn Construction & Rehabilitation Services Inc., to conduct pipe bursting services on 400 feet of damaged sewer lines near Old Livery Street and Shadyside Drive.

The pipe bursting technique involved breaking the old pipe out of the way by installing the new line in its place.

Ramey said the latest project was within the city's capacity to perform without assistance from private contractors. The project's budget was reduced due to the city's timely procurement of the necessary equipment.

"I got a very good deal and found (the new pipes) at a good price before (prices) went up," Ramey said.

Barrick said the project was scheduled to start within two weeks.

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

Stekoa Creek Task Force - This is a brief progress update regarding our "fix sewer system" group's action plan.

At the August meeting of the Clayton City Council, council approved a resolution to circulate a request for proposals (RFP) that essentially endorses our action plan. The objective of this RFP would be to solicit proposals and bids for engaging qualified engineering firm(s) to: complete a comprehensive study of the current state of the entire sewer system; assimilate all of the existing information about Clayton's sewage system (such as the Woolpert Report, and others cited in the action plan); and, formulate short and long term plans for a system upgrade.

The city council considered the RFP idea at their July meeting, but ultimately rejected it due to financial concerns. Council and the mayor accepted and approved a resolution to go forward with the RFP at the August meeting basically due to assurances that help would be forthcoming to execute the next steps. These next steps are: 1) producing a draft RFP and 2) assembling the funding mechanisms to pay for the work components/deliverables of the RFP.

The financial needs of the city, in order to move forward, are considerable. The funding group's work at this point (which is right now!) will be critical. Nicole Hayler – Fix Sewer System Group Chairperson

Want to help with the Stekoa monitoring? The 2008 Trout Unlimited 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. All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

THE FLYFISHING CONNECTION

By Jimmy Harris from the August, 2008 UNICOI NEWSLETTER <http://www.unicoioutfitters.com/80/>

(Reprinted here with Jimmy's permission)

Just how important is it for all of us, from novice angler to professional, to pass along our passion for this sport? While recently fishing on the Madison River below Reynolds Pass Bridge, I noticed what I thought to be a piece of trash wedged between a rock and a log on the stream bank. Thinking I would simply stick it in my wader pocket to haul back to the car for disposal, I walked over and picked it up. To my surprise, it was an envelope addressed only to "Dad". Hesitantly, I opened it up, assuming someone had dropped it during the day and maybe I could find out whom it belonged to and return it to them in the parking lot that evening. As I read, it became painfully obvious that it was written by a lady whose father must have recently passed away. To say it was touching would be an understatement and throughout I had feelings that I was invading someone's privacy. But on second thought, I am convinced she placed the letter there for her father and for other fishermen in hopes that it may affect the way the reader considered their own fishing life and those around them. And after much thought, I decided that it may have been providence that I found her letter and should share it with all our friends. With full acknowledgment to the unknown author, here are her thoughts:

Dear Dad - I hope you enjoy being out here fly-fishing with me today. This is a trip I know you would have loved hearing about. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have the interest I do in these kind of adventure vacations. I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you giving & teaching me so much.

Thank you for all the really important stuff you taught me including:

How to ride my first bicycle.

How to throw a snowball, dribble a basketball and for enlarging the end of our driveway so you could build a basketball court for me. Typical for you, the way you installed that metal pole into the ground probably means it will be there forever!

How to put a worm on a fishing hook without getting grossed out (especially since Kathy wasn't very good at it.)

Thank you for instilling a love of the 'great outdoors' in me.

Thank you for buying me brand new ski equipment and taking me skiing for the very first time, even if we did spend most of that day in the emergency room at Nyack Hospital since you broke your ankle coming down the slope!

Thank you for teaching me the value of a dollar. When I asked you for a pair of fashionable high-top leather Converse red & white basketball sneakers that cost \$50 at the time, you taught me a valuable lesson when you convinced me to earn money for them myself. And I mowed every lawn in our neighborhood that weekend in order to buy those sneakers...I still have them.

Thank you for sitting on the sidelines, cheering me on and staying in the bleachers at my softball and basketball games without embarrassing me!

Thank you for taking just me down to the Palisades cliffs the summer I was 15 to watch the Tall Ships sail up the Hudson River to celebrate the July 4th Bicentennial. I remember that day like it was yesterday.

Thank you for choosing me to be your little helper and to "hold the light" for you all those hours we worked on projects together in the garage and passing on all your handyman skills to me. Women really do need to know more than just the difference between a flat head and Phillips head screwdriver!

Thank you for not being too upset with me for driving over a median and pulling the muffler off your blue Dodge on my way home from a New Year's Eve party on Long Island.

Thank you for supporting my career and relocation choices, even if some of them didn't seem to make sense at the time and made you scratch your head in wonder at what the heck I was doing.

Thank you most of all for teaching me to be responsible, happy, self-sufficient, honest, hard-working, polite and independent. Without you, I wouldn't be the woman I am today. I hope I made you proud.

Thank you for being my Dad. I will miss you greatly...I already do.

Love always...your daughter, Terry

Fly fishing is about more than just catching fish and aren't we fortunate for that. Pass it on, Jimmy

Editor's notes: My daughter, Allison, called me this week from MT, near where Jimmy discovered this letter. We had taken a family trip there in 1984. This time she was there on vacation with her boy friend. They had just come off the river after a wonderful day of fly-fishing and she called to share the joy. She excitedly told me what flies were working. I asked, "Where were you?" She replied, "I don't believe I said." I'm glad she remembers the important stuff I taught her

She wants me to build her a custom fly rod.

Why hadn't I already done that?



FISHING REPORT

From West of Hiawasee by Jimmy Harris (8/9/2008) – "Probably had the best 10 days of fishing I've ever experienced. Started in Wyoming on the upper Green River fishing with Kyle Burrell and Duane Stalaker. Conditions were perfect (well, the mosquitoes on the Green were a might much) and the fishing was epic. A size 12 Parachute Adams was all it took to match the hatch. After

four days there, moved on up to West Yellowstone for the final 6 days of our trip. The Madison River between Slide Inn and Three Dollar Bridge was better than I've ever seen it, as was Soda Butte in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park."

Lost my Creel

Editor's notes: Charlie Breithaupt was getting his gear together for his annual trip across the big valley West of Hiawasse to take his coldwater therapy treatment for Rocky Mountain Fever. His camping buddies received a E-plea and responded appropriately.

Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2008

Subject: Lost my Creel

I can't find my creel...I don't use it often...and the last time I can remember having it was at the campout at Cherry Hill. It is canvas, kinda light colored and sold by Cabela's. It has a bottle of biodegradable soap and a cheap knife in the pocket.

Have you seen it? Please let me know

Thanks, CB

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2008

Subject: Re: Lost my Creel

Likely story. You must have had too many fish when you saw the warden and chunked it in the bushes.

Sorry I don't have it.

Larry Walker

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2008

Subject: Re: Lost my Creel

If there is anything I do not need it is a 2nd creel, (very seldom do I get to use one). If I come across an extra creel you can have it.

Thanks, Jimmy Whiten in South Dakota

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Subject: RE: Lost my Creel

I read in GON magazine where DNR found creel on Chattooga in MAY that had 3 sticks of dynamite and 27 fish skeletal remains inside. They did say that the person probably could never be located because of the soap inside was probably used to get rid of all fingerprints. Check with Frank he is always picking up things along the river and he will never get this e-mail because his mail is always over quota. I would let you borrow mine but I will be meeting you all on the way out when you all are coming back. Your friend forever I HOPE. Terry Rivers
P.S. I will look through my camping boxes to see if it is in there.

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Subject: Re: Lost my Creel

Was that your creel hanging on the tree beside Frank's vest?

Or maybe it was what that raccoon had draped around his neck when he carried off the bottle of Dickel we were drinking in Tom's memory?
Happy Trails, Doug

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Subject: RE: Lost my Creel

I called Kelly and he said he had about 1/2 dozen creels and would loan one to me. It will probably have fish in it. CB

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

The draft EA public comment period closed on August 18th. Almost 3000 public comments on the draft EA were received, about 500 on the last day. Comments can be read by clicking [HERE](#). The final decision will be released in Dec. 2008. For more, click [HERE](#)

The following excerpt is reprinted with permission of the author, Bronwen Dickey, daughter of James Dickey, author of [Deliverance](#)

"When I read some months back that a lawsuit brought by a boating organization called American Whitewater had prompted the Forest Service to consider opening the river's headwaters to boaters, an unexpected sadness came over me. It was a variant of what I felt years ago when I learned that my childhood home had been torn down and rebuilt into something I couldn't recognize."

From *The Last Wild River*, by Bronwen Dickey, in *Oxford American*, Summer 2008

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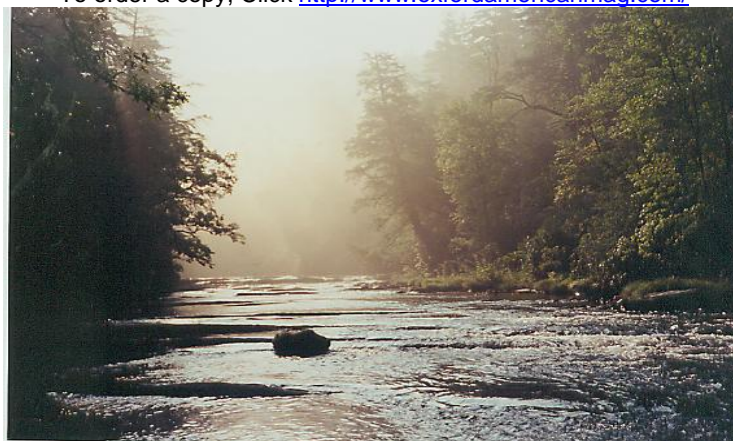


Photo by Doug Adams

This present Chattooga River zoning allocation that the Forest Service planners so wisely put in place over 32 years ago is supported by an ever-increasing numbers of individuals and over 2 dozen diverse conservation organizations with tens of thousands of members, united by their desire to do what is best for the Chattooga. All recognize the need to protect and

preserve wilderness and backcountry values of solitude and remoteness for present and future generations.

Organizations Advocating Boating Limitations for the Upper Chattooga:

1. Wilderness Watch (of Missoula, MT) [HERE](#)
2. National Trout Unlimited [HERE](#)

3. US Congressman Paul Broun - GA [HERE](#)
4. Georgia Department of Natural Resources [HERE](#)
5. Georgia ForestWatch [HERE](#)
6. Georgia Chapter, Sierra Club [HERE](#)
7. Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited [HERE](#)
8. Georgia Wildlife Federation [HERE](#)
9. Georgia Environmental Action Network [HERE](#)
10. Georgia Outdoor Network [HERE](#)
11. Chattooga Conservancy [HERE](#)
12. Atlanta Fly Fishing Club [HERE](#)
13. Friends of Georgia
14. The Rabun County Coalition
15. Satilla RiverKeeper (GA) [HERE](#)
16. State of SC, Office of the Governor Mark Sanford
17. US Congressman Gresham Barrett – SC [HERE](#)
18. SC Department of Natural Resources [HERE](#)
19. South Carolina Council of Trout Unlimited
20. South Carolina Wildlife Federation [HERE](#)
21. Home Preservation & Stewardship Trust (SC)
22. US Congressman Robin Hayes – NC [HERE](#)
23. North Carolina Chapter, Sierra Club [HERE](#)
24. North Carolina Council of Trout Unlimited [HERE](#)
25. North Carolina Wildlife Federation [HERE](#)
26. Western North Carolina Alliance [HERE](#)
27. The Wilderness Society, Western NC office [HERE](#)
28. Highlands Plateau Audubon Society (NC) [HERE](#)
29. Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (NC) [HERE](#)
30. Highland Biological Station (NC) [HERE](#)

31. Glenville – Cashiers Rescue Squad (NC)
32. Friends of Bull Pen (NC)
33. The Over The Hill Hiking Club (NC)
34. Whiteside Cove Association (NC)
35. Save Our Solitude Coalition (NC)

As we near the end of this planning process, the boating community and their lawyers stand alone, as they have from the beginning, opposing the zoning allocation.

Organizations Supporting Unrestricted Boating Access for the Upper Chattooga:

1. American Whitewater [HERE](#)
2. American Canoe Association [HERE](#)
3. Georgia Canoeing Association [HERE](#)
4. Atlanta Whitewater Club [HERE](#)
5. University of Georgia Whitewater Club
6. Western Carolina Paddlers (NC) [HERE](#)
7. Carolina Canoe Club, Inc (NC) [HERE](#)
8. Foothills Paddling Club (SC)
9. Bluegrass Wildwater Association (KY) [HERE](#)
10. Southern Illinois University Canoe & Kayak Club (IL) [HERE](#)
11. Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society (ME) [HERE](#)
12. The Philadelphia Canoe Club (PA) [HERE](#)
13. Lower Columbia Canoe Club (OR) [HERE](#)
14. Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club (OR) [HERE](#)
15. Rocky Mountain Canoe Club (CO) [HERE](#)
16. Keel Haulers Canoe Club (OH) [HERE](#)
17. University of Michigan Kayak Club (MI)

Letters to the Editor

Editor's notes: Within hours of the Forest Service posting public comments, I began receiving E-mails from boaters.

From: grumby@bellsouth.net

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 6:51 PM

Subject: Chattoga [sic] and Encampment rivers

Doug I read your comment about the Chattoga [sic] and opening it to boating. You mentioned the Encampment with great reverence [sic]. There is boating on the Encampment and it is still one of the premier fisheries in the US. The example you give seems to support allowing boating on the Chattooga [sic]. The North Platte, which the Encampment flows into has heavy paddling pressure and is one of the best rivers I have ever fished. I wonder what your real motives are?

Trey Cambren – Marietta, GA Cohutta TU and WW Paddler

Editor's notes: *Thank you for sharing your comments. Yes, I'm aware that the Encampment River has boating during high water flows, which are too high for visiting anglers to enjoy. I have been going there during summer months since 1976 for backcountry solitude and I have never encountered a boater. On the other hand, on numerous occasions I have encountered boaters poaching-a-run on the upper Chattooga in water levels that were very fishable up to 2.5 feet and even at levels below 2.0 feet. That is the reason I can accept the FS preferred alternative as a compromise.*

From: [Curtis Elwood](#)

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 11:01 PM

Subject: Keep up the good work on the Chattooga fight!

Dear Mr. Adams,

Thank you for your closing comments to the Forest Service:

216. COMMENT: *"Very simply, my vision for the Upper Chattooga river corridor is for a place where present and future generations can experience solitude, remoteness and wildness*

that is free of user conflicts. Man can create additional whitewater rivers (e.g. the USDA Forest Service created Ocoee Whitewater Center <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/ocoe/> and the Charlotte US National Whitewater Center <http://www.usnwc.org/>); but man can only protect and preserve solitude, remoteness and wildness."

May I add that "Man can create a multitude of trout fishing opportunities (see list below) AND man can destroy a national treasure, like the Upper Chattooga, with non-native trout stocking and all the devastation it attracts". Boaters protect and preserve the solitude, remoteness and wilderness. We leave don't even leave footprints.

Editor's notes: *Mr. Elwood then listed 26 commercial trout farms in NC (with addresses and phone numbers) starting with Andy's Trout Farm right here on Betty's Creek Road. I might point out the Encampment River in WY also is noted for its excellent non-native "exotic" rainbow and brown trout fishery in a designated Wilderness area. I replied by E-mail thanking him for his comments and asked for his hometown so I could include it with his reprinted E-letter. He replied, "Sure, St. Louis MO. Despite my locale, I've visited the Chattooga several times. It's one of my favorite places in the country." Mine too.*

From: [<wilko@onsneteindhoven.nl>](mailto:wilko@onsneteindhoven.nl)

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 9:46 AM

Subject: Upper Chattooga trout [sic] fishing opportunities?

(Editor's notes: The sender placed here a "copy and paste" of the body of the above E-mail from Mr. Elwood)

Hope this helps. Kind Regards, Wilko van den Bergh - The Netherlands, Europe

Editor's notes: *Thank you for your plagiarized comments.*

"Stewardship is not a popularity contest." G. W. Custer, 2005

What's New Elsewhere?

'Bigfoot' Finders Fail To Convince Skeptics (8/16/2008) Two Georgia men said a hairy corpse a press conference Friday in they claim to have stumbled upon in the state's northern woods is Bigfoot, but the evidence theyCalifornia with Bigfoot hunter offered at a press conference Friday did little to convince the skeptics in the audience. Click hereTom Biscardi, talking about how for video: [Bigfoot Body Found?](#) The body is crammed in a freezer. Matt Whitton and Rick Dyerthey came across the creature. maintain that DNA evidence will prove once and for all that the frozen creature is Bigfoot. They heldAn anonymous tip to WYFF

News 4 said the remains were found in **Rabun County**. The caller wouldn't give an exact location of where the men allegedly found the body because they said there was another group of the creatures living close by.

To read more, click <http://www.wyff4.com/news/17199614/detail.html>

This is better than the cougar story. How the heck did Nugget pull this one off?



Yep, it was all a big hoax.

"BACKCASTING"

Aug 19 (Tues) Meeting Program: 20 folks attended. Leon Brotherton, GA WRD Fisheries Technician at Burton Hatchery, gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation on the data collected in the Chattooga Anglers Diaries. He presented the results from 2007 by the 12 segments of the upper Chattooga. He followed that with a presentation on the summer interns working in coldwater fisheries of North Georgia. Most of the intern activities were in native brook trout protection and enhancement projects. **Meeting raffle** had 10 buckets with a fly selection, a jar of local honey, a wormy chestnut custom made stool, wine, wine rack and much more. The raffle raised \$105 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.

Aug 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting – RESCHEDULED Due to weather and people unable to attend, the monthly BOD meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 9/2. Agenda items include: Update: Chattooga North Fork – Boating Zoning, Update: Stekoa Creek Monitoring Project; Sept 6 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting; Sept 11-14 (Thurs-Sun) 2008 TU Annual Meeting; Sept 13 (Sat) Waters Creek Workday; Sept 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting Program – Nicole Hayler "Update - Stekoa Creek Clean Up"; Sept 17-21 (Wed - Sun) Campout – CANCELLED; Sept 27 (Sat) GA DNR Outdoor Adventure Day; Oct 4 (Sat) Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge – Mentoring by Rabun TU; Oct 21 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, Need a Program: Update: Publicity, Public Relations, &/or Outreach; & Treasury Report:

Back-the-Brookie Update (8/10/2008) This years' intern program has been a great success. This fiscal year, our interns have worked nearly 1,600 hours, 1,500 hours in the third quarter alone! In 2008, 30 stream structures have been built improving existing brook trout habitat on Stover Creek, High Shoals Creek, North Moccasin Creek and Ramey Creek. Stover and High Shoals both received 12 new structures. 2008 was a good year for Chapter stream projects. Many of the projects were supported by multiple Chapters this year. Some projects had over seven Chapters being represented and as many as forty volunteers. Good news – we recently were informed by the USFWS that a grant submitted by the USFS, GA DNR and GA TU was awarded \$35,000 for our 2008 application. Those funds will be available over the next three years to help fund interns, materials and construction costs. To read more, click [HERE](#)

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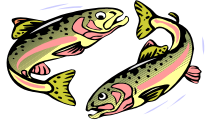
A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **4 new members** this month: **Chelsea Adams**, PO Box 220, Turnerville, GA 30580; **Billy McClain**, 6194 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568; **Arthur Crowe** (transfer), 166 Anderson St #111, Marietta, GA 30060; **Bill Archer** (transfer), PO Box 97, Tiger, GA 50576

Thanks for re-upping: **Jack Bates, Eugene Keener, Brooks & Amanda Adams, Chuck Breithaupt, James Moore, Lonnie English, Walter Godfrey, Kevin Lash, Ralph Morgan and Reb Hester**

It is time to renew your membership: **Logan Justice, Tyler Kearns, Allison Adams, Jim Blalock, Ronald McKenney, Mike Fuller, Ron Grob, Arthur Guthas, Taylor Marchman, Jacob Shelton, Randy Suddeth, Charles Cawthon, Lewis Reeves III, Johnny Cannon, John Duncan, John Patrick, Devin Anderson & Steve McAdams**

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From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten

In most cases in the past when you met someone and did not know what to say, you could always start out by making a comment about the weather (never has to be correct, no one is listing anyway) but a safer topic now days is to complain about the high cost of GAS. This will get things rolling. With this said, this starts my mind rambling.

Some of you may remember but never admit, gas @ \$0.25 per gallon, one family car, and a fuel bill of say \$1.50 per week. Compared to say about \$60 per week per vehicle, with three or more family vehicle. Two or more TV's per family (color with VHS and DVD player) and of course average of 100 channels with remote control, compared to one black and white TV and average of three channels. Set the thermostat to whatever you want 68 thru 75 degrees (gas or electric). Compare that to house temperatures in the teens thru the 90s with no heat at night, no air-condition at all (fuel was wood or coal.) Communication for the family is three phones or more, one or two lines, one or more cell phones for each family member not to mention pagers, work phones, and of course e-mail. Compared to one phone in the neighborhood and a four party phone at that. And do not think of calling someone at work unless a dire emergency. Computers????????????? I better stop here - this could go on forever.

Oh yes we all have our memories we can think back on with humor. I hope never to go back to the "GOOD OLD DAYS." Just give me the gas at \$5.00 per gallon. Now time to use some of that \$5.00 gas and go fishing.

Happy Fishing,

Jimmy

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