



# TIGHT LINES September 2009 Newsletter of the

## Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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*"You do not cease to fish because you get old, you get old because you cease to fish!"* Unknown

### 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)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*"One of the great disappointments of fly fishing is that it isn't better in the summertime. Or, to make the ancient but accurate distinction, it's a shame that the catching isn't better. The fishing, of course, is just fine."*

From Flashes In The River by Ed Gray (1996)

### "FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates – See you there!

**Sept 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community B&T;  
Program: Alex Bell 'WNC Fly Fishing Trail' <http://www.flyfishingtrail.com/>

**Sept 19 (Sat) Mountaineer Festival** 10 AM – 4 PM; in Clayton. Volunteers needed to man the Rabun TU booth. Contact Terry Rivers Ph 706 782 7419 E-mail [tr1121@windstream.net](mailto:tr1121@windstream.net)

**Sept 19 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting** at AFFS 9AM

**Sept 22 (Tues) Board of Directors** 6:30 PM, Clayton RE/MAX office

#### **PASSING IT ON**

**Sept 26 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day** at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek. Have you ever wanted to learn how to catch a trout, shoot a shotgun, set up a tent, or paddle a canoe? Well, here is your chance. The event is **FREE** and will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, in the large field downstream from Unicoi Lake Dam. Volunteers needed. TU volunteers please contact Ronald Cheslock, UCC [rcheslock@hotmail.com](mailto:rcheslock@hotmail.com)

**Oct 7 – 11 (Wed – Sun) Fishing & Camping** West Fork, Holcomb & Overflow Creeks with Camping at the Blackwell Place. Go out Warwoman Rd, turn left on Hale Ridge Rd (FS7). Continue on Hale Ridge Rd for about a mile past the intersection with Overflow Rd (FS86). Cross the small bridge over the head of Holcomb Creek, about 1/10 mile past bridge turn right on FS696. Go 50 yds to campsite on the left side of road. Contact person - Charlie Breithaupt: Phone 706 782 6954, E-Mail [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

**Oct 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community B&T; Program: Dr Tom Guest "Take Care of Yourself"

**Oct 21 (Tues) Board of Directors** 6:30 PM, Community B & T

**2010 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Program: David Cannon <http://www.cannonoutdoors.com/>

**"Experiences of an Outdoors Writer"**

*He will share stories and pictures from his experiences researching for his book.*

### FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



#### DAVE'S CRICKET

GREAT FLY TO HAVE WHEN THING ARE SLOW. CAST CLOSE TO THE BANK AND IF YOU CAN GET A GOOD DRIFT HOLD ON AND YOU MAY BE CHURNING BUTTER (IN RABUNITE TERMS).

**HOOK:** 2X NYMPH HOOK  
**HEAD:** BLACK DEER HAIR  
**WING:** BLACK TURKEY WING OR STRAW MATERIAL  
**TAIL:** DARK BROWN DEER HAIR  
**BODY:** BLACK OR TAN DUBBING PALMERED WITH BLACK HACKLE  
**LEG:** DYED BLACK PHEASANT TAIL

*"Trout fisherman at one time or another dream of that perfect trout stream. The place, type of water and even type of trout may vary, but in general it must offer hungry trout, beautiful scenery, a test of skills and, above all, few other fishermen. In recent years it is this idea that has led me away from many popular rivers and into the backcountry. In those out-of-the-way spots, landing a ten-inch cutthroat on 8X tippet carries the thrill of much larger trout on the big waters. Light lines and delicate rods become addictive, but, if your casting skills aren't up to snuff, you may also need aspirin. Fish are wary in small, clear streams; trees and bushes sometimes eat more of your flies than trout do."*

*"One of Those Funny Little Creeks" by Daniel J. Reid in "Flyfishing the West", October 1981*

## September Hatches

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

**'Website-of-the-Month':** [http://www.smokymountainnews.com/issues/07\\_09/07\\_29\\_09/out\\_fr\\_flyfishing.html](http://www.smokymountainnews.com/issues/07_09/07_29_09/out_fr_flyfishing.html)

This Smoky Mountain News article is about the subject of our next Chapter Meeting Program on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Stekoa Creek Update

**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.

**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

**To view 28 months of lab results for the Stekoa Creek Monitoring water samples, click [HERE](#)**

At present the Chattooga Conservancy is collecting 5 water samples each week to monitor the effects of the Stekoa Creek fecal pollution on the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. First sample from above the Stekoa Creek confluence (CR 1 Beaverskull), 2<sup>nd</sup> sample in Stekoa Creek as it enters the river (CR 2 Stekoa), 3<sup>rd</sup> from river below the Stekoa confluence (CR3 Raft Trap), 4<sup>th</sup> sample from Long Creek as it enters the river (CR 4 Long Creek), and the 5<sup>th</sup> sample about ¼ mile below the confluences (CR 5 Deliverance). Trout Unlimited is paying the lab fees to analyze these samples. We expect to find the highest fecal pollution levels after rain events.

**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](mailto:edadams1@windstream.net). All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c) 3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

### FROM CRAWFORD ART GALLERY

<http://broderickcrawfordart.com/>

*Broderick has done a new print called "Trout". It is all the trout one could catch in America. It's very colorful and beautiful. Crawford Art Gallery is giving print #1 framed to Rabun TU.*



The Rabun TU Chapter Board of Directors has decided to offer the artist signed and framed #1 print for sale at a live auction during the 2010 Rabun Rendezvous - Saturday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All proceeds from the sale of this beautiful #1 print will be donated to the Georgia ["Back-The-Brookie"](#) program.

The following short story appeared in the Miller County Liberal, Colquitt, GA <http://www.millercountyliberal.com/> and is reprinted here with permission of the author.

4<sup>th</sup> in a series of Bob Kornegay short stories about trout fishing in North Georgia

**THE DAY HE FINALLY "GOT IT"**

by BOB KORNEGAY

Since he was a toddler, I have enjoyed being outdoors with my son. 24-year-old Kyle caught his first fish at age 5, has fired his own guns since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and began following me around on hikes as soon as he could walk more than a few feet without falling. I've watched him grow into an adept outdoorsman; knowledgeable, ethical, and appreciative. I am unashamedly proud of him.

Though circumstances today warrant our not spending as much time together as we once did, when we do hook up, my "boy" is still a favorite partner. Now we are equals. Gone are the days when he needed my help casting, baiting a hook, sighting-in a rifle, or finding his way back to a trail head.

Despite that my basic instinct to over-protect was hard to quell. In fact, given the opportunity, I'd probably still hold his hand when he crosses the street and would jump at the chance to help him into his hunting clothes or remove a fish from a hook for him.

Kyle got fed up with my doing such things around the age of 13. "I can do it!" he'd snap as I opened a gate. "You check up on me all the time!" he'd growl after receiving my umpteenth two-way radio call. "I'm alright, Daddy!" he'd bark whenever I tried to pick him up and brush him off.

That went on, unchecked, until he hit 17. Specifically, his resentment knew no bounds until a particular North Georgia trout fishing trip we took in the spring of 2002.

On the bank of a small creek in Rabun County, Kyle wasted no time getting into his waders and wordlessly taking off downstream. It was obvious he wished to go it alone. I felt those natural "worry" pangs, but really couldn't blame him. Trout-stream solitude is a good thing. I checked myself before asking where he was going.

"I'll not embarrass him today," I said to myself.

I finished donning my own trout-fishing ensemble (waders, creel, net, vest, wading shoes) and struck off upstream along the narrow mountain valley trail. I didn't anticipate the distance I had to travel and was surprised when I wound up nearly two miles from the truck. Kyle and I had never before been so far apart when fishing together.

My lengthy trek was worth it. I found what I was seeking. Three pools held fat rainbows and I took due advantage,

catching six in less than a half hour. The final two (Georgia's trout limit is eight) didn't come so easily. Another hour passed without a single fish offering to strike my tiny Rooster Tail spinner. I left the creek and climbed a steep incline up the bank, just to rest a bit.

After a brief "lollygag" in the shade of a big hemlock, I arose, thinking I'd fish maybe 30 more minutes before walking back to my starting point. Nonchalantly, I began my downward descent toward the creek.

One misstep was all it took. A stepped-on rock gave way and Bob gave way in turn. Gravity took over and I tumbled down the slope and into the rippling water. Foolishly, I stuck out my right arm to thwart my momentum and hit the rocky stream bed as my wrist, elbow, shoulder, and everything in between took the brunt of the impact. It didn't take long to decide six trout were quite enough. Injury and all, I emptied the water from my waders and painfully started back downstream.

Negotiating cattle gates and electric fences, I finally sighted the main road and a distant figure in a familiar red pullover walking resolutely toward me. I waved with my good arm and was instantly recognized by the young man, who subsequently quickened his pace in my direction. He wore a blatant frown and a poorly disguised look of worry.

"Where've you been?" my son asked. "I was worried about you."

(Oh, really?)

"Upstream," I answered. "Fell in."

"Yeah, I see," he replied. "Gimme your rod. Let's get you back to the room and into some dry clothes."

You know, I don't think I've ever loved that boy any more than I did at that moment. My throbbing arm felt instantly better. Better still, I believe that was the day he began to understand why daddies are so damn reluctant to finally let em go.

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**Editor's notes:** Bob Kornegay's book of outdoor humor and nostalgia, BUDDIES AND BOBTALES, is available for \$22.00 postpaid. Mail check or money order for personalized copies to Bob Kornegay, P.O. Box 568, Blakely, GA 39823.

Fishing Reports - Passing it on!

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2009 **Subject:** Big trout

This one has never seen a Purina trout chow pellet 😊. Caught by Penn Howell on the Upper Green River on USFS land. Released unharmed. It was caught on a #10 Chernobyl Ant dry fly in the middle of the day. Go figure! I told Penn he needed to go buy some Lotto tickets. Regards,

**From:** Kyle Burrell - A Rabunite & a Fishing Guide in Cora, Wyoming.

**Editor's Notes:** Kyle is a native of Rabun County, charter member of Rabun TU and fulltime trout fishing guide that guides most of the year for "River Through Atlanta" [HERE](#) and summer months for "Green River Guest Ranch" [HERE](#) in WY. To contact Kyle for a memorable trip, E-mail [fishwithkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:fishwithkyle@yahoo.com)



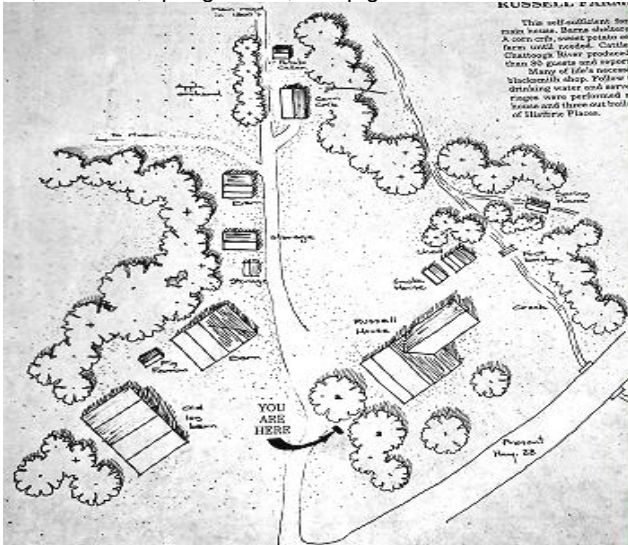
**Status Update - Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis**

In a letter dated 7/1/2009, USFS Deputy Chief Joel Holtrop provided a brief update on the status of the Chattooga North Fork management plan. He stated, "Most recently, we have been conducting an extensive legal review to ensure that we have addressed all relevant concerns." And, "At this time we are expecting a final decision before the end of summer." Click [HERE](#) When a final decision is announced, the public will be notified and the decision will be posted here <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>.

## Know Your Forest: 3<sup>rd</sup> in a series

### The Russell Farmstead <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/recreation/RussellFarmstead.php>

The Russell farmstead was a busy Appalachian farm, stagecoach stop, and inn in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The historic site contains the foundations and remains of the Russell house and nine outbuildings including barns, corn crib, spring house, and pig farrow.



The farm was settled in the 1820s on the site of Chatuga Old Town, an abandoned Cherokee village. Ira Nicholson built the first house, which was destroyed by federal troops in 1864. William Ganaway Russell (1835-1921) purchased the property in 1867. He married Jane Nicholson (Ira's granddaughter) in 1870. Russell built most of the buildings, including the main house. Family tradition says that Russell paid for the property with a fortune he made driving cattle to feed California gold miners.

The farm is located in Oconee County (SC) on Highway 28 near the Chattooga River on the road and former stagecoach route between Walhalla and Highlands. The large house was gradually expanded and provided rooms for travelers. It was a frame two-story building dating from the 1880s with a projecting rear two-story ell added around 1890. A two-story front porch was also added later. In the early twentieth century numerous prominent GA and SC people spent the night at the Russells, or shared meals there, including future President Woodrow Wilson.



William Russell performed the function of a local doctor and dentist. A blacksmith shop was located at the farm. Jane, in addition to raising 15 of their own children, was a mid-wife, riding a horse sidesaddle to provide her help. She also ran a Post Office in the main house from the late 1800's to early 1900's.

For more info about the family, click:

<http://sciway3.net/scgenweb/oconee-county/archived-txt/history/mr-04.txt>

William died in 1921 and Jane died in 1935, but the family continued to operate the establishment into the 1950s. The Forest Service purchased this 187-acre tract in 1970. Originally, the Russell Farmstead consisted of agricultural fields, gardens, pastures, the large two-story frame house and at least 12 outbuildings. Fire destroyed the main house, two outbuildings and a privy on May 14, 1988.

When five acres of the farmstead were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, the house, outbuildings and site itself were recognized for three areas of significance dating from 1867-1921: transportation, architecture and agriculture. For transportation, the site was recognized for its role as a stage stop and inn. The house and outbuildings were recognized in the area of agriculture as representative of the diverse aspects of buildings on a small turn-of-the-century Appalachian farmstead. The main house and individual outbuildings were considered significant examples of vernacular architecture. The remaining buildings serve as interesting examples of early rural architecture, but the loss of four buildings to fire and the advanced deterioration of the remaining structures have resulted in adverse impacts to the site. Portions of the original agricultural fields have been mowed each year to provide open habitats for wildlife.

### Southern Appalachian Farmstead Proposal For the Russell Farmstead

Comments must be postmarked or received by **Sept 4, 2009**

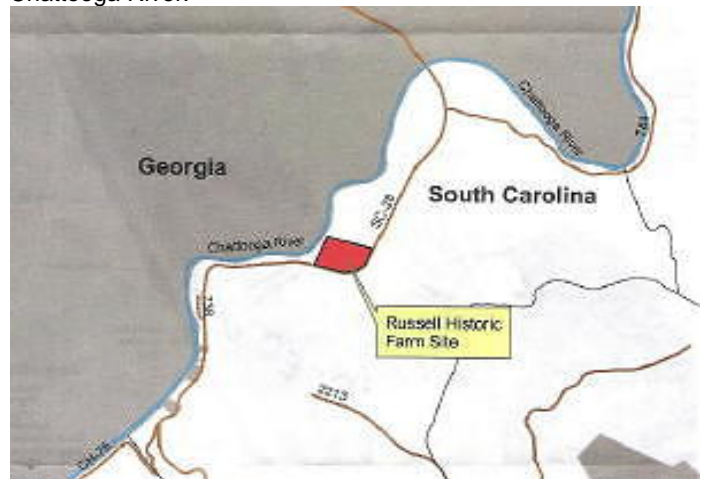
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Scoping letter dated 7/13/2009: from Mike Crane - District Ranger

The Andrew Pickens Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest in Oconee County, South Carolina has received an application from the Board of Directors for the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla, South Carolina to establish a Southern Appalachian Farmstead living history interpretive site on 20 acres of national forest lands at the existing Russell Farm Historic Site on Highway 28 near the Chattooga River. The purpose and context of this proposal is to preserve and interpret historic rural lifeways (ways of life) associated with Southern Appalachian culture that was present in South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina from 1875-1925.

#### Proposed Action

Based on the application from the Board of Directors for the Oconee Heritage Center, I am proposing to authorize the establishment of a Southern Appalachian Farmstead living history interpretive site on 20 acres of national forest lands at the existing Russell Farm Historic Site on Highway 28 near the Chattooga River.



This proposal includes the following actions (see below):

- Stabilization, restoration, maintenance and interpretation of the buildings and grounds on the five-acre Russell Farmstead National Historic Register Site;
- Placement and interpretation of up to 12 additional relocated historic buildings and partial reestablishment of the historic landscapes on an additional 15 acres of the Russell Farmstead. This includes original locations and operations of stagecoach and other roadbeds, fence lines, gardens, agricultural crops (e.g. corn, sorghum) and pastures with traditional farm animals;
- Use of an additional relocated historic building (Cleveland School) as living quarters for a full-time tenant to provide on-site presence and security. This structure would be located on the south side of Highway 28 where a mobile home existed prior to public ownership;
- Construction of a 30-vehicle parking lot;
- Installation of public restroom facilities (modern, pit-type toilets);
- Use of an additional relocated historic building as an interpretive center, office and gift shop;
- Limited use of Forest Service-approved herbicides (as may be required primarily in some of the initial phases of land clearing) and insecticides (as may be required with the presence of farm animals);
- Replace existing stream crossings with foot bridges. Some additional ditching or drainage structures are also needed;
- Living history interpretive events and programs;
- Fundraising through donations and sales; and
- Relocation of existing power line to Highway 28 corridor.



The national forest lands being considered in this proposal are located within Management Prescription 2.A.3, Designated Recreational River Segments, Chattooga River. These areas are managed to emphasize the protection and enhancement of the outstandingly remarkable values that led to the river's designation and provide for a wide range of recreational opportunities. Desired conditions for these lands may allow for man-made facilities that provide for visitor safety and comfort including parking areas, trails, signs, restrooms and roads.

#### **Purpose and Need**

The area known as the Russell Farm Historic Site is an important landmark in Oconee County. However, due to lack of sufficient maintenance, the portion of the Russell Farm that was placed on the National Register of Historic Places has been deteriorating since a fire destroyed the main house and two outbuildings. Grasses, weeds, shrubs, trees and vines have grown over what used to be lawns, gardens and pastures. Buildings have been weathering, falling down, and vandalized. This proposal would reverse that trend by stabilizing, restoring and maintaining the buildings and grounds. The presence of a full-time tenant would improve security and reduce the potential for vandalism in the future.

In addition, the Southern Appalachian Farmstead would be a functioning farm designed and operated for the purpose of interpreting various aspects of rural Southern Appalachian culture. The historical context of the farm would be defined between 1875 and 1925; therefore, the site would be restored visually to what one would have seen in the late 19th or early 20th century. The site would also promote heritage tourism and serve as a welcome center for visitors entering the South Carolina upstate, offering information to visitors about recreational and other opportunities in the area and on the national forest.

The primary goal of the project would be public education about heritage resources such as Southern Appalachian history, architecture, agriculture, historic preservation techniques, environmental conservation and the mission of the U.S. Forest Service. Not only would structures be preserved (houses, cabins, corn cribs, smokehouses) but also equipment, tools and techniques would be interpreted. This would be a working farm in the sense that activities would include those from actual life during the given time period. Activities may include making candles, growing crops, blacksmithing and many others. Visitors will not only be able to see how the farm looked, but also experience it. Events would include small festivals, Appalachian music gatherings, quilting bees, barn raisings, cooking sorghum, and farming and lumbering demonstrations.

The consideration of this application is consistent with and supports the following goals and objectives for the Sumter National Forest:

- Goal 31 - Manage areas with special paleontological, cultural, or heritage characteristics to maintain or restore those characteristics (RLRMP, 2-28).
- Goal 31 - Meet the demand for quality heritage learning and tourism opportunities. Realize the potential of heritage sites

on the national forest to draw heritage tourism partners to benefit both the heritage assets and public programs (RLRMP, 2-28).

#### **Special-Use Permit Authorities**

This project, if allowed, would be authorized and administered using a special-use permit; specifically, a Granger-Thye permit would likely be used. This type of permit (Section 7 of the Granger-Thye Act, 16 U.S.C. 580d) authorizes the occupation and use of improvements on national forest lands.

#### **Public Meeting**

A public meeting is scheduled for **August 31, 2009**. Those interested in finding out more about this proposal and how they might provide more informed written comments are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the Oconee Heritage Center located behind the Bantam Chef at 123 Brown Square Drive in downtown Walhalla, SC from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

#### **Environmental Analysis and Public Comment**

I am interested in hearing about any concerns you might have with these proposed actions. The Forest Service will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) that will disclose environmental and social impacts of these proposed actions. The analysis in that EA will be used to make a final decision on whether to allow these actions on national forest lands and, if so, under what conditions. **I invite you to submit written comments to me about this proposal.** This request for comments satisfies our legal requirement for the 30-day Notice and Comment period (36 CFR 215.3 and 215.5).

In accordance with 36 CFR 215.6(a) (3), individuals or organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

- Name and address;
- Title of the Proposed Action ("Southern Appalachian Farmstead");
- Specific comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision; and
- Your signature or other means of identification verification. For organizations, a signature or other means of identification verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent your organization.

Comments should refer to the "Southern Appalachian Farmstead Proposal". Comments can also be faxed to the number listed below or E-mailed to [comments-southern-francismarion-sumter-andrewpickens@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-francismarion-sumter-andrewpickens@fs.fed.us). Additional information may be obtained at the address and telephone number below.

Comments must be postmarked or received by **September 4, 2009** and sent to:

**Mike Crane - District Ranger**, Southern Appalachian Farmstead Proposal, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC 29664, Telephone: (864) 638-9568, FAX: (864) 638-2659

**Editor's Notes:** *Please take a few minutes to send your comments and/or concerns by E-mail.*

**GA WRD – Back-the-Brookie report for the summer of 2009** Report by Leon Brotherton - Fisheries Technician, GA WRD (8/11/2009). We had a great summer and we exceeded our goals for this year. The interns and TU Volunteers completed 111 structures. Of this total 29+ Structures were completed on Stover Creek this year to meet the requirements for the Embrace-a-Stream Grant (50 Structures in two years). 82 structures were completed on brook trout streams and we will continue structures and monitoring next year to complete the requirements of the 2008 Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Grant. Two new brook trout streams were identified and five other streams were sampled that did not contain brookies. The work could not have been completed without the support and volunteers from TU. Thank You!

**Editor's Notes:** *Leon we, thank you for you excellent leadership in this important conservation work.*

*To view some Stover Creek photos, click [HERE](#). To learn more about Back-the-brookie, click [HERE](#).*

# Call For Volunteers at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day (9/26/09) **PASSING IT ON**

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 Please consider volunteering to help us at Unicoi State Park's Outdoor Adventure Day to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day on 9/26/09. You don't have to be an expert outdoorsman or woman to play a vital role in the day's success. Can you help at registration or direct parking? There's a niche for everyone! **More info** [HERE](#) TU volunteers please contact Ronald Cheslock, UCC [rcheslock@hotmail.com](mailto:rcheslock@hotmail.com)

Unicoi State Park Manager Scott Hudgins hosts us, Game Management Supervisor Ken handles the budget, and I handle event staffing. Many of you are veterans of this event, but the following info may help prospective volunteers to understand the roles they could play and to make the decision to join our ranks. To fill out my roster and to ensure good communications with volunteers, I would like the following info from each volunteer:

- =====
- PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
- 1) Your name : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Your affiliation (if you'd like me to credit your group or club) : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) email address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) phone number : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) first choice of venue : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) second choice of venue: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7) are you willing to work anywhere I need somebody (y/n)? \_\_\_
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First come, first served. Below is the narrative from previous years' volunteer instructions to help you understand the duties. Thanks for your consideration. We can't pull off this event without an army of vols!

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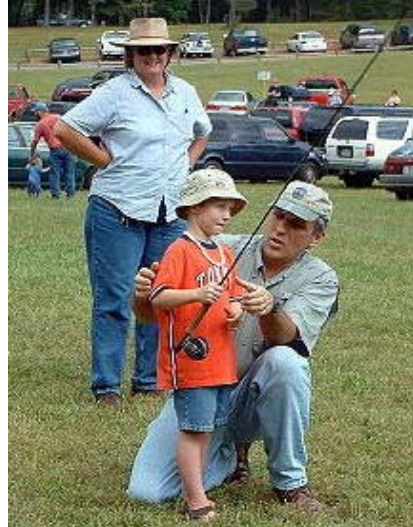
## Venue Info:

1. **Registration & Raffle tents.** These workers will greet visitors and get signed liability release forms and pens back from them in exchange for raffle tickets. Detailed instructions will be provided to you on Saturday (9/26), as Kim trains you. Visitors will put one copy of the raffle ticket into the raffle bucket of their choice and keep the other copy. They will use that copy as proof of signing the release form (so they can shoot or canoe) and as proof of a winning raffle ticket number. The raffle will start at 1 PM for free prizes. I have a small, separate work force assigned to the raffle. Volunteers on my roster are eligible for prizes, also!
2. **Parking.** State Parks staff will guide visitor vehicles to orderly parking in the big field. Parks staff also have a plan for overflow parking, if needed. They may need a few helpers.
3. **Archery. Hands-on.** One-on-one instruction by WRD and Bowhunters Association. Note that this venue is on far side of Smith Creek, next to the laundry building. It can be reached by the road crossing up near the dam or by the footbridge over the creek to the group camp. Some of you may be asked to provide security. Just stand at edge of venue and prevent visitors from straying into the line of fire.
4. **Air gun.** Hands on by WRD, 4-H Club, and other volunteers. Same as #4, and located next to it. Again, a few of you may secure the perimeter.
5. **Canoe.** This venue will be up on lake, in the west corner of the dam along the highway. Paved 16-car parking lot and restrooms. We are still looking at our staffing capabilities (limitations) before deciding whether we can offer canoeing in 2009. An outpouring of vols can affect our decision.
6. **Skeet.** Handled mainly by well trained DNR and USFS Rangers and Game Management Technicians. 500 yards downstream from main event (safety, safety). A few of you may simply help at the sign-in tent and keep waiting guests away

from the shooting area (no experience needed).

7. **Fishing tent.** This is where visitors can exchange a driver's license for a loaner fishing pole and bait. Biologists, fishing guides, TU'ers, and other fibbers can answer questions and give fishing tips. Fisheries staff will need at least 5 helpers to stay at the tent to handle loaner rod untangling, knot-tying, bait distribution, and rod checkout. This is a busy tent.

8. **Fly casting.** Part of the field will be set aside for casting instruction. I suggest that volunteers bring a rod that they don't mind visitors tinkering with (DON'T BRING YOUR GOOD SAGE OR WINSTON!!!). I am venue leader for casting and tying. If you tie, bring your tying stuff with you, too.



9. **Fly tying.** Bring your supplies and an extra vise if you have one. Let visitors sit down at the table and tie his/her own fly to take home. Variations of the woolly worm (W. bugger, anytime/anywhere, etc.) or San Juan worm have worked well for me in the past. Kids love a gold bead and a big, gaudy fly. Beads from craft store, yarn from Wal Mart. Cheap, easy, and fun for visitor. Many visitors are shy, so you may have to speak up and encourage youngsters to come over and tie their own fly. We will try to have power to the tent (if generator is not too loud), so consider bringing a small lamp.

10. **Fishing - stream helpers.** Grab a pocket fishing kit (hooks and shot) and some bait (corn) that WRD will supply and go help people fishing on stream. Search them out - look at stringers, tackle used, and forlorn faces. Find a kid and work with him/her for an hour or so on reading water, casting, setting hook, etc. Mentoring! Fishing is NOT restricted to kids only (parent has the driver's license, so they must be hooked, too). Feel free to bring some of your favorite baits to help your reputation as an awesome fishing guide. We will have about 100 loaner poles available, but feel free to bring an extra Zebco outfit if you have one to loan to your "student," since we made 400 loans at our last event. (See item #9). Some of you can help WRD staff stock creek around 10-11 AM. Get some kids to help too - we're bringing buckets to get them involved.

11. **Wildlife and Camping venues.** The experts pretty much run their own shows. Volunteers here will mainly help Smithgall Woods Education Specialists Sheila Humphrey (Wildlife) with logistics needed by the demonstrators (tables, chairs, PR, food and water, etc).

**More info** [HERE](#) For TU volunteers, please contact Ron Cheslock at E-mail [rcheslock@hotmail.com](mailto:rcheslock@hotmail.com) Thanks for considering the donation of your Saturday to preserve the future of your sport! **PASSING IT ON**

**From:** Jeff Durniak - Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division [Jeff\\_Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:Jeff_Durniak@dnr.state.ga.us)

## Letters To and From The Rabunites

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2009

**Subject:** Amicalola Tract Challenge by UCCTU

**To:** GA TU Chapter Presidents:

All of you know about our plan to make a donation to help purchase the Forestar (Amicalola River) Tract for DNR. The Upper Chattahoochee Chapter has offered a challenge. They will match the highest donation by another chapter, up to \$2000.

As you know, the Council has set aside \$8000 for this project. We will finalize all this at the meeting in September (Sept 19).

DO NOT send your chapter's check to me or Ray Gentry. Chapters will make a check directly to the Nature Conservancy who know owns the land. More details on this later.

Thanks to the UCCTU for their challenge and generous donation.

**From:** Charlie Breithaupt – Chairman, GA TU Council

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2009

**Subject:** RE: Amicalola Tract Challenge by UCCTU

Last night was the Tailwater Chapter's monthly meeting. Although we only have approximately \$2300 in reserves and we are not much of a fundraiser kind of chapter, there was discussion, a motion and a vote to donate \$500 toward the Amicalola Tract. We had intended to do this after the previous email by Charlie and before the UCCTU challenge but, hey, we'll start the contributions toward that.

The only stipulation the members have is the money is not to go into some general fund that may be directed to other purposes and is specific to the purchase of the stated tract we have discussed. If that is so, I'll have Dave Whitlow make out a check to the Nature Conservancy.

**From:** Bill Egeland - President, Tailwater TU Chapter

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009

**Subject:** Re: Amicalola Tract Challenge by UCCTU

Rabun TU will donate \$1,000 to the Nature Conservancy towards the purchase.

We will write the check after we get detailed instructions from Charlie

**From:** Doug Adams - Treasurer, Rabun TU Chapter

**Editor's Notes:** *This \$1000 donation for the Amicalola Tract purchase was approved at the Rabun TU annual planning meeting back in February*

**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2009

**Subject:** Forestar tract/Amicalola River

Greetings all: I know many of you are having discussions about our support of DNR with this purchase. So far I have heard from the following Chapters with pledges of the amounts indicated:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Blue Ridge Mountain | \$1000   |
| UCCTU               | \$2000 (Their challenge was met by two other chapters) |
| Coosa Valley        | \$3000   |
| Cohutta             | \$2000   |
| Rabun               | \$1000   |
| Oconee River        | \$850  |
| Chatt/Nantahala     | \$100  |

As you can see, the support so far has been outstanding. Thank you!!!

The plan is to present checks, made out to The Nature Conservancy, to DNR Commissioner Clark at our September 19 meeting. If you have questions, contact me.

**From:** Charlie Breithaupt – GA TU Council Chairman

**Editor's Notes:** *Plus donations from the Tailwater Chapter at \$500 & from the GA TU Council at \$8,000.*

**Sent:** Handwritten by US Postage, June 22, 2009

**To:** Dear Ray (Gentry) and friends at the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you very much for your recent and very generous \$500 contribution to our Stekoa Creek project funds for water sampling lab fees. The Council's contribution is greatly appreciated (and so is your contribution to "driving for trout" volunteers)

For the months of July and August we intend to switch our water sampling efforts to the main Chattooga River, at the confluence of Stekoa and Chattooga, and upstream and downstream of the confluence. I believe this additional data will only strengthen our efforts to prompt tangible actions for cleaning up Stekoa Creek.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and thank you very much again for the GA Council's support.

Sincerely,

**From:** Nicole Hayler – Project Manager, Stekoa Creek Monitoring, Chattooga Conservancy

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2009 7:25 AM

**Subject:** Stop I-3 Coalition (WaysSouth)

In the past the Rabun Trout Unlimited Chapter has been most generous to the Stop I-3 Coalition, and we appreciate your help. Just now we are preparing for Strategic Planning with short and long term goals. Our two main projects, Stopping I-3 and the Corridor K work in North Carolina and Tennessee which could well become parts of I-3, are both nearing a time when we need to mobilize everyone. The Federal Highway Administration has now informed us that the I-3 study is the top priority of the person assigned to this study. Corridor K in Tennessee which affects the Ocoee and Hiwassee Rivers is in the planning stage and we have managed seats on important committees in this early stage where we are hopeful of having a major impact. The 10 mile stretch of planned "interstate level" highway in Graham County, North Carolina, is much further along but we are encouraged by the stance of the Director of the North Carolina DOT that expensive, unnecessary roads are not in the plans of the NC DOT. (My summary of his ideas; not a quote.)

Do you have suggestions for our Strategic Planning? I personally feel that protecting our watersheds and streams is one of the most important reasons for stopping unneeded highways. We would love to have input from you.

Again, we appreciate your past support. In this time of economic stress for everyone, your gifts have been timely and helpful.

**From:** Lucy Bartlett - Chair, WaysSouth/Stop I-3 Board of Directors <http://www.stopi3.org/>

**To:** Lucy Bartlett - Chair, WaysSouth/Stop I-3 Board of Directors

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2009

**Subject:** Re: Stop I-3 Coalition (WaysSouth)

Dear Lucy, Concerning your E-mail of July 7:

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited Mission: *"To conserve, protect and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."*

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited position concerning I-3 remains:

*Trout need clean, cold water to survive and reproduce. The greatest threats to trout streams are sedimentation and elevated water temperature, which result from land use practices that disturb natural conditions. We have witnessed first hand the loss of trout habitat that occurs around interstate construction corridors. The best mitigation efforts are unable to adequately stem the silt, petroleum runoffs, and thermal pollution that are*



integral to the construction and use of interstates. There is no corridor through the Chattahoochee National Forest capable of avoiding the destruction of some of Georgia's precious trout habitat

You asked, "Do you have suggestions for our Strategic Planning?"

I suggest instead of simply saying "NO" to new highway construction, the Coalition should come up with and promote some acceptable alternatives. Offer suggestions on how to better utilize the existing transportation corridors without constructing new roadways (upgrade existing rail lines for freight transport in and out of Savannah, add passing lanes on existing highways, etc). Regards,

**From:** Doug Adams - Treasurer & Newsletter Editor, Rabun TU Chapter

**Sent:** US Postal, July 28, 2009

**To:** M. A. (Mack) Martin Jr. - Cumming, GA 30040

Mack: The members and Board of Directors of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to thank you for your generous gift of a custom fly rod to our chapter.

We offered this excellent fly rod to our members and friends in our community by way of a raffle. This raffle was very successful thanks to you and the dedicated efforts of our board member Pat Hopton. The raffle drawing was held at the July Chapter meeting and one of our members, Ron Larson, was the winner of the rod.

We sold a total of 392 tickets and raised a total of \$1,032.00 for our chapter. We sincerely thank you for your generous contribution and we appreciate you and your craftsmanship more than you will ever know. Sincerely;

**From:** Jimmy Whiten – President, Rabun TU Chapter

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2009

**Subject:** RE: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Once again, an outstanding issue of Tight Lines! I always look forward to my copy showing up in my inbox. What a tremendous job of highlighting and bringing attention to the new youth membership, and getting the word out to the members, the folks we are responsible to for good communication. Would you have any objections to me sending your newsletter around to a few chapters as an example of a possible copy opportunity? The great work you all do is greatly appreciated, and benefits all of the members of TU. Thanks,

**From:** Bryan K. Moore - VP for Volunteer Operations/Watershed Programs/Marketing & Communications, Trout Unlimited

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your kind words. Sure, please feel free to forward TIGHT LINES to anyone that might have an interest.

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** RE: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Rabunites – Thanks in advance for auctioning the Trout print at the 2010 Rendezvous in support of Back-the-Brookie. We appreciate it very much.

**From:** Kevin F McGrath - Chairman, Back-the-Brookie, Georgia Trout Unlimited [http://georgiatu.org/html/back\\_the\\_brookie.html](http://georgiatu.org/html/back_the_brookie.html)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** RE: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

You are something else. I am in 6 fishing clubs. NOBODY sends a summer newsletter out, nobody. And oh how I miss my newsletters. I really enjoy them but I must wait till September. Love the stories and the food you people eat down there at your get together is something else. I would love to live down there and belong to your chapter just for the fellowship. Not a lot of that up here.

That last column by Jimmy was very good also and I want to tell you something. I have just returned from Montana I stay with

friends who use to own a ranch and let me fish, they live in Great Falls now and while at their home I picked up a copy of a magazine called "Reminisce" I enjoyed it and I am 57. I got my parents a subscription to it. So if people down there enjoy stories from when they were kids I would recommend that magazine. Thank you for sending me your newsletter.

**From:** John Springer - Hammonasset TU Chapter, Connecticut

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your kind comments. We had a "Reminisce" subscription several years ago. We decided to just enjoy the present and didn't renew it. I subscribed to [American Angler](#) instead.

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** Re: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

I usually spend some time in the morning on our computer as I steel myself for yet another Atlanta commute. It always makes for a brighter day when I wake up to *Tight Lines*!

**From:** Harlin Smith - Canton, GA

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your kind comment, Harlin.

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** RE: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Thanks for your newsletter. You guys always do a great job.

**From:** Ron Minick – Cohutta TU Chapter <http://tucohutta.org/>

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your kind comment, Ron

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** Early Roach story!

Doug, here's a little "tease" post for the next Rabunite newsletter!

Let your readers know that I will soon pen an article about my 1950's learning experience as a co-worker with Everett Roach and John Martin when we all worked for Atlanta's Walthour & Hood Sporting Goods Company. {The pre-emanate and only Fly fishing sporting goods store then, in downtown Atlanta at 5-Points!} Since I also lived in Buckhead, near Roach's new store. I, too, was a frequent visitor and probably crossed paths with you and your buddies! The soon-to-be posted recalls will be in the style of your Rabunite theme "You don't have to believe it", but I do, cause I lived it! Stand by, Rocketroy

(One of us would have had a life changing experience.....if we had met then! If nothing else, I would have found a buddy, whose car actually ran all the way up to Clayton.....thus increasing my stream-time! RR)

**From:** Roy Lowe (a.k.a. Rocketroy) – Clarksville, GA

**Editor's Notes:** Roy, I look forward to your story. I bought my first fiberglass fly rod at Walthour and Hood. I'm sure we must have rubbed elbows at one of those stores. I was a big fan John Martin's weekly TV program, "Inside Outdoors".

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** RE: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Doug and Eedee: Thanks for giving the shout-out to the Stream Explorers program. Bully for you!

**From:** Chris Wood – Chief Operating Officer, Trout Unlimited

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your comment, Chris.

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** Re: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Excellent newsletter guys! My only selfish request is that you change the Goudy Stout font you use to something more common like Arial or Times Roman. I have to change the font to read the headings.....I may be the only one that is having the problem...just thought I'd whine a bit! :-> Again keep up the good work!

**From:** Patrick McWhinney – Tailwater TU Chapter [HERE](#)

**Editor's Notes:** Thank you for your kind words. Yep Pat, you may be the only one - - but I will change the **GOUDY STOUT** to ARIAL BLACK. Will that work for you?

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** Re: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Dear Doug, Thanks for continuing to send the Rabunite newsletter. I don't know if you or any of the other Rabunite board members are attending the national TU convention in Traverse City, but I would like to extend the offer of my cabin on the Pere Marquette River for your use. It is about 2 hours from Traverse City. Just give me a call if you are interested. Tight Lines  
**From:** Mike Sobaski (a.k.a. Ski, Durniak's VA Tech roommate) - Michigan

**Editor's Notes:** *Thank you for the wonderful offer and I passed it on to the Rabunites that will attend.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Subject:** Von Woods request to be put on newsletter mail list

Dear Doug, I am with the Flint River TU chapter. Would you please subscribe me to the Rabun TU email newsletter? Thanks  
**From:** Von Woods – Flint River TU Chapter <http://www.flinttu.org/>

**Editor's Notes:** *Sure thing. You're now on. Feel free to forward TIGHT LINES to anyone interested.*

**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2009

**Subject:** Re: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Doug, Just wanted to drop a line and tell you how much I enjoy your newsletter...it's great! Hope to see you on Saturday at Dillard BBQ and of course the Bluegrass won't be bad either. You may have gotten an earlier e-mail from me, but include my work e-mail to your list if you don't mind. Thanks,

**From:** Vic Blackwell – Walhalla Fish Hatchery, SC DNR & Member of Curtis Blackwell's Dixie Bluegrass Boys.

Click <http://www.curtisblackwell.webs.com/>

**Editor's Notes:** *Thank you for your kind words. We were at the Dillard Bluegrass Festival both days. It had a great line-up of bands and yours was at the head of the list!*

**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2009

**Subject:** FW: TIGHT LINES August 2009 Newsletter

Doug: Hello from Missouri! Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list for this newsletter. I really enjoying looking through it

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If you have a comment or an opinion to share with the readers of TIGHT LINES, please submit it in 250 words or less to [edadams1@windstream.net](mailto:edadams1@windstream.net)

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## What's New Elsewhere?

**USFS-SC New Forest Supervisor named for two S.C. national forests** <http://www.independentmail.com/> (8/17/2009)

Paul Bradley has been named Forest Supervisor of the Francis Marion and Sumter NF in SC, according to Regional Forester Liz Agpaoa. "Paul combines experience with enthusiasm about natural resource management and great strategic thinking," Agpaoa said. "We're glad he is part of our team." Bradley has been Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Chattahoochee-Oconee NF in GA for more than two years. Before that, he was a District Ranger for 17 years.

**Editor's Notes:** *Congratulations, Paul. Some Rabunites may remember the Nov 2007 Chapter meeting where Paul gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation describing how the CONF fisheries program is funded.*

**USFS-HQ USDA Secretary Vilsack announces new direction and vision for America's forests** Seattle (8/14/2009)

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today outlined his vision for the future of our nation's forests. In his first major speech regarding the Forest Service, Vilsack set forth a new direction for conservation, management, and restoration of these natural treasures. Climate change, catastrophic fires, disease and pests have all led to declining forest health in recent decades. The resulting impact on watersheds, the climate, local economies, wildlife, and recreation, has led the USDA to offer a new vision for our nation's forests. By taking forest management in a new

and keeping up some kind of connection with my friends in the southeast. In case you don't remember, I fished with you on Duke's Creek several years ago.

The reason for my message is related to the interesting information on the two brown trout strains of the Chattooga discussed in this issue. Is there any chance you could provide a citation, or someone who might have a copy they could share, of the genetic study done in 1986 that was referenced in the article? I'm not familiar with it and would like to learn more about this work, and the reproductive isolation of the two strains in the wild. Thanks in advance!

**From:** Mike Kruse – Trout Fisheries Research Biologist, Missouri Department of Conservation.

**Editor's Notes:** *Thank you for your kind comments about the newsletter.*

*Sure, I remember. I remember the catching demonstration you put on with your olive "mohair leech" (which I now call "Kruser bugger"). I wouldn't leave home without 'em. Click [HERE](#)*

*The 1986 genetic analysis of the OTO and Walhalla browns was done by Auburn University and was requested by Jeff Durniak, GA DNR. I'm sure he can share the reports.*

*I know from personal observation the OTO browns spawn the 3rd week of November. I have observed the OTO browns in the Chattooga on redds when Kyle Burrell did his radio telemetry study in 1997 and I have observed it many times while I was fishing. The Walhalla browns in the hatchery (just 1 1/2 miles up the Chattooga East Fork) get ripe the last week of October. Several years ago, the Walhalla Fish Hatchery wanted to try to make a "half wild" brown using the Walhalla brown and the OTO in hopes of getting a "longer life" brown. They discovered with the captured OTO at the hatchery they still didn't get ripe at the same time. Dan Rankin, SC DNR, can provide the details.*

*We send our CONGRATULATIONS to Mike: The [Conservation Federation of Missouri](#) has recognized Mike Kruse for his outstanding contributions to the cause of coldwater conservation by naming him the [2009 Water Conservationist of the Year](#).*

direction, the Department will emphasize the role our national forestlands play in contributing to the health and prosperity of the country and reverse the trend of declining forest health. To read more, click [HERE](#).

**USFS-HQ A Message from Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell**

Under the economic stimulus legislation he has signed, the President has asked the Forest Service to help put people back to work. We will have over a billion dollars this year for our Economic Recovery program, and we expect to create almost 20,000 new private sector jobs over the next two years. [Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 \(Recovery Act\)](#) The Act gives the Forest Service the chance to reinvigorate the economy for America, while restoring natural resources.

**USFS-GA Recovery Act Projects on Chattahoochee-Oconee NF** (8/18/2009). The below listed work is expected to occur in all districts across the forest, including some work in Rabun County.

Restoration of 5 Rare Mountain Bogs - \$496,500  
Roads & Bridges Repair to access Recreation Areas - \$415,000  
Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance / Decommissioning - \$751,000  
Maintenance & Repairs in Recreation Areas - \$2,679,500  
TOTAL - \$4,342,000

To the extent possible, the Forest will use local workforces.

To read more details, click [HERE](#)

## "BACKCASTING"

**July 30 (Thur) Sampling Water in Brook Trout Streams:** 3 Rabunite volunteers collected water samples from 4 brook trout streams in Rabun County after a major rain event. The samples are analyzed at the North GA Tech lab for Acid Neutralizing Capacity (ANC).

**Aug 18 (Tues) Chapter Meeting:** 25 Folks Attended. **The Program** was presented by Roger Caylor, owner of **Caylor Custom Flies** <http://caylorcustomflies.com:80/>. Roger owns the small fly-tying company in Todd NC that specializes in fly patterns that imitate aquatic insects indigenous to the Southern Appalachian Mountains well as traditional Smoky Mountain "fly hooks." Roger gave us some background on how he got started in the 1980s learning how to tie. At one time he tied up to 15,000 dozen per year. His peak was 200 dozen in one day. He now has trained others to tie most of his flies the way he wants them tied and with materials he supplies. Roger said production fly tying will take its toll on your back, neck and eyesight. He sells about half his flies to shops and about half to individuals. He told how Southern Appalachian flies differ from New England flies. He said we shouldn't underestimate the insect activity in small southern trout streams. For the Smoky Mountains, the predominant fly colors are yellows and grays. In his opinion, fly size is more important than color. Often downsizing your fly will get more strikes (but maybe not as many hook-ups). Our tailwater trout fishing is entirely different than our stream fishing and gave several examples. His advice to tiers, buy the best materials and tools you can afford. Words to remember: If you tie for yourself you tie to catch the trout; if you tie commercially you tie to catch the angler. After the program Roger displayed a large number of boxes filled with his flies and offered them for sale at \$10 per dozen. Members crowded around and picked out the flies of their choice. **The Meeting raffle** had 9 buckets with books, a headlight, a fly selection, Tom's used creel, Tom's rod rack and much more. The raffle raised \$110 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 everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

**Aug 25 (Tues) Board of Directors Meeting:** 11 Attended. Some agenda items include: Recaps - Trout Unlimited 50th Anniversary Celebration; & BTB Water Sample - 4 streams, quarterly Updates - Amicalola Tract TU Donations; Chattooga Boating Zoning; LWCF; Stekoa Creek Monitoring; Sept Campout moved to Oct 7 - 11; Assignment/Duties for Officers, Directors & Members; & Mountaineer Festival Upcoming - 9/19 GA TU Council Meeting & Meeting Programs for Sept, Oct & Nov New Business - New Meeting Room; Projector; & New challenge cost share agreement with USFS Updates: Publicity; Membership; & Treasury Report

### The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2010 Officers and Directors:

President - Larry Walker; Vice President - Pat Hopton; Treasurer - Doug Adams; Secretary - Ray Gentry; Past President - Jimmy Whiten; Directors thru F/Y 2010: Ray Kearns & Bill Kelly; Directors thru F/Y 2011: Kathy Breithaupt & Charlie Breithaupt; Directors thru F/Y 2012: Jim Kidd & Terry Rivers; Directors thru F/Y 2013: Jeff Durniak & Tony Allred. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Sept. Chapter meeting. Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2010 begins October 1, 2009.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Chris Whitley** for correctly identifying the famous Three-Dollar Bridge on Montana's Madison River as the summer Sweet Spot in American Angler magazine. Click HERE. Chris won a Filson Fly Rod Travel Case.

We were please to see **Ray King** on his feet and attending the August Chapter meeting after his April back surgery.

We wish a speedy and complete recovery for **Bill Kelly** from his recent illness suffered while West of Hiawassee

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **3 new members** this month: **Trey McFalls** - Stream Explorer, PO Box 423, Tiger, GA 30576; **Brent Escoe**, 960 Old Kincaid Road, Colbert, GA 30628; and **Claude McDill**, 214 Ted Rose Lane, Lakemont, GA 30562

Thanks for re-upping: **Eugene Keener, Dwight Millerman, Lewis Reeves III, Larry Walker, Steven Perry, Christopher Bedea, Rick Hires, Maria Rodeghiero, and Ronald McKenney.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Chelsea Adams, Nancy Gribble, Kevin Lash, Billy McClain, Hal Avery, Randal Corbin, Sidney Doster, Joe Gatins, Reb Hester, Neil Anderson, Doug Hickman, Joe Kitchens, Walt Landreth, Thomas Stroud, Gary Deal, James Butler, David Cantrell, Raymond Taylor, and Justin Tyson.**

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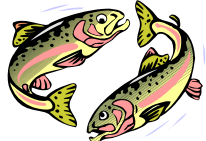
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**From the Fly Tying Desk of Jimmy Whiten**

The hot weather and low rainfall has made fishing not very favorable East of Hiawassee (**Editor's Notes:** *I believe Jimmy means catching; the fishing is just fine*). But this should start to change soon as the temperature starts to cool down and maybe the rain will start to increase also. This should make for better fishing (*catching*). We will be having a campout in October. Always a great time of fellowship around the campfire, good food, and hopefully the fishing (*and catching*) will be outstanding also.

For those of you who missed the Family Picnic at Kelly's Water Falls Park, you missed a wonderful evening of fellowship and great food. My thanks go out to Bill Kelly for allowing us to use the park. Thanks to everyone that brought paper products, drinks, oh yes and all of those fantastic dishes of food. I know we have some good anglers in our chapter, but after an event like this I am prone to think we have more and better cooks than anglers (my opinion).

With all of that said, I could just feel the anticipation. This was the night the Winston Fly Rod by Mack Martin would be given away. As a large number of people gathered around Pat Hopton, would he be safe? After all, he had sold a large number of raffle tickets and there would be only one winner. Then it happened, Miss Alex Whitley drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Ron Larson, from Hiawassee, the winner.

Just a reminder about Outdoor Adventure Day that DNR will be hosting September 26 at Unicoi State Park. They will need lots of help for anyone that has time.

Happy Fishing, *Jimmy*

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