



25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

# TIGHT LINES August 2011 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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*"One great thing about fly fishing is that after a while nothing exists of the world but thoughts about fly fishing"*

From *A River Runs Through It* (1976) by Norman Maclean

## RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

**RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA**

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

**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.

*"And it's hard to carry much personal grandiosity when you're hunkered on your knees in running water, trying to dap an ant-sized lure over a rock ten feet away in the hopes of tricking a five-inch trout"*

From *Flashes In The River* by Ed Gray (1996)

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

**Aug 9 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles**

**Aug 16 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**  
**Program:** Flint River TU's Ken Griffin. *The Flyfishing for Vets Program.* <http://www.flyfishingforvets.com/>

**Aug 24 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**

**Sept 10 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting** at Tallulah Falls School;  
Hosted by Rabun TU Chapter

**Sept 13 (Tues) Free Fly Tying Session, 6 PM at Kountry Vittles**

**Sept 20 (Tues) Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**  
**Program:** Damon Hearn. TU National staffer - Asheville office mate of Franklin Tate. *Southeastern trout stream watershed protection initiatives.*

**Sept 24 (Sat) Outdoor Adventure Day** at Unicoi S.P./Smith Creek;  
TU Volunteers needed

**Sept 27 (Tues) BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous  
Saturday, Jan 21, 2012**

## FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



**YELLOW STIMULATOR**

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH THAT I CAN SAY ABOUT THIS FLY. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST USED FLIES AS AN ATTRACTOR OR AS A DRY DROPPER RIG. IT IS A CHALLENGE TO TIE, BUT JUST BE PATIENT. HERE IS A TIP FOR THIS FLY AND AS WITH MOST FLIES, JUST DON'T CROWD THE HEAD.

SEE YA ON THE RIVER.

**HOOK:** SIZE 12/14 CURVE SHANK

**THREAD:** BURNT ORANGE

**TAIL:** ELK OR DEER HAIR

**BODY:** YELLOW DUBBING, PALMERED WITH GRIZZLY AND PEACOCK HURL

**WING:** ELK OR DEER

**HEAD:** ORANGE DUBBING PALMERED WITH GRIZZLY

*"The best time to fish is with the moon in the right phase, barometer on the rise, appropriate light and temperature – you can't miss! But remember to hold your mouth right and spit over your left shoulder. ... Trout fishing with a fly consists of manipulating an infinite variety of unknown variables. That's probably what brings all of us to worship at this altar.*

*Don't pay any attention to anyone who tells you when is the best time to fish, friend.*

*The best time to fish is when you're fishing."*

"The Best Time to Fish for Trout" by Stephen "Salty" Saltzman in "Flyfishing", December 1989

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## August 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
Brown Stonefly	All Month	Early to Mid AM	10-14 Brown Stimulator 10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Golden Stonefly	All Month	Early AM	8-12 Ginger Stimulator 6-10 Golden Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	All Month	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Hoppers, Etc			Various Times & Sizes

**Editor's Notes:** *The hot weather and light hatches of July and August are two of the reasons (excuses really) why many Rabunites make annual treks to fish and camp "West of Hiwassee", or as Lewis Reeves Jr. says, "Out Yonder".*

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)



### Website-of-the Month:

<http://www.wix.com/utahone1/fishwithkyle#!kyle-burrell>

Fish with Kyle Burrell (A Rabunite)

**Rabun TU's Award Winning website** <http://rabuntu.org/site/>

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager,  
[scotts\\_creek58@yahoo.com](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com)

Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

## Fishing Report

### \* No Net, No Camera, No Problem!

(6/25/2011)

Dredger accepted a Friday invite from 2 friends who were gonna head north the next morning for a change of scenery: smallmouth, national park trout, or both. Doubting a need, he left his net at home and, getting out of the SUV to fish, he forgot to toss the camera into his vest pocket. It sat safe, in the gear bag in the truck.

But thanks to those good fishing buddies who came running, a deficient Dredger corralled a really nice Smokies brown on Saturday. The success was split three ways between the angler, the netter, and the photographer. Memories were made: <http://www.unicoiliarsclub.com/>

That monster and his 16.5 inch younger brother hit a #12 Mikes' mohair leech, <http://www.missouritrou.com/mikesmohairleech.htm> while a handful of feisty wild rainbows hit the trailer fly, a #16 black fur ant. All offerings were dredged along the bottom with the aid of 1-4 split shot ("dinsmores"), since shallower offerings had produced zip up to the point when the lead (really, tin) was liberally applied.

The trio's day was topped off with wildlife: the cow elf and spotted calf that ran in front of them upon arrival, the streamside mink and turkeys, and finally the two bulls in velvet that grazed casually at dusk within 10 yards of the departing vehicle.

Regular storms have kept Smokies streams high and cold to date. [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=03512000&PARAMeter\\_cd=00065.00060](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/uv/?site_no=03512000&PARAMeter_cd=00065.00060)

For a change of scenery, learn how to read stream gauges, fill your carpool with good friends, and give the park's streams a try

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fishing.htm>

Don't leave the net at home, either!





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AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:00 P.M., AT BURRELL'S JUNCTION RESTAURANT, CLAYTON, GA. THOSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS WISHING TO EAT PRIOR TO THE MEETING SHOULD CALL THE RESTAURANT FOR RESERVATIONS. (PHONE 782-2828)

JEFF DURNIAK, BIOLOGIST WITH GEORGIA FISH AND WILDLIFE, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON HABITAT REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURAL REPRODUCTION OF TROUT IN NORTH GEORGIA STREAMS.

JULY MEETING RECAP

JIM TALISESKEY AND EARL FORSYTH OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE CHAPTER, ATLANTA, MET WITH THE CHAPTER AND SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE AT BOTH THE CHAPTER AND COUNCIL LEVEL.

HENRY WILLIAMSON WAS ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL EVENTS.

HAND TIED FLIES BY KYLE BURRELL AND HENRY WILLIAMSON, AND A STRIKING PHOTO OF BIG BEND FALLS ON THE CHATOOGA WERE RAFFLED OFF DURING THE MEETING.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO MEET AT BURRELL'S FORD THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY TO PLACE SEVERAL WHITLOCK VIBRANT BOXES IN THE CHATOOGA.

OUTINGS

FIFTEEN CHAPTER MEMBERS MET AT THE BURRELL'S FORD BRIDGE ON THE CHATOOGA ON SUNDAY, JULY 20, TO PLACE NINE WB BOXES UPSTREAM FROM THE BRIDGE. THE BOXES DID NOT CONTAIN EGGS. WE WERE INTERESTED IN SILTATION EFFECTS AT VARIOUS SITES. EACH BOX WAS PLACED IN A HARDWARE CLOTH BOX PACKED WITH SMALL GRAVEL. THE BOXES WERE CAREFULLY PLACED AND ATTACHED TO A CORD RUNNING TO THE STREAM BANK. BOTH BOX AND CORD WERE THEN HIDDEN FROM VIEW WITH STONES. AS THE BOXES WERE PLACED, THE TEMPERATURE IN THE MAIN CURRENT WAS TAKEN AND WE WERE STARTLED AT 74-76° READINGS. WHERE SMALL STREAMS ENTERED THE RIVER, TEMPERATURES REGISTERED IN THE LOW 60'S.

WHILE WE NOTICED NO DEAD TROUT, ONE VERY SLUGGISH BROWN (18"-20") WAS OBSERVED AND IT ALLOWED HENRY WILLIAMSON TO MOMENTARILY CRADLE IT IN HIS HAND BEFORE SWIMMING OFF TO WHAT WE HOPE WAS A COOLER AND SAFER SPOT. OUR TROUT ARE HAVING A TOUGH SUMMER!

CAREFULLY NOTED MAPS OF PRESIDENT DOUG ADAMS' FAVORITE PRODUCTIVE SPOTS ON THE CHATOOGA ARE RUMORED TO BE IN PREPARATION. SHOULD THESE GEMS SHOW UP, THE CHAPTER ASKS THAT PROCEEDS FROM THEIR SALE BE SHARED WITH THE CHAPTER.

NEWSLETTER

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE ADOPT "TIGHT LINES" AS THE TITLE OF THIS MONTHLY MISSIVE. UNLESS HE HEARS OTHERWISE, THE EDITOR WILL DESIGN AN APPROPRIATE MASTHEAD IN TIME FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS - MORE AT THE MEETING AND IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "TIGHT LINES"

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## "Catchin' Corner" - Troutng Tips

**Editor's notes:** The following article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>. Pictures of Rabunites fishing were added for TIGHT LINES.

### Fast Water: Bugs, Oxygen and Summertime Opportunity

With the exception of tailwater streams fed by deep reservoirs or high-elevation freestoners draining the melting snowpack, most of us can expect our favorite trout streams to start warming up this month.

Some streams may get so warm that they shouldn't be fished. Water temperatures consistently in the 70s greatly reduce the ability of a trout to survive being hooked and played.

Other streams just act like they don't want to be fished. Pools that just a few weeks ago were alive with hatching mayflies and rising trout now look lifeless. The trout are still in the stream, of course; they're just behaving differently than they did during the hatches of spring. It's time to start fishing the fast water with nymphs.

For trout, the main problem with warm water is that it is low in oxygen. Fast water solves it: the churning currents grab air in bubbles, aerating the stream. Fish that live in pools may seek out a coldwater seep in the streambed or a cool, spring-fed tributary, but many fish with pocket water nearby will take advantage of it when the water starts getting warm.



There are other advantages for trout in riffles and pockets. The foaming, broken surface provides great cover from predators. There are lots of rocks to break the force of the current, providing comfortable hiding spots from which the fish can scan the nearby currents for passing food. And there's plenty of food - riffles are bug factories, full of nymphs, and many of them end up floating along, vulnerable to the trout.

Pocket water is also some of the most enjoyable water on the stream. Each little hidey hole, riffle, run, eddy, and soft spot behind a rock (and don't forget, in front of rocks) is an opportunity, and the same turbulence that hides the trout from you hides you from them, so you can get close to your fish (but watch your step, and a wading staff is a big help.)



Dry fly fishing is entirely possible in fast water, but nymphing is usually the best bet. Trout may or may not be looking up, but they'll seldom pass up a good meal that drifts past at eye level. And those trout that are willing to rise are often the little guys. For the best fish, you need to be down deep.



Because the fast currents don't give flies much time to sink, heavier nymphs are better. These things usually aren't very pleasant to cast, but most pocket-water fishing is close-range work without much real casting. You can just flick your fly where it needs to go.

If you're fishing a stream with abundant specimens of a particular kind of fly, it may make sense to match the hatch. But because the water's turbulent, you don't need a dead ringer - close enough is usually, well, close enough. Lot of Blue-Winged Olives in the stream? A small Pheasant Tail nymph or RS2 will get the job done. Many caddis? Try a pupa-style fly, like a Zug Bug or Czech nymph, or any soft-hackle wet fly. You can't go too far wrong with a Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear. Even the humble Green Weenie shines in water like this - bright, visible and buggy.

Summer tends to be a season of small mayflies (with notable exceptions) and midges, so don't hesitate to go tiny just because the water's making a big commotion. A size 18 or 20 Copper J can be an absolute killer in pocket water; any variation of a Brassie works as a midge pupa, and the Sparkle Pupa brilliantly captures the look of the gas bubble that caddis pupa carry on their way to the surface. Pocket water can also be a great place to swing and swim a traditional winged wet fly.



A rushing, babbling stretch of pocket water is one of the nicest places to spend a summer afternoon. The water sings a sweet song, and sometimes the stream even kicks up a cool mist that takes the edge off the summer heat. You'll be surprised how fast the time goes by as you explore the nooks and crannies.

# Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

The Forest Service has a new Preferred Alternative - Alternative #12 (7/15/11)

[USDA Forest Service Asks Public to Review Assessment of Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Cover Letter for Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#)  
[Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) (4.6 MB)

## Preferred Alternative #12 Objectives:

- Zone the river by space (river reach) and time (season) to; maintain high-quality whitewater opportunities year round on the lower segment of the river and the West Fork/Overflow Creek; provide new boating opportunities on the North Fork segment of the river in the winter; and provide opportunities for boat-free, cold water angling and other recreational activities.
- Mitigate impacts to anglers and other Chattooga North Fork users (e.g., hikers, swimmers, etc.) by allowing boating in the winter in reaches where use is traditionally low.
- Provide predictable trip planning for boaters and for visitors who desire a boat-free experience.
- Provide flexibility for boaters to float the river at flow levels most appropriate for their skill level and experience.
- Maintain existing opportunities for solitude in the summer high-use season by establishing capacity limits that do not exceed current high-use season (summer) levels.
- Allow visitation in the low-use seasons (winter, fall and spring) to increase to the level established for the high-use season (summer). Opportunities for solitude may change accordingly in the low use seasons, although future recreation trends suggest this growth is likely to be small.

## Preferred Alternative #12 Management Direction:

Highlights are summarized below:

- Allow boating at all flows December 1 - January 15 from the Green Creek (NC) put-in to the Burrell's Ford Bridge and from January 15 - March 1 from the Burrell's Ford Bridge to Lick Log Creek. In addition, maintain current boating opportunities from Highway 28 Bridge to Tugaloo Lake and the West Fork/Overflow Creek, but prohibit commercial boating on the North Fork of the Chattooga WSR.
- Boating would not be allowed in the Nicholson Fields and Delayed Harvest Reaches.
- Boaters would be required to self-register. Craft type: Tandem/single-capacity hard boats and tandem/single-capacity inflatable kayaks.
- Establish frontcountry capacities that prevent crowding and congestion from increasing during the high-use season. This capacity would be managed by establishing a limited number of designated parking spaces at each site.
- Establish backcountry capacities that do not cause encounters to exceed levels that currently occur during the high-use season. Backcountry capacities would be lower on weekdays and higher on weekends to provide more opportunities for solitude on weekdays than weekends and allow greater access on traditionally high-use weekend days than on weekdays.
- Backcountry capacities would be managed indirectly through designated parking. Relevant vehicle counts would be correlated to backcountry use and encounters in the different reaches. Establish maximum group sizes for all types of use and minimum group sizes for boaters: 12 per group on trails, 6 per group at campsites (with group campsite exceptions), 4 per group for anglers, 6 for boaters; minimum of two craft for boaters
- Reduce campsite density to increase opportunities for solitude. Limit camping to designated sites. Campsites limited to no more than three tents, except for group-designated campsites. Designated fire ring locations. Permanently close and rehabilitate excessive and unsustainable campsites. Management actions related to designated campsites would require site-specific decisions.
- All trails would be designated and designed to mitigate resource impacts first, as well as enhancing opportunities for solitude. Close redundant trails; trails where resource damage cannot be mitigated; and trails where closure is needed to limit encounters or minimize conflict. Rerouting may be necessary to correct existing problems on designated trails. Designated portage trails may be necessary to avoid unacceptable impacts to resources. Management actions related to designated trails would require site-specific decisions.

- Prohibit large woody debris removal without agency approval or to accommodate recreation use.

**Please review** the preferred alternative and the Environmental Analysis (EA) [HERE](#) and provide the Forest Service with feedback or new information they need to consider. Depending on the information received, the Forest Service could modify the analysis, change some elements of the preferred alternatives, or choose a different alternative altogether when they make their final decision later this year. All material and comments previously submitted have been considered in this EA and are a part of the project record.

**Comments** The Forest Service has extended the comment period by 15 days. **Comments are due by Aug. 30, 2011.** Comments on the EA and the preferred alternative, Alternative 12, may be e-mailed to [comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us) or surface mailed to: U.S. Forest Service, Chattooga River Project, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C. 29212



**Editor's Opinion:** *I believe the Forest Service (FS) designed and conducted a professional, comprehensive, and fair User Capacity Analysis. The FS attempted to involve all affected and interested parties in the analysis process through outreach using the media, the FS website and public meetings. I believe it was very important for all the stakeholders, not just the organized boaters and anglers, to have opportunities to express their opinions, desired condition needs, and vision for the future of the Chattooga North Fork.*

*I would rather the preferred alternative had been Alternative #3 (continue current zoning of the river to provide high-quality whitewater opportunities on the lower segment and the West Fork/Overflow Creek of the Chattooga WSR and to provide cold water angling and other recreational opportunities on the North Fork without the impacts of boating use), but I can accept Alternative #12.*

*I believe that the FS's preferred alternative is a compromise that is fair to all stakeholders. It is obvious that not all recreation activities are compatible. Stewardship encompasses far more than picking up litter; it includes the protection of the aesthetic values of natural resources such as remoteness and wildness, the proper regard for the rights of others to solitude, and the responsibility of preserving these values intact for future generations. I believe the zoning stipulations in Alternative #12, if properly enforced, will provide good protection for the Chattooga North Fork backcountry's Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) of solitude and remoteness for present and future generations.*

Doug Adams – Newsletter Editor, Rabun Chapter of TU



## "BACKCASTING"

July 12 (Tues) Annual Chattooga North Fork Electro-Shock Sampling; 7 Rabunites and 5 Gold Rush TU members participated



Dear Fellow Survivors,

Dan, Jeannie, Monte, and I appreciated the great turnout and awesome sweat equity yesterday. We got the Ellicott Rock 3-pass depletion sample done and the hike out accomplished in excellent time. Thanks to all agency staffers (USFS and the DNR's), their strong-backed summer interns, all eager ABAC students and their "swimming" instructors, and the TU volunteers from two states who showed up to lend a hand. The instream work was much easier on us veterans because all of you helped to tote equipment up and down that long trail! A special thanks to Leon for keeping all of us (11 shocking crews) in line, literally, and to Mark and his fish ID gang who processed the catches so quickly.

Dan's able crew (read as "Amy") will process the fisheries data. They typically have the info ready for our annual coalition

meeting in the winter. I saw a good diversity of species and several nice wild browns in the live cages, so it looked like a good sample.

Next year we'll take a big block net and salt blocks, just for the fun of it. We'll let "flatlander" Kuback carry the net and "No Watermelon" Blackwell carry the salt!!!! And we expect to see Monte up there, too, barking orders at all of us.

Once again, thank you for contributing to the conservation and management of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River's fish community. Each of you guys and gals helped to demonstrate a true natural resource partnership in action. May your Motrin and warm showers have felt as good as mine yesterday evening!

Jeff Durniak - Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Georgia Wildlife Resources Division (7/13/2011)



**Editor's Notes:** Our thanks to Wayne Prosser, Phil Upchurch, Leon Brotherton & Sherman Head for the photos.

**July 5 (Tues) Gold Rush TU Chapter Meeting (Dahlonaga)** – 3 Rabun TU members attended Doug Adams presented the program and slide show about the Chattooga River and Pat Hopton talked about the Chattooga Anglers E-Diary.

**July 12 (Tues) Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Fly Tying at Kountry Vittles** – 3 participated

**July 19 (Tues) Family Picnic:** A wonderful evening of fellowship and good food (about 50 attended). The covered dishes were outstanding. **Our thanks to Leigh Wyatt, Bill and all the Kelly Family** for use of the beautiful facilities at the waterfalls.



**Adam Peak** of Franklin, NC, won the July 12 drawing for the custom built fly rod contributed by Mack Martin and the [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#). The rod is a Winston 9 foot, 4 piece, 4 weight, BII-MX Boron/Graphite. With the Sage 2050 reel to go with it, the package is valued at more than \$1,000. The Chapter raised \$1,066 from the sale of 426 tickets for the drawing. Adam purchased the winning ticket while taking his daughter to the Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event. Adam says his father took him fishing as a boy. Now, both he and his daughter are avid trout fishers and are already planning a trip to try out the new rod.

Thanks to all that participated and to Pat Hopton, the rod raffle manager. A special Thank You to our good friend Mack Martin of [Atlanta Fly Fishing School](#) and North Georgia Custom Rods. Mack donated this fly rod and reel to Rabun TU as a fundraiser



Pat Hopton & Adam Peak

**July 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting** Some agenda items included: Recaps – 6/9 Donation of Long Bottom Campout for 2 people to DU Banquet, 7/12 Annual Electro-Shock Sampling of the Chattooga North Fork, 7/19 Family Picnic at Kelly's Water Falls Park, 2011 Rod Raffle Status Updates – Gift Fly Rod from National TU, DRAFT Revised Chapter Bylaws, Stream Explorer memberships for Boy Scouts that volunteered for Stekoa Clean-up Day, Meeting with USFS, \$5000 set aside in 2011 budget for non-brook trout stream structure maintenance, Outreach to Scouts for Merit Badges & Stream Explorer Members, Membership; Recruit & Retention Plan(s), Water Sampling of Brookie Streams, Design of Chapter Logo, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter & 25<sup>th</sup> Rabun Rendezvous item Upcoming – 8/16 Chapter Meeting Program, 9/10 GA TU Council Meeting at Tallulah Falls School; Hosted by Rabun TU Chapter New Business – Chattooga boating zoning EA comments due by 8/30, Donation for Stekoa Creek Park's Conservation/Watershed Protection Kiosk, USFS Warwoman watershed planning meeting on 8/10 Reports – Publicity, Membership, Treasury Report

## Rabun TU Lending Library News



To see the lists of items in the Library, click on: <http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/chapter-lending-library/>

The library is available for Rabun Chapter members and guests.

For more information, contact Charlie, the Chapter Librarian. Ph 706 782 6954 E-mail [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

Do you have a book, book on tape or CD, video tape, or DVD that you would donate to the Chapter Library?

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501c3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to **2 new members** this month: **DEREK BARLOW**, PO BOX 2064, CLAYTON GA 30525 & **PAUL SHANNON**, 397 DOGWOOD DR., NICHOLSON GA 30565

Thanks for re-upping: **Jim Blalock, Arthur Guthas, Chris Bedea, Charles Cawthon, Eugene Pipkin, Ralph Morgan & Corey Smith.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Jim Barrett, Thomas Johnson, Ronald McKenney, John Patrick, Billy Cook, Donald Early, Patsy Gentry, Warren Stiles, Howell Freeman, David F. Nichols, Ronald Smith, Tom Matthews & Stephen Wilson.**

## The Board of Directors offers the following nominations for Rabun TU Chapter's F/Y2012 Officers and Directors:

President – Pat Hopton; Vice President – Steve Perry; Treasurer – Tony Allred; Secretary – Ray Gentry; Directors thru F/Y 2015: Kent Wilson & Frank Patton (replacing retiring Directors Charlie & Kathy Breithaupt); Director thru 2013: Glenn English (for the unexpired term of Steve Perry). Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Aug. & Sept. Chapter meetings.

Election will be at the Sept. Chapter meeting. F/Y 2012 begins October 1, 2011 .

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**Any member of Rabun TU may attend the Board of Directors meetings**



## Letter From The Chapter President

Fellow Rabunites,

I had a bit of a re-awakening this past month. Beth and I, along with John and Pam Harrison, traveled to Nova Scotia and surrounding provinces in eastern Canada during June. As we drove well over 1k miles, we marveled over and over at how clean and well kept their land is. You just don't see trash! The Canadians are diligent recyclers and the pride in their land and natural resources just jumps out at you.

Contrast our experience with our Rabun TU clean-up of Stekoa Creek earlier in the month. We are a trashy bunch of people. Our pride, if there is any, in our land pales to the Canadians.

You may think this does not apply to you, but with all due respect, it may. The filth in the stream that runs right through the heart of Rabun County is deplorable. Much of it could have been recycled.

Here's where it hits us and why I think we may not be as innocent as we think: the dominant culprit was plastic bags. Fish choking, bacteria laden plastic bags were everywhere. How did these get there?

I've read that much (most?) trash along highways blows out of the back of pick-ups. Do you drive a pick-up? Do you ever get

to where you're going and something you thought was in the back of the pick-up isn't there anymore?

The misguided tree huggers that have essentially shut down the tree farms and associated industry (American jobs!) to "save a tree", which was grown to harvest just like corn in the first place, only to substitute plastic bags made out of foreign oil have really done our natural resources a disservice.

So, next time you buy groceries, think about asking for paper bags because it's more environmentally and energy friendly, and for goodness sake, please secure things in the back of your truck.

Now on to a couple lighter topics:

- The Chattooga river sampling was another resounding success that some of us had the privilege of assisting. If you've never participated in that, I encourage you to do so next year. It's a great learning experience.
- Also, our chapter picnic was great fellowship. Thanks again to the Kelly family for hosting us for a fun evening and to Mack Martin for providing the custom made rod and the reel for our raffle.

Happy Trails, *Larry*

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