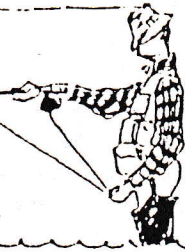


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NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

NOVEMBER 1989

NOVEMBER MEETING SET FOR THE 21ST

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its' monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, November 21, 1989, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. Social hour begins at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Monte **Seehorn**, USFS fishery Biologist, chapter member and the acknowledged gray ghost of grouse hunting, will address our chapter on logging and its' effect on stream sedimentation. While Monte is well known to us as a concerned conservationist, he is held in high regard elsewhere. Seehorn has recently received two prestigious awards in recognition of his efforts:

Outstanding Achievement Award - American Fisheries Society

1989 National Conservation Achievement Award - National

Wildlife Federation

Congratulations Monte! We're proud to have you as a chapter member and a friend - even though you refuse to sit with us at public functions.

RAUCOUS RABUN RIBALDRY SET FOR JANUARY

Coug Adams, eager Chairman of the Conclave Committee, has set Saturday, January 13, 1990, as the date for the Rabun Chapter's 2nd Annual Conclave of Trout **Aficionados**. More details are forthcoming and each and every member is urged to volunteer to help with this effort.

WYCHE FOWLER TO EXAMINE FOREST SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Senator Fowler (D-Georgia) was scheduled to hear testimony examining the management of the U. S. Forest Service on October 30th in Atlanta. The focus will be directed to three major areas: 1) excessive use of urban national forests, 2) below cost timber sales and forest road construction, 3) problems of maintaining biological diversity within the forest.

Forest Service personnel and representatives of several environmental groups will witness at the hearing.

SEARCHING FOR A SEDIMENT CONTROL OFFICER

Jim Nixon, chapter President, has written to the Rabun County Commissioners suggesting certain qualifications and attributes we feel should be considered as they search for a Sediment & Erosion Control Officer. Summarizing Jim's excellent letter we feel the person should:

have a genuine desire to protect our streams and lakes.

be motivated to inspect land disturbing activities during and immediately following heavy rains.

be helpful in solving the contractors problems but tough when enforcing the regulations.

Additionally, the primary responsibility should be that of erosion and sediment control; the job could be a part time position; and, the person hired attend Southern Techs 3 day course on the basics of sediment and erosion control.

BURRELL'S FORD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS APPLAUDED

On behalf of the Chapter, Doug Adams has congratulated the Forest Service on the new maintenance practices on Burrell's Ford Road. In a letter to David Jensen, District Ranger Tallulah District, Doug points out that not only the road's surface is improved, but more importantly, a noticeable reduction in the sand and silt into Reed Creek has been affected. And this during one of the rainiest summers in recent memory. Unfortunately, the Forest Service did not grant Adams total authority over who is and is not to use the road.

MEMBERSHIP PLUSSES AND MINUSES

Welcome to new member John Duncan of Franklin, N. C., who has transferred to the Rabun Chapter. Glad to have you with us, John.

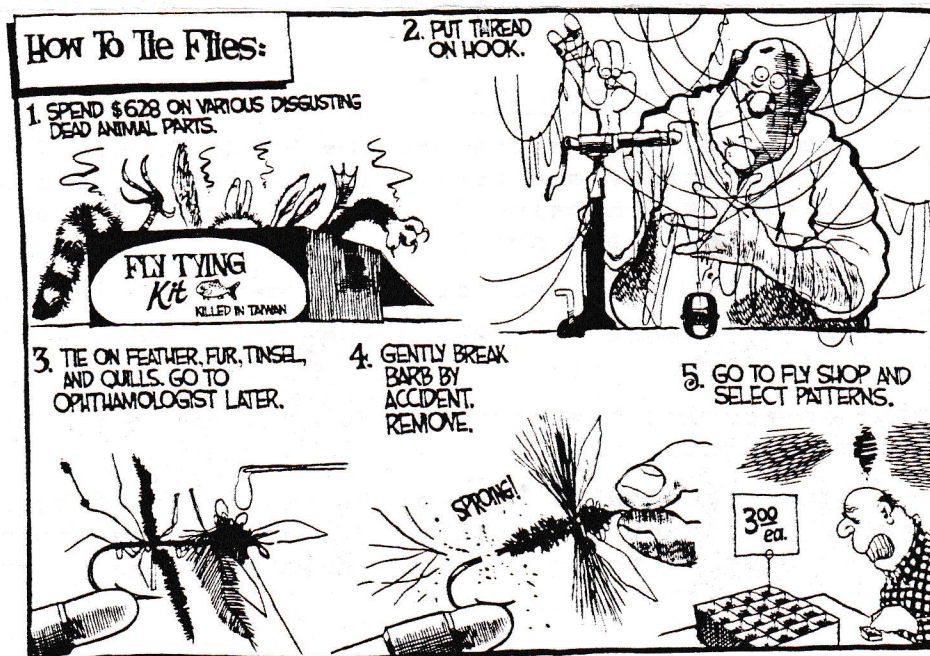
Kyle Burrell (I remember him) and Elizabeth Anne Sisk have renewed their memberships, but alas, the following have fallen into disfavor with National and need to renew: T. BENNETT, CLARKESVILLE; JACK BURNETT, ATLANTA; WALTER CHASTAIN, HELEN; JIM & GREG DARNELL, CLAYTON; JOHN DUNCAN, FRANKLIN; ALAN HOOPER, CLAYTON; W. T. LANGSTON, GAINESVILLE; DAVID McELROY, CORNELIA; and NEAL WRIGHT, CLAYTON.

RABUN MEMBERS JOIN IN WITH CHATTOOGA RIVER FUND RAISER

Eight members of the Rabun Chapter found their way to the Outdoor Laboratory at Clemson University in support of the Chattooga River Chapter's first National Conservation Banquet. The primary purpose of a national banquet is to raise money and from the auction action and various raffles it looked as though the bunch from across the river succeeded. I did notice that whenever they wanted to collect tickets, money or whatever, they used a creel. Presumably this is the only purpose the Chattooga Chapter would use such a device for. The only sour note to the affair - due to the raucous, wild and uncontrolled behaviour of Mike Hogelin and Jim Kidd, two of our members, Henry Williamson and Monte Seehorn chose to sit with some people wearing ties. CONGRATULATIONS CHATTOOGA RIVER CHAPTER - GOOD SHOW!!

FLY TYING CLASSES SET TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER

Once again, Henry Williamson, instructor, fly tier, guide of the misguided and all round good fellow, has agreed to lead our fly tying group through the sometimes difficult task of applying fur, feather and thread to a #20 hook. The first session will convene at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 12th on Ford Mountain at Henry's school house. Bring your gear and pass a good time, yeah!



FISHING AND STOCKING REPORTS

It was suggested that I include a fishing and stocking report so here it is: Getting away to fish has been really difficult over the past few weeks as I am getting ready for a wildlife show in Alabama, our annual open house in December and a one man show in January. Anyway, the warm November weather was just too much so this past Sunday morning I set forth - floating a light Cahill with a reddish Williamson tied nymph trailing below - second cast of the morning and a eleven inch rainbow smashed the nymph - minutes later, the Cahill disappeared in a barely noticeable dimple - a nine incher was on - as the water warmed in the early winter sun the trout concentrated on the dry fly so I clipped the nymph off. The sun warm on my back I continued up the stream with excellent results. As a friend recently said, "It was the most beautiful day yet!" Oh yes, where did I catch them - right where the entoglossal and dentary bones join (corner of the mouth).

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U - unreserved
P - piscatorial
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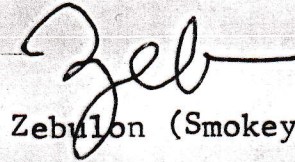
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Dear Mr. Kidd,

I couldn't help but notice while me and my brothers were out Jacklighting the other night that all the creeks are running FULL! We believe the reason for this is the new FOREST SERVICE policy of "Burning the Woods". We all support you in this, and wanted you to know we will continue to do our part to help down here in the Warwoman area.

Yours Truly,



Zebulon (Smokey) Speed