

# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

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## MOCCASIN CREEK STATE PARK SITE OF JUNE MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its' monthly meeting on June 16th, a Saturday, about 12:00 noon under the pavilion in Moccasin Creek State Park. In addition to our regular meeting, we have been asked to participate in the park's "Trout Day" by explaining Trout Unlimited's goals, demonstrate fly casting and the like. Please try to be there for both the meeting and to help with "Trout Day"

## GO WEST YOUNG MAN GO WEST!!!

Back in the fall there seemed to be great interest in a group trip out West. Well, it is now time to fish or cut bait! At the June meeting we need a definite commitment from all those who wish to make this trip. If, for some inexcusable reason, you can't make it to Moccasin Creek State Park on Saturday, June 16th, send word by that time to Doug Adams, Jim Nixon or myself. So start whinning, cojoling, pleading and all the little tricks you know to get your spouse's permission - those who aren't married may bring a note from their momma. But, we do need to know and real soon!! Proposed dates are the 1st or 2nd week in August.

## BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A ROD?

Or maybe a reel, or a line, a lure or a fly or two. In promoting fishing to visitors to our state parks, Park officials would like to offer fishing gear to those that need to borrow it for a few hours. They are asking that we donate any old servicable gear that we no longer use or need. You might start off by bringing it to the June Meeting.

## RAINBOWS RELEASED BELOW, YES BELOW, BURRELL'S FORD BRIDGE

Jeff Durniak, Georgia DNR and Rabun Chapter member hauled a bunch of fingerling Rainbows over to the Chattooga on May 26th and was met by members of the Chattooga River and, of course, the Rabun Chapter of TU. With buckets weighing approximately 200# when filled with water and fish, we released the little buggers from just downstream of the Black Hole to below the island. I can't say for sure but I think I saw someone who looked like Nugget passing buckets of fish to a half hidden figure in the bushes near Shirley Shoals. The aroma of frying fish and AWFUL coffee makes me think it was Kelly! A big thanks to all those volunteers who showed up - we had a good crowd.



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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DISSIDENT SAL GAIRDNERII

Your editor was recently granted an exclusive interview with the outlaw Rainbow, Sal Gairdnerii. While I cannot divulge the exact location of my meeting with Sal, I can tell you it was well upstream of Burrell's Ford near his ancestral home. Sal wore a small shawl to hide his physical identity and asked that I use no tapes, take no pictures and to not pack a rod.

TL: Sal, I know you and others of your group are up in fins over the government's decision to not offer aid in the resettlement of the upper Chattooga. What is your plan of action now?

SG: Well, first, since the "experts" have declared that we rainbows have no right to this part of the river, we will not strike at flies presented by humans with SCOTT, SIMMS or ORVIS on their chests.

TL: That sounds drastic. Anything else?

SG: We've enlisted the help of the Stone Rollers who will help in hiding our redds so that they are undetected by those who don't want us here.

TL: And....

SG: I've instructed all Rainbows to act like those sullen Browns and to not leap and frolic and do flipa and stuff like that. In that way we can continue to infiltrate recruits into the area unnoticed until the day we can really strike!

TL: You do know, Sal, that the underground group that I represent, stand ready to help you with whatever aid we can. What can we do?

SG: Hey, man, that was a great ploy the other weekend...insisting that you dump all those YOTY in the Black Hole. A school of us went down and sneaked them past the Browns and helped them get established in the Nooks & Crannies! They will be ready in a few months to help.

TL: Glad to do it. What else?

SG: How about Blowing up the bridge? That would give us some time.

TL: I don't know about that now, I'm opposed to violence.

SG: And I thought you was with us- I know one of your group always carries a weapon, what about him?

TL: Oh yeah, and he's an explosives expert too. I'll make contact and see what we can do. Catch ya later!

SG: Watch it wise guy!

With that, Sal flipped me a fin and slipped beneath the surface without a sound. Typical Brown Trout trick!