

Rendezvous Reminder January 27, 1996

Where: The Dillard Complex in Dillard, GA. Henry's Playhouse is behind the main Dillard House.

Who: The more the better; bring your friends, neighbors, kids, spouse, etc. Everyone will have a great time.

Social: 5:00-6:30. There will be some mountain music, bucket raffles, silent auction, snacks, and colas. There are always plenty of storytellers spinning yarns around the huge fire place. Come early to get the best table.

Dinner: The Dillard House staff will be serving up their traditional delicious fare. They start serving the vittles at 6:30. If you leave hungry, it is your own fault.

Program: This year our friend and fellow fly fisherman Ben Sanders will be the featured guest speaker. Ben, as many of you know, retired from the US Forest Service after spending many years as the Wildlife Staff Officer. It has been said that Ben is a notorious story teller around the campfire as well as in front of the podium.

As most folks know, the Rabun

Chapter is brazen enough to ask all the TU chapters to bring some really neat stuff for the raffles, auctions, etc. You will be given the credit if it's good and we'll take the blame if it's not.

Cost: When talking about this kind of quality shindig, talking price is vulgar. You should know that dinner is reasonably priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 16 yrs. old.

As always, the Dillard's extend a Rabun County welcome to out of town visitors with a special rate of \$49 per night, single or double occupancy at the Dillard House Motel or the Dillard Best Western. Call 1-800-541-0671 for reservations and mention the TU Rendezvous when you check in.

Please note:

The chapter will not be serving beer or wine at the Rendezvous but you are welcome to bring your own.

Brown Trout Telemetry Project Update

Five trout were tagged in mid-November above Burrell's Ford. Three of the trout were in one large pool and two in the East Fork. The three in the large pool show daily movement within the pool and move from the bottom of the pool to the top about once a day. The two in the East Fork pool have shown no movement to this point.

Here's the interesting part! One of the browns in the large pool swam upstream over a mile. This occurred about a week after it was tagged! It took up residence in a shallow riffle for about a week and a half then swam downstream to the exact same pool where it was first captured.

The initial hypothesis is that this fish made a spawning run, bypassing the East Fork and Bad Creek to spawn in the river! This is the type of information we had hoped this project would provide.

Anyone who may be interested in tagging along and helping locate these trout can contact Kyle at (706)782-4951 (Clayton) or at Clemson, (864)885-1474.

Presidents Corner

Tom Landreth

We had picked up a few fish as Bill Kelly and I approached the crossing to Charley Creek on the Tallulah. It was the week after Christmas. The water was cold and the fishing very slow. A pickup with a Henry County tag pulled up, stopping in the water at the crossing. "You'll having any luck?" he asked. We replied with the usual Rabunite openness, "Not much. You?" He got out of the cab. He was about five feet eight or nine and weighed about three hundred pounds, with most of it hanging over his belt. Certainly a bass hog who had taken a wrong turn. "I got a Rainbow that goes 29" down the road." Kelly and I exchanged that "oh yeah" look. "He's in the cooler back there", he nodded towards the truck bed. We waded to the other side of the truck and peered in the bed. Well, he wasn't exactly in the cooler, he was partly in the cooler. Opening the lid Bill hoisted him up and a sight to be seen he was. Our Henry County friend was giving us that, well, you know that kind of grin. Bill and I both got some satisfaction as we almost in unison declared that "he ain't a Rainbow, it's a Brown!" The trout was huge, no question about it. Her worn fins and almost total lack of color identified her as a long time resident of the Burton Hatchery and after serving us well, was released for a little freedom. The guy had caught her on a huge spinner bait with dual spinners and a rubber skirt. "It's going on my wall whether my wife likes it or not!" he declared. Bill and I got out of the river, walked up the road to his camper muttering about

some flatlander catching that ugly old brood Brown on a bass rig and how there was no justice in the world and how we hoped he ran his truck into deep water and.....it was a BIG fish!

A week or so ago I had the chance to fish with Henry Williamson. I hadn't fished with Henry in a long time and really enjoyed the outing. We fished a river in North Carolina, hoping to run into some migrating steelhead. Again, the water was really cold but it was one of those days where with a little activity, your upper torso is hot and your feet are frozen. It was a fine day of fishing. We caught a good number of Rainbows ranging from the six or seven inches up to seventeen. I fished an imitation salmon egg pattern that Henry gave me and became a devoted fan. I'm sure one tied in the shape of a niblet of corn in a bright yellow would also be effective and I'm not quite sure I see the difference. I guess since you are imitating a natural food found in streams, the salmon egg imitation is okay. Imitating an imitation is another matter.

TIGHT LINES!!!

Tom

Bird Dog Burrell's Fly of the Month

The Halfback

Thread: Brown or black

Weight: Lead wire

Hook: Standard Nymph

Mustad #9671

Sizes: 10, 8, 6

Tail: Pheasant tail, just the tips

Body: Peacock herl, 6 to 8 strands twisted together with a strand of thread

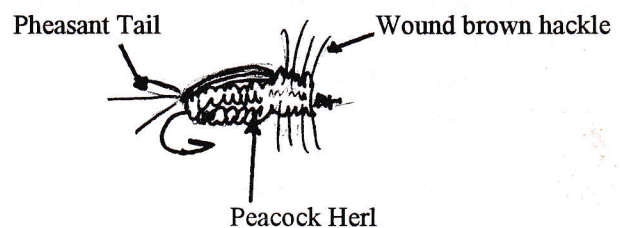
Back: Pheasant tail

Hackle: Soft brown hackle

The key to this fly is the thread wound in with the peacock herl. This is an absolute must because the herl is so fragile. The thread disappears into the mass of herl and make a type of chenille which is tough enough to stand up to a toothy brown trout.

This is a popular fly out west which imitates the nymph of the salmon fly but it also matches its eastern cousin the giant brown stone.

Kyle



January 31, 1996

PLANNING MEETING

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will have a breakfast planning meeting, Saturday, February 10th at the Dillard House Restaurant, beginning at 8:30 AM.

AGENDA

1. Financial report from the Rendezvous
2. Where to spend some of the money
 - a. TU National
 - b. Helicopter Stockings
 - c. Intern programs
3. Young peoples fishing outing
 - a. When, Where, Who and how to get out the word.
4. Duke's Creek Work Project
5. Programs for the year.
6. Open

Please give me a call during the week of the 5th if you can make it. I'll be out of town this weekend.

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Tom

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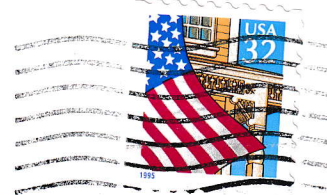
Tuesday, January 16th, Regular monthly meeting at Rabun County Library, 7pm.

Saturday, January 27th, Rabun Rendezvous, Dillard House/Henry's Playhouse.

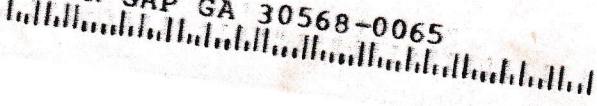
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Tuesday, February 20, Regular Monthly Meeting, Rabun County Library, social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

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