

Rabun Rendezvous..... What A Night !!

The Rabun Rendezvous was once again an event to remember!!! Our thanks to the other chapters in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina as well as members and friends that brought great items for bucket raffles and door prizes.

Lonice Barrett and Kyle Burrell were excellent speakers and the food at the Dillard House was outstanding as always.

For those that missed it you missed a great time. Join us next year to see if that "bunny chaser" is still in the pursuit mode. I feel quite sure that the pink bunny will still be going, going, strong around January '98.

Meet Your Chapter Officers

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Georgia Council Work Project At Smithgall Woods Conservation Area

The Georgia TU Council's workday will be on Saturday, February 15, 9am, at Smithgall Woods Conservation Area. Fellow TU'ers should be milling around the parking lot near the Visitor Center. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your waders; lunch will be provided. Plan to get wet - we'll be installing some structures and enjoying each others company!!



Work projects are fun.....really!!!!

Keep An Eye Out For The Next Fishing Regs

Besides looking for changes in creel limits and lure restrictions, look closely at the cover of the next fishing regulation digest. The art work has been provided by Tom Landreth. Way to go Tom!!

Bring Your Fly Tying Equipment For Next Meeting

On Tuesday, February 18th, the chapter's monthly meeting will be held at Henry's Playhouse at the Dillard House Complex. Bring your tying materials. The social hour will start at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.



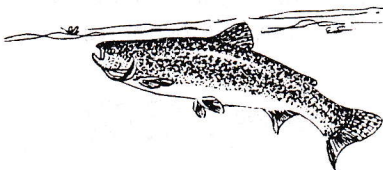
Opportunities For Your Comments On The Chattahoochee National Forest Plan Revision

As the Forest plan revision continues, there are still opportunities for you to be a part of the process. Planning team meetings are open to the public; some allow for public participation and some do not. These meetings occur the second Thursday of every month and begin at 10:00am. The agenda determines how long the meetings last. It is recommended to call prior to the meeting to make sure it has not been cancelled or the start time changed. Here is the list of upcoming dates:

February 13, March 13th, April 10, May 8, and June 12th. If you need more information, contact Marcus Beard at (770)536-0541.

Forest Service Appoints New Chief

On January 6th, Mike Dombeck became the 14th Chief of the US Forest Service, and its first chief who is a fisheries biologist. TU joined other conservation groups in supporting Secretary Glickman's choice of Dombeck to lead the agency. TU President Charles Gauvin said, "Mike is a professional, dedicated fish and wildlife conservationist who has risen through the ranks of the Forest Service."



Bits and Pieces

New Release: The Ketchum release is a new product that is being marketed as a piece of tackle that is good for both the angler and the fish. The release tool removes the hook without having to net or touch the fish and it is easy on the fly. It is available from The Waterworks, Dept. SA, POB 539, Ketchum, ID 83340; 1-800-4fly-fsh.

Boat Box: Mount Sierra Crest's Lifetime Boat Box on a float tube to keep flies within easy reach. The box can be left open so flies dry off without blowing away, and incorporates a high-tech liner that won't tear or hold moisture. The lid is lined with "bristle-tack" for holding flies up to size 2 and the bottom is lined with loop tack, for larger streamer, bass or saltwater hooks. Comes in large (4x8) and medium (3 5/8 x 5 1/2 inches). It can be ordered from Sierra Pacific Products, Dept. SA, PO Box 276833, Sacramento, CA 95827; 916-369-1146.

1997 TU National Convention Scheduled For Knoxville

Make a note on your calendar for July 31 thru August 3, 1997 to attend the TU convention. Tennessee is working hard to put together an agenda that will make for a great convention; i.e., guided fishing trips on the Clinch River, dinner cruise on the Tennessee River, bluegrass and barbecue, and bus tours to Biltmore and Cades Cove.

Tapping The Outdoor Web

For those of you who have been thinking about using the internet to find out more about the outdoors or fishing in general, here are some places to start looking:

Dragon Sports Fishing Central(<http://www.dsport.com/FishingCentral.html>). Dragon has numerous resources and enough entertaining stories to keep you engaged for a couple hours.

Outdoors Network Online (<http://www.ono.com/mag/hunting/hunting.html>). To view this site you'll need Netscape 2 or another browser that will support frames. From here you look at "Lefty Kreh's Flyfishing Journal," or read an article on tarpon fishing. Also on the Outdoors Network is Escape to the Outdoors Radio Programs (<http://www.ono.com/mag/escape/escape.html>). It is offered in real audio format.

Interested in the latest flyfishing gear (<http://www.flyfishingonline.com/netscape/index.html>). A cyber tackle shop with almost anything you could want.

For information on fishing nationwide, call up the Fishing Network's home page (<http://www.fishing-network.com>). This page contains regularly featured article on a variety of topics. Another good fishing information resource is Lou Bignami's *Fine Fishing Magazine* (<http://www.turbonet.com/finefish>). This site contains over 60 reference pages. It will lead you any where you want to go with travel planning.

President's Corner

To Members of Trout Unlimited

I will do the best job I can and may God grant me the wisdom to know what to do and when not to do anything. At this point in time, what I would like to do is go over the upcoming agenda kind of month by month.

FEBRUARY - On Saturday the 15th, a work project is scheduled at Smithgall Woods/Dukes Creek near Helen. The Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited will provide the food and you should be prepared to do some wading and wet work.

February 18th, at our normal monthly meeting, the agenda is bring your fly tie materials for a fly tying session and Henry's Playhouse.

February 22nd, a fish day is scheduled to fish the Chattooga at Burrells Ford starting at 10 AM.

MARCH - On March 6th, Thursday, the Tail Water Chapter of Trout Unlimited is having their banquet.

March 15th, is the regional meeting of Trout Unlimited.

March 18th, our regularly monthly meeting will be Match the Hatch, discussion of various insects by Tom Landruth.

March 22nd, we plan on fishing the Chattahoochee near Helen and afterwards go the Foothills Trout Unlimited Banquet.

March 29th, opening day of trout season on a state wide basis.

APRIL - On April 12th, the plan is to have a lunch underneath one of the picnic shelters at Duke's Creek with fishing in the afternoon. Must be at February or March meeting to sign up.

April 15th, normal monthly meeting in the evening. Kyle Burrell will discuss his brown trout project, however, Kyle does not know he is doing this yet, so this may be subject to some change.

April 25th & 26th, work project on Moccasin Creek with a camp out on the evening of the 25th, possibly the 26th.

MAY - May 16th & 17th, a camp out and fishing on the Nantahala River in North Carolina.

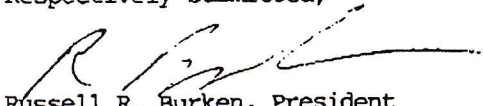
Remember during the month of May, no formal meeting is scheduled and most business, if there is any, will be taken care of at our camp out in North Carolina.

JUNE - On June 7th, there is a kids' day scheduled on the Tallulah River and the program on that month, will be yours truly, Russ Burken, discussing First Aid.

June 20th - 21st, camp out and fishing Santeelah River in North Carolina.

As changes or additions come to me, I will include them in each month's newsletter and get them out to you.

Respectively submitted,


Russell R. Burken, President
Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Feb. 15, Saturday. Georgia Council work project for all chapters at Smithgall Woods.

Feb. 18, Tuesday, Chapter meeting at Henry's Playhouse. Bring your tying materials and vice.

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March 6, Thursday. Tailwater Chapter Banquet in Cumming, GA.

March 15, Saturday. "Hoot On The Hooch," Foothills Chapter Banquet, Unicoi State Park, 6:30pm.

March 18, Tuesday. Chapter meeting at the Rock House in Clayton, social at 6:30, meeting at 7pm.

March 26, Wed. Chattahoochee Chapter Banquet, Atlanta.

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April 15th, Tuesday. Regular monthly meeting at the Rock House in Clayton. Social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

April 25 and 26, Friday and Saturday. Rabun Chapter workday on Moccasin Creek. Make your plans, this is one of those famous "overnighters".

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