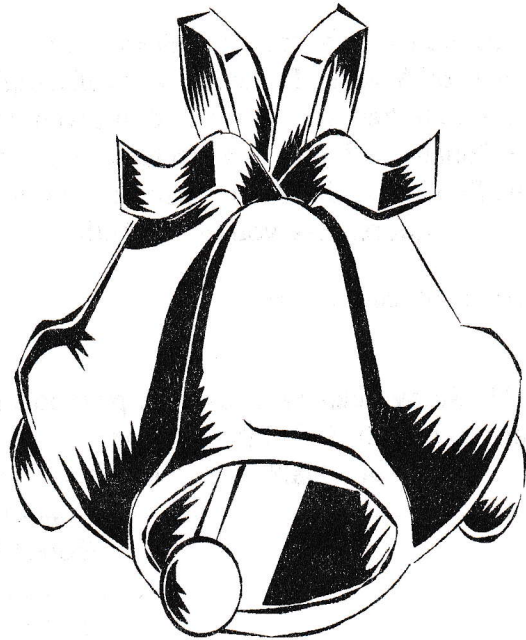


Tight Lines

DECEMBER MEETING AT DILLARD ROCKHOUSE

The Chapter will have it's annual dinner meeting, Tuesday night, December 16th, at the **Rock House** on the Dillard House complex. We'll meet at **6:30 PM** for refreshments with dinner at 7:00. Dinner will be the **Dillard House Holiday menu** and the cost is **\$14.95**, all inclusive. Please call **Tom Landreth, 746-2295** if you and yours plan to attend. Come on out, enjoy a great meal and fellowship on December 16th.



TU FORMS NATIONAL FOREST REVISION STUDY TEAMS

Many hours have been spent in our chapter meetings discussing the ongoing revision of the Forest Service's Land Management Plan and the impact it will have on TU's mission to preserve, protect, and enhance our cold water (trout) fisheries. In most cases, this has just been talk with little action on behalf of our views.

The Georgia Council, at the urging of chapter member, Doug Adams, has formed a revision study team and ten of the chapters have adopted a USFS Ranger District and pledged to stay in close contact with that District Ranger and with all issues effecting cold water resources within that district. The Tallulah District is the Rabun Chapter responsibility and Russ Burken is our contact member.

At our October meeting, Marcus Beard, USFS, outlined and explained some of the issues that are of interest to TU members: Riparian Area Management, Water Quality and Aquatic Habitats; Recreation Opportunities/Experiences; Access Road Management; Roadless Areas/Wilderness Management and Wild and Scenic Rivers.

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NOVEMBER MEETING TO FEATURE "NORTH TO ALASKA WITH A FLY ROD" AND "HOW TO REDUCE SOIL AND SEDIMENT POLLUTION WITH CARPETING"

November 18 Rock House in Clayton 6:30 PM Social 7:00 Meeting

Russ Burken, our far traveling President will tell us all about his latest salmon fishing trip to the wilds of Alaska. These fish were all caught on #22 dry flies and a 3 weight line. You don't have to believe that if you don't want to.

Dave Dunning will give a presentation on methods to reduce erosion/sedimentation on U. S. Forest Service roads. A trial project using these methods is planned for Burrell's Ford Road in the near future. See you on the 18th.

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The TU Study Team will be developing positions on the primary trout issues with recommendations to be included in the revision of the Chattahoochee National Forest Plan. What can you do as an individual? As requested of you before, write:

George Martin
Forest Supervisor
Chattahoochee National Forest
1755 Cleveland Highway
Gainesville, GA 30501

25,000 BROWN TROUT CLIPPED AT THE BURTON HATCHERY IN PREPARATION FOR HELICOPTER RIDE

With the help of Terry Seehorn and his Rabun Gap Nacoochee School class, and several Rabun Chapter members, and the staff at the DNR Burton Hatchery, approximately 25,000 sub adult Brown Trout, (and at least one Rainbow) had their adipose fin clipped to get ready for their trip to the Chattooga River.

If you get this newsletter in time, you are urged to travel over to the river at Russell Fields and greet these finny youngsters. Lee Keefer says the stocking will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 13th.

Thanks to all who turned out on a beautiful day and lent a hand in assuring good fishing this Spring. These fish were really healthy looking and some were certainly well on their way to adulthood.

VIDEO LIBRARY

Not getting in enough fishing on these cold, dark fall and winter days. Well you can transport yourself to clear and bright waters by just checking out one of the twenty videos that Librarian Doug Adams has on hand for your viewing pleasure. But you do have to return them and we have three outstanding that should be returned at your earliest convenience:

#1 *The Practical Trout Flies* - Frank Tolbert

#9 *I Was Born to Fish* - Russell Johnson

#15 *Tying & Fishing Caddis Flies* - Jim Kidd

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 13	Helicopter Stocking Chattooga River
November 18	Chapter Meeting Rock House Clayton
December 16	Dinner Meeting Rock House Dillard
January 24	Rabun Rendezvous Henrys Playhouse Dillard House

LEROY POWELL TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL RABUN RENDEZVOUS

The Rabun Rendezvous is fast approaching and much planning still needs to be done. We'll cover some of this at the next two meetings so it is very important that you be there if at all possible. So, be thinking what you would like to help with - selling raffle tickets, setting up the raffle and silent auction items, working the door - all necessary to assure a smooth running event.

With expanded facilities at the Playhouse and a favorite like Leroy, we should have excellent attendance.

Tip of the Month:

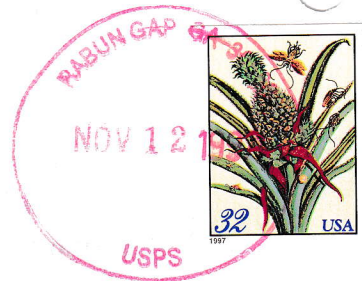
When wading during these winter months, be sure to wear your neoprenes, no matter that people like Bill Kelly make fun of you. But, it is best to not fall in at this time of the year as the water is quite cold and takes a long time to warm up as you slosh upstream. If you insist on taking these cold winter baths, leave your waders in the car and put them on when you return from the river.

Tight Lines from your temporary editor.

Dates to Remember.....Again!

<i>November 13th</i>	<i>Helicopter Stocking on Chattooga</i>
<i>November 18th</i>	<i>Chapter Meeting at Rock House in Clayton</i>
<i>December 16th</i>	<i>Family Dinner Meeting at the Rock House in Dillard</i>
<i>January 24th</i>	<i>Rendezvous</i>

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