

# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

May 1999

## RABUN GAP NACOOCHEE SCHOOL HOSTS RABUN CHAPTER FAMILY GET TOGETHER AT THE MAY MEETING

On Tuesday, May 18th, 6:30 or 7:00 PM the chapter will have it's monthly meeting on the campus of RGNS, at Indian Lake.

Just a short business meeting to verify the fact that we are an active TU chapter and then it is just good eats, furnished by our President, Terry Seehorn and our Vice President Charlie Breithaupt (Boy, did we do good when we worked this one out!) and a chance for us to all mingle and swap tales and point fingers. I haven't heard whether or not you can cast into the lake for a fish or not; but, if you bring a rod I'm sure you can get some expert casting advice from some of our, what else, experts.



Most of you have probably noticed all the construction going on at the school. Not to worry. Turn on the School Farm Road (Right if you are coming from the North; left if you are coming from the South) After that, I'm not 100% clear on directions but most of you got Charlie's map (which I can't locate). You turn left on a gravel road and dead in at the lake.

It might be of help to call Charlie or Terry at the school, 746-7467; or me, Tom, at 746-2295, tell us if you are coming and how many we should expect. This will be a fun evening. Don't miss it! Be there or be square! And all those other overdone phrases.

## CHAPTER WORK PROJECT SLATED FOR MAY 15TH ON UPPER CHARLIE

The Chapter has a work project scheduled for Saturday, May 15th, on upper Charlie Creek, a tributary of the Tallulah River. Plan to be on site about 8:30 AM. There are a few structures that need some maintenance and some to be installed.

You can get there two different routes. One, go up the Tallulah River Road. Just below the middle (Tate) campground, you will notice a gravel road to your left, ending in the river. Angle slightly upstream and you will see the road across the river. Ford the stream and head up the road alongside Charley Creek. You will have to turn north on FS 72 (that will be to your right if you are coming up Charlie) At the end of the road you are there!

Now, if you are not the adventurous type, leaving Clayton on US 76 you will pass the turn to Lake

the mountain until you are at the bottom, just as you cross a stream, Hightower Road leads to your right, follow that road until it turns to gravel, bearing to your right and follow FS 72 to the work site at the end of the road.

At the work site there is an excellent place to camp if you so desire. You could also camp at one of the three campsites on the Tallulah River.

As my CO said one night in Korea, "I'm sorry I'm not going with you guys in the morning, but I'm obligated to other things". I will be at Habersham Winery, signing the label on their newest vintage and will be unable to make the work project. And by the way, after the work project is over, you should plan to fish Charlie. Ask Bill Kelly about the Brown he caught in this little stream.

Burton and the hatchery, keep going. Pass the overlook on your right, cross the ridge and head down



## RABUN GAP NACOOCHEE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL CLASS PRESENT CHAPTER'S APRIL MEETING

**Geo Dickens, Martin Gertsson, Rachael Liles, Beau Mader and Todd Weiser**, students in our own **Terry Seehorn's** Environmental Class at RGNS, presented a most informative report on their study of sedimentation in our area of the Little Tennessee watershed. Using equipment they had designed, samples were collected, measured and evaluated and some theories offered as to where the sediment originated and suggestions as to how to eliminate or reduce it.

We can be very proud of these young people. In light of recent headlines it's of great comfort to meet these students and listen to their enthusiastic but level-headed thoughts. We really enjoyed their presentations and hope they will continue to

be a part of conservation efforts in our area - and beyond.

As editor of this newsletter I would be remiss if I didn't mention the sixth member of the group, **Amanda Wilson**. At first I thought she was one of the students but after talking with her a few minutes learned she was an intern. Begging **Charlie Breithaupt** to allow me to enroll immediately at RGNS did absolutely no good so I pleaded to be allowed to at least audit all of Ms Wilson's classes. Again, I was refused. Do you know what my teachers looked like in high school?

Seriously, thanks gang, for an interesting and informative program. And thanks Amanda, for tagging along!

## DOUBLE BARRELED PROGRAM MAKES FOR AN INTERESTING MIX AT RABUN CHAPTER APRIL MEETING

There was a slight glitch at the Rock House last month, but our diplomatic Pres Terry handled with great finesse. It seems the Chattooga River Watershed Coalition had invited a young lady from the University of Georgia, **Ellen Sutherland**, Institute of Ecology, to their meeting to address the concerns surrounding confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). It was decided that what she had to say was of interest to us so we shared the facility.

Ms Sutherland was most convincing as she outlined what has transpired in our adjoining states, North and South Carolina. Regulatory action has made it uncomfortable for the huge swine production companies and they are looking for less hostile locations. And, of course, Georgia is the logical target given the slowness of our legislature to act on behalf of the environment.

You may wish to contact your legislators asking that they assure that all precautions are taken whenever one of these swine megafarms are locating to Georgia.

## CONTINUING OUR APPRECIATION TO RENDEZVOUS DONORS

Maria Davis  
Russell Johnson  
Terry Seehorn  
Ken Carter  
Denny Richards  
Dave Deavours  
Bob Roberts  
Frank Tolbert  
Fritz Vinson  
Joseph Unterwagner  
June Landreth

Bill Thompson  
Jerry Koch  
Jim Nixon  
Charlie Breithaupt  
Teddy Bennett  
Jimmy Harris  
Travis Barnes  
Bill & Jean Kelly  
Dean English  
Bobby Bell  
Jeff Durniak

Walt Landreth  
Mike Sobaski  
Henry Williamson  
Tom Landreth  
Steve Tacas  
Garland Stewart  
Bill Kelly  
Doug Adams  
Kyle Burrell

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!



# RABUN CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MAY 15	<b>WORK PROJECT - UPPER CHARLEY CREEK</b>
MAY 18	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING WITH FAMILY - INDIAN LAKE-RGNS</b>
JUN 05	KIDS FISHING DAY - UNICOI STATE PARK
JUN 12	<b>KIDS FISHING DAY - TALLULAH RIVER</b>
JUN 15	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING WITH FAMILY - KELLYS PICNID GRND</b>
JUL 17	WORK PROJECT ON CHASTAIN BRANCH
JUL 20	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
AUG 16	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
SEP 11	<b>WORK PROJECT ON SMITH CREEK - UNICOI SP</b>
SEP 20	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
SEP 25	<b>WORK PROJECT ON POPCORN CREEK</b>
OCT 19	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
NOV 15	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING</b>
DEC 21	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING - DILLARD HOUSE</b>

## CAMPING OUT IS NOT ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

Walt and I drove across the Blue Ridge Parkway. The sky was clear - the views magnificent! It was Wednesday, April 28th and we were on our way to rendezvous with Gene Roberts and Bill Kelly at the Davidson River CG near Brevard.

We had passed the highest point on the parkway and began to drop a few hundred feet. We entered a fog bank and visibility dropped to maybe fifty or so feet. Okay. Soon the fog was so thick you could barely keep the yellow center line in sight. After a couple of hair raising hours we turned and drove out of the fog into the Davidson River Basin.

Gene and Bill were there. Setting up the trailer, getting a license for Walt, eating lunch and then to the river. Slow, oh so slow. It began to mist. We fished. Gene caught a keeper. The rest of us fought and landed several 4-5 inchers.

Thursday it began to rain. We fished with much the

same results. It rained all day, slow and steady.

Waking during the night, I noted it was still coming down. We had a hasty pre-breakfast meeting Friday morning, and decided caution is the best part of valor; had breakfast and started packing up. Mary and Bud Parker had come in during the night and decided they would stay and do some touring. Hearing that the Parkway had received 2-3 inches of snow during the night, we returned via Cashiers and Highlands.

Of course it cleared up late Friday but the fish fry would have been a soggy mess and not something we wanted to subject the wives too; nor ourselves either. We will try it again. It's a great place to camp and we still believe it to be a good place to fish. We enjoyed each others company and talked about all the chapter members who weren't there.



# SMITH CREEK GETS AN UPLIFT

May 24 Unicoi State Park..TU volunteers, park staff and Jeff Durniak and Lee Keefer of the DNR installed a large retaining type structure on a bend in Smith Creek, DH area.

The bank between the creek and the filtering pond was eroding badly, dumping sediment into the stream and getting dangerously close to the pond.

Lee and Monte Seehorn were there the previous day, along with park staff, placing and pinning huge logs, forming several bins for stability.

Joining them on Saturday, we started filling these bins with rock and dirt; covering that with "cocoa mat" and then

placing rock overall.

I had to abandon the project shortly after noon but there were several chapters represented, some from as far away as Rome, continuing on with the project. Next time you are at Smiths, check it out. Rabun Chapter was represented by Frank Tolbert, Jeff Durniak, Tom Landreth, and, of course Monte the day before.

**THE NEXT WORKSHOP AT  
SMITH'S CREEK IS IN  
SEPTEMBER**



**RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
53 WILD ORCHID LANE  
RABUN GAP  
GA 30568-3116**

25614405 SR 522 04 GA 9907  
DOUG ADAMS  
P.O. BOX 65  
RABUN GAP, GA 30568-0065

