



TIGHT LINES

OCTOBER 2001

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

OCTOBER MEETING

The Chapter will meet on Tuesday, October 16th, 6:30 PM, at the Rock House in Clayton, Georgia. As of this date the program is not settled...we are hoping Henry Williamson will be on hand for a little fly tying instruction. There are a number of items on the Chapter business agenda...Rendezvous...Christmas Party, etc., so please plan to attend. We need your help and input on a number of issues.

WORK PROJECT ON HOLCOMB

Even though there was a goof up in advising members of the exact site of the work project, it came off as scheduled. Four members camped out on Friday night and were on hand when Doug Watson and two interns showed up with Georgia Council Chairman, Larry Vigil in tow. Terry Seehorn, Terry Rivers and a member of the Cohutta Chapter were waiting downstream at the bridge, as earlier instructed, but never joined up with us. The September issue of Tight Lines had the right stream but the wrong section. (I apologize for that.) A "K" dam was completely renovated and a diversion was created up stream to concentrate the flow into one channel. It was a good morning's work. Standing downstream of the K dam, looking upstream, it's a really nice view and despite the low water, a nice hunk of trout habitat. Thanks to all.

DOC BURKEN'S MEDICINE SHOW

Once again, Russ "Doc" Burken, brought his condensed first aid for the outdoorsman session to the September Chapter meeting and, once again, we were both entertained and informed. Russ is very giving in his, program that your editor simply re-should make every attempt to be uled for a repeat performance. I will woven long sleeved shirt and broad on the water. Skin cancer is not



now annual, presentation. It is one fuses to offer in capsule form. You there in person when Doc is sched-go this far...wear sunscreen, close brimmed hat when you are out there pretty.

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 18th

Dillard

RENDEZVOUS

Saturday, January 26TH

Dillard

LICENSE PLATES AND CAPS

The Georgia Council of TU announced that they have ordered a quantity of TU tags and Caps featuring the new Trout Unlimited logo. As soon as they are available we will advise you

through Tight Lines. We will be making a small profit on each item and the funds realized will go to our ongoing programs to benefit trout and trout habitat.

NEWS FROM THE FOREST.....

If you have an opinion, the Forest Service would like to hear from you regarding the use of all terrain vehicles (ATV) on National Forest System Roads. For the past ten years, ATV use in Georgia has been limited to designated off road vehicle trails (when enforced) within the Chattahoochee or Oconee National Forests or on public roads when the vehicles are properly licensed. There are 15 trail systems for off road vehicles totaling 133 miles.

Until last year, the Georgia Department of Revenue-Motor Vehicle Division allowed those counties who wished to issue a tag to ATV owners to do so. On March 23, 2000, the Motor Vehicle Division issued a letter to all county commissioners saying no more tags could be issued or renewed for ATVs.

Along with the question legality, there are other issues that need to be addressed concerning ATV use on forest roads. These include: the impacts of the increased use of ATVs on the roads, the impacts to the natural resources in the forest, and the question of safety of ATV riders and others.

In an effort to develop a workable ATV policy, your concerns and ideas are sought. Contact by phone, E-mail or letter:

U. S. Forest Service
1755 Cleveland Highway
Gainesville, GA 30501
Attention: Tom Fearrington
(770) 297-3000
atvissue@yahoo.com

TIPPET AND FLIES FOR THE FALL

Cool temperatures, gin-clear streams and low water levels require a more careful approach when fishing this time of the year. Try 6X or even 7X tippets, three or four feet long. Tie on Blue Winged Olives or that your line settles on the and tippet. When done prop- surface in a gentle "S" shape trout will look your fly over carefully and drag tells it that this isn't something he feeds on. Flurocarbon tippet material seems show up less than conventional mono. Tight Lines



NOW HEAR THIS.....

Tue Oct ¹⁶ 19	Monthly Meeting at Rock House
Tue Nov 20	Monthly Meeting at Rock House
Sat Dec 8	USFS Planning Meeting in Gainesville
Tue Dec 18	Annual Christmas Dinner at the Dillard House
Sat Jan 26	Rendezvous 2002 at the Dillard House

*PLEASE CALL ME IF ANY DATES OR EVENTS ARE INCORRECT:
Tom Landreth 706-746-2295*

There are no firm dates as this goes to press but two events should be on your ready list:

1. Fin clipping at the Burton Hatchery to prepare the trout for their annual.....
2. Helicopter drop of the above trout.



MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES COUNT

Many TU Chapters have "chapter dues" to supplement the funds necessary to fund their newsletter and other chapter activities. The Rabun Chapter has never seen the need for this, depending instead, on monies raised at the annual Rabun Rendezvous and in past years, raffles at the monthly meeting. So that we may continue this policy, make sure that when you renew your national membership, you send your renewal form and check to our treasurer, **Lewis Reeves, at PO Box 1222, Clayton, GA 30525**. National returns \$5.00 of your national dues to the Chapter. It helps!