

TIGHT LINES

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NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

CHAPTER MEETS AT THE ROCK HOUSE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

While not the most exciting program, our November meeting is certainly one of the most important....Rendezvous planning. As any of you who attend this annual event know, there are lots of details to be worked out if we are to continue the success of past Rendezvous.

Officers for the coming year are another consideration.

HENRY WILLIAMSON TIES ONE ON

Thanks again, to **Henry Williamson**, who made fly tying seem so easy and simple at the October chapter meeting. Whether a small #20 Blue Winged Olive or one of the larger nymphs, Henry cuts right to it and not only ties a good looking, fish taking fly, provides a little history along with it. He tied an October Caddis and the next day on a stream in North Carolina, there they were, just like he described. These are a large caddis, at least a #12 and many in a size #10.

Henry also elaborated on the "CK Nymph" and a similar fly, the "Anywhere Anytime" nymph so popular on the Chattahoochee in Atlanta. Thanks, Henry! Good program.

The Christmas Dinner meeting is traditionally for family and fellowship...business of the chapter is held to a bare minimum...if at all.

So, come on out and help us get things ready for the Rendezvous. Tuesday, the 20th of November, fellowship starting at 6:30; the meeting at 7:00 at the Rock House in Clayton, Georgia

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Don't forget to make plans to attend the annual **Christmas Dinner Meeting**, on December 18th, at the Dillard House. This is always a fitting end to our Chapter's year and a good opportunity to just enjoy each others fellowship.

Cost for the dinner is \$15 each, payable at the dinner. We will gather at 6 PM and dinner will be served family style about 7 PM. This is a **BYOB** affair.

We need a head count so don't forget to give either Doug Adams 746-2158 or Tom Landreth 746-2295 a call or, send an E-mail to adams@rabun.net; or landreth@rabun.net.

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 18th

Dillard

RENDEZVOUS

Saturday, January 26TH

Dillard



NEWS FROM THE FOREST.....

- * Plan Revision News: Once again, the USFS will be seeking public input on the National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Sumter NF is preparing their plan and has already had ID team meetings in Columbia. There will be meetings for the public after the first of the year. You can receive bulletins about this process by requesting same at Sumter-Plan@yahoo or keep up by going to their web site at www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/LMP/revision2.htm.
- * Watershed and Roads Analysis Process has begun in the Sumter NF and should be available within a few months. The watershed analysis involves evaluating the overall health of their bigger, broader watersheds, such as the Chattooga. The new Roads policy shifts the agency from *developing new* roads to *managing the existing* road system.
- * A proposed ammendment to the current Sumter Land and Resource Management Plan that would specifically address boating recreation on the Chattooga. A draft of the environmental assessment will be available later this year at www.fs.fed.us//r8/fms/LMP/nepa.htm.
- * **Dale Bosworth**, a veteran forester who has served as a regional forester, forest supervisor and district ranger, has been selected as the new Chief of the Forest Service, replacing Mike Dombeck.
- * **Bob Jacobs** was selected to take the place of Elizabeth Estill as the Regional Forester of the Southern Region.
- * John Cheeves will act as Team Leader of the Sumter Planning Team.

a personal observation......

GEORGIA STATE PARKS-OUTDOOR GEMS

Over the past several months, June and I have visited and/or camped in some of the most beautiful locations in our great State of Georgia. Fort Mountain, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Skidaway Island, Magnolia Springs, George Smith and Hamburg State Parks. And that doesn't include those that are so close to us here in North Georgia.

From old fashioned turbine driven grist mills, bald cypress lakes, salt marshes to aligators swimming in clear springs...a most diverse state is Georgia, and it is easily visited through an excellent state park system.

Without exception, we have found these state sites to be clean, well laid out and staffed by some of the greatest people we have run across.

And, you can head for one of our more southern parks when the winter winds and temperatures begin to get to you. Got a camper...they all have hook-ups. They have hot water showers that are clean.

June and I are determined to visit every one so we only have about 30 to go. To make a reservation, just pick up the phone and call 1-800-864-7275.

NOW HEAR THIS.....

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

Remember what was in this spot last issue.....well, it was not neces-

sary to clip fins at the

trout were loaded, trans-

Chattooga during the

Burton Hatchery. The ported to the banks of the week of October 15th.

They were then airlifted by helicopter to various locations between the Highway 28 bridge and Burrell's Ford. Tight Lines!!!!

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!