

## Coming Events

**Tuesday September 17**

Monthly chapter meeting at the Rock House.

**Friday & Saturday September 20-21**

Campout and work project on Moccasin Creek.

**Tuesday October 15**

Monthly chapter meeting at the Rock House.

**Tuesday November 19**

Monthly chapter meeting at the Rock House.

**Tuesday December 17**

Christmas Party at the Dillard House.

**Saturday January 25**

**RABUN RENDEZVOUS!**

At the Dillard House

*Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Rock House in Clayton. Fellowship at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 PM.*

Great Covered Dish Supper at Kelly's last month!

The turnout was excellent as was the food and drink. Thanks again to Bill and Jean Kelly (mostly Jean—Bill was awol) for the use of their beautiful place.....

### Screen Savers

*If you would like a really unique and "cool" screen saver for your computer, check out [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org).*

*You can download a free screen saver that features a number of nice trout and salmon prints from James Prosek, the well known artist.*



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## TIGHT LINES...

**Rabun Chapter of  
Trout Unlimited  
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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you may know, our chapter receives a rebate of \$5 from national for each membership that is renewed through our chapter. Please send your Membership Renewal Statement and a check for the correct amount to our chapter treasurer.

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## News from the President.....

Charlie Breithaupt



Last week Kathy and I, along with Gail and Frank Tolbert, attended the Upper Chatahoochee Chapter's meeting in Atlanta and heard Charles Gauvin, national president of Trout Unlimited, speak. Gauvin's comments covered a brief history of TU, changes in the past decade and plans for improvements in the future. There was time for questions and answers afterwards.

TU experienced considerable growth in the early '90s, mostly attributed to the movie *A River Runs Through It*. There were growing pains along the way, and now, after the events of September 11, there are different challenges to be faced. The question was raised about the interest and support of national for southern cold waters and I felt Gauvin gave a very honest answer. There is simply more money available and greater interest by more people for efforts in other parts of the country, mostly the west. I think all of us realize that, while we love our local streams, there aren't a lot of folks headin' "EAST of Hiwassee" for their dream trip. Thank goodness!!

My feelings about the relationship with national, the Georgia Council and our own Rabun Chapter are very good. National and the Council exert efforts for our mission on a level that our chapter can't reach. All the while we spend most of our money and almost all of our labor in our own backyard. Equally as important we seem to have a good time doing what we do as we work to accomplish our mission. I hope the Rabun Chapter will continue to support all levels of TU and continue our grassroots projects that have been so successful.

*Charlie*

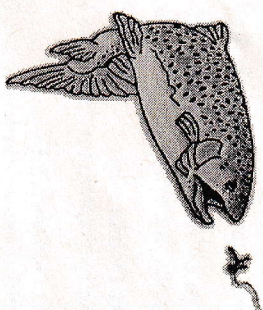
newsletter editor—Kathy Sparks

## Member News

### NEXT MEETING... Tuesday September 17

Our next meeting will be at The Rock House in Clayton and we'll continue to meet there until 2003. We'll hear from our summer interns and the Forest Service. Also we hope to have "Doc" Burken's S and M show... Slides and Medicine.

Be there at 6:30 PM for fellowship. (stories and lies)  
The program will begin at 7:00 PM.



### FALL WORK PROJECT & CAMPOUT

This is it!! The social event of the season and you don't want to miss it. The Forest Service has completed most of the work we planned to do on Hicks Creek (where we worked last spring) so we'll work on Moccasin Creek, located off Highway 197 west of Lake Burton. This should be a great time of year for a campout so plan to camp Friday night, September 20 and we'll work on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Some of you may want to camp Saturday night also.

Directions: Get on Highway 197 (*You can reach it from Clarkesville or HWY 76 – west of Clayton*) and look for Wildcat Creek Road on the West side of 197. That road is about one mile south of Lake Burton Fish Hatchery and about ½ mile north of the Volunteer Fire Department. Follow Wildcat Creek Road for about 5 miles to the campsite. The worksite is a little past the campsite.

The Forest Service folks (Doug Watson and Andy Gaston) will be at the entrance to the Lake Burton Fish Hatchery from 8:30 AM until 8:45AM on Saturday and will lead anyone in who meets them there.

We'll make final plans at the meeting on September 17 and try to get an accurate head count. If you don't come to the campout we'll probably talk about you.