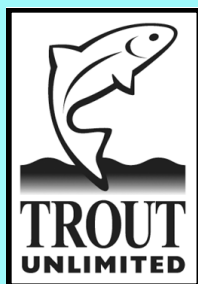


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Brodheads Chapter of TROUT UNLIMITED



NEXT MEETING: Wednesday

October 14, 2009

7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: TYLER NEIMAN

PA Fish Commission

“STREAM IMPROVEMENT
DEVICES”



October, 2009 Issue

Meeting Location:
MCEEC Building
Running Valley Road
Bartonsville, PA

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October, 2009

President's Home Pool

Tom Battista

Another summer has come and gone, and I hope you spent more time on the water than I did, although I did have several local trips with very beautiful days. The rain this summer has kept the streams full, so fishing had been good for me when I used nymphs. Unfortunately, I did not get into much dry fly action this year; thus, I did not experience the usual hatch activity over my paved driveway that I've seen in past years.

With all the rain we've had, we're still waiting for the McMichaels Creek to recede a bit so the stream diverters can be installed. We've awarded the contract to Bill Hakim, who is waiting for low water so he can start. He thinks it a one day job.

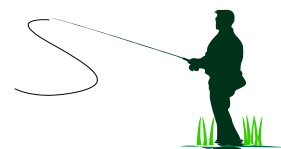
Thanks to Ben Turpin for an excellent power point presentation on *Central Pennsylvania Trout Streams* at our meeting Sept. 9. As usual, Ben did an excellent job. We also had a great presentation by Parker Johnson on the *Rivers Conservation School*, which he attended this summer on a scholarship that we provided.

We have 169 members on our chapter mailing list, yet we have very few members attending the monthly general meetings. I know that some members work nights and cannot attend or have family responsibilities that prevent them getting out. I am concerned that we are not offering programs of interest, and this might account for the low turnout. The Board and I will gladly consider suggestions from the members for future meetings and presentation topics.

Our general meetings are always open to the public, and individuals do not have to be TU members to participate. Young people are very welcome to attend. If you have or know youth who might be interested, please bring them, and we'll encourage them and get them started fly fishing. Each year we sponsor several youngsters to *the PATU Rivers Conservation School*, and *Monroe Conservation Camp*. It would be nice to send candidates we know well, since they are the youth from our own chapter.

Tight lines!

Tom



**CHAPTER
CALENDAR
2009-2010**

*No General Meetings
will be held November
through January.*

January 2010: Board Meeting
– January 6th, 7:30 pm

FLY-TYING CLASS:

Saturday mornings: January 9,
16, & 23, 2010 – 7:30 pm @
MCEEC

Winter Fly-tying Class:

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 2010...

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@ 570-895-1099

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Chapter Updates: The McMichaels Stream Improvement Project is proceeding according to plan, and by the time this issue goes to press, the first boulders should be in place! Thanks to Bill Hakim from All Construction and Repair for the excellent job of placing our boulders in the creek...On Saturday, September 12, Chapter President Tom Battista and Director Will Daskal, respectively helped demonstrate retrieving techniques with his two Golden Retrievers and the fishing program at the Trexler Boy Scouts Camp in Jonas as part of our sponsorship of the 2009 Monroe County Field Day. Participants received colorful T-shirts which were imprinted with the Brodheads TU logo.

Congratulations to our new Chapter Officers for 2009-2010: President Tom Battista, Vice President Todd Burns, Secretary Bob Stevens and our new Treasurer Eric Baird!

Don't forget to mark your 2010 calendars with the date for our Annual Banquet: Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Pocono Inn Town!

Fly Fishing Video Library Is Available!

Brodhead Chapter Fly Fishing Video Library Videos are available for a small monthly rental fee, with all proceeds going to support the Chapter's conservation efforts. The rental fees are as follows: for videos running longer than 45 minutes, \$5.00; for videos running less than 45 minutes, \$3.00. If you'd like to reserve a copy of a video ahead of time, you may call Gerry Bortz at (570) 895-1099. If you have videos at home that you would like to donate to the Chapter to expand our inventory, we are always looking for new additions.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Featuring</u>	<u>Rental</u>
<i>Tying Trout Flies</i>	Gary Borger	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing for Trout</i>	Scientific Anglers/3M	\$5.00
<i>Fishing in Maine for Landlocked Salmon</i>	Jim Lepage	\$3.00
<i>The Art of Tying the Nymph</i>	Skip Morris	\$5.00
<i>A Casting Approach to Nymphing Tactics</i>	Joe Humphreys	\$5.00
<i>Hair Trout Flies</i>	Chris Helm	\$5.00
<i>Spinning Deer Hair</i>	Chris Helm	\$5.00
<i>Fly Casting with Lefty Kreh</i>	Lefty Kreh	\$5.00
<i>Understanding Fly Tying Materials</i>	Scott Sanchez	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing Video Magazine:</i>		
<i>Belize ~ Fly Fishing Fantasy</i>		\$3.00
<i>Fishing the Dry Fly</i>	Gary Borger	\$5.00
<i>Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout</i>	Doug Swisher	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing in the Footsteps of the Lewis & Clark Expedition</i>	Rick Ruoff (Orvis)	\$3.00
<i>The River's Return</i>	Trout & Salmon Foundation British Columbia Ministry of Environment	\$3.00
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<i>Tandem Fly Fishing with Charlie Meck</i>	Charlie Meck	\$3.00
<i>Save America's Streams</i>	Trout Unlimited	\$3.00

FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The newly formed cadre of available Brodheads TU anglers who have volunteered their services for **Gerry Bortz' *Fishing Buddies Program*** have not received the number of calls for which we had hoped. Perhaps it's just because it's a new venture just getting off the ground, or maybe it's the timing and the fact that fall is already at hand. **Whatever the reason, please save this page and know that members of YOUR chapter are here to help any fledgling fly-fishers with "getting their feet wet" in one of our lovely local streams.** The following chapter members have offered their time and expertise to aid their fellow chapter members learn the local waters: **Eric Baird** (570-355-0165; evenings & weekends; Tobyhanna, Hickory Run & Devil's Hole); **Tom Battista** (610-681-6307; Sunday mornings; any stream); **Gerry Bortz** (570-895-1099; weekdays; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Scott Cesari** (570-897-5830; Evenings & weekends; any streams); **Will Daskal** (610-381-6188; call for availability); **Jeff Heberley** (570-421-3184; any time; anywhere); **Glenn Hessler** (570-629-5492; weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Tom Magera** (570-977-4381; weekdays in the morning & weekends any time; any stream); **Eric McLendon** (610-863-9097; anytime; anywhere); **Ron Mishkin** (570-460-5031; evenings & weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks and others); **Frank Russo** (570-839-3436; any time; anywhere); and **John Schriever** (570-722-9797; anytime; anywhere).



If you see anyone riding an ATV who causes damage to any of our pristine trout streams or who is riding in violation of the law, please notify President Tom Battista immediately with the date, time, location, etc. If at all possible, try to obtain a photograph of the offending ATV and/or the license plate number. Ongoing ATV abuse and misuse is a growing problem in Monroe County, and we must do something about curtailing the rampant damage to our streams and game lands...NOW!



In order to better accommodate our youngsters in the fly fishing programs we run for the community, the Board of Directors has approved the purchase of four (4) complete fly fishing outfits that students can use. Now, we'll be able to supply our candidates with everything they'll need for a successful introduction to the wonderful sport of fly fishing!

COMING SOON...OUR OWN BRODHEADS TU WEBSITE! At the September, 2009 Board meeting, the BTU Directors approved the creation of an Official Brodheads TU Chapter website. Yes, we're entering fully into the Digital Age! Our Newsletter editor, Will Daskal, has volunteered to create the website and serve as its Web-Master. His services for this venture are being donated to BTU without charge. As soon as the design is complete and the files have been uploaded to a server, you'll be notified!

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