



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

February 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello my fellow RRTU members! February has started out very similar to January - cold and wet. To get us ready for the upcoming fishing season we continue with fly-tying classes February 12 at REI Northlake.

Remember our 30th Birthday Party on February 19 at Bass Pro (more later in newsletter – in red font). March brings a number of events ... the Fly Fishing Film Tour, the last fly-tying session, a regular RRTU meeting and a South Mountains State Park streamside. Then April leads into Appletree, an Earth Day event and a regular RRTU meeting on the third Thursday.

As you have read we are off to a very busy year and need volunteers to assist with many projects. Volunteer work is the cornerstone of RRTU and nothing gets done without volunteer assistance. If you're already a TU volunteer, thank you for your commitment to the future of RRTU. If you're not, please consider becoming one - it's a great way to give something back to the resource that brings you so much pleasure. We need and welcome your help.

- **Bill Thomas** (bthomas999@bellsouth.net)

RRTU Calendar

Feb 12 ... Fly tying

Feb 19 ... RRTU meeting. 30th Anniversary

Mar 8 ... Fly Fishing Film Tour – Visulite

Mar 12 ... Fly tying

Mar 17 ... RRTU meeting. Jack McNeary

Mar 19 ... South Mountains State Park Streamside

Mar 19-20 ... Pisgah Fly Masters Fishing Tournament

Apr 7-10 ... Appletree trip

Apr 15 ... Earth Day @ Carolina International School

Apr 21 ... RRTU meeting. Ken Manual

Apr 23 ... TU national stream cleanup day

May 19 ... RRTU meeting

May 19-22 ... National Fly Fishing Championships

February 19th meeting – 30th Anniversary

Food, socialization, two BIG raffles and a program by Jim Dean, former editor of *Wildlife in North Carolina*.

Bass Pro Shops
8181 Concord Mills Blvd.
Concord, NC 28027

Social time 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Jim Dean 7:30 – 8:30 PM
Raffles 8:45 – 9:00 PM

Friends of Rocky River (FORR)

RRTU will continue the Friends of Rocky River (FORR) program in 2011 with a campaign kick off in February. Watch for a letter with 2011 FORR campaign details coming to your US postal mail box soon.

Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited and mail your tax deductible donation to:

Terry Hill
PO Box 456
Matthews, NC 28106

And if your employer matches employee contributions, please include those forms with your donation.

THANK YOU to those “early bird” members who have already contributed to the 2011 FORR fund!

- **Steve Craig/Terry Hill**, FORR Committee

January 2011 meeting – Czech Nymphing

Chris Smith, a member of the Team Stonefly competition fishing team, spoke to the group about Czech nymphing on January 20. This material was very well received by the meeting attendees; Chris passed around several Czech nymph patterns and some

samples of leaders for use with this technique. Bill Thomas passed out some instructions, wood dowels and backing for any who wanted to make their own indicator/sighter. If you would like a copy of the meeting presentation materials, let **Bill Thomas** know and he will share that via email.

RRTU 30th Anniversary Celebration

RRTU has scheduled the RRTU 30th anniversary celebration for February 19 at Bass Pro Shops (Concord Mills). This will be a free event with a dessert and coffee/tea bar. Jim Dean, former editor of *Wildlife in North Carolina*, will discuss the evolution of trout fishing in North Carolina.

Evening schedule:

Social time 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Jim Dean 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Raffles 8:45 – 9:00 PM

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. And do NOT miss the raffles at this event; two are planned:

First raffle (A) items:

7 foot 4 WT 2 piece bamboo rod with reel and rod tube, spa certificate, several local gift cards, guided fishing trips, barware

Second raffle (B) items:

7 foot 3/4 WT 4 piece graphite rod with reel and rod tube, spa certificate, several local gift cards, barware

Raffle ticket prices: \$20 for single ticket, \$50 for three and \$100 for ten. You MUST be present to win.

*Note that both rods were hand made for this event by local RRTU member **Tim Wilhelm**.*

Attendees will receive a gift card from Bass Pro worth 15% off purchases for that evening only. Bass Pro closes at 10:00 PM.

Do NOT miss this event. Looking forward to seeing you at the RRTU 30th anniversary celebration!

Appletree spring and fall 2011 trips

We have the dates for the 2011 Appletree trips. The spring trip is scheduled for April 7, 8 and 9 on camp site B (50 campers). The fall trip is scheduled for October 6, 7 and 8 on camp site A (25 campers).

Bill Thomas and I will organize the April trip but we need to have a different crew for the October trip. We will be returning from a trip to Idaho the week before and will not be available to organize the October trip. The cost of the Appletree outing will remain the same as last year - \$50 for 3 nights and \$40 for 2 nights. You can sign up at anytime with **Bill** or me. If you prefer electronic payment, try the new PayPal link on our web site: www.rockytivertu.org. Please include a note/comment indicating this is payment for the Appletree trip.

- **Jim Mabrey**

February fishing events at Jesse Brown's

You may want to “catch” these events at Jesse Brown's Outdoors Sharon Corners location in February.

Feb 23, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Patrick Meek talking about his new book:
Delayed Harvest Streams of Western NC

Feb 25, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Free fishing demonstrations for all types of fishing with Mike Marsh of Wilmington, NC. Mr. Marsh is the author of *Fishing North Carolina*.

Phone 704-556-0020 for more information.

March 8 Fly Fishing Film Tour @ Visulite

Many of you have attended the Fly Fishing Film Tour event in years past. The 2011 event will be held here in Charlotte on March 8 at the Visulite Theater, 1615 Elizabeth Avenue. Tickets cost \$12 and may be purchased at Jesse Brown's Outdoors or at the theater.

The doors open at 6:30 PM and the film begins at 7:00 PM. See <http://flyfishingfilmtour.com> for more information.

Fly Tying continues – Feb 12 and Mar 12

The next RRTU fly tying class will be at the same location (REI located in the North Lake Shopping Center at 9755 Northlake Centre Pkwy. Charlotte, NC 28216.)

The class will be Saturday, February 12th beginning at 10:00 AM and finishing at 2:00 PM. The last 2011 session is scheduled for March 12.

Tom Adams and **Alen Baker** have provided excellent assistance so far this year. These two have many years of experience and can help both new and experienced individuals.

We will be tying some interesting flies, and we have some extra vices to handle a few more people. If you have not already contacted me about attending, please let me know so that we can have the necessary materials. Reach me at jmcneary@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you. Don't forget, if you just want to sit around and discuss fishing, we welcome all comers. Lunch will be \$5.00 if you would like us to pick it up for you. If not, those enrolled previously or to those there just for the jawing, there will be no charge. Any newbies will be charged \$5.00 for remainder of this seasons fly tying programs.

- **Jack McNeary**

Upcoming 2011 RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters

March 17

At our March meeting there will be a program titled **Now We Are On A Fishing Trip**. Jack McNeary and some friends have made several fishing trips out west over the last five years. During the summers of 2009 and 2010, they spent a week in Last Chance Idaho fishing with guides in the Henry's Fork area.

Jack and friends fished in very diverse waters - from fast moving Western streams to beautiful Hebgen Lake

in Montana for "gulpers." They fished in what is considered the mecca of dry fly fishing at the Henry's Fork Railroad Ranch. They also fished the South Fork of the Snake River which is a hundred miles South in Southern Idaho and on the famous Madison River in Montana, as well as several other places.

The program discusses why they chose this area and how they got there. There are details about what the guides were like and their different techniques. There will be discussion about the flies used, how they were tied, and the differences in fishing on these varied waters.

April 21

Interested in "bugs?" If so, do not miss Ken Manual's April presentation on bugs ... the fishing kind.

March 19 Streamside - South Mountains State Park

Our Chapter has an outing scheduled for March 19th at the South Mountains State Park to remove the dams built by the campers last summer. These "swimming hole" dams impede the trout from traveling freely up and down the stream and need to be removed before the spring stocking begins. We are inviting the Carolina Fly Fishing Club members to join us on the work day and help remove these dams. This usually takes a few hours, depending on how many volunteers we have and leaves several hours in the afternoon to fish. There is plenty of water both above and below where we will be working to test you skills and bend you rod. RRTU will provide a meal at lunch, so you will need to contact **Jim Mabrey** (rtrujim@gmail.com) or **Bill Thomas** (bthomas999@bellsouth.net) to get your name on the list. We have partnered with South Mountains State Park since the mid 1980's to help them maintain their pristine watershed and great water quality. We look forward to partnering with our friends from the CFFC and hope this will be the beginning of many more collaborative efforts to protect the water and the sport we love.

- **Jim Mabrey**

More info on South Mountains State Park here: <http://ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/somo/main.php>

March 19-20: Pisgah Fly Masters Tournament

We received an invitation for RRTU membership who may want to participate in this fund-raiser fishing tournament.

Dear Rocky River Chapter TU,

Fly-fishing for a cause! The Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education with the help of Davidson River Outfitters will host the Pisgah Fly Masters Fly-Fishing Tournament March 19-20, 2011. I am contacting local fishing organizations to see if you could help us with advertising by adding the fund raising tournament to your calendar of events on your web page and announcing the fund raiser at your next meeting.

The Pisgah Center has been providing free educational opportunities for preK children - adults since 1998. The center is holding this special fund raising event to ensure that the community has continued access to free wildlife education and outdoor skills. We touch the lives of children and adults alike everyday and leave them with a positive idea of what it means to be a steward for our natural resources. Proceeds from this event and the contributions from community sponsors will be used to fund education programs. There will be competition in youth, fisherman & professional categories. Adults \$50; youth \$30.

On Saturday competitors will be casting for distance and accuracy at the Pisgah Center. The top 5 adult fisherman and top 5 adult professional competitors from Saturday will then compete on Sunday morning at Davidson River Outfitter's private waters for the fishing portion of the tournament. The top 5 youth will fish off on Saturday afternoon.

If anyone is interested in completing a copy of the registration form and tournament rules can be downloaded from our website at www.newwildlife.org/PisgahFlymasters/ . We

are also looking for individuals that would like to volunteer for the event. If you know of anyone interested please have them contact me by phone at 828-877-4423 or they can email me at melinda.patterson@ncwildlife.org. Registration monies will go back into the Pisgah Center's programs which include free fly fishing and fly tying programs for children and adults.

Thank you for your time and I hope that I will be seeing you on the Davidson River in March.

Melinda Patterson, Center Director, Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education, 828-877-4423

The Pisgah Fly Masters was started in March 2008 by the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education and Davidson River Outfitters, as a fundraiser for the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education. The Pisgah Center is a North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission visitor and learning facility located on the Davidson River near Brevard. The Center offers free programming for children and adults; on aquatic habitats, fly fishing, and fly tying.

Our goal is to raise awareness and funding for education about conservation and coldwater fisheries.

- **Bill Thomas**

TU – National News

Our newsletter will begin including some information from Trout Unlimited on a regular basis. The TU web site, www.tu.org, has a number of items noted here:

- 2011 TU Annual Meeting -

Feel like a fall trip? Go west ... to Bend, OR for the 2011 TU Annual Meeting!

Dates: September 14-18

Cost: \$300 registration fee (\$275 Early Bird Discount before July 1).

What to do: Conference activities, BBQ/banquet, hosted fishing trips, conservation tours, fly casting tournament and much more.

Need more info: <http://www.tu.org/events/am2011>

- Trout magazine -

Lost your recent issue? Trying to find an old article from the Fall 2009 issue? You will find current and archive issues of *Trout* on the TU web site in the Press Room tab:

<http://www.tu.org/press-room/trout-magazine>

- TU news -

Looking for information on legislation? How about recent press releases? Searching for the TU president's message in the TU newsletter? Interested in member benefits? You will find all of these ... and much more at www.tu.org

April 15 – Earth Day Volunteer Opportunity

We received a request for assistance from Ms. Tammi Remsburg of the Carolina International School in Harrisburg. A portion of her request appears below:

Hi Mr. Thomas. Our Earth Day celebration will be on April 15th with a rain date of the 18th. It will be from 9:15-3:15. We would love to have someone from Trout Unlimited there all day, but if that is too much we can adjust our schedule to meet theirs. I was hoping to get the presenter to work with our 6th-9th graders about stream conservation. Each class will be 45 minutes long. Our school is adjacent to a branch of Reedy Creek and in fact we have what is called the "beach"--which is a large area of sand that the kids can walk and sit on. That would be a great area to teach in, unless the presenter needs AV equipment. If this is the case, we can put them in a classroom. A hands-on presentation would be best for most of our students. This age group will be going to classes that teach them how they can make an impact or difference in the things that they do. I would be glad to meet with the person who will be teaching and show them the "beach" if needed prior to Earth Day. We will provide lunch for the day. Please let me know if you need any other information.

Tammi Remsburg
Teacher Assistant
N.C. Certified Environmental Educator
Carolina International School
8810 Hickory Ridge Road

Harrisburg, NC 28075 704-455-3847
remsburgt@ciscomets.com

Please contact **Bill Thomas** if you want to volunteer.
- Bill Thomas

May 19-22 National Fly Fishing Championships

Fellow anglers,

I'm excited to announce that the 2011 National Fly Fishing Championships will be held May 19-22nd in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Likely venues include the Nantahala River (upper and lower), Queens Creek and Calderwood Lakes, and a Cherokee venue, amongst others.

This is a huge event that will help to determine the anglers who will comprise the US National team. It's also a great opportunity to showcase NC as a premiere destination for fly fishing.

To pull an event like this off, however, we need volunteers.

If you would be willing to judge one or all of the days of the event, please respond to this e-mail. In the response, let me know which days you're available. In addition, include a telephone number for future contact.

Judging is very simple, and you'll be fully trained before the event.

In addition to having an opportunity to observe some of the best anglers in our country, you'll get a \$100 Simms Guide shirt with the NFFC logo embroidered on it, as well as a Simms hat.

Once we know who's willing to judge, we'll see if we can't coordinate group lodging or camping.

Best,
Christopher Smith
chrissmith@teamstonefly.com
www.teamstonefly.com

Rivercourse 2011

RRTU will continue involvement with the Rivercourse program. The 2011 camp is scheduled for the week of June 19 - 24, 2011 at Lake Logan Center near Canton. <http://www.nctu.org/rivercourse.html> Contact Joyce Shepherd for more details on this program.

- **Joyce Shepherd**

Tip of the Month

Never make snap or quick back then forward casts when only a short amount of fly line has been unspooled. This sudden change of direction will pop a fly right off the tippet. Also, watch your timing when fly casting. The loop of the fly line on the back cast must be straightened out before making the forward cast. The pause between back and forward casts becomes longer and longer as the amount of line out is increased. The amount of force put to the back and forward casts also must increase gradually as the amount of line out is increased as well. Should you notice that your casts are somewhat awkward with a large loop in the back cast and the leader and fly line bunches with the fly on the water, there is a simple correction. Place your attention to making sure that your rod tip moves along an imaginary line that is parallel to the ground. The straight back and forth direction of the rod tip along with the correct amount of pause to allow the line to fully straighten on the back cast will create a tighter loop and a more efficient cast.

- **Alen Baker**

Tails from the Creek

Been fishing? Who went with you? Where did you fish? What did you use? #18 pinkie? Stick bait?

We're anxious to hear about your fishing adventures; your stories may inspire others to try out a new place or technique. Please share!

- **Jonathan Miller**

Fly of the month

This "fly of the month" represents the latest in the **Tim Wilhelm/Tom Adams** series. For those who attended the January meeting, you should recognize this.

Tim:

I knew I would be disappointed when I decided to "call in sick" for the January meeting. I had heard about Czech nymphing, knew that it was somewhat of a hot new technique (if anything is really new in fly fishing) and I wanted to learn more. So when Tom Adams suggested we do Czech Nymphs for the fly of the month I thought it would be a great opportunity to research the technique.

Almost every article I found started with the same sentence: "*The development of mayflies, stoneflies, sedges, midges and other insects takes place on the bottom, under stones, among underwater plants and in sediments.*" That reminded me of the advice given to me by Bill Chambliss of Chambliss Paint & Tackle of West Richland, Washington almost 40 years ago about fishing for steelhead in the Columbia River. (The store was located on the banks of the Yakima River and Bill's dad ran the paint store while Bill ran a tackle store in the back room.) Bill said: "*If you ain't loosing tackle, you ain't catching fish.*" Made sense to me then just like Czech nymphing does now. If you are going to catch fish you got to put your bait (flies, lures, whatever) where the fish find their meals and most of the time that is along the bottom of the stream or river.

The following are excerpts come from Pavel Adamovsky's article on Czech nymphing:

The principle of nymph-fishing with the Czech nymph is short-distance fishing, practically under the tip of the rod that is held with an outstretched arm. The fly line hangs under the tip of the rod, and its end often does not even touch the water surface. Two or three nymph flies of various weights are used. Some of the classic Czech nymphs are the so called Bobeshs - the original Czech name which needs no translation since the technique has quickly spread and is now widely used. But other types of flies are used also (jig flies, flies with beads etc.). Czech nymphs are weighted flies tied on

gammarus hooks (see image below), imitating fresh water shrimps or the caseless larvae of sedge flies. Imitative as well as colorful patterns are used, mostly in sizes 8 - 16. The Czech nymph is quite a simple fly to tie. It is characterized by a rounded (bent) gammarus hook that is weighted with a lead wire. The body is created from natural or synthetic dubbing. Another typical feature of a Czech nymph is the back, made from latex foil or a material with similar characteristics. For the ribbing of the fly monofilament or colored wire is used. A real Czech nymph is always tied very thin, so that it sinks very quickly towards the bottom.

Paradoxically, the history of the Czech nymph has its beginning in Poland. During the international fly fishing competition there in 1984, the Czech competitors got acquainted with the method of fishing at short distance used by local competitors. Most of the Polish competitors were forced to fish short, because they had no fishing lines at their disposal and had to substitute them with thick nylon monofilament. Flies used by the Poles were imitations of *Hydropsyche* and *Rhyacophila* sedges. The Czech competitors picked up the short nymph method very quickly, and by the next year they were using it during the World Championship, which took place on the Polish river San and where Czech team won second place - just behind the Poles! In 1986, this short nymph method brought the first gold medal for the Czech team, when the Czech Slavoj Svoboda won the title of world champion in Belgium. The first Czech nymphs were tied from materials that would bring smiles to the faces of today's fly tiers. Imagine a plastic foam body from a washing sponge, ribbing from horse hair and a back from a mackintosh or bast (note: a bast may be a plant fiber.) The use of gammarus hooks gave the Czech nymph its characteristic shape, and the initial thick patterns evolved into thinner ones with the appearance of new higher quality tying materials. At the beginning of this history, imitative patterns like scuds and caddis larvae were preferred. The originally monotone bodies of these flies were later enriched by various color spots, and this trend has gone so far that in today's fly boxes we can find nymphs of various color combinations not having anything in common with natural patterns.



Gammarus Hook

CZECH NYMPH Fly of the Month 02.11

Hook : Curved scud style, standard length. Tiemco 2488 or equivalent. Size: **10,12,14,16**

Thread : 8/0 Uni or equivalent to match color

Body : Spikey dubbing –three colors

Ribbing : 5/0 tippet

Back : 1/8 Clear or color scud backing

Note: This is one method that falls under the heading of Czech nymph there are though several other similar and very different methods that are used in Czech nymphing.

Directions :

1. Overwrap lead or lead free weight beginning about one third of the distance from the eye and continue to one or two wraps forward of the hook point. Keep wraps tight and push together if necessary.
2. Start thread wraps immediately in front of the lead wrap and using wide soft loops take the thread to behind the lead and start building a taper of thread to trap the lead. Do not build up the taper completely but advance the thread over the lead without so much tension as to push the thread between the wraps. The taper toward the eye can be completed, but, do not crowd the eye. Bring the thread to the hook bend and let the bobbin hang. Note : it is not necessary to completely cover the lead with thread. Just enough to make dubbing easier.
3. Using a three inch piece of tippet, tie in where the lead stops and the taper begins and bring the thread back to the hook bend in tight secure wraps. You may use pliers to “mash” the tippet

somewhat flat where it is tied in. This will help keep a thin profile. Let the bobbin hang.

4. Cut a two inch piece of scud backing and choose one end to cut two forty five degree angles to form a very short point. This will help in tying in. Tie the scud backing in at the same spot the tippet was tied in and after one or two secure wraps of thread on the tip, begin pulling the scud backing with slight pressure and wrapping back down the hook to the finish point of the ribbing. This will narrow the scud back, but do not make it so narrow as to not cover the dub on the next step. Move the backing out of the way.
5. Dub the thread and advance to forward of the lead and let the bobbin hang. The dubbing should be in three colors. One lighter for the abdomen in the color of choice. The second color is a “flash” color, and usually red, orange, pink or yellow. It is very narrow in width, about one of the segments. The third color is the thorax and is usually the same color as the abdomen but in a darker hue. Note: there are no steadfast rules and this can be a creative venture in the colorations.
6. Pull the scud backing over the dub. Note the coverage and by adding more or less pulling pressure you may cover or uncover the dub. The material when tied in should cover about half of the sides. Wrap the scud backing with two wraps of thread and let the bobbin hang.
7. Advance the tippet material in firm open wraps to imitate the segmentation of a caddis. Tie in after making one wrap to bind the scud back and clip both the scud back and the tippet. Tie in tightly to avoid slipping. Do not crowd the eye. Cut the thread.
8. Use a permanent color marker to add interest and detail to the scud backing.
9. Using a bodkin or dub tool pull and loosen some fibers at the thorax to mimic legs.
10. Cement the head.

Czech nymph pictures

Czech brown with red



Czech brown with yellow



Czech brown with orange



Czech green with pink



Czech olive with orange



- Tom Adams, Tim Wilhelm

Who wants to be “nearly almost” famous?

RRTU member **Alen Baker** has an idea about writing a book ... with our help. Read this and if you are interested, contact **Alen**.

Tales from the Empty Creel:

Angler's first hand stories and second hand tales.
Compiled and Edited by Alen D. Baker

Sound interesting?

Do you have a story to tell?

Want to have your story in the book?

Submit a simple draft of your experience along with your favor mug shot (holding a fish of course). Please supply a phone number and/or email address too as I may need to contact you with questions. I hope to begin writing this book over the coming months. I will provide an update on occasion and probably will be asking for more stories if there is a shortage.

Having trouble thinking about an experience?

I came up with a sample list of situations both dramatic and comedic that I hope will end up in the book (or maybe in this newsletter if our RRTU newsletter editor is allowed). Here's my list:

- Fish that got away
- Losing stuff or finding stuff or forgetting stuff
- Falling in or going for a swim
- Bad habits needing forgiveness
- Faulty equipment
- Things going wrong
- The longest fight (playing a fish)
- Doubles or skunked or surprise catch
- The smallest or the most
- Winning the bet or losing the bet
- Rumors or strange beliefs or jinxes
- Caught exaggerating or no photo
- I did not know
- Fly fishing in the trees
- Animal encounters
- Breaking the rod
- Losing the last fly of its kind in the box
- Encounters of the warden kind
- Running out of gas or running into things
- Caught in bad weather
- Embarrassed or how long with not fly or no hook point
- It happened at ... or fishing with ...
- Lost and found on the stream, in the woods
- Trespassing – maybe
- The hero

- **Alen Baker (704.875.1505)**

RRTU on Facebook

How's your social network doing? How about your fishing network? RRTU certainly wants to help with the second question. RRTU now has a Facebook page. Search for us on Facebook under Rocky River Trout Unlimited and sign up to join us. Also, please "like" the page as this will help us to be located more easily. You will be able to post and respond on this Facebook page. You can post pictures, invitations for fishing buddies or trip results, flies that work for you, etc. This page is for your use; we hope you use it often! RRTU on Facebook is a "closed" group meaning your name is public but your information is not.

- **Jim Mabrey**

The all electronic RRTU newsletter

The RRTU board made a decision to move to an electronic-only newsletter format starting in 2011. Our printing and postage costs for the paper newsletter were running over \$3000 annually; we plan to put all newsletter cost savings into RRTU programs. We use an electronic mail list server for sending the monthly RRTU newsletter. If you want to receive the monthly electronic newsletter, please provide your electronic mail address to **Tim Wilhelm** at your earliest convenience. You may reach **Tim** via email here:

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