



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

April 2009



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fellow RRTU Members,

Thanks to all that supported and attended the 2009 Barnquet. We had about 55 adults and close to 20 kids that attended. We had two vendors that were there with various new and must have items along with some vintage bamboo rod and a few graphite rods. Thanks to Richard Griggs from Carolina Mountain Sports and Don Yeager from Jesse Browns for all their efforts to support us. We also owe a big round of thanks to Jack Cummins, Bob Thomas and Gary Jones for setting up a casting course on the front pasture. Terrific job, I have heard many complements about your involvement with this event and have had some interest in expanding it next year to ladies and kids beginning casting lessons.

I think everyone enjoyed our first Barnquet and I know that there were several kids (Varying ages 6 to early 40's) that enjoyed the pond fishing. There was plenty of room and the weather could not have been better. The food was great and plentiful. I want to thank Donnie Oehler for the great location and staff that made the evening a tremendous success.

RRTU was able to raise about \$2000 over and above our expenses. With the economic situation and all the other things that pull us in various directions, I think we did quite well. I look forward to doing a lot better next year. We are already beginning to look for ways to improve the 2010 Barnquet. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you.

I want to thank the Board and Officers for all their work and effort that went into this fundraiser and truly appreciate their support. To all those that donated items, time and money to make this years Barnquet a success, I want to thank you for your generosity and support.

For those of you that did not make it to this year's Barnquet, you missed a really good time. Plan now to attend next year's Barnquet and find out for yourself how much fun it can be.

Jim Mabrey

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### **APPLETREE CAMPING TRIP SPRING 2009**

We have 25 signed up for Appletree and it is now full. Our annual Spring trip to Appletree Group Campground is going to be on April 16<sup>th</sup> (or 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan to arrive on Friday) and with a full group, we will be doing the whole pig pickin' again. We have a pretty good number of new guys going this time and are looking forward to getting to know them. Bring a tent, sleeping bag, warm clothes, rain gear, fly rod (or spinning if you prefer), waders and an appetite. We can't control the weather or the fishing but we will eat well. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jim Mabrey and Bill Thomas

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### **APRIL MEETING**

The April meeting will once again be held at the Light Rail Family Restaurant and our program this month will be given by Abby Roschk. She is a coldwater biologist for the Catawba River basin and will show a video of nymphs, talk about the conditions and environmental impacts of both the Catawba and the French broad basins. Please join us.

Besides not reading the newsletter (hey, I write it) I also don't spend a lot of time "reading" names when I prepare the mailing list for the newsletter but I do notice who is signs up for email delivery. Imagine my surprise when the email address of a high school buddy lands in my inbox. Don, glad to have you on board and I'm looking forward to catching up with you at a future meeting.

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April Meeting

Program: Abby Roschk – Coldwater Biologist

**Light Rail Family Restaurant**

**8045 South Blvd**

**Charlotte, NC**

**Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**