



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow RRTUers,

The summer is beginning to wind down and the heat is beginning to build. I am planning a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in early August in hopes of beating the heat and possibly catching a trout or two. This will be my first summer trout fishing trip in North Carolina and I am looking forward to getting into the water.

Our August Meeting is set for August 19 at REI in the North Lake Mall area. Our program will be presented by Joyce Shepherd and the topic will be Rivercourse. As you all know, we sponsored two Rivercourse campers this year and they are also going to be at the meeting to give us their prospective on this program. We look for to meeting Demi and Caleb and hearing about their time at camp.

Bill Thomas and I will be taking names and money for the Fall Appletree Camping trip set for October 15 -17. We are on Site A again and it is limited to the first 25 to sign up. If you want to go but can not make the meeting, e-mail me (rtrujim@gmail.com) or Bill (bthomas999@bellsouth.net) to sign up. Those that have signed up for the electronic newsletter will have a several day advantage over those of you that still get the paper version. Please sign up for the electronic version by following the directions in this newsletter.

We are in the planning stages of setting up another Trout in the Classroom project to go along with the one we have at Davidson Day School. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Wishing You Slow Pools and Hungry Fish,
Jim Mabrey

TAILS FROM THE RIVER PART 2

(Editor's Note: If I had paid attention, I would have seen that Paul had prepared two reports last month. Here is his second report.)

Trip two April 24th: C/O Tight Line Fly Fishing – Guided Float Trip for Two.

Made contact with Jay Seaman owner operator for tight line fly fishing guides, Jay put me in-touch with Rod Salyers A.K.A the Viking of the Watauga, which I learned afterwards, nice guy and does actually look like a Viking. Had a choice to fish the Holston or the Watauga, Rod opted for the Watauga with the Mayfly hatch being due!

April 24th set off for Elizabethton TN, met Rod at Wally World and set off to drop our vehicle at a camp site at the end of the trip, jumped in Rod's truck and headed back up river to start our day of drifting the Watauga. Once again plenty of boats both guided and personnel on the river. The Mayfly hatch was not in our favor this spring so we reverted to nymphing the whole day, Rod new his spots, to get to them off he'd go charging down stream past the manicured guides in all his merciless behavior as any Viking would.

Rod certainly worked the river, finding holes, dropping anchor pulling up anchor, dropping anchor, retying fly's (yes we went through some flies).

Caught a good variety of trout, all of the above, Brown, Rainbow, Brook even landed a nice 8-10lb Carp, didn't know what I had on for a long time, was just fighting this fish taking me left then right up stream down stream, Rod say's you gonna jump in and follow it, "not until I see what it is" I said.

In all we spent around 6 hrs on the Watauga, a nice day away from the office, actually a nice weekend, ending it with a Fleetwood Mac concert, can't get any better.

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Thanks once again to all those RRTU members that did not bid.

Paul Isaacs.

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August Meeting
Program: Rivercourse Youth Camp

REI
9755 Northlake Centre Parkway
Charlotte, NC 28216
Wednesday August 19th
Social Time: 6:30 pm
Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm