



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

October 2009



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy October!

Fall is in the air and hopefully we will have moderate rains this month. Rocky River TU has plenty of opportunities for member involvement in October projects and activities.

We have started the Trout in the Classroom up again at Davidson Day School in Davidson, NC and have started a second TIC program at Providence Day School. Five RRTU members went on a field trip with Davidson Day's 5th grade science class to the hatchery to pick up their eggs on September 29. We were able to bring back the eggs for the Providence Day program too. Mrs. Vicki Carbone is the lead instructor again this year at DDS along with **Dr. David James**, our Chapter Representative. At Providence Day School **Mr. Derrick Willard**, a member of RRTU and the Upper School Science Teacher, will lead their program. Derrick will be working with seniors in his class and Vicki will have 5th graders in charge of her aquarium but first thru fifth graders will see this project daily.

October 17: South Mountain State Park  
SMSPP has invited RRTU to their Nature Days program again this year. Last year we had fly tying and casting demonstrations and we were received very well! I have a volunteer to do the fly tying this year but still need someone to do casting demos and talk to the visitors about TU and our vision. Please contact me if you can help out with this important public relations work.

October 15 – 18: Appletree camping trip  
Contact **Bill Thomas** ( [bthomas999@bellsouth.net](mailto:bthomas999@bellsouth.net) ) or me ( [rtujim@gmail.com](mailto:rtujim@gmail.com) ) as we still have two open slots available if you want to join us. This is going to be a great trip; we have some very knowledgeable members that are going to be there and are always willing to help. Come prepared for cool ( rainy ) weather. The cost is \$50 for three nights and \$40 for two nights; this covers all food and camping fees.

Please bring the beverage of your choice as those are not provided.

October 15, 30 – 31: Goose Creek foot bridge  
Squeak Smith has invited RRTU to help build a foot bridge across Goose Creek (Muddy Creek feeder stream). The Thursday Oct. 15 date is to dig two bridge footings and pour them with concrete. On Friday Oct. 30 there will be a crane brought in to set the main beams of the foot bridge and on Saturday, Oct. 31, we will assemble and install the walk boards and hand rails. If you can help out on any of these dates, please contact me at [rtujim@gmail.com](mailto:rtujim@gmail.com) . You don't have to have construction experience to help out on this project.

I have a real busy October; I hope to see you at one or more of these outing during the month or at the October 21 meeting at REI ( Northlake ).

Jim Mabrey

### **TAILS FROM THE CREEK**

**Jim Mabrey, Tim Wilhelm** and I fished Basin Creek on Sunday, August 30. Basin Creek, located in Doughton Park, provided plenty of action for us as we spent several hours on the water. Tim picked Basin as our destination, did ALL the driving and even provided a fine lunch - apple, cheese and pepperoni.

Basin Creek runs beside a horse trail, Grassy Gap Fire Road, which goes into the south end of the park for 1.5 miles. Another trail, Basin Creek Trail, continues another 3.3 miles beside the stream and terminates at Caudill Cabin. Trees provide nice cover and plenty of shade on the stream. The areas of the stream where we fished were not very deep and everyone chose to wet wade; one member of our party even wore shorts! Everyone caught at least one rainbow so no skunks on this trip. Jonathan proved especially adept at hooking vegetation - good thing that hook was barbless!

Want to go fish Basin Creek? You will find parking just off Longbottom Road in Wilkes County – look for the horse trailers.  
( Jonathan Miller )

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October Meeting  
Program: Fly-tying Demonstration

**REI Northlake Mall**  
**9755 Northlake Centre Parkway**  
**Charlotte, NC 28216**  
**Wednesday October 21st**  
**Social Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**