



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

February 2010



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Wow, what great weather we are having. Rain, snow, sleet and ice - great fly tying weather! I was snowed in for the January 29-30 Charlotte Fly Fishing Show so I owe **Bill Thomas** and his crew a hearty 'Thank You' for stepping up and manning the RRTU booth at the show. NCTU and RRTU had a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) tank set up at the show and it was very well received. There are several RRTU members that are interested in getting a TIC program in their child's school in the next few years. As a way to fund these new TIC installations, we have a March Brown 7 piece 4 weight rod and a Redington reel loaded with Rio line (ready to fish!) as a raffle item. See **Bill Thomas** to purchase your ticket. The winner will be drawn at our April 2010 meeting.

### **RRTU Calendar of Events**

Mar 13, REI Northlake, 10AM to 2:30PM ... Fly Tying 101

Mar 17, Visulite Theatre – 1615 Elizabeth Ave, 6:30PM ... Fly Fishing movie (\$14 ticket price)

Apr 8-11 ... Appletree Camping Trip ... \$50 for 3 nights (\$40 for 2 nights)

Appletree sign-up has begun and there are about 10 spots left of the 25 available. See **Bill Thomas** or **Jim Mabrey** to reserve your spot.

I have not heard any news regarding the Goose Creek foot bridge. The construction was cancelled in December but has not yet been rescheduled. I'll let you know when I find out the new date.

Hope to see many of you at our February 17 meeting!  
- **Jim Mabrey**

### **Charlotte Fly Fishing Show Report**

We had a great show - even with the bad weather! And in spite of having fewer exhibitors than in previous years, there was still plenty to see and it is always fun to see old friends. Our raffle went well as many were curious regarding our TIC program and wanted to know how they could start one in their local school. Our raffle of a March Brown rod, Redington reel and Rio line will run until April 21. At \$5/1 ticket or \$10/3 tickets, this is a REAL deal with all proceeds going to our TIC program. Thanks to all who helped with the booth - especially **Alen Baker**, who was there all day Friday, and **Joyce Sheppard** as she worked the TU and CFFC booths each day. FYI – **Joyce** has also been appointed head “honcho” of Rivercourse for 2010. If anyone would like to volunteer, I bet she will make a place for you. That’s all from the show – it was fun and I hope they have it again next year.

- **Bill Thomas**

### **February 17 Meeting, REI Northlake**

Our February 17 meeting will cure your photographer blues! RRTU member **Tom Adams** will discuss how to make great photographs of people, landscapes, wildlife and foliage. Especially good FISH pictures - he will explain how to make that sardine look like a real MONSTER! Please bring you cameras and Tom, a professional photographer, will show you tricks of the photographer trade. Come early and join us for a 6PM dinner at Five Guys with social time at 6:30PM and the main event at 7PM. See you there – **Bill Thomas**

### **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; please share details and we will include them in a future newsletter.

- **Jonathan**

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### **February Meeting Program:** *Even YOU can take a good picture - Tom Adams*

**REI Northlake Mall  
9755 Northlake Centre Parkway**

**Charlotte, NC 28216**

**Wednesday February 17th**

**Social Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**