



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

March 2010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's March already and spring starts this month. What a winter - cold, snow, wind and ice. It's a great time for fly tying and our monthly fly tying classes continue this month on March 13 at REI, NorthLake Mall, from 10AM until 2PM. **Jack McNeary** and **Tom Adams** have led this winter fly tying adventure; anyone interested in fly tying should plan to attend. Instruction is available for any experience level and there is no cost for attendees. We will have our next meeting on March 17 at the Visulite Theatre, 1615 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte 28204. There will be no formal meeting at this event as this is the Fly Fishing Film Tour hosted by Jesse Brown's Outdoors. If you have never attended one of these film tours, you are missing out on a great visual treat. Not only will you see some large fish but the scenery is absolutely gorgeous and inspiring. The doors open at 6:30PM and the show starts at 7PM. Ticket prices are \$14 and will sell out by show time. The best way to get tickets is to buy them online at www.visulite.com and I suggest that you buy in advance. Our semi-annual camping trip is scheduled for April 8 - 11 at the Appletree Group Campground. There are only 7 spots left at \$50 for Thursday arrival (\$40 for Friday arrival) so contact **Jim Mabrey** - rtujim@gmail.com or **Bill Thomas** - bthomas999@bellsouth.net to sign up. Don't let this opportunity slip away; we plan to have a great time with "perfect" weather and plenty of fish. If you have signed up, please send your payment to Jim or Bill. We are planning on having our April meeting at Bass Pro but may have to change the date from April 21 to April 22 so we can use the large meeting room. This meeting will feature the three 'tank commanders' for our three Trout in the Classroom programs. If you have an interest in seeing one of these programs in a school, please plan to attend this meeting. The speakers will describe the impact of the TIC program at their schools. RRTU has invested over \$3000 in the TIC program thus far and we plan to start a couple more next year. Attend this meeting and see how we spend your money

locally to reach the younger generation and inspire future cold water conservationists. We plan to release trout in late April or early May; check the YAHOO! groups page as we will use that to post the release schedule (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rrtu/>).

THANK YOU to those who have signed up for the list server in order to receive the newsletter electronically. This saves postage/handling costs and allows us to spend more of our funds on programs (like TIC). We have 146 members signed up now; please help us reach 200 for the April newsletter! Did you receive your Friends of Rocky River donation letter? This is a way we can raise money to fund projects and programs without having to schedule an annual banquet. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help with our budget needs. We are planning a Spring Social (pig pickin') on May 1 at Reedy Creek Park Shelter #3 from 3PM until 8PM. More details next month. Now that it might be getting warmer, I look forward to seeing you on a stream somewhere.

- **Jim Mabrey**

RRTU Calendar of Events

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

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

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

Apr 21 or 22 ... TIC program at Bass Pro Shops

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; if you don't start sharing soon, we'll do what fishermen have been doing forever – we'll make something up!

- **Jonathan and Tim**

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570 members don't

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March Meeting Program: ***Fly Fishing Film Tour 2010* – sponsored by Jesse Brown's**

Visulite Theatre
1615 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
Wednesday March 17th
Doors open: 6:30 pm
Film begins: 7:00 pm
Cost: \$14 per person