

# BIG NEWS!

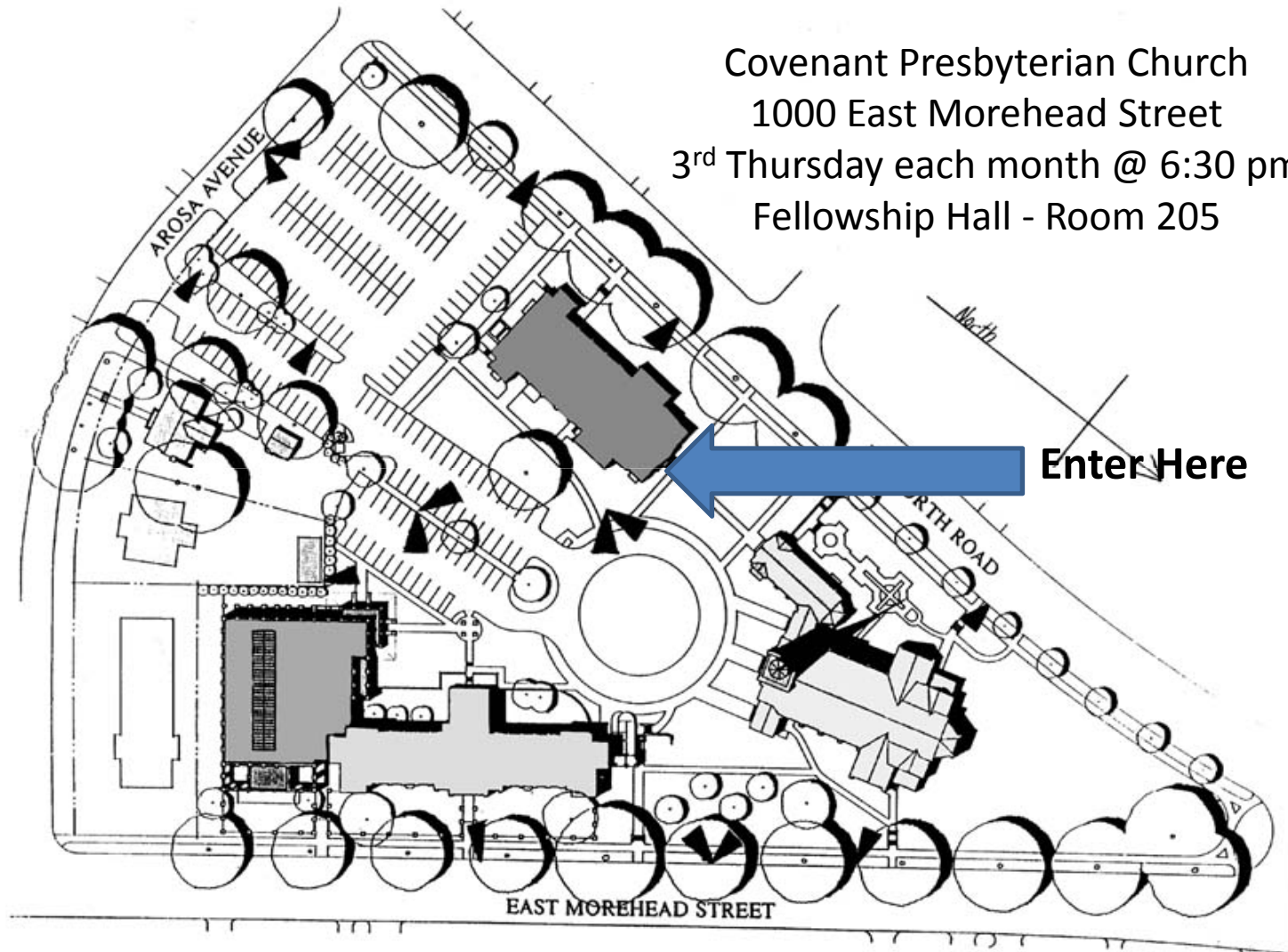
There are 732 members in Rocky River Chapter. Some of them live in Pineville, some of them live in Matthews and some of them live north of I-85. In effort to provide an opportunity for all members to participate in the monthly meeting, the Board of Directors has determined that a more central location for the monthly meeting would be beneficial. Starting with the October meeting, the meeting location will be at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E. Morehead St in Room 205 of the Fellowship Hall.

In order to make this location change, it also became necessary to change the night of the week that the meeting is held, therefore starting with the October meeting, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month.

Please join us on Thursday, October 21 for our meeting. A map of the Covenant Presbyterian Church campus is found on the other side.

# Rocky River TU – Meeting Location

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 East Morehead Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month @ 6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall - Room 205





# Trout Tales

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

October 2010



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow members! I hope this finds you excited about another fall fishing season. This is my favorite time of year. The leaves have already started to change and the streams have been stocked. It doesn't get much better.

We have new officers and directors with great ideas that I am sure will be a continuation of what our past President Jim Mabry has started. Having 6 "TIC" schools, a new central location for meetings and monthly fly tying will kick things off for our 31<sup>st</sup> year. Plus it doesn't end there with plans being looked at for a rod building class and soon there will be a new look for the chapter's web site.

Look for our 30<sup>th</sup> year party in February where we will have a speaker, raffles, 50-50 and possibly my personal favorite trout bingo. Our list of volunteers continues to expand so if you are interested or have a project, speaker or a favorite fishing hole to talk about, please contact me.

Thanks to our past president Jim Mabry, outgoing and incoming board members, and all those who helped with our projects and activities over the past year. Without that help we wouldn't have had the great year we did. Remember that our activities are listed at RRTU-Yahoo/ Calendar, so please find one of interest and join us.

Thanks  
Bill Thomas  
President

### RRTU Calendar of Events

Oct 20 ... RRTU meeting  
Nov 5-7 ... Board Retreat

### BOARD RETREAT

Over the past few months the chapter's officers and directors (the board) has been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss the upcoming year and where we think the membership wants the chapter to be. The board has identified goals, measurable objectives and action plans for reaching both. All of this will be put together in a final plan with a budget at the board retreat.

Recently those that receive the newsletter by email were asked to participate in a survey and those results will be used in our planning efforts. The board would like your input and comments. If there is something you would like to see happen or a direction you would like to see the chapter go, please contact a board member and let them know.

Bill Thomas	President
Joyce Shepherd	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Tom Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Erin Purves	Treasurer
Tim Wilhelm	Secretary
David Hollifield	Director (2013)
Alen Baker	Director (2013)
Paul Issacs	Director (2012)
Jonathan Miller	Director (2012)
Dave Stakel	Director (2011)
Steve Craig	Director (2011)
Jim Mabrey	Past President

## FLY OF THE MONTH

When Tom Adams sent me the information on this month's fly and indicated that this month's fly was a Coachman Caddis, I immediately read that to mean **Royal** Coachman Caddis. So you can imagine my surprise when I opened up the picture file and saw this:



That's got a great body! If it is a derivative of the Royal Coachman, it's got to be red! Since he researched the recipe, I didn't want to necessarily question him but, if my assumption about Royal was wrong, I wanted to correct it. So I emailed Tom and asked. His response was: *"Sorry about the confusion. I have found a number of patterns that interchange red and green so I did not think anything of it."* Included as an attachment to that email was this photo:



Now that is what I expected to see but I also got to thinking about some other variations and one in

particular that is favored by alumni of a particular university in Knoxville. Those folks add an orange floss body to anything and you get an Tennessee Wulff or Tennessee Coachman or Tennessee Humpy. And, speaking of the Humpy, why couldn't you make it yellow.

Note: Please don't take the discussion above as my endorsement of tying any pattern with a body that matches your school colors. While a fly with a pale blue body matching the colors from a university found to the west of Raleigh might look nice in a shadow box, I don't think it would be productive on the stream.

### Caddis Coachman

HOOK : Dry Fly, 3x long, 1X fine, perfect bend , size 12, **14, 16, 18**, 20,22 -Mustad 94833

Thread : 8/0 Uni or equivalent in Brown

Tail : Golden Pheasant Tippet

Body : Peacock Herl and Red Floss

Wing : Calf Tail

Hackle : Coachman Brown

### Directions :

1. Starting three eyelengths from the eye, wrap hook to point above hook barb with brown thread in tight wraps. Let bobbin hang.
2. Select five or six Golden Pheasant tippet feathers aligning the tips before cutting. Tie in with a soft wrap or two leaving about a shaft length unfettered. Continue the wrap adding pressure and after eight or ten turns cut remaining material. Wrap forward to neaten the profile and wrap back to the tie in point of the tail. Let bobbin hang.
3. Select peacock herl and tie in. The herl can not be tied in very close to the end of the feather (it will break when you are almost finished ) noting the feather has a long and short barb side. Tie in the short side in and wrap the herl from the rearmost tie of the tail forward about six wraps. Tie off and let the bobbin hang.
4. Select a section about three inches long of red floss (single strand) and tie with two or three

wraps of the brown thread. Take the bobbin toward the eye and stop slightly past the halfway mark and let the bobbin hang.

5. Begin wrapping the floss being careful not to pick it with fingers or nails and overlap the wraps up to the thread bobbin. You may want to make two, front to back wraps to add some "bulk" to the floss. Tie off with two or three wraps of brown thread and trim excess letting the bobbin hang.
6. Repeat step three with peacock herl.
7. Select the calf tail wing material and tie in with a soft wrap immediately in front of the second peacock herl. Finished off with firm wraps, covering the tie in but stopping short of the eye.

Return the thread to the tie in point of the calf tail and let the bobbin hang.

8. Select a Coachman Brown rooster hackle feather with barbs about one and one half of the hook gape. Strip a quarter inch of barbs and tie in, forward of the tie in for the wing, with the shiny side up. Leave the bobbin two or three eyelengths back from the eye. Begin wrapping the hackle forward in tight advancing wraps stopping two eyelengths back from the eye. Tie in the hackle, cut the excess hackle and wrap firmly leaving room at the eye. Whip finish, cut thread and apply head cement.

**Because it is a change  
Let us remind you one more time**

## **October Meeting**

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 E. Morehead St  
Charlotte, NC 28204-2888  
Room 205 – Fellowship Hall

**Thursday October 21, 2010**

**Social Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**