



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

February 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all members!

I hope you all got a chance to fish in January with these unseasonably warm days. For all those who did not make January's meeting you missed another impressive speaker – Jake Rash from the Marion hatchery. You can certainly tell that Tom Adams takes great pride as our monthly program director.

Our 31st birthday party on February 16th should be one of the highlights of the year. A free event with finger food, desserts, Bo Cash as our speaker, door prizes, bucket raffles, silent auctions and a casting challenge ... this event offers plenty for all ages. So please put this on your calendar and help support RRTU.

In March we will have the first of our 2012 streamside outings. This is a great way to meet members, learn about the designated stream we are on and improve your fishing skills. And we have an outstanding lunch planned. Be sure and let David Hollifield if you plan to attend.

If you can not join us for the March streamside, our March meeting speakers should help get you in the fishing frame of mind – Rod and Matt Champion of the South Holston River Fly Shop. You might learn a trick for catching one of those South Holston or Watagua big browns!

And then in April we have our regular Appletree trip. The sign up is open and the spaces go fast. Even though I am on propane restriction, Jim has assured me our menu will be outstanding. I think that means something from the grill. And if the weather permits I see a trip to the Hiwassee River or maybe Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest in my future.

Again ... your RRTU officers and board hope that many of you will join us at the February RRTU Birthday Party! If you plan to attend, please be sure to RSVP as that will assist us with event planning.

Thanks, as always, to our volunteers!

- **Bill Thomas** (bill.thomas1999@gmail.com)

RRTU Calendar

Feb 3-5: Shiver in the River, Cherokee
Feb 11: Fly tying
Feb 11-12: Fly Fishing Show, Raleigh
Feb 16: RRTU meeting – Birthday Party!
Feb 17-19: 2012 Southeast Regional Qualifier

Mar 10: Fly tying
Mar 14: Fly Fishing Film Tour, Visulite Theater
Mar 15: RRTU meeting
Mar 17: Streamside – North Mills

Apr 12-15: Appletree
Apr 19: RRTU meeting
Apr 21: TU National Stream Clean-Up Day

May 17: RRTU meeting
May 19: Streamside – TBA

Jun 21: RRTU meeting
Jun 23: TU National Stream Clean-Up Day

February 16th meeting – Birthday Party

“Bo” Cash – Author and fly shop owner

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 East Morehead Street
Room 205, Fellowship Hall
Charlotte, NC 28204**

**Party starts: 6:00 PM
Party ends: 9:00 PM**

If you have not RSVP'd and you plan to attend, please use this Evite to let us know you plan to attend.
http://new.evite.com/#view_invite:eid=02B2AAQZXGK5ZYAYMEPBIXLHF4H55M

Friends of Rocky River (FORR)

The 2012 Friends of Rocky River (FORR) program campaign officially begins this month (February). Watch for an electronic mail letter introducing the 2012 campaign plan in your email Inbox soon.

A few individuals have donated already ... THANK YOU early birds!

In order to donate, please make checks payable to Rocky River Trout Unlimited and mail your tax deductible donation to:

Jonathan Miller
2900 Winghaven Lane
Charlotte, NC 28210

Some employers may match employee donations to 501(c)(3) organizations. If your employer matches employee contributions, please include those forms with your donation.

Thank you!
- **Steve Craig/Terry Hill**, FORR Committee

January 19, 2012 meeting

Jake Rash of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Division of Inland Fisheries at the Marion Hatchery presented at our January meeting.

Just a few highlights from the meeting:

- NCWRC supports both wild fisheries and public fishing.
- Regulations on many different types of waters: hatchery supported, wild trout, delayed harvest, catch and release, special regulation.
- Currently managing approximately 2,000 miles of water.
- Stream access remains an issue.
- Mentioned some new planned delayed harvest waters: Little River (Sparta), Elk Creek (Wilkes County), Catawba River (Marion), Big Horse Creek (Ashe County)

Thanks to all who were able to attend the January meeting.

- **Editor**

February RRTU Birthday Party

The RRTU officers and board hope that you will join us in celebrating another "birthday" for the Rocky River chapter of Trout Unlimited. A few details:

- February 16 from 6PM to 9PM
- Covenant Presbyterian Church
- A FREE event
- Featuring guest speaker "Bo" Cash. To view a biography of Mr. Cash, please see <http://tablerockangler.com/about/> .
- Hors d'oeuvres and desserts
- Door prizes, raffles, silent auctions
- Two special raffles. (1) FORR donors who donated more than \$100 during the 2011 campaign. (2) 2011 RRTU volunteers.
- Indoor casting competition

Evening schedule:

Social time6:00 – 7:30 PM
Bo Cash7:30 – 8:15 PM
Raffles8:30 – 8:45 PM

If you have not RSVP'd and you plan to attend, please use this Evite to let us know you plan to attend.
http://new.evite.com/#view_invite:eid=02B2AAQZXGK5ZYAYMEPBIXLHF4H55M

Please bring cash or checks for participation in raffles and silent auctions. We will not be able to process credit card transactions at the party.

Special thanks to those businesses that have donated items for this event:

- Appalachian Angler
- Casters
- Curtis Wright Outfitters
- Jesse Brown's Outdoors
- Meredith Valley Cabins
- Orvis
- Silver Bow Outfitters

- **Editor**

Upcoming RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters

February 16 – Bo Cash

William “Bo” Cash, the owner of Table Rock Angler Fly Shop and Guide Service, will join us at our annual birthday party. To view a biography of Mr. Cash, please see <http://tablerockangler.com/about/>.

March 15

Rod and Matt Champion of the South Holston River Fly Shop
See <http://southholstonriverflyshop.com/>

April 19

Tim Mead – writer and photographer (RRTU member too)
See <http://timmeadfishing.com/>

RRTU Fly Tying Class for 2011-2012

The fourth class of the 2011-12 sessions was held on Saturday, February 11. The last class of this fly tying “season” will be held next month on Saturday, March 10.

Please remember the tying bench which Alen Baker built and that is available during a special raffle at the last class session.

- Original Invite Information -

Fly Tying Class will begin November 12th and be held the 2nd Saturday of each month from November to March. This means that our Saturday class will precede the RRTU meeting which is held the third Thursday of the month. We will hold the classes in the same place as the last two years:

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9755 Northlake Centre Pkwy off of West WT Harris Blvd. We meet in the Community Room from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

In the past we have everything from beginners wanting to learn the basics of fly tying to the well advanced tier.

We are able to do this because we have three levels of classes.

The most advanced class pretty much works at its own speed and the members share ideas and techniques with other tiers.

The beginning class starts with the basics of the equipment used in fly tying and its usage. Beginners will learn how to use a rotary vise, whip finisher, use dubbing, select thread and hooks. Each session will become more advanced as tiers learn new techniques. By the end of the five sessions beginners will be on their way to tying the flies they need for trout and pan fishing.

One of the greatest benefits of our classes is that we really get a chance to know the other members and talk fishing.

Charges for Fly Tying Class

This year we will charge \$10.00 to all persons who attend where an instructor is provided. The money will be used to purchase hooks and other materials for the classes. In the past **Jack McNeary** has taught the beginning tiers with help from **Alen Baker**. Each week we have found that new people show up. **Alen** will bring the new tiers up to speed. **Jack** will continue to work with the tiers from the first week to develop their skills throughout the five sessions.

Meanwhile, **Tom Adams** will work with the more advanced tiers who want to learn new and advanced techniques.

Experienced tiers who come just to tie flies at their own pace and share experiences with others will not be charged a fee for tying materials.

At noon we send someone out for sandwiches and charge \$5.00 for those who want to participate.

We have at least six rotary vises and other tools and materials for our classes. Please feel free to bring your own vise and tools if you have them. If you are thinking of coming, we would like to have a head count so please contact **Jack McNeary** at

jmcneary@gmail.com. You will not be bound by this, but it will give us an idea as to how many people to expect.

- **Tom Adams, Alen Baker and Jack McNeary**

Other Events

February 3-5, Shiver in the River. Cherokee, NC. Cost \$225 per two man team with \$10K in prize money. Held on the Trophy, Catch-and-Release water on the Cherokee Reservation. Website: www.fishcherokee.com/shiver.html

February 11-12, Fly Fishing Show. NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. Show hours Saturday 9AM – 5:30PM, Sunday 9AM – 5PM. Adult admission \$15 for one day, \$25 for a two day pass. Website: www.flyfishingshow.com

February 17-19, Southeast Regional Qualifier for the National Fly Fishing Championships. Brevard, NC. Controllors and sector judges needed for this event. Website: www.usnffc.com

March 14, Fly Fishing Film Tour. Visulite Theater at 1615 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. Doors open 6:30PM, show starts 7PM. Tickets \$15 at the door. \$12 discount tickets available at Jesse Browns. Website: www.flyfilmtour.com

April 27-29, Southeastern Council Fly Fishing Festival. Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA. Programs, fly tying, casting clinics, exhibitors, raffles, auction, youth and women activities. FFF Casting Certification. Fishing on premises. Sponsored by the Southeastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers. Website: www.fffsec.org

May 18-20, Troutfest. Townsend Visitors Center, Townsend, TN. Fri 6:00 PM banquet and auction, tickets \$50. Sat, Sun 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: exposition, free admission. Sponsored by The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Website: www.troutfest.org

Appletree Spring 2012 Trip April 12 - 15

Appletree 2012 Group Outing Dates: April 12 – 15 on site B (50 person maximum) and October 4 – 7 on site A (25 person maximum).

For those who are unfamiliar with our Appletree outings, these events are four day/three night tent camping events on the Nantahala River near the “metropolis” of Aquone, NC. RRTU supplies 3 breakfast, 1 lunch and 3 dinner meals and handles the camping fee for the weekend. The cost of the entire 4 day weekend trip is \$50 per camper. Some members can only make two nights and the fee for those is \$40. Sign ups can begin right away by contacting **Jim Mabrey** at rtojim@gmail.com or **Bill Thomas** at bill.thomas1999@gmail.com. You may make your payment via PayPal on the <http://www.rockyrivertu.org> web site – please include a notation on your payment indicating that this for Appletree. Of if you prefer cash or check, send those to Jim or Bill. If you have never experienced an Appletree trip, please consider joining us. These trips offer two things ... great fishing and a lot of fun.

Though the Nantahala River offers Delayed Harvest and regular hatchery supported fishing, many of our RRTU members have visited other streams in the area. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is nearby; it offers hundreds of miles of pristine streams teeming with wild, native speckled trout. Other streams within easy driving distance: Tuckasegee River, Hiwassee River, Fires Creek, White Oak Creek, Big Snowbird Creek to name only a few.

Some of you may be concerned about food on this camping expedition. Not to worry! Allow me to list just a few of the items from recent outings: low country boil, BBQ pig, fruit cobblers cooked in dutch ovens, scrambled eggs cooked in zip lock bags. Some have even been known to gain weight at Appletree!

And just to whet your appetite, here are pictures from the October 2011 trip:



Appletree information is also now available on our web site -

<http://www.rockyrivertu.org/appletree.asp>

- **Jim Mabrey**

Appletree Remembrance

One of the great things of my Appletree camping experience is the people I meet. One is Ken Walker Senior ... who passed recently. He came on many a trip with his son, Ken Jr, in some of the worst weather we have had. I called him "You Old Flyfisherman" and he called me his friend. He came from "up north" to visit his grandchildren and then on to Appletree for fishing with us. He would tell me how great it was to go camping two times a year with "The Boy." He enjoyed his beer and it always tasted better every night by those big, roaring camp fires. I think he was retired ... but I am not sure. He seemed to have a lot going on but always made time for April and October on the Nantahala. My fondest memories were when it was raffle time he would say here's \$10 for me and "The Boy." Then another \$10 for me and "The Boy" and then he would say, "Bill, my big friend, can I pay for the next trip for me and 'The Boy.'" I want to make sure I am on the list."



Ken my old friend – you will always be on my list! RIP on the great stream.

Your big friend Bill T
- **Bill Thomas**

Streamside Program 2012

As we start a new year with RRTU, we are also going to try to refresh our streamside programs. This year **Tom Adams, John Oliver, Tim Ramsey** and I will be hosting 3-4 streamside fishing Saturdays. We are going to start off with a trip to the North Mills River. As many of you may recall, RRTU donated \$5000 to help secure this fishery in August 2010. I, for one, have not fished this river yet and would like to get a good view of what our donation accomplished. The trip is planned for March 17th.

Two of our hosts will drive up early and establish a “base camp” so that we will have an area set up to meet and have lunch. For those of you that are early birds, I can assure you, we will have coffee and some Danish pastries available to help you start the day. For those who would like to get a little later start, the other two hosts will be available to help those traveling to find their way or ride along with a carpool or caravan. We will determine a meeting location and time as we see how many are interested.

Lunch will be served around noon for a cost of \$5. It looks like we will be serving chili and cornbread from the kitchen of the famous Miss Roz (that would be my wife, awesome chili!!). Please bring your own beverages.

The second streamside will be on May 19th. The river is yet to be determined, but the Mitchell River may be on the radar. If you have not been there in the past 6 months, several major improvements have been made and this river shows promise to fish even better than in the past. There have been improvements: bank erosion barriers, many new runs have been formed with changes made in water flow, riffles and deep pools have also been created. I'm not sure who made all these changes, but I tip my hat to them. Their effort has made

a dramatic difference in the way that the Mitchell River will fish.

For those of you that are interested or want more information on the RRTU 2012 streamside program, please send an e-mail to NCTroutScout@gmail.com . We will need to try to get a solid head count so that we can better prepare for everyone to have a good time.

- **David Hollifield**

Rivercourse – June 17-22, 2012

Rivercourse 2012 will be held June 17-22 at Lake Logan near Canton, NC. Rivercourse, in its tenth session, is for boys and girls ages 13-15. This camp emphasizes Trout Unlimited's mission, the conservation of cold water fisheries, while at the same time teaching campers the basics of fly fishing, a sport for a lifetime. The deadline for Rivercourse 2012 applications is fast approaching. Ten slots are being held until February 15 for NC Trout Unlimited chapters. After that date all unfilled slots will be open on a first-come, first served basis. Rivercourse tuition is \$595 per camper. You will find more information, including application forms, at <http://rivercourse.org/> .

- **Editor**

TU – National News @ tu.org

Looking for information on legislation? How about recent press releases? Searching for the TU president's message in the TU newsletter? Interested in member benefits? You will find all of these ... and much more at www.tu.org

- 2012 TU Annual Meeting -

You will NOT have to travel far for the 2012 TU Annual Meeting though you will still have to “go west.” More precisely ... northwest to our very own Asheville! Watch for news on this exciting event and mark your calendar for this September 14-16, 2012 event.

- Other “stuff” -

(1) In the News (see website): Trout Unlimited shows film protesting ‘Million’ pipeline (ksl.com), Fly Fishing

Jazz (midcurrent.com), Deep Trouble in Western Waters (headwatersnews.org).

(2) TU in Action (see website): Day 2 on the Dolores: Big browns on dry flies; TU chief interviewed by national radio program; Transition in the Tongass; Green with Envy.

(3) Got a question? That question may already be answered in the Ask Trout Unlimited section located here: <http://www.tu.org/about-us/ask-trout-unlimited>

- Trout magazine -

Lost your recent issue? Trying to find an old article? You will find current and archive issues of Trout on the TU web site in the Press Room tab:

<http://www.tu.org/press-room/trout-magazine>

- **February 2012 Lines to Leaders** -

The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act would protect our public lands heritage - one that supports development and creates jobs, but also ensures that the great outdoors is protected and remains accessible to us and future generations. At 8 PM EST on Wednesday, Feb. 22 join TU president Chris Wood and staff for a presentation on S.1775. A brief Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more information or to register, contact Rob Keith at rkeith@tu.org.

North Carolina News

Over the years various North Carolina sportsmen's groups have been pushing for a reclassification of spotted seatrout as gamefish. Wildlife in North Carolina magazine published a fall 2011 article highlighting the plight of the spotted seatrout. On November 14, 2011 new regulations went into effect for those who fish for spotted seatrout. Please see these web sites for more information regarding these recent changes:

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/News/NewsArticle/tabid/416/IndexID/5314/Default.aspx>

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/nr-54-11-spotted-seatroun-regulations>

The commercial harvest of spotted seatrout will not be allowed in inland waters. The use of gill nets, whether commercial or recreational, will be prohibited in inland waters.

- **Bill Thomas**

Tales from the Stream

Editor's note: We are always excited to hear from RRTU membership about their fishing adventures. This one comes from member **Alen Baker** ... THANKS Alen!

The Urban Angler!

During this mild winter I have gone with a close friend to fly fish the new Ararat River - delayed harvest waters in Mount Airy, North Carolina. The river flows parallel to the greenway east of uptown so access is as simple as walking along the walking trail and dropping in anywhere along the way. The stream banks are sometimes steep and slippery, so the easy places to find fish are the more difficult pools to drop down to. NCWRC has stocked these waters well for the winter and one of my friends has been averaging about 20 trout every trip...and he fishes the Ararat about twice each week...of course he knows the place well by now. The entire section of water has been improved with large boulder structures to provide excellent holding water and well aerated/oxygenated water for trout. The section above the delayed harvest has always been hatchery supported and in general the water is very clean since it flows out of the mountain side forests of southern Virginia. The delayed harvest section is over 2 miles long and Mount Airy is as easy to get to from Charlotte as the Mitchell River, maybe slightly quicker. You can take a break at lunch and go get a milkshake and burger uptown in "Mayberry". This is a great place to drop a fly on the water. It may well become a favored stream for many of us from RRTU. It is urban angling at its best!

- **Alen**

Editor comment:

The February 2nd Charlotte Observer featured an article about the Ararat. You will find it here:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/02/02/2977773/notebook.html>

Tip of the Month

If you fish the South Holston often, you will find yourself dropping down to 7X tippet on occasion to improve the presentation of your size 20-24 parachute, emerger or nymph. A new product has recently become available from The Trout Hunter that provides a compromised solution. Purchase 6.5X tippet from the local fly shop. The tippet material is slightly smaller than 6X which is why you change to 7X, yet the 6.5X tippet material has a 3 pound rating. A 6.5X fluorocarbon tippet spool can also be purchase which provides virtually a clear tippet, but remember that fluorocarbon is not as strong as compared to the same size monofilament.

- Alen Baker

Fly of the Month

This “fly of the month” represents the latest in the **Tim Wilhelm/Tom Adams** series.

Copper John

The first time I recall being aware of the Copper John was a weekend I spent with the Blue Ridge Chapter at Balsam Lodge. Balsam is owned and operated by the Forest Service and BRTU takes two trips a year up there, in fact their trips coincide with our Appletree trip. My son was attending WCU nearby, so it was a pretty easy decision whenever they invited me to join them. After breakfast everyone would scatter to the stream of their choice returning after a full day of fishing to the lodge for an extravagant feast. Afterwards after everything had been cleared off the table from dinner and the libations poured, talk turned to the more serious matters of the day: What was caught and what caught them. It was Sam Sticher that had the best report that night and the Copper John was at the center of his report.

John Barr created the Copper John over a 3 year period, deciding on the final recipe in 1996. The pattern’s popularity and creditability among fly anglers became such that in 2001, this nymph pattern became the best selling fly in the Umpqua catalog of flies.

Some of the key features that make this fly appetizing to fish include the large gold bead, slim profile, flash and breathing hackle; but the real strength for this fly comes from its weight. Most of us that don’t do well with nymphs are probably guilty of not putting the fly in front of the fish. In other words, we don’t fish deep enough so the compact design and the materials used in construction allow this fly to sink quickly to the level we need to present the fly. The copper body adds significant weight to the fly helping it rapidly descend to where the big fish lay. Weighting a fly in this manner also allows it to roll across the river bottom in a natural fashion unlike a fly weighted down with a split shot attached to the leader.

After 5 ½ years it was somewhat of a bittersweet day when Mike graduated and I no longer had a reason to make the trip to Balsam Lodge but I still carry and frequently fish a Copper John.

Copper John Fly of the Month 02.12

HOOK : Tiemco 5262 or equivalent 2x long, 2x hvy, wet, perfect bend, tde

size : 12,**14,16,18**,20,22,24

Thread : Uni 8/0 or equivalent

Tail : Brown Goose biots

Abdomen : Wire

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Legs: Brown hen back hackle

Wing Case: Black Thin Skin w/ Pearl Flashabou

Bead Head : Gold, Black or Silver

There are many color variations; from the original copper to chartreuse and John Barr feels whatever works is the right color.

Directions:

1. For a size 14 use a Gold 1/8 countersunk bead for the head. Slide it on and mount the hook in the vise. Wrap with lead or lead substitute. For a size fourteen hook use .015. Wrap thirteen tight wraps of lead and push into the countersunk bead.
2. Tie on thread and wrap several turns at the abdomen end of the lead to trap it in place.

Advance the thread to above the hook point and let the bobbin hang.

3. Select two equal size goose biots and tie in at the hook point in an outward vee. Crossing over the two biots in something of an x and hold them against the hook shank, slightly facing you, will aid in placing them on top and centered to the rear.
4. Once the position is good lightly advance the thread several wraps toward the eye adding pressure as you go forward. Do not cut the extra biot material yet. Continue binding down the excess toward the eye and stop about three quarters of the way to the eye. Bind and trim the biots. Wrap the thread to where the abdomen starts. There should be a good difference between the thickness of the abdomen and the thorax. As always do not wraps more turns than necessary. The build up of materials will smooth out the unevenness and the taper will be best with less.
5. Select about five inches of wire. Tie in the wire, on the bottom of the hook shank (I doubt the fish care, but it looks much better to us) at the junction of the thorax and abdomen with the length toward the hook bend. Advance the thread along the wire in even, tight wraps to above the hook point. Advance the thread back to the eye. If you have a rotary vise tie the thread off. If you do not, let the bobbin hang. With a rotary vise begin wrapping the wire forward in very tight, touching wraps. It helps to keep the excess wire at an angle toward the hook bend when wrapping, this insures tight wraps. Advance the wire to a little short of the three quarter mark of the hook shank. Tie in and remove waste wire, pushing down the trim end with a fingernail and then complete several (not too many) wraps to smooth the rough end of wire. For non-rotary vises the basic direction is the same, but using a firm grip with your fingers.
6. Tie in a strand of Pearl Flashabou at the wire and push the excess out of the way.
7. Trim a section of Thin Skin about 1/8 of an inch in width and tie in immediately in front of the Flashabou. Lift the Thin Skin up and out of the way, pushing it back towards the hook bend.

8. Select several peacock herls and tie in by the tips (not too close to the tip- they are too fragile for the first ½ inch or so) and wrap forward from the Thin Skin tie in to the beadhead. Tie in and trim the excess.
9. Select a Brown Hen Hackle feather. This should have a least some bars for the leg segments. Even up the tips and pull or cut six or eight barbs. Tie these in close to the bead, on the side and make the length about the same size as the thorax. Repeat on the other side. Note: *When you are tying these in, make sure where they are tied in is relatively flat. If they fall in to a crack they will stick straight out instead of along the thorax. Make several turns of thread to even up the area directly behind the beadhead. It is not necessary to build up as high as the herl.* Trim the waste and let the bobbin hang.
10. Take the Thin Skin and pull tight across the top of the hook shank, trapping the herl and tie in with several wraps. Trim the excess.
11. Repeat with the Flashabou.
12. Make a narrow collar of thread at the bead head, whip finish and cut the thread.
13. Using five minute epoxy, cover the thorax on top where you have tied the Thin Skin forming a slight dome of epoxy. After the epoxy hardens you are ready to go.

Copper John



Red Copper John



- Tom Adams, Tim Wilhelm

2012 Officer and Board Challenge

A member of our board, **David Hollifield**, recently challenged the RRTU officers and board. David's proposal was this:

- Catch at least one fish per month in 2012.
- "Catch" means in the net. The Jim Casada "temporary connection with another life form" does not count; some refer to this temporary connection as the "long distance release."
- The penalty for not catching at least one fish per month - a \$10 Rivercourse donation for that month.

This challenge seems to offer a win on both sides of the coin ... either we are out fishing more than usual and (hopefully) catching more fish or we miss a month and support Rivercourse.

We are looking for effective ways to report on our progress ... watch for challenge updates. If you would like to join us in this worthy pursuit, contact an officer or board member.

- **Editor**

RRTU on Facebook

How's your social network doing? How about your fishing network? RRTU certainly wants to help with the second question. RRTU now has a Facebook page. Search for us on Facebook under Rocky River Trout Unlimited and sign up to join us. Also, please "like" the page as this will help us to be located more easily. You will be able to post and respond on this Facebook page. You can post pictures, invitations for fishing buddies or trip results, flies that work for you, etc. This page is for your use; we hope you use it often! RRTU on Facebook is a "closed" group meaning your name is public but your information is not.

- **Jim Mabrey**

Stream Water Flow Data

Ever wonder about the water flow in your favorite stream? How about after a big rain? The USGS has monitoring on some NC streams. You may check on that data at this web site:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/rt>

Hatch Charts

Familiar with any web sites which list hatch charts we could reference here in the newsletter? If so, please share. The flyfishingnc.com site has this chart:

<http://www.flyfishingnc.com/fly-bugs/patterns/fly-hatch-chart-north-carolina-smoky-mountains>

- Editor

The all electronic RRTU newsletter

The RRTU board made a decision to move to an electronic-only newsletter format starting in 2011. Our printing and postage costs for the paper newsletter were running over \$3000 annually; we plan to put all newsletter cost savings into RRTU programs. We use an electronic mail list server for sending the monthly RRTU newsletter. If you want to receive the monthly electronic newsletter, please follow these instructions:

Using the email account with which you wish to register, send an electronic mail message addressed to:

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The subject line of this email should read:

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Example: **Subscribe rrtu-news John Citizen**

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