



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

April 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello members and friends!

I'm just back from a very interesting Appletree trip. The weather was great ... cold mornings with warm days. Here are a few highlights:

- I was unable to get **Bill Kalbas**, **Wes Hendley** and his son Michael a fish. But **Tim Ramsey** bailed me out.
- **Joe Harris** won the President's Secret Raffle – a free trip to our fall Appletree.
- Thursday's new addition to Appletree – 1 fly tournament was a success. **Jim Mabrey** and **Tim Ramsey** were the winners. All I did was to fall in the river and scare **Randall Fullerton**.
- **Alen Baker** volunteered to plan future programs; watch for more on this in future communications.
- **Jim Mabrey**: top notch straw boss and head cook.
- **Tom Adams** tying flies for a raffle.
- **Jack McNeary**, **Dana Hershey**, **Zeke Foard**, **Jeff Bradley** and **Bill MacDonald** staying at Nelson's Cabin. They are better now.
- I am now off propane restriction but I needed **Karl Stuppig** to light a lantern for me. I'm still gun shy.
- George Looneville winning a trip with Daniel Boone.
- **Paul Isaacs** lost in Tennessee.
- **Fritz Mercer**, **Joe Harris** and **Skip Robinson** with a very interesting camp site setup. Nice table display.
- **Dave Hollifield** relaxing with a big smile.
- Lunches at the Nantahala Lake Diner.
- **Keith Richardson**: my new Grizzly Hackle Buddy.
- **John Oliver** getting Kathy on fish.
- **Skip Robinson** winning rod/reel combo.
- **Wayne Miller** sharing his shrimp and chees.

The most important part of weekend: we raised \$500 for our Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program. AWESOME!

On April 18 **Tim Mead** and I will be at Carolina International School for Earth Day. Don't forget the April 20, 10:00 AM, TIC fish stocking at South Mountains State Park.

Website of the month – <http://americanangler.com/>
Book of the month – *Sportsman's Legacy* by William Tapply

Hope to see you at the monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19.

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

RRTU Calendar

- Apr 12-15: Appletree
- Apr 18: RRTU Earth Day event at Carolina International School
- Apr 19: RRTU meeting
- Apr 20: Trout in the Classroom (TIC) fish release at South Mountains State Park
- Apr 21: TU National Stream Clean-Up Day
- Apr 27-29: SE Council Fly Fishing Festival, GA
- May 05: Streamside – Mitchell River
- May 17: RRTU meeting
- May 18-20: Troutfest, Townsend, TN
- Jun 21: RRTU meeting
- Jun 22-23: 2012 Youth National Fly Fishing Championships, Cherokee, NC
- Jun 23: TU National Stream Clean-Up Day

April 19th meeting

Tim Mead – presenter.

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

Social time: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:00 PM

Note: Some RRTU members meet for dinner before the meeting at the Dilworth Neighborhood Grille, 911 East Morehead Street, (704) 377-3808. Ask the hostess for the RRTU group; folks usually gather for dinner around 5:30 PM.

Friends of Rocky River (FORR)

The 2012 Friends of Rocky River (FORR) program campaign officially started in February. The campaign letter went out via electronic mail on February 23.

We hope that participation will grow as we move from year to year with the Friends of Rocky River program. Through the end of March we have raised \$2,577 toward a 2012 goal of \$8,000.

And we want to publicly thank several individuals and organizations who have donated recently:

March – **Glenn Mease, Jonathan Miller, Dr. Dana Hershey, Alen Baker, Stephen McClure, Paul Duffy**

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.

Note that the 2012 FORR Campaign Letter has been added to the newsletter. The letter and the Pledge Card appear as the last page of the newsletter.

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

March 15, 2012 meeting

Alen Baker and **Ron Gmerek** talked about their Atlantic Salmon fly fishing trip from a couple years ago. Alen shared pictures and travel notes from a fishing trip to Nova Scotia. A few highlights:

- Fished the Margaree River on Cape Breton Island.
- Used 7 and 8 WT rods, heavy tippet, special flies with single/double up hooks.
- No added weight (on leader or fly) so used sinking lines.
- Large pools on the river and each one has a name.
- Pool protocol: if you arrive at a pool and people are already fishing there, take a seat on the provided bench and wait your turn.
- The Atlantic Salmon do not eat during the spawning run.
- Many, many casts to catch one salmon. Alen called these “the fish of 1,000 casts.”

A special thanks to Alen and Ron as they were actually “pinch hitting” for Rod and Matt Champion (South Holston River Fly Shop). The Champions had to cancel at the last minute.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the March meeting.
- **Editor**

Project Healing Waters (email from Marvin Cash)

Just a quick note to thank you for letting Project Healing Waters be a part of your celebration last week. I really enjoyed the event. Your members were extremely generous -- we raised over \$400 selling raffle tickets.

I spoke to Tom and we are going to set up a date for me to come to one of your meetings and do a more formal presentation. Hopefully, I will be able to get TU's National Veteran Services Coordinator to attend as well.

Also, please feel free to pass along any Rocky River news/events you would like me to send out.

I look forward to expanding the relationship between our two organizations.

Tight lines,

Marvin

PS. We are also running an electronics gadget drive. Electronics are recycled responsibly and PHW gets the money. For more details, you can go to: <http://charlottephw.gazelle.com/>. Please feel free to pass along to your membership.

- **Marvin S. Cash**

Upcoming RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters

April 19

Tim Mead is a retired faculty member of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Tim has extensive writer credits in numerous regional and national outdoor periodicals. A member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association, Tim has received the Excellence in Craft award from both prestigious organizations. Tim has also served as the President of the Southeast Outdoor Press Association. See Tim's website <http://timmeadfishing.com/> for more information on his adventures.

May 17

TBD

June 21

TBD

Other Events

April 13-14, 2012 TU Southeast Regional Meeting. Asheville, NC.

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

June 22-23, Youth National Fly Fishing Championships, Cherokee, NC. If you wish to volunteer to assist with judging/controlling, please contact Paul Bourcq at pbourcq@gmail.com. You can learn more about our Youth National Team by visiting <http://usyouthflyfishingteam.com/>.

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).

Based upon our April presidential message, it sounds like the April 12-15 Appletree event went off without any mishaps (like propane accidents for example). We will include some testimonials and pictures in the May newsletter.

Appletree information is also now available on our web site -

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

- **Jim Mabrey**

Appletree Remembrance – Phil Haywood

RRTU member **Phil Haywood** died on March 20.

With this Appletree trip I reflect back to my early trips. Just moving here I did not know anyone but still wanted to learn fly fishing in NC. I went to Appletree by myself and met Phil. We fished together for three days and had a blast. He knew a lot and I knew mostly nothing, but we still had fun. We fished together again but after that Phil and his turkey hunting trips took priority so we only talked at fly tying and monthly meetings. We planned to meet in Montana but it never worked out. Thank you Phil for those early lessons and I will always remember my first NC fly fishing trips were with you. RIP my friend.

- **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 have scheduled the second streamside for the Mitchell River on May 5. Watch for additional information via electronic mail, Evite and our website. 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.

The March 17th event on the North Mills River was a huge success. We had a nice turnout (20+ attendees) and the weather cooperated as well. The hot chili lunch really hit the spot after a morning on the water. And as a bonus, several officers and board members caught their March trout for the Board Challenge.

One RRTU member, **Paul Duffy**, sent an email regarding his North Mills experience and that message follows:

I've been fishing on and off for the past 10 years, but committed to a regimen of once a month in time for the October stocking. I finally got around to joining TU and so the streamside was my first encounter with the RRTU group.

As someone who typically fishes alone, I forced myself to carpool so I could pick up some tips from the wise sage anglers. I soon found myself riding with a couple of great guys, who truth be told, had never tied a fly onto a leader. What they lacked in experience was more than made up in enthusiasm. Their mood was contagious. Remembering how unfun it felt to try and stare a piece of tippet through the eye of a fly, I jumped into my first gig as a guide. I'm not an expert by anyone's standards, but figured the free advice was worth at least twice what they were paying. As everyone who fished that day knows, it was a perfect day for fly fishing. The action on the stream made me look like a genius.

My first friend decided he would fish off the top, while friend number two went with a Copper John. After tying their lines, I nymphed a hairs ear with a green midge trailer. They warmed up a bit on the water and we soon headed down the trail. As we walked I explained the concept of "stalking" and demonstrated by sliding down a bank like James Bond. To our great surprise (mostly mine), the strike indicator sunk down about six inches and started doing spirals! At that time friend number 1 said "I think I'll try one of those nymphs"!

We soon broke to lunch on some chili. I thought we hit a tough crowd when Bill Thomas (the conservationist) threatened to kick my ass for using a plastic spoon. I offered him a test tube containing a caddis with its casing intact. I'm not sure, but I think we were good after that exchange. Dave Hollifield then shared some secrets about the Mitchell that will very soon be put to use.

Me and my friends got onto some nice pools so I left them to the fish for a while. After sometime I noticed that friend number one had switched back to a dry, but held it downstream stopped dead in the current. I motioned him back to show him how to drift the fly. Sure enough, on my second cast a small rainbow punctuated the lesson. My friend proved a quick study by soon landing two fish off the top. "This is living" he said with a huge smile. Friend number two had nothing to show for his efforts until his last cast when he floated a Prince downstream and landed a thick 9" rainbow. Seems like everyone got what they were looking for that day on the South Mills. I'm certainly no guide, but am definitely looking forward to getting more involved with the good folks of RRTU.

- Paul

RRTU member **Mark Fortenberry** took a few pictures and those follow:





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

Orvis Fly Fishing 101

Orvis will offer the beginning fly fishing program again this year.

Location: Orvis, 6800 Phillips Place Suite F, Charlotte, NC 28210.

Phone: 704-571-6100.

Dates: May 5, 6, 12, 13, 26, 27. June 2, 3, 16, 17, 23, 24
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This is a great opportunity for the beginner to improve their skills; and for the experienced to pick up some volunteer hours.

For more information, please phone the Orvis store or contact **Bill Thomas**.

- Bill Thomas

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): Sucking the river dry (denverpost.com), Conservation is just part of Trout in the Classroom (post-gazette.com), Saving the Tongass

(midcurrent.com), Fishermen to Forest Service: Grow Jobs (anglingtrade.com).

(2) TU in Action (see website): Best Wild Places: Maine; “Green with Envy” hits the road; Vote for TU’s 100 Best Trout Streams; On the Rise in the Tongass; Sportsmen speak out for the backcountry.

(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>

- *On the Rise* -

The Sportsman Channel will host this years fourth season of Trout Unlimited’s television program *On the Rise*.

Show 7 will highlight Asheville, NC and a sub-species of brook trout. Show times (all times Eastern) are:

Tuesday at 03:00 AM

Thursday at 06:30 AM

Friday at 04:30 PM

Saturday at 02:00 PM

<http://www.thesportsmanchannel.com/>

<http://www.tu.org/press-room/on-the-rise>

2012 TU Photo Contest

I received an April 16 email message from TU regarding the 2012 TU Photo Contest. Better hurry as the deadline for submitting your photo is April 27! Choose from three categories – (1) Best Fish, (2) Best Scenic, (3) Best Angler. You will find more information on the TU Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/TroutUnlimited>

- **Editor**

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 **Tim Mead** ... THANKS Tim!

Lessons from Wilson Creek

By Tim Mead

Lesson one: don’t take Tim Wilhelm fishing.

Tim and I journeyed to Wilson Creek a couple of weeks ago. For those who have never been, Wilson Creek is a great place – good to excellent fishing, beautiful mountains.

And the stream was full. As we drove along Brown Mountain Beach Road, virtually every parking spot was filled with trucks, cars and RV’s. It seemed as though every trout angler in the state had converged on Wilson Creek!

But the stream was also full of trout. We could see them, moving over the sand in deep pools. So could other anglers. But we had an advantage over most of those anglers – we were better. First place we stopped, I carried my camera to get pictures of my “expert” at work. After a few minutes I went back to the truck to get my fishing gear, and a couple of anglers told me to hurry up because my sidekick was down at the stream catching trout. When I got to the water, sure enough, Tim was catching fish.



And I caught trout, too, including the biggest brookie I ever caught in NC, about 15-inches by the length of the bow on my net. Indeed, I had what I thought was a pretty good day.

But here's where the lesson comes in. If you take Tim Wilhelm fishing he'll beat you like a Salvation Army drum. As we meandered toward Charlotte, Tim said he thought he caught 15 trout, and he rounded that up to 18 or 20.

Anybody else want to go?

- Tim

Tip of the Month

Many years ago a number of RRTU chapter members supplied tips for the newsletter. We are bringing some of those tips out of retirement and hope you find these useful.

Tips for the Fisherman

Use different colors of thread when tying nymphs to code the weight associated for Deep Sinking (Brown), Intermediate Sinking (Yellow), or Surface Sinking (Black). Based on the situation and appropriate nymph is easily selected. For dry flies use different colors of thread to code the time a pattern is expected to produce the best results, for example, Morning (Brown), Evening (Yellow), All Day (Black).

- Alen Baker

Fly of the Month

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

Light Cahill Wet

Except for the occasional soft hackle, I don't fish wet flies. I prefer fishing dry flies and will resort to dragging something across the bottom when the fish aren't looking up. So when Tom suggested the Light

Cahill wet for this month's fly, I thought this might be a good opportunity.

I like fishing on the surface with dry flies as much as I can and if I have to I'll go deep with nymphs (and those other things like eggs and San Juan worms). I don't fish that water in between and I should.

It is critical fishing either a dry fly or a nymph that there is no drag but not so for a wet fly. With a wet you fish downstream by casting across and as the fly reaches the end of its drift the line straightens and the fly "hatches". There is no worry about drag, and the fly has a little action to it.

Cast your wet across the stream and slightly down stream. Mend the line upstream as needed so the fly will be traveling parallel with the bank. Hopefully everything will work out and your fly will go by the nose of the fish just as the line starts to straighten out. Hold on!

- Tim

Light Cahill Wet Fly of the Month 04.2012

HOOK : Tiemco 100 or equivalent size : 12,**14,16,18**
Thread : Uni 8/0 or equivalent in Light Cahill
Tail : Lemon Wood Duck Flank Feathers or substitute
Abdomen/Thorax : Light Cahill dubbing
Legs: Cream soft hackle
Wing : Lemon Wood Duck Flank Feathers or substitute

The photo shown is tied on a Mustad "antique" 94840 Viking hook. These were purchased through an online auction. The current profile is somewhat more elongated and just as effective.

Directions:

1. Secure hook in vise and wrap thread in tight wraps starting two eye lengths from the eye and stopping just before the hook bend. Select ten or so wood duck feathers and make sure the tips are even and tie in on top of the hook shank.

Wrap forward two thirds of the shank keeping the feathers on top. Trim excess feathers and return the bobbin using tight wraps to the tail tie in point. Let the bobbin hang. *Note: I keep the waste from any use of Lemon Wood duck. There are normally several dozen fibers left after use on the first tie; these are perfectly fine for using as a tailing or wing case. This is appropriate for several different flies. I only throw away the fuzzy scraps !*

2. Using Light Cahill dubbing form a tapered dub rope and wind forward in butting wraps to form a carrot shaped body. Wrap to within about four eye lengths from the hook eye. Let the bobbin hang.
3. Select a cream color soft hackle feather, and tie in close to where the dubbing stops, by the tip. Before tying the feather, grab the tip end of the feather with tweezers and gently stroke the barbs back. This will cause the barbs to separate and stand out at 90 degrees from the feather shaft. You will also be able to determine if the length of the barbs are correct. When tied in, they should not be longer than the hook shank. After securing the feather tip with several wraps of thread let the bobbin hang and trim the excess tip. Using hackle pliers, grab the fuzzy end of the hackle feather and after checking to make sure the “shiny” side is toward the hook and make two, full wraps tight to each other, stroking back the barbs as you wind. Take the thread through the barbs and tie down with two wraps. Trim the excess feather close to the tie in and secure with three more wraps. Let the bobbin hang.
4. Select a Lemon Wood Duck Flank feather and stroke back the uneven barbs. The end of the feather should be somewhat square. It is not as necessary to be extremely precise like when you are tying a divided wing on a dry fly, but the more uniform the barbs are in length the happier you will be. Tie in the feather on top of the hook, secure with several wraps, trim the excess and form a nice head. Do not crowd the hook eye. Apply head cement to form a handsome head and you are done.

Light Cahill Wet



- Tom Adams, Tim Wilhelm

The Rod Project

A month before we had the chapter's Anniversary Party, Bill Thomas asked if I was going to donate another bamboo rod. I told him I just didn't have time and wouldn't be able to this year but I would try to have one next year. Since then an idea has come to me however we'll see later how good an idea it actually is.

Making the decision now to donate a rod in 10 months is really going out on the limb for me but I have. There will be a rod at the next Anniversary Party. "But wait! There is more!" I'm going to provide an update each month here in the newsletter. "And that isn't all!" There will be an extended update with some progress photos on the chapter's website.

I wonder how far I can get with this.

Let's start with talking about what the rod might be. If my records are correct, the rod I built for the first

anniversary was 7'-0" and a 4 weight (the Payne 98 taper). There are some other tapers I am considering but whatever I choose will probably be from 7'-0" to 7'-9" in length and will have been designed to throw a 4 or 5 weight line. Between now and the next newsletter I'll make that decision and will have the rod specs figured out.

I guess I've committed now or should be committed.

- **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 trout 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 trout 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 trout or we miss a month and support Rivercourse.

Please check here to see a chart which shows challenge results:

<http://rockyrivertu.org/boardChallenge.asp>

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:

sympa@list.nctu.org

The subject line of this email should read:

Subscribe rrtu-news firstname lastname

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

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February 2012

To: Members of Rocky River Trout Unlimited (#348)

Re: Friends of Rocky River (FORR)
2012 Fund Raising Campaign

We are pleased to advise that our 2011 campaign raised over \$5,500 or almost half of the funds required for our operations budget and chapter activities. Our goal for 2012 is \$8,000 which will constitute the majority of the funds needed to support our chapter activities.

Our purpose in establishing the FORR Program is to transition our primary fund raising initiative away from a banquet program format over to cash contributions. While we will continue to have selected raffles, auctions and companion trip opportunities throughout the year, we want our primary funding to emanate from cash donations from our members, friends, and business sponsors. Prize and trip donations to auction or raffle are likewise welcomed.

The funds raised in 2011 enabled us to support the following projects, activities, and programs:

Sponsored youth scholarship for the Rivercourse program
Trout in the Classroom
North Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarship
Donated to TU Southeast Land Protection project
Winter fly tying program for all skill levels

Below is a pledge card for our 2012 drive. We are requesting this to be returned with your donation by May 1st. We appreciate your loyal support and look forward to hearing from you. Please phone Steve Craig (704-609-7098) or Terry Hill (704-847-4438) if you have any questions regarding the FORR program.

Steve Craig
Co-Chair Friends of Rocky River
RRTU President 1983-1984

Terry Hill
Co-Chair Friends of Rocky River
RRTU President 1990

Friends of Rocky River 2012 Pledge Card

Name: _____

Date: _____ Email address: _____

Amount: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Make checks payable to **Rocky River Trout Unlimited**. Mail your donation to:
Jonathan Miller, 2900 Winghaven Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210
If your employer has a matching gifts program, please include those forms too!