



Trout Tales

Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

September 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello members and friends!

As I come to the end of my two years serving as president, most would think it is a time for me to reflect on the past. Sorry, but I'm going to tell you about the future.

We now have seven Trout in the Classroom (TIC) tanks and I plan to continue involvement with that program. Our Appletree fishing and camping trip, my favorite, has set new standards for fun and fishing. Our fly tying program will begin in November – just in time to help get us through the winter. September and October will be the last hurrah for our new “How to Where to” sessions in 2012. Those should begin anew next year.

And as we enter a new fiscal year we are looking to move into new territory for us – the Boy Scout merit badge for fly fishing. We will need assistance so please volunteer – especially if you have experience or if you wish to gain experience. Leave worry behind and bring your enthusiasm and energy.

We have more streamside events in the future – we have a surprise in store for everyone next July. We expect to continue having outstanding local speakers for our monthly meetings and remember to bring a few dollars for the raffles. That money goes back into programs. Our Friends of Rocky River program will continue to be the main source of income for our programs. And do not forget about the February party – we already have a date (February 28) and a guest speaker, Mike “Squeak” Smith. Mark your calendar now and start making plans to join us. We will take advantage of educational outings and opportunities to promote TU when they “hatch” HA HA. Thanks to all who have contributed and helped with our programs.

Any successful organization depends upon its officers and board members. I offer a sincere “thank you” to all members for their service – and for future RRTU service too! I have been blessed to serve RRTU with

the finest people I have ever met. They give freely of their time and energy for something they believe in and support. If you have not met our officers, board and volunteers, please join us at a monthly meeting or an outing. And when you have the opportunity, please thank them for their service.

Hope to see you at the September 20 meeting. Remember this is a good time to bring your ideas as we begin a new fiscal year on October 1 with new officers and board members.

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

RRTU Calendar

Sept 20: RRTU meeting (annual elections)
Sept 26: How-to Where-to, REI Northlake
Sept 29: South Mountains State Park Nature Day

Oct 04-07: Appletree fishing/camping trip
Oct 18: RRTU meeting
Oct 24: How-to Where-to, Sharon Methodist Church

Nov 10: Fly tying, REI Northlake
Nov 15: RRTU meeting
Nov 23 or 24: Streamside, Wilson Creek

September 20th meeting

RRTU annual meeting and elections

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 East Morehead Street
Room 207, 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 July we have raised over \$6,300 toward a 2012 goal of \$8,000.

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

August –
Janet Adair

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

August 16, 2012 meeting

The August 16 meeting turned out to be a VERY interesting program. **Alan Folger** and **Marvin Cash**, our featured speakers, discussed Project Healing Waters. Mr. Folger is Trout Unlimited's Veteran Service Program Coordinator. Mr. Cash coordinates the Project Healing Waters program in the Charlotte area.

<http://projecthealingwaters.org/>

Several officers and board members have been talking about Project Healing Waters and how we might begin greater involvement as a chapter. Watch for further communications on those ideas and plans as they develop.

Thanks to all who attended the August meeting.

- **Editor**

Upcoming RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters

September 20 – Annual Meeting

At our September meeting we will have reports on all of the significant RRTU "happenings" from our 2011-2012 fiscal year by those who organize those activities. If you are interested in what RRTU did over the past year, this meeting is for YOU!

And we will elect officers and board members for the 2012-13 year.

We have the following slate of officer and board candidates:

President - **Tom Adams**
1st Vice President - **Dana Hershey**
2nd Vice President - **Tim Ramsey**
Secretary - **Joyce Shepherd**
Treasurer - **Jonathan Miller**
Director - **Joe Harris** (Term ends 2015)
Director - **Joe Beckert** (Term ends 2015)

Judson Gee will be appointed to finish out Tim Ramsey's term as a board director.

October 18

TBA.

November 15

TBA.

Other Activities and Events

--Fly Tying--

Back by popular demand beginning in November ... this information from **Jack McNeary**:

Don't forget to mark your calendar for RRTU's fly tying classes. **November 10, December 8, January 12, February 16, and March 16.** This is our fourth year having classes and we plan to add something new. After the new 2013 year begins we will have a guest fly tier come to our meeting to demonstrate his or her skills. Look for more information on that in future newsletters. We will also invite other interested RRTU members to join us for this session.

Our sessions welcome people at all skill levels of fly tying – from the beginner to the experienced. We have three instructors who can assist.

We have rotary vices for six beginners and provide materials for the beginners. The charge for the entire series is \$10. Research shows this price to be a bargain when compared to similar classes which may run up to \$125 per person.

Even if you don't think you want to tie all your own flies, you might surprise yourself. One of our 2011-2012 beginning tiers said he just wanted to see how it was done. Then he found that some of the best fishing success this year was with the flies he had tied himself. You will find that you can tie flies that are more durable than those you can buy, and you can tie some go-to flies that are not available in any fly shop.

Our meetings will be held at REI at 9755 Northlake Centre Parkway. The classes begin at 10:00 AM and finish up around 2:00 PM. We also serve a basic lunch for those who want it.

If you are a beginner and do not have your own gear, please let us know you plan to attend so that we can make sure we have enough equipment. For more information please contact **Jack McNeary** - jmcneary@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 10, 2012.
Tom Adams, Alen Baker, Jack McNeary

-- SMSP Annual Nature Day --

South Mountains State Park will hold their 10th Annual Nature Day on Saturday, September 29 from 11:00 am until 04:00 pm.

www.ncparks.gov/visit/parks/somo/main.php

Appletree Fall 2012 Trip

The fall Appletree trip dates are October 4 – 7 on site A (25 person maximum) of the Appletree Group Campground. Fall trip fees are:

\$50 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights

\$40 for Friday and Saturday nights

These fees cover camping, most meals and all the fishing and fellowship you can squeeze into four days. Don't forget a new "feature" of our Appletree trips ... the One Fly Tournament. You could walk away with the trophy ... tournament rules are on the web site.

Please sign up soon as this will help with planning. We plan to raffle several items with all proceeds going to our TIC program. We are also looking for a guest speaker to join us on Friday night, October 5.

Make your payment via PayPal (see our web site for a PayPal link – www.rockyrivertu.org). If you are using PayPal, please note the purpose of the payment (Appletree), the number of nights and the number of guests. If you prefer to pay by check, make the check payable to Rocky River TU and mail your payment to:

Jonathan Miller
2900 Winghaven Ln
Charlotte, NC 28210

Appletree information is also now available on our web site -

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

- Jim Mabrey

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.

Thus far in 2012 we have hosted two events:

March 17 – North Mills River
May 5 – Mitchell River

If you missed the March and May events, do not despair. We plan to have at least one more streamside event in 2012. Stay tuned for more information about the next streamside event.

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.

- David Hollifield

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 -

Several RRTU officers and board members attended the 2012 TU Annual Meeting in Asheville earlier in September. We will report on their trip in the October newsletter.

- Other "stuff" -

- (1) In the News (see website): Small farms looking to Salmon Safe label to market crops (wenatcheeworld.com), Windy Gap remains a controversial topic (denverpost.com), Transition for Tongass (americanforests.org), US Fish & Wildlife Service to end effort to restore Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River (therepublic.com).
- (2) TU in Action (see website): Salmon Safe: good for farmers, good for fish; Native Trout Grants Available to

TU Chapters; Crooked River; the power of collaboration; Big victory for Oneida Narrows fishery; Alaska's Tongass National Forest Shifts From Timber to Salmon.

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>

- September Lines to Leaders -

Several items of note in the August version:

- (1) Conservation + Recreation = \$\$\$, An Equation Congress Must Consider.
- (2) Report on the TU Teen Summit in Pennsylvania.
- (3) Proposed Idaho Dam Denied by State Water Officials.

- Editor

How-to Where-to Sessions

Where-To How-To Sessions

If you want to spend time talking about and learning about places to trout fish and how to do it, you will not want to miss our next session on September 26 at

Northlake REI at 630pm. Our last three sessions have been well attended and everyone there has brought information to share as well as learned new places to go and new things to try. In September we will focus on dry fly techniques and delayed harvest streams. This will really help anyone planning to attend Appletree to fish the Nantahala delayed harvest waters. See you on 9/26 and see you at Appletree.

Tom Adams & Alen Baker

The Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (RRTU) Presents...How-To-Where-To Sessions

Each month except during the Fly Tying Sessions from November thru March, members and guests of RRTU are invited for an informal, knowledge sharing session (simply a whiteboard, handouts and interactive conversation) about how to fly fish and/or where to fly fish. Topics and which gathering location will be published well in advance in both the chapter newsletter and on www.rockyrivertu.org.

How-To-Where-To Session Goals:

- Reach out to those interested in water conservation and fly fishing
- Help share knowledge among beginners and veteran fly fisherman (you do not have to be a TU member)
- Create an interactive, participatory, low-key and friendly gathering of like minds.

Schedule – 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm each Month listed below

April How-To-Where-To Session at Sharon Methodist Church (South Park)

Fly Fishing with Dry Flies
Fly Fishing Delayed Harvest Streams

(Note: No April session in 2012)

May How-To-Where-To Session at REI (North Lake, Huntersville)

23rd Fly Fishing with Terrestrials
Streams
Fly Fishing Wild and Catch-and-Release

June How-To-Where-To Session at Sharon Methodist Church (South Park). Room A-13, 15.

27th Fly Fishing with Streamers
Fly Fishing Remote Headwaters - Cool Places during the Dog Days of Summer

July How-To-Where-To Session at REI (North Lake, Huntersville)

25th Fly Fishing with Wet Flies
Fly Fishing Stillwater

August How-To-Where-To Session at Sharon Methodist Church (South Park). Room A-9.

22nd Fly Fishing with Small Flies, Size 18 and Smaller
Fly Fishing Wild and Catch-and-Release Streams

September How-To-Where-To Session at REI (North Lake, Huntersville)

26th Fly Fishing with Dry Flies
Fly Fishing Delayed Harvest Streams

October How-To-Where-To Session at Sharon Methodist Church (South Park). Room A-9.

24th Fly Fishing with Nymphs
Fly Fishing Tailraces

Note: Each session will be roughly 1 ½-2 hours long with 20-30 minutes on how-to, 30-40 minutes on where-to and 20-30 minutes on **Tips and Dealing with Unusual Conditions** every session. The group at a given session can decide together to spend more or less time on a given topic.

Session Leaders: Tom Adams and Alen Baker (we encourage other RRTU members to become session leaders with us)

Direction to REI (North Lake, Huntersville): Take I-77 North to Exit 18, Harris Blvd. west. Turn right at the stoplight that takes you to the shopping area with **Target**. REI is on the corner, very visible with parking in front and to the side. The meeting room is in the back left corner from the entrance.

Directions to Sharon United Methodist Church (South Park): The church is across the street from the Cheesecake Factory side of the mall on Sharon Road.

Park in the church parking lot and ... watch for the RRTU signs.

- **Tom Adams/Alen Baker**

Tales from the Stream

Editor's note: We are always excited to hear from RRTU membership about their fishing adventures. We have no "tale" for September ... so please consider sending us information about your most recent fishing trip. Long or short, simple or elaborate ... you set the format and we will keep editing to a minimum.

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.

Fly Tying Tip by John Benbow

Hunting seasons are opening and the smart trout fisherman will start now talking to hunting friends about saving fur and feathers. Last year I got three buck tails, two complete wood ducks, all the feathers I wanted from a wild turkey, one raccoon tail, four squirrel tails, and two mallard wings, and I never fired a gun. If you hunt but don't tie flies, please offer a fly tyer your fur and feathers off any game. You'd be surprised what can be used.

- **Alen Baker**

Fly of the Month

This "fly of the month" represents the latest in the **Alen Baker/Tom Adams** series.

It's a caddis larva! No, it's a stonefly nymph! No, it's a crayfish! No, well, uh, or just maybe it's a U.F.O. which means it is a (U)nique (F)ly for (O)pportunistic trout in the southeastern Appalachian mountains. The true answer - all of the above. This unique local fly

pattern has been used successfully by local fly fishermen for many, many decades. The Tellico is an original Southern Appalachian Pattern (SAP) or old timey pattern. Tom and I hope to occasionally include other SAP's as part of this series. We present the pattern using the original recipe, then with a few modern variations.

Tellico

The Tellico is often referred to as the Tellico Nymph as it was originally tied to be used as a no-wing wet fly. In modern terms, the Tellico could actually be considered a soft-hackle fly as well. The original pattern is believed to have originated by an unknown tyer in southeastern Tennessee who fly fished the Tellico River. Little is known about the origin as the productive fly soon became a common fly to use in the area. It has long been a favorite pattern for many anglers in the southeastern area. The Tellico used to be a pretty common pattern even out west, but due to the explosion of nymph patterns it seems to have fallen out of favor. Regardless, this is a simple, fun fly pattern to tie and the trout really find it appealing.

My research indicates that the original fly pattern used guinea body feathers for the tail, a wire underbody for added weight, natural mottled turkey wing quill for the shellback and bright yellow rayon floss for the body. Modern versions utilize Golden Pheasant tippet for the tail, strands of peacock herl for the shellback, chenille for the body and a beadhead for added weight.

For years I tied and fished what I believed was the original lead weighted fly pattern without the beadhead until one day I realized that chenille and Golden Pheasant was not readily available when the original fly was created. I also discovered that many local fly fishermen tied both a yellow version and an orange version. The yellow version is believed to more closely imitate a golden stonefly nymph or caddis larva. The orange version is believed to more closely imitate a crayfish. I have actually met a local fly fisherman on Hazel Creek one time that had a bright green version of the Tellico he consider to be an imitation of a "green rock worm" or Grannom which is a caddis larva.

Personally I prefer to tie the Tellico with a lead-substitute underbody for added weight, use the Golden Pheasant tippet for the tail and use bright, embroidery floss for the body. I typically fish the Tellico as a dropper nymph pattern.

We suggest that the orange pattern in particular be more heavily weighted and be fished more like a wet fly or streamer to best imitate a crayfish. If you added linear weight to the top side of the hook, it will tend to force the fly to turn upside down on the stream bottom and be less likely to hang up.

By the way, when the topside popper action on the local farm pond is gone, largemouth bass and bluegill sunfish are highly attracted to the Tellico as well, so you may consider tying your Tellico fly pattern in size 8 and size 10 for the farm pond and up to size 18 for trout streams.

- Alen

Tellico Fly of the Month 09.2012

HOOK : Wet 2X. Tiemco 5262 or equivalent. Size 12,**14,16**,18

Thread : Black 8/0 Uni or equivalent

Tail : Golden Pheasant Crest

Abdomen : Yellow or Orange Chenille

Rib : Peacock Herl

Wingcase : Turkey tail feather (see special note below)

Hackle : Brown Hen hackle

Directions :

1. Wrap thread starting three eye lengths from the eye and in tight turns to the above the hook point. Let the bobbin hang,
2. Choose five or six golden pheasant tippet feathers and trim them from the stem keeping the tips aligned. Tie in with soft wraps extending past the hook shank by about the same length as the shank, keeping the feathers on top of the hook by making slight adjustments with your fingers. Once you are happy with the length, tie in firmly, advancing the thread to the start up at the head and returning to above the barb. Let the bobbin hang.

3. Select a section of turkey tail feather about the same width as the hook gape. Trim from stem and tie in, with the dull side up, make several wraps forward to secure the turkey on top of the hook shank. Wrap to the rearmost tie in and let the bobbin hang. **NOTE** : For this use of turkey tail and most other uses as well, it is advisable to spray the entire feather lightly with a fixative a day in advance of usage. This will enable the barbs to stay together when you pull the turkey down for a wingcase. Craft stores will have a selection, make sure you use Matte finish and spray outdoors.
4. Select a three inch piece of chenille and strip about one quarter inch of chenille to reveal the core thread. You can use your fingernails to do this. Tie in, tight to the tie in of the turkey, with several wraps of thread and let the bobbin hang.
5. Select a single peacock herl and tie in the base or thickest section, tight to the chenille. Advance the thread to the head cleaning up the previous tie in materials, but do not overwrap to the point of adding any bulk. The profile needs to remain slim. Let me bobbin hang.
6. Advance the chenille in tight, touching wraps to three eyelengths from the eye and tie off, trimming away the waste. Let the bobbin hang.
7. Advance the peacock in spirals, more or less along the space between the chenille wraps and tie off in front of the chenille. Trim the waste and let the bobbin hang.
8. The thread should be making a small head by now and you can make a few extra wraps to even and tidy everything up. Let the bobbin hang.
9. Select six or eight hen hackles from a feather by aligning their tips and pulling away from the stem. Using that bundle of hackle, hold against the hook shank at a forty five degree angle, trap with thread and make several secure wraps. You can then use a thumbnail to rotate the hackle so that it is underneath the head and nearly touching the point of the hook. Tie in tight once you have positioned them to your liking, trim the waste and let the bobbin hang.
10. Bring the turkey forward and make two or three wraps for placement, once you are happy with the spot and the length, use your left hand to

extend the turkey slightly (to hard and it will separate) and pinching to keep it on top of the shank make several firm wraps and trim the waste. There should be sufficient room to form a nice thread wrap head. Whip finish and apply two coats of head cement.

Tellico



- Tom Adams, Alen Baker

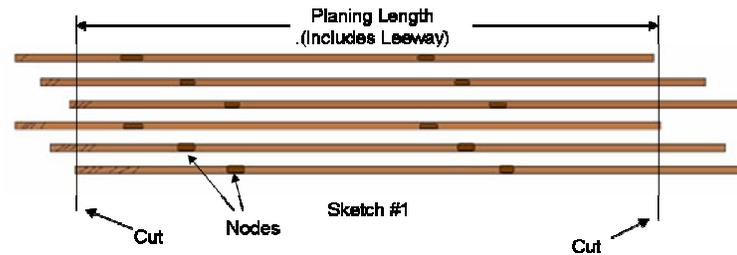
The Rod Project (Repeat of the August 2012 update)

It should be simple. The Sir D is a 7 foot rod so each section would be 3 ½ foot long (42 inches). A culm of bamboo is 12 foot long so cut it in half and let's get on with it.

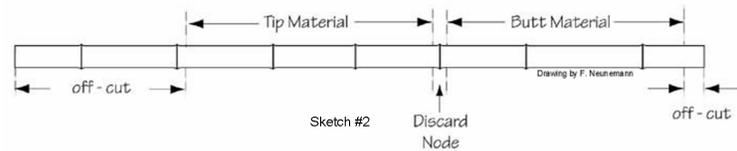
Well it's not that simple. If you have spent any time looking at bamboo you know that every so often there is a node and nodes aren't evenly spaced on a culm. They may be 10 to 12 inches apart at the butt or bottom end of the culm and 14 to 17 inches apart at the tip end. In a bundle of 20 culms, it is very possible that you won't find any 2 culms that have the same node spacing.

Nodes are weak spots and the rule of thumb is you don't want to have one within 5 inches of the tip or the ferrule. You also want to stagger them to prevent any

two adjacent strips from having nodes at the same location. There are a number of staggering options but the most common are 2 x 2 x 2 and 3 x 3. In a 2 x 2 x 2 stagger nodes are arranged so that two nodes are placed on strips on opposite sides of the rod then a couple inches away you'll have 2 more nodes and then the last 2 are beyond that. Sketch #1 should give you an idea of how that is done.



So staggering the nodes causes waste and a 2 x 2 x 2 that has the nodes spaced at 3 inches means you have to start with strips that are 6 inches longer than what you need. But that's not all you need a little bit of excess at either end to give you something to hang on to and to allow for areas. Our 42 inch strip is now 50 inches with the addition of 6 inches for node spacing and 2 extra inches (leeway) as insurance so we need to find a culm that will work the best when cut like the culm as shown in Sketch #2.



It really is a case of measure twice, cut once at this point but by starting with a 2 x 2 x 2 spacing you can switch to 3 x 3 if your strips are too short if you find yourself with strips that are too short.

- 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 annual savings for the paper newsletter printing and postage costs is over \$3500; plus the newsletter has grown as there is no additional cost for more electronic pages. RRTU uses an electronic mail list server for sending the monthly newsletter. The instructions for requesting the monthly electronic newsletter follow.

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!