



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

October 2012



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This is my first note to everyone and before I get down to business I want to say something. Several years ago I signed up for Trout Unlimited to show my concern for all things related to, and to what make trout possible. Now, you should know, I am not a joiner. I have always relished time alone, and especially on the water, so this was a real step out for me. Well, after two or three months of "wish I could make the meeting, but...." I was asked to make the Appletree weekend. Not really sure what it was that made the change for me, but I do know it was **Bill Thomas** and **Jim Mabrey** that encouraged me to attend. So the weekend consisted of terrible weather, freezing off parts I really needed and realizing I was not the least bit prepared for this. I also fished with people I did not know, on water I had never seen, all the while watching the interactions of the folks running the show. Never, not once did I see, hear, or feel anything remotely negative about the entire bunch of folks. On the contrary, they were frighteningly like me! They loved trout. They loved the water. They loved bugs. They loved all the same crazy stuff I did. I had found my tribe. Bill and Jim were the core of a group of really decent people and were a heck of a lot of fun to be around. I came to realize I could and indeed wanted to be a part of this group and so now here I sit, writing to you and trying to fill some mighty big shoes.....

Appletree was amazing this fall! The weather could not have been better, the crowd more diverse, and the sites more beautiful. We had great food and some terrific fishing. It was fun to see some non-adults also ( I mean real children, not non-adult behavior). It is really great when everything comes together and to see the smiles in the camp.

There is one new winner and one not so new winner in our semi-annual One Fly contest. Congratulations are in order for **Joyce Shepherd** and whoever her partner was. I am looking forward to the spring Appletree event and perhaps a redistribution of these very, very valuable trophies. This is a fun event and it is growing.

This fall the national conference for Trout Unlimited was held in Asheville. It was my first exposure to such a large group of TU folks. It was a great experience and quite a learning opportunity. We, along with Damon Hearne (our Southeast Trout Unlimited coordinator) want to share some of what we saw and heard, so do not miss the October meeting. This should be a real eye opener into what Trout Unlimited has done and is doing for our concerns.

Trout in the Classroom is off and running again this fall with some new schools and tons of enthusiasm. Bill has grown our presence in the entire region and spring will undoubtedly see an influx of RRTU rainbows at South Mountains State Park!

New to the sport or do you just need an excuse to hit the water? Join us at a Streamside Event in November. This is an "annual" event on Wilson Creek you should not miss. Good companions, good water, good food.

This is also the time of year where we conclude our growing program of "How to Where to" and move into the fly tying classes. Both of these give us a chance to hang out, talk about fish and fishlike things and are not to be missed. They are user friendly and low key, no one is too novice to enjoy them, and I learn every time I attend these valuable programs. Try it – you'll like it.

There are some terrific opportunities ahead and we are expanding our communications to keep you informed and as up to date as we can. Please watch for news and please let us know if you have any to share. We are the sum of the individuals and every one of you make a difference. Let us hear from you. Don't be shy like me. This is a ground up organization and your contributions make a profound difference. Give me a shout. Give any board member a shout. Come to meetings and shout at everybody. This is an important time and we can make an impact with your help.

- **Tom Adams** ( [f64rrtu@gmail.com](mailto:f64rrtu@gmail.com) )

## RRTU Calendar

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 24: Streamside, Wilson Creek

December: no regular meeting or newsletter  
Dec 08: Fly tying, REI Northlake

Jan 12: Fly tying, REI Northlake  
Jan 17: RRTU meeting

### October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Damon Hearne, TU Southeast Land Protection  
Coordinator**

**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 September we have raised over \$6,900 toward a 2012 goal of \$8,000.

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

September –  
**Bill Thomas, Alen Baker, Tim Ramsey, Terry Hill, Duke Energy match (Steve Craig), Duke Energy match (Alen Baker)  
Dean, Heckle & Hill match (Terry Hill)**

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

### September 20, 2012 meeting

The September 20 annual meeting included elections and reports from officers, board members and committee leaders regarding the current state of RRTU.

Election results for 2012-13 officers and board members were:

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)

Thanks to all who attended the September meeting.

- **Editor**

### Upcoming RRTU Meeting Topics/Presenters

#### **October 18**

Damon Hearne, TU Southeast Land Protection Coordinator. Damon will talk about the current state of Trout Unlimited and will also replay a portion of the Chris Wood speech which Mr. Wood delivered at the September 2012 TU National Conference in Asheville.

#### **November 15**

Simons Welter, Brookings' Anglers guide.

#### **January 17**

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.

Breaking news ... our January guest will be **Bo Cash**. **Gary Jones** will join us as a guest tyer in February.

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](mailto:jmcneary@gmail.com).

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

#### **-- 2013 Fly Fishing Show --**

The 2013 Fly Fishing Show will include a North Carolina stop: February 9-10, 2013 in Winston-Salem, NC at the Benton Convention Center.

Hours: Saturday 09:00 to 05:30, Sunday 09:00 to 05:00.

[www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com)

### Appletree Fall 2012 Trip

We are anxious to see some pictures and hear some tall fishing tales from the 2012 fall Appletree trip. So please send those pictures and stories as we would like to publish some of those in the November newsletter.

- **Jim Mabrey**

## Streamside Program 2012

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

The next streamside event will be held on Saturday, November 24, on Wilson Creek. In addition to some fishing and lunch, a discussion and demonstration of several nymphing techniques will follow lunch. Watch for more details in the November newsletter, on our web site and electronic mail Evite.

For those of you that are interested or want more information on the RRTU streamside program, please send an e-mail to [NCTroutScout@gmail.com](mailto:NCTroutScout@gmail.com). The board had already started planning for streamside events in 2013.

**- 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](http://www.tu.org)

### **- 2012 TU Annual Meeting -**

Several RRTU officers and board members attended the 2012 TU Annual Meeting in Asheville earlier in September. The keynote address by TU President Chris Wood was mentioned by several attendees; we will have a chance to see portions of that at the October 18 RRTU monthly meeting. **Tim Wilhelm** mentioned the 2012 Distinguished Service Award winner. During the acceptance speech it became obvious that the winner suffers from a speech disability. Yet he did not allow that to prevent him from speaking to individuals and groups as he worked on a stream protection project in his home state of Wisconsin.

### **- Other "stuff" -**

(1) In the News (see website): Protecting Habitat ([thecordovotimes.com](http://thecordovotimes.com)), Small farms looking to Salmon Safe label to market crops ([wenatcheeworld.com](http://wenatcheeworld.com)), Windy Gap remains a controversial topic ([denverpost.com](http://denverpost.com)), Transition for Tongass ([americanforests.org](http://americanforests.org)).

(2) TU in Action (see website): Orvis, TU launch 1,000 Miles Campaign; Wyoming Range Legacy Act at work; TU team wins Utah Single Fly; Visit the "Season of the Sportsman" Blog; Turning the Corner in Yellowstone?

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 year's 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>

### **- October Lines to Leaders -**

Several items of note in the October version:

(1) Greg Ponte Receives TU's Highest Award.

(2) Information on the Embrace-A-Stream program.

### **- Editor**

## Local Delayed Harvest news

I noticed this in the local newspaper recently. An issue with groups using the upper section of the Watauga River near Boone has caused property owners to post "No Trespassing" signs along this popular Delayed Harvest fishery. Though the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is working with land owners, this portion of the stream will remain closed until this issue can be resolved.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/10/03/3574838/trout-fishing-snarled-in-watauga.html>

- Editor

## Tellico news

Some of you are quite familiar with the off road vehicle (ORV) issues in the Tellico River drainage of the Nantahala National Forest. In September a judge ruled in favor of keeping ORVs out of sensitive native brook trout habitat.

<http://troutunlimitedblog.com/right-call-for-brookies-on-the-tellico/>

- 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 October 24 at Sharon Methodist Church in South Park, 6:30pm. Our last four 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 October the focus will be on nymphing techniques and fishing tailraces.

**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](http://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 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Fly Fishing Wild and Catch-and-Release

Streams

#### **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.**

22<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

24<sup>th</sup> 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 October ... 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.

- **Editor**

### 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 Casting Tip

Have you ever been fishing and noticed that your fly was missing and you can't remember snagging it on a branch or bush? What may have happened is you snapped the fly off in your back cast. This can be caused either by starting forward too soon, before the back cast has straightened out, or by failing to supply sufficient force to straighten out your back cast. To resolve this problem, simply watch your back cast to make sure it straightens out before you start forward. After several casts you should be able to stop watching your back cast and return to your normal casting routine.

- **Alen Baker**

### Fly of the Month

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

It looks like a Wulff pattern but it is an original Southern Appalachian fly pattern developed by Fred Hall who lived in Bryson City, North Carolina. Fred and Allene Hall tied flies as part of making a living and sold them locally to sporting goods stores in the area in the 1950s.

#### **Thunderhead**

The Thunderhead was created as the ideal dry fly for our freestone, pocket water streams in and around the Smokies. This fly is a great floater pattern. The pattern

is tied exactly like any Wulff pattern that utilizes calf hair for upright and divided wings. After researching this fly as much as possible, I was not able to confirm whether this fly pattern actually pre-dates the world renown Wulff series or not. It was certainly utilized in the Smokies as far back as the late-1940s by our well known Tarheel fly fishermen like Mark Cathy and Cap Wiese. Jim Casada said "I wouldn't be at all surprised if the Thunderhead was in use before the Wulff patterns. Certainly mountain folks were using what they called a Hair-Wing Royal Coachman long before the name Royal Wulff came along."

Jim Casada believes the name of this fly comes from the notion that the calf hair appears "to resemble a big cloud formation rolling up in an afternoon on a hot summer's day." However, I find it most interesting that there is a Thunderhead Mountain on the Tennessee side of the Smokies and I have often wondered if an ole local angler fished a stream coming off Thunderhead Mountain and named the fly for the mountain. Again, according to Jim Casada who knew Fred Hall fairly well says "Fred would probably not have gone that far afield geographically for a name." Well, it's just a thought.

Jim Casada includes this fly in his Smoky Mountain Fly Box as "a traditional mountain favorite." The fly was included in a sold-out poster of Southern Appalachian Fly Patterns by Vic Venters published by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Roger Lowe includes the fly in his *Fly Pattern Guide to the Smoky Mountains* as two patterns, with a gray body and with a chocolate body. The chocolate body is a favorite on Tennessee streams.

I find this pattern to be relatively easy to tie but it can be purchased in Size 12 or Size 14 at several places along the way to Appletree. I have actually purchased a dark olive body version as well. I have found no research on the dark olive version short of the fact that some of our "ole timers" still tie these flies in three different body colors today – gray, chocolate, black and dark olive! They are appropriately labeled as follows:

Thunderhead (original gray body version)  
Chocolate Thunderhead  
Black Thunderhead

## Dark Olive Thunderhead

I fished the Thunderhead (the original gray body version) last spring at Appletree on a small wild stream in the area and caught a good number of wild rainbow trout including a very nice, hard fighting 14 inch rainbow. Now that is a trout worth bragging about in a wild stream. A Wulff pattern would probably have worked equally well, but the feeling of confidence with a proven local fly pattern is hard to beat. I felt the heritage of local fly fishing we should all be proud of as North Carolinians.

While preparing this article, I fished the Thunderhead on a wild stream in the Wilson Creek area in late-August – a time when water temperatures tend to put the trout down due to low oxygen levels. I had a great early morning trek up this wild stream catching and releasing a total of 29 rainbows, many of these bows were small. However I caught and released four that were 8 inches, three that were 10 inches and one that was 12 inches. That's a fine 3-4 hours experience on a hot summer day.

A special thanks to Jim Casada, Jim Dean and Roger Lowe for sharing their knowledge about the Thunderhead fly pattern. Tom and I plan to research and share more local or traditional Southern Appalachian fly patterns in the future. If you know of a pattern, let us know about it.

- Alen Baker

## Thunderhead Fly of the Month 10.2012

HOOK : Dry Fly, Tiemco 100 or equivalent :  
10,12,14,16,18

Thread : Black Uni 8/0 or equivalent

Tail : Blend of brown and grizzly spade hackle

Wing : White Calf tail

Abdomen : Grey dubbing

Hackle : Coachman Brown and Grizzly dry rooster  
hackle

Directions :

1. Wrap thread starting two eyelengths from the eye to the hook bend above the hook point. Let the bobbin hang. Select a spade hackle ( this is the wide body feather, which on today's capes is along the outside ) from a Coachman Brown and a Grizzly cape. Holding the tip in one hand, gently stroke back the barbs so they are at right angle to the stem. Use fingertips and select five or six barbs. Hold by their tips and pull away from the stem. This will keep the tips even. Select the other color spade hackle (which is already prepped and at right angles) and overlay the first with tips matching and pull the five or six barbs from the second color. Blend the two colors by rolling between your fingertips. Do your best to keep the tips aligned. Tie in the spade hackle at the hook bend with two or three light wraps and check the length. The tail should be one and one half the length of the shaft. Once you are happy with the length make one or two wraps to secure, trim the curled ends from the stem and wrap with tight, touching wraps forward to about the two thirds mark of the hook shaft. Let the bobbin hang.
2. Select calf tail fibers, trim from the tail and align with a stacker. Tie these in where the bobbin is hanging allowing for the height to be about one and one half the size of the hook gap. When tying the calf in, make sure you keep the back section (the part behind what will be upright) pinched tight and on top of the hook shaft. After three or four tight wraps for positioning, bring the thread forward of the tie in and under the calf. By pulling parallel to the hook shaft and toward the hook bend the calf will stand straight up. Make three or four wraps directly in front of the calf to maintain the upright position. Use your thumbnail to push the calf against the tie in point and it will be easy to divide into two even wings. Hold the wing closest to you with one hand and take the thread over the middle dividing the wings further. The thread will be on the opposite side of the hook at this point. Bring the thread around the wing and back across the middle further defining the divide. Make an "x" for three or four wraps and take the thread in tight

- wraps back to the hook bend above the barb. Let the bobbin hang.
3. Choose a medium grey dub. Muskrat or Adams in color. Add a small amount to waxed thread and spin on the thread very tightly. Make touching, slightly overlapping wraps forward to within one or two eyelengths of the wing. Most tiers will use too much dubbing. Think of it as doubling the thickness of the thread and you will not have too much. Let the bobbin hang.
  4. Select one Brown rooster dry hackle and one Grizzly. They should be close to matching as possible. When selecting it will also help with the tie in if the stems are about the same thickness. They will tie in with the shiny side forward, toward the eye. Strip an eighth of an inch from each and tie in, one on top of the other so that the first wrap is behind the wing and in front of the dub. Advance the thread to the eye and let the bobbin hang.
  5. Wrap the hackle forward one at a time. Two or three wraps behind the eye and the same in front. When wrapping the first color leave a small space between wraps to allow for the second color. Do not crowd the eye. Make a wrap close to the back of the wing on the first color and close to the front of the wing with the second color. After the first is advanced toward the eye stop short about two eyelengths and bind in with the thread. Clip the excess hackle as close to the thread as possible. Wrap the second color forward and wiggle it slightly as you wrap to squeeze it in between the first. Tie it off one turn in front of the first color and clip off the excess. Form a small thread head. Whip finish. Add cement. Enjoy a Southern Classic Dry fly.



Thunderhead



- **Tom Adams, Alen Baker**

### **The Rod Project**

Please watch this space for future updates as our intrepid rod builder continues his quest. – Editor

- **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://rockyrivertru.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](mailto: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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Secretary: Joyce Shepherd – 704.392.8499

Treasurer: Jonathan Miller – 704.552.0051

Alen Baker (2013) – 704.875.1505

David Hollifield (2013) – 704.938.8735

John Oliver (2014) – 704.467.1063

Open TBA replacing Tim Ramsey (2014)

Joe Beckert (2015) – 704.362.3322

Joe Harris (2015) – 980.226.7702

Bill Thomas (past president) – 704.231.7492

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

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**Friends of Rocky River 2012 Pledge Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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