



The Long Cast



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Presidents Message

Greetings,

First of all I would like to welcome everyone back, as we begin our "winter" meeting schedule at our new meeting hall at the Lippitt Elementary School in Warwick.

There will be something new added to the meetings this year: from 6:00 – 7:00 there will be fly tyers doing demonstrations. So come and enjoy. Also feel free to come socialize and just tell fishing stories.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the e-board and all the Chapter members for the support shown me as I begin my role of chapter President. I would like everyone to feel free to either e-mail me or discuss with me directly any questions or concerns they might have.

Finally: over the last few years there has been a noticeable drop in the chapter membership. To begin to deal with this I have asked Dave Porreca to become the chapter Membership Chairman. Dave will be the contact person for any questions you might have concerning membership in TU. I would encourage anyone with a friend

or family member who might be interested in the work of TU to bring them to either a meeting or work project and let them experience it themselves, especially young people and women.

John

Lawson Cary

Lawson Cary, our long time leader, and force for river conservation, died in May as we all know. He was the guardian angel of our state's native brook trout and worked tirelessly, even when he knew he was terminally ill, on stream and off to do what he could for his beautiful little friends.

I would go out with Lawson about once a week to gather pictures and data for the Natural Resource Conservation Service's growing data base of stream crossings. He was not the easiest of people to work with! (Others of you may have observed that here and there.) But this project, now in its fourth year, is beginning to bear fruit in preserving and expanding brook trout habitat in

the state.

Lawson's accomplishments have been written about before; and this is not an obituary. Rather this is a simple statement for the record: we owe it to Lawson and to our Chapter's charter obligations to continue the environmental work he so lovingly and tirelessly led for many years.

Burt

Breakheart Brook

One of the many stream crossings studied in TU's ongoing project was at Breakheart Brook. At the northern end of Breakheart Pond a trail foot bridge crosses the stream. The river bed there was severely compromised limiting fish migration; and this is important native brook trout habitat.

Working with the data we supplied to the NRCS, the state DEM with funds from the federal government, worked on the site for two days. Using backhoe and manual labor there has been significant site improvement and the river bed has now been returned to a more natural and passable state.

September Presentation

Al Ball's last presentation was a very informative and attractive one on the trips he takes to the Elk and Crow's Nest Rivers, and their tributaries, in British Columbia and neighboring Alberta in Canada. Al was very generous in providing me with thorough hand written notes when he heard I was going there; notes which very much helped prepare for my own trip. Afterward, when I attended his presentation on this area, I realized how much an expert can help you get around and to catch fish (he caught more than I did from what I saw.)

This month Al will be doing a presentation on fishing the **Deschutes River in Oregon**. He does get around! I also experienced this wonderful river, perhaps not as expertly as Al. Where I fished it, in the Maupin, Oregon vicinity the river was beautiful and unique. The edges are wade able but there is so much off limits water away from the edges (no floating is allowed in this very wide river) that the river maintains a very healthy population of wild and big trout and steelhead. The Deschutes is accessible after a not too long drive from Portland's airport. It rolls through beautiful high desert country. It's an area you will be sorely tempted to go to after seeing Al's presentation.

Also included will be slides of a recent trip Al took to Chile!

A fisherman's fisherman, Al is full of information and generous with sharing it. We should take this opportunity to watch and listen.

Burt

Fly of the Month

The Buzzer

Tied by Steve Welitoff
(of UFTRI)

Buzzers are midge pupa imitations. They are popular in Britain, especially on their lakes where midges can be quite large. They are fished often in twos and threes with the various pupal stages represented and fished at different levels, from the film on down. Long leaders and very slow retrieves are utilized. Midges are present all the time, and all year, on the Wood River. During 'hatches' of large numbers of insects its inventor claimed that a buzzing noise can be heard. In my opinion he was hearing is pacemaker. But that is how the name for this fly originated. And it is one of the most frequently tied and used flies in Britain.



The Buzzer

Hook: Size 14-22 curved pupa/scud

Body: Black thread

Cheeks: Orange Goose biot (may substitute floss)

Body: Coat entirely in lacquer

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The Northern Rhode Island Chapter

The Northern RI chapter has just under 200 members from southern Mass. and northern RI. It has been working to get its feet off the ground in order to become an established TU Chapter.

If you are interested in the Blackstone River and other northern RI streams and/or want to be a part of the new chapter, please consider coming to the September meeting and pitching in.

Chapter 737, the Northern RI Chapter of Trout Unlimited, will be holding its meetings at the John H. Chafee Corridor Office, at 1 Depot Square, in Woonsocket, RI. Our first meetings will be on September 17 and October 29th. Meetings will begin at 6:30PM and run till about 9.

It is important that we gain participation from members willing to join our Board of Directors and help us guide our new chapter to success. Those interested in the Blackstone watershed and other northern RI streams should come down to help us get rolling with our conservation efforts. As we are almost all fly fishermen there will be shared ideas on fishing, tying sessions, cookouts and other social events. All this depends on our gaining contributions of time and effort from our members.

We will hopefully be able to launch a web site, establish a regular newsletter and be a community of enthusiastic trout men and women in our area. Please come to our first meetings AND HELP US MOVE AHEAD.



Directions:

Take I-295 toward WOONSOCKET. Take the Rtl-146 N exit, EXIT 9B, toward WOONSOCKET.

Take the RI-99 N exit on the LEFT toward N. SMITHFIELD.

Merge onto RI-99 N.

Turn LEFT onto MENDON RD/RI-122.

Continue to follow RI-122.

: Turn LEFT onto RI-122/RI-126/HAMLET AVE.

Continue to follow RI-122 W.

End at 1 Depot Sq

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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Lippitt Elementary School in Warwick, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 24**



A sweet spot in New Hampshire's White Mountains

**Our New Meeting Hall
is the Lippitt Elementary School
30 Almy Street
in Warwick**

Directions

From route 95, take exit 12
To route 113 East
Cross Rt 5 and stay on 113 by bearing
slightly right. (Main Ave.)
Travel 2.3 miles (crossing Rt. 1)
Turn left on to Liverpool St.
In 0.2 miles turn left on to Gulf St.
Then right on to Almy St.