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Meetings*

**1st Monday of
the Month**

at El Chico's
Restaurant
Mountain Home
(E. 62 Bypass by
Home Depot)

**Next
Meeting
MONDAY
August 3rd**

6:00 Social/Dinner
7:00 Meeting

El Chico's sets up a buffet dinner for our group. The food will be hot and ready to eat by 6:15. Plan to spend about \$9 per plate.

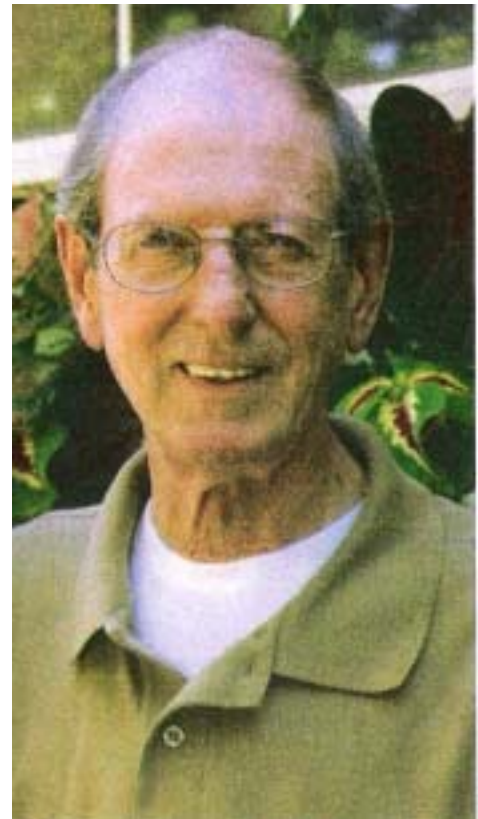
Arkansas TU Loses A Leader

Dennis McCarty died at his river cabin on July 5th, 2009.

Dennis was the Arkansas Council Chair of Trout Unlimited. During his tenure, he worked to expand the number of chapters from one to three. Dennis was the 2009 recipient of the Coy Kaylor Conservation Award for Lifetime Achievement to Trout Unlimited.

Dennis was introduced to fly fishing by a friend and it became his passion. He worked tirelessly through Trout Unlimited for the beauty and preservation of our rivers and set many precedants for generations to come.

Dennis was also a board member of the Friends of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery. He will be missed by anglers throughout the state of Arkansas.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

by Henry Seay

Fishing has proved to be an ideal vehicle for introducing our youngsters to the importance of environmental consequences and the principles of resource stewardship. This understanding produces respect, which breeds and cultivates a need to defend these resources from human predators.

Marc Oakes, chairman of our Education Committee requested that I get involved in this committee due to his extensive travel schedule. So, let me bring you to to date on our plans.

With the newly offered youth membership from T.U. National, the Stream Explorer, we are now expanding our Chapter programs by activating a youth



President's Message

Trout Unlimited lost one of its true heroes a few weeks ago. Arkansas' Trout Unlimited Council Chair, Dennis McCarty passed away at his cabin on the White River during the night on July 5th.

Dennis was one of those guys.... One of those guys you just knew you could depend on. No matter what he got involved with you knew he would come through.

Years ago when I was President of the Arkansas' Chapter of TU, I was searching for a Banquet Chairman. Dennis stepped up and volunteered to lead our fund-raising effort. Not only did he put on one very successful event but followed up the next year and did it again. Any of you that have been involved in events of this kind, know how much work goes into them. Dennis worked very hard but made it look easy. In true *Tom Sawyer* fashion he made it look fun and something that you wanted to take part in. That contagious spirit is what made Dennis such a successful leader and it is what lead him to the top of our State TU organization. With Dennis at the helm our State chapters have grown and flourished. I know he was very proud of the development

and efforts of the "River Rat" Chapter on the Little Red and our own "White River" Chapter, as well as the always stellar performance of his home "Arkansas" Chapter.

Under his competent leadership, TU has accomplished many good things including; the Overlook Estate Settlement, the co-ordination of the popular "On the Rise" episodes on the White and Little Red, and the future conservation and restoration projects that are in the works on the White and North Fork Rivers as well as all the great work that continues to go on down on the Little Red.

Dennis always made you proud to be a volunteer that was getting things done. I would love to carry on his efforts and I can only hope that I can instill some of that same pride in any efforts that I lead or am involved in. Come on and join me.

I'll miss Dennis' smiling face and encouraging words, but I won't ever forget those days of tight lines and bent rods that I got to share with Dennis while chasing trout together..

I know the "River Czar" is watching over us...let's make him proud.

Bill

Next Meeting:
Monday, August 3rd, 2009

This month we'll have "Movie Night" instead of a live presentation. We'll show various episodes of On the Rise, including the episodes on the White and Little Red.

September 14th: North Fork Plan

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program within the Arkansas' White River Chapter. By combining the resources of T.U.'s Stream Explorers and the Arkansas Stream Team, we feel we can provide an venue for learning, as well as fund for the youth of our community.

Trout Unlimited's Stream Explorer will introduce our young people to the joys of fishing and the importance of the TU mission. Those under the age of 13 will receive Stream Explorers magazine when they join, while those over 13 will receive the Trout magazine. All will receive an official TU membership card, stickers, as well as access to activities and games on the web site, www.tu.org.

The Arkansas Stream Team portion of the program will include hands-on involvement in our streams, with activities such as litter control, stream stabilization, improving fish habitat, etc.

SOME OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES ARE:

- MONTHLY YOUTH MEETINGS (LOCATION TBA)
- FISHING TRIPS ONCE A MONTH
- CASTING CLASSES (FLY AND SPIN)
- FLY TYING
- AQUATIC EDUCATION
- STREAM CONSERVATION PROJECTS

This is an opportunity for all members to get involved. Volunteers are going to be needed to provide help assisting our future "keepers of

TU Treasurer Report:

Balance 7-20-09

\$12,714.94

the streams." The success or failure of this program will depend a great deal on our volunteer participation. Fair Warning: expect to be asked to help in some shape or form.

For further information on the program or to get involved with the committee, contact me, Henry Seay at 508-0509 or hgseay@hotmail.com or Marc Oakes at 404-1519, yourturn.centurytel.net.

Nominations for TU Officers and Board

The annual election for the TU officers and board will be held at our September meeting.

We will be accepting nominations for any positions up to the meeting. To date, the proposed slate of officers are as follows;

President - Bill Thorne

Vice President - Gary Flippin

Secretary - Joe Salisbury

Treasurer - Cindy Hanson

Education - Henry Seay

Conservation - ?

Programs - Tom Emerick

Membership - ?

There is an opening for at least one board member in addition to the membership positions listed above. Any TU member willing to fill either of these positions, please contact Carolyn Hellmuth, (Hellmuth@aol.com).



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CHANGES AT DRY RUN CREEK

by Bill Thorne

WOW!!! What a surprise Sara and I got Sunday when we went to Dry Run Creek! The huge ledges at the bottom of the steps were gone!! Old people like us can make it down to the water now without the fear of falling and rolling down to the water! We had heard there was a youth group planning to do some work down there, and boy, did they!

Eric Smeltzer is the leader of the Mountain Home First Baptist Church Summer Celebration Day Camp who headed up this work.

This camp is made up of around 25 boys and girls that are currently in the 5th and 6th grades.

Under the leadership of Eric, this great group of kids, along with volunteers Robert Murphy and Daniel Grace, all pitched in and built the new concrete and rock steps at the bottom of the three sets of wooden stairs at Dry Run Creek. The concrete was donated by King Ready Mix. Eric said they also cleared brush and limbs from the creek.

This is just the kind of youth group we would like to join the Arkansas' White River Chapter of TU's new youth program as Stream Explorers. We will stay in contact with Eric regarding future work this group has planned and be asking for volunteers from the Chapter to get involved.



While we're on the subject of Dry Run Creek, how many members recognized the creek as it appeared on the cover wrap of TU's summer issue? I wasn't able to find any photo credit and dashed off an email to National for more info. Here's what I learned: The image was shot a couple of years ago by a young guy named Luca Adelphio while on a cross country summer road trip, visiting local TU chapters, fishing anywhere he could and blogging his adventure through TU's website. There was no specific information on the majority of his images — most just came in grouped by general area and that's it. The wrap was nationally distributed and a pleasant surprise to those who identified the location.

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Can We Expect Low Flows in August?

If you haven't heard yet, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission have plans to improve the habitat at the bottom of Bull Shoals dam. The primary purpose is to provide cover for young trout during periods of high flow.

There are three types of structure expected to be added. 1) Trees toppled in last winter's ice storm will be gathered and placed in strategic places in the river. 2) Boulder fields also will be created by placing eight to 10 large boulders in an area. 3) Cedar-tree shelters will be constructed on and near the banks for stabilization. Trees are cut and laid parallel to the bank to create this habitat.

This work is expected to begin in early August and last through September. In addition to improving the habitat, wade fishermen will get to hit the water regularly as generation is stopped/reduced for several hours each day!



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"Bass fishermen watch Monday night football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side air bags and hardly think about women at all. This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of the time immersed up to the thighs in ice-cold water."

~Author Unknown~

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