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President's Message

It has been a busy month. We had two float stocking events, thanks to all who came, and especially to Mike Maynard who repaired the USS Troutanic and brought it to both events. The Peterborough Kid's Derby was a success. Also, the salmon in the classroom projects are due to release their fry into local streams toward the end of May.

Our meeting on May 22nd will be the last until September. We are having a tackle sale — bring any fishing gear you no longer want and shop for something you do want. Twenty percent of sales go to the chapter, so everyone wins. Also coming up in May, we have our annual campout at the Crow's Nest campground in Newport next to the Sugar River. We have sites reserved for the 30th and 31st, and a pot luck dinner for all members on Saturday night, camping or not.

There is still time to sign up for salmon stocking with NH Fish and Game in May. Just call the local office and ask what times are available.

We will be having field meetings on the third Thursday of the month June 19th Deerfield River, Mass. license req., July 17 on the

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April Presentation

McMahon, Gregory, and Antonuk present on The Salmon River

In what may turn out to give Al Gore a run for his money in the Documentary category at next year's Emmy Awards, Tim McMahon, Tal Gregory, and Larry Antonuk shared everything they knew about fishing the Salmon River near Pulaski, NY. That filled the first 7 minutes, and the remainder of the hour was padded with half-truths, innuendo, fishing stories presented as truth, and of course, dozens of Photoshopped images. In spite of all that, the presentation was fairly well-received, with a number of members taking information on how to make the trip themselves. A bit of an untapped resource, the river is a mere 5 hours away, and provides some great Great Lakes salmon and steelhead fishing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 - 31, MTU Summer Campout, Sugar River Newport, NH, at the Crow's Nest Campground. Join us for a soaking good time!

June 18, 2008 Four Centuries of Fishing in New Hampshire, by Jack Noon and Nick Wilder, Franconia, NH. See ad on page 3. Free Admission.

June 19, 2008 MTU Summer Field Meeting, Fife Brook Dam, Deerfield River. Meet at 5:00 for some fishing on the Deerfield. See the website for updates.

July 17, 2008, MTU Summer Field Meeting, Contoocook River, Hillsboro, NH. See website for updates.



Tim McMahon displays a hefty Chambers Creek Steelhead, which fell for a Glo-Bug no doubt expertly tied by Larry Antonuk

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Gift Certificate Drawing
Dessert/Coffee*

Free Admission

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The newsletter of Chapter 333 of Trout Unlimited is published monthly during the off-season, and more or less as needed during the summer. Submissions in any form are highly encouraged. Please send stories, photos, suggestions, or hot fishing tips to the Secretary.

The Monadnock Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Dublin Library. All facets of trout fishing and habitat preservation are discussed, and anyone with an interest in fish or fishing is welcome. Check the website for the latest calendar.

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Peterborough Kid's Derby on May 3



Don Rodenhiser presents the winning trophy to Ella Phillips, age 3, as she displays the largest rainbow caught.

The Peterborough Kid's Fishing Derby once again went off without a hitch. More than 70 attendees tried their luck on Gulf Road, with dozens of fish logged in. The winning Rainbow, a 16 1/4" specimen pulled in by Ella Phillips, took the prize of the day. The weather participated, as well as could be expected.

The Kid's Derby is an annual tradition carried on by Don Rodenhiser, with assistance from Monadnock TU. 




Deb Loiselle from the NH Department of Environmental Services, makes a point during the March meeting.

Homestead Woolen Mills Dam Coming down this Summer!

The March 27th meeting featured Deb Loiselle from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Deb facilitates the work created by the NH River Restoration Act of 2000 and the 2001 DES River Restoration Program, and administers the 5134 dams located in the state. These include active, inactive, and everything on the National Inventory of Dams.

Work on the Homestead Dam is well advanced. Work has been done with the dam owner and local landowners, funding has been obtained, at it is just a matter of putting it all together. The only difficulty with this project is the existence of the covered bridge near the dam - the DES has to ensure that the necessary reinforcement of the bridge's support structures is done prior to the removal.

Rather than any political or upfront work, all that remains for Trout Unlimited is a bit of river stewardship in the weeks after the dam is removed. Anyone interested in assisting with any of this work, please contact Tal 

Tackle Swap Slated for May 22

Come join us on Thursday night for the First Annual Monadnock TU Tackle Swap! Not exactly a swap, more like a yard sale, this is a way for you bring in all that old fishing stuff you never really use any more, and sell it to someone else who might find it useful! Twenty percent of the sale goes to the Chapter. You get some cash, there's some space in your basement, and the Chapter gets a bit of fundraising. It's win-win-win.

Note that this is a "Tackle" swap, so any kind of angling gear is appropriate. It's not just fly fishing, it could be anything. We all need the occasional spinning rod for the nephew, so bring in that old Garcia pushbutton rig and see if you can find a new home for it. Please try to have at least a tenuous connection to "Tackle" - no toasters or tennis shoes, please!

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Contocook River in Hillsborough and August 21 at Willard Pond. I will send an e-mail about times, or check the website as we get closer to these dates.

~ Tal 

Casting for Recovery Flies Set to Go

The fly boxes are ordered and received, the shipping is ready, and most of the intrepid tyers have finished their 14 flies - with some doing multiple sets of 14. The flies will be shipped off to headquarters, and distributed to a NH/VT retreat this summer.

The May meeting is the final deadline - don't miss it!



George Walthour and Lew Derby crank out a few flies before the April Meeting in Dublin.

Stocking Report

As part of the annual Spring tradition, several Monadnock TU members assist NH Fish & Game with trout stocking. They provide extra hands when needed, and also perform “float stocking.” Float stocking consists of distributing stocked trout along a river, in interesting habitat locations, as opposed to just dumping the fish off a bridge. This makes for longer-lived fish, and puts fish in areas where they have a better chance of holding over. The stocking is usually done with a separate canoe, cut in half, that floats along holding the fish until needed.

This report just in from Mike Maynard:


Well, it was high drama, living on the edge, working without the proverbial net...

Craig showed up at 8:45 with the fish and I just happened to pull in at the same time. He said we were supposed to go at 9:00 not 9:30. It worked out, he wandered off up stream while we waited for the crowd to show up.

The fish are in, we hope they're pleased with their new digs, may the otters leave us some. The water was so high and fast in the upper third that we couldn't take our hands off the paddles to throw fish without the canoes flying off into the rhubarb. Great fun. I think it rained a little. We managed to get down to the bridge without incident although, the water above the bridge looked like class five rapids by this time and Ed, by virtue of his years and the wisdom contained therein said “Yeah, right. You two go first” So we dragged the boats out through the woods. Again, great fun.

Ed is wise.

Ed brought beer.

Mike is the usual stocking Ringleader. It's a great deal of fun, and it's a good cause. Call him if you're interested. 




Jim Sullivan displays a 21" beauty caught on Nubanusit. Jim used a 4X tippet, with a #10 3X Olive Hornberg.

Summer Meetings! Last Newsletter!

Well, it's that time of year again. This will be the last newsletter you'll see until Fall, and perhaps the last physical newsletter you'll see at all. The BOD has been talking about cutting back on mailed newsletters. In addition, talk has been ongoing about moving the newsletter to a quarterly format, or just before big events - the Banquet, campouts, etc.

As usual, we won't be meeting over the summer. It's just too busy, and too nice to sit inside. Instead, we'll be informally gathering at various sites. This lets us still

get together if we need to, lets us go fishing, and also lets people learn about new places to explore. It's always a good time, and a good way to learn about some local water. This summer we've decided on the Deerfield, Contoocook, and Willard Pond. Keep an eye on the website for details. 

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