

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: September 9, 7 pm

Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris

Who: Members Buzz Buffington and Bill Shipman

What: discussion of water safety including tips on wading, floating and boating

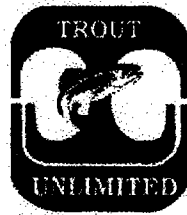
(Note: this topic was suggested because some members recently needed to help anglers who unknowingly got into trouble.)

MEMBERS IN ACTION



CLINCH CLEANUP

About 25 Chapter members and other volunteers showed up on August 14, for the CRCTU annual Tire Roundup at the Clinch. The Good News was that about 200 tires were removed; the Bad News was that more than 3000 tires have been taken out in the last 3 years—and more to come! Tires were snagged from the bottom and boats used to float them to the riverbank where they were (Continued page 2, column 3)



The Clinch River Chapter - dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring the natural environment of the Clinch River Watershed

FREE FIREWOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS

The third Coal Creek Eagle Scout project is underway and scout Cory Adkins could use help. Cory has taken on the restoration of the historic Briceville Cemetery where miners from the Cross Mountain Mine Disaster of 1911 and the Fraterville Mine Disaster of 1902 are buried. Cory's project will clean and restore the headstones of the miners and build a kiosk as did the two previous successful Eagle Scout projects. He has a major challenge in removing downed, large trees.

Volunteers will assist Cory with chainsaws, trucks and any equipment and manpower that is available for transforming the trees into manageable sections.

If you need to stockpile firewood, here is a "2-fer" opportunity: free firewood and assist in a worthwhile community project.

Cory will be working **every Saturday morning between 9 am-noon, through September**. You can cut up the downed trees at **any time**.

OFFER NEW MEMBERS HALF PRICED MEMBERSHIPS AND CHAPTER RECEIVES \$15

You can direct new members to www.tu.org/intro where they can fill in our Chapter code when they join. Over \$20,000 has been sent in from new member rebates in fiscal year 2004. Bigger bank accounts via the rebate program + stronger chapters = more projects and a better future for cold water fisheries.

TU ASSAILS ROLLBACK OF ROADLESS RULE

TU denounced the administration's proposal to overturn the original roadless forest protection rule and substitute a weak, burdensome policy. The original roadless rule, established by the USFS in January, 2001, provided strong protection for 58 million acres of roadless acres in public forests and grasslands. After two years of "fine tuning", the new policy increases the pressure on roadless lands from timber and mining interests, says Steve Moyer, TU VP for Governmental Affairs. "The administration has shifted a huge bureaucratic burden to the states, and it has simultaneously slashed landscape critical for fish and wildlife."

For example, under the administration's revised plan, state governments would have to petition (continued page 2, column 2)

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Look for an activity which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your services.

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Comments & contributors are
welcomed!

DID YOU KNOW??

(Editors' note: this and the next several Newsletters will include the quislings of member, John Thurman)

The Clinch is a Great Teacher!

Like a spring creek, the Clinch has a year round supply of cold, well oxygenated water with an alkaline water chemistry-ph around 8. Scuds, sowbugs and midges thrive in this environment and are a year round food supply which help the fish thrive.

Minimum flow (220 cfps) provides shallow, slow moving, transparent water and challenges the angler's stealth, presentation and handling small flies (size 16 is a large fly on the Clinch). In John's opinion, the Clinch is the most challenging of the many tailwaters throughout the US. If one can catch fish on the Clinch, he/she will be in good stead on almost any stream.

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the federal government on a case by case basis if they want roadless areas protected. Under the original rule, roadless areas received blanket protection; states could petition for an exception for new roads in a roadless area. "This is a bad day for American anglers and hunters who care deeply about protecting our best, last fish and wildlife habitat", stated Chris Wood, TU VP for Conservation Programs.

(more details at www.tu.org.)

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Clinch Clean Up (continued from page 1, column 1)
winched up or unloaded via "Bucket Brigade" for recycling at the Anderson County tire recycling center. The water was cold; the weather, perfect. Everyone left with a warm, fuzzy sense of accomplishment.