

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When: June 8, 7 pm

Who: Joe Cougleton

What: Joe, a friend of John Thurman, will present a program on sea-run brown trout in Argentina

Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris

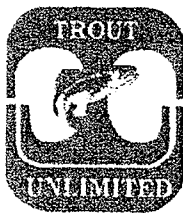
KIDS FISH FREE DAY

The TN statewide "Fish Free Day" will be held **June 10, 10 am to 1 pm** at the Miller Island parking lot on the Clinch River in Norris. Organizer, Carol Moore announced that the annual **Kids Fish Free Day** will again be sponsored by our TU chapter in cooperation with the TVA and TWRA. Volunteers should arrive 9- 9:15 am.

Volunteers will teach the kids bait, spin and fly fishing, fly tying, aquatic entomology, stream ecology, and how to fish safely from a boat.

Things to bring: spinning, bait and fly fishing gear, life jackets – especially small ones, and first aid kits. Volunteers will be teaching safe wading and fishing techniques, how to cast—as well as helping with administrative tasks. Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Moore observes that this is the biggest public event which we provide and promises a fun and rewarding time!



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

LINES FROM OUR LEADER

(These ramblings are from our president, Clayton Gist)

As I have become more and more involved in our TU chapter, it's amazing the depth of talent and dedication with which we are we are endowed. We are fortunate because dedication without the skills is minimally useful and talent sans dedication is of no use.

Our chapter is incredibly active in so many projects/programs and of course I feel our chapter is one the shining stars in TU (although this is no doubt biased and totally unencumbered by research of any kind). If one just takes a cursory sample of some of the things our organization is doing it is, at the least, impressive. First, the Coal Creek project, under the leadership of Barry Thacker and Carol Moore is not only a great success story but is unique in its approach. I have been involved in many watershed restoration and research activities but this is the first which effectively involves the impacted community in the restoration.

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process.

Then there is the Back the Brookies in which Steve Brown has provided leadership in our chapter's participation. Although these is still much work to do, the program has a history of success as witnessed by the recent opening of several miles of brook trout streams to fishing.

Speaking of Steve, he is the current chairman of the Tennessee Council for Trout Unlimited and provides leadership in coordinating the response of TN chapters to the National TU needs. This is no small task!

Through the leadership of Buzz Buffington our chapter is very much involved in the preservation of the scenic beauty and river bank preservation of the Clinch River. Our chapter is participating in this effort as support to The Land Trust for TN. Although this endeavor is in its relative infancy and has much work to do in the future, it is well organized and rests on a solid foundation.

Then there is the fly tying class also organized and led by Buzz. The supplies for this class are graciously supplied by Little River Outfitters. The success of this class is self evident by filling up each time it is offered.

Our chapter provides Kids Fish

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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 efforts.)

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Day in June which is ably organized each year by Carol Moore. This always is a popular time with large turn outs of chapter volunteers and parent-child participants. This is a fun and heart warming experience for all.

The river and road side cleanup is another successful chapter project, led by Berny Ligner. While I am proud of the quarterly efforts by our chapter, I am disappointed that there are members of our society that make this necessary.

Our chapter's efforts in understanding the biology of the Clinch River watershed is led by John Thurman. John always is ready to share his vast knowledge with one and all.

Of course there is Bill Shipman who attends our board meetings and supplies information and insightful opinions. Last but not least Mary Jo and Bob Jenkins prepare our chapter news letter. This is no small task to publish it on a regular basis and maintain the quality to which we have become accustomed.

Wow! These are only a sampling of what our chapter is up to. As chapter president I am somewhat intimidated by the wealth of our resources and feel like I am trying to lead a running horse by hanging onto its tail!

HIGHWAY 116 DEDICATED

Led by efforts from our partner, The Coal Creek Watershed Foundation, May 19, found highway 116 in Lake City with a new name: the Fraterville Miners' Memorial Highway. This action honors the miners who perished in the Fraterville Disaster of 1902 and the Cross Mountain disaster of 1911.

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