

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When: Thursday, Feb. 14, 7 pm

Who: Member, Clayton Gist

What: Fly Fishing the Intermountain West-an Overview

Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris

Why: Come prepared for sharing Clayton's interesting experiences and for an evening of camaraderie.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 am Adopt-A-Highway* Volunteers meet at the Island Home Baptist Church along Norris Highway 441.

Saturday, April 5, 10 am

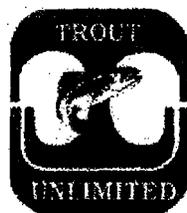
Clinch River Shoreline Clean

Up* This annual project is organized by the CRCTU. Volunteers meet at the Norris Weir Dam. Trash pickup will be along the roadway and the river bank.

*For both events wear boots; bring a trash "pick-upper" and gloves. For the beneficial impact of these efforts, note "Trash Trivia", column 2.

Fly Tying Class Successful:

The nine participant fly tying class wound up February 11. Instructor, Buzz Buffington, was assisted by 9 member, co-instructors sprinkled in over the five weekly sessions. Assisting Buzz were Scott Baker, Steve Brown, Dick Geiger, Clayton Gist, Dave Hunter, Frances Oates, Denny Clayton Gist, Dave Hunter



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

John Thurman and Jeff Wade.

(We're trusting that the trout diet will be restricted to the 9 flies which were taught.)

TRASH TRIVIA-THE LIFE OF LITTER

Glass bottle	1 million yrs.
Plastic soda bottle	1 thousand yrs.
Plastic 6-pack rings	450 yrs.
Aluminum can	250-500 yrs.
Tin can	80-100 yrs.
Leather boot	50 yrs
Disposable diaper	10-20 yrs.
Plastic bag	1-5 yrs
Cigarette	1-5 yrs.
Apple core	2 mos.
Newspaper	6 wks.

(Reprinted from American Rivers magazine)

CHAPTER OPPORTUNITY: CLINCH RIVER STUDY

In the late 1990's, John Thurman conducted a 3 year study of

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.Lines From Buzz

(Member and fly fishing aficionado,, Buzz Buffington)

Winter Fly Fishing-Don't put away your gear just because it's winter. Good fishing can be had on area streams & tailwaters. On the Clinch, try above the Weir Dam with sizes 20 & 22 zebra midge and midgepupa made with red, rust and olive bead bodies with gold or silver heads and rib. Also productive are scuds and sow bugs #18 and #16 or small wooly buggers (olive)! Try a #20 Griffith's Gnat fished dry or a black-fly pupa (black bead, black or black and white thread body) #20 under an indicator.

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Clinch River trout food habits. The study confirmed, as most expected, that midges were the primary food source. A similar study is being considered beginning this year. This opportunity will be discussed at our next chapter meeting. If the chapter opts to proceed, members would be asked to participate. This could be a very good project for the chapter that would be both scientifically and as a chapter activity.

**CLINCH RIVER
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PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS-2006**

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(Look for an activity which ap-
peals to your interests and contact
the lead person for more informa-
tion or to volunteer your efforts.)

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JOHN'S NOTE TO MEMBERS

I hope your are aware of the effort
by Tennessee TU chapter to pro-
mote the sale of a newly offered TU
Tennessee Specialty License plate.
It will beautifully display a native
Brook trout.

If at least 1000 plates have been
sold **by June 30**, they will be pro-
duced. Otherwise, the offering dies
and Tennessee TU will have lost a
great opportunity to raise funds for
cold water conservation.

Our chapter will benefit from plate
sales to our our members and others
who specify our chapter, #662, in
their order. In the first year of the
TU plate, each chapter will receive
\$17.50 for each plate sold within
and through their chapter. In the
second year, the council would re-
ceive an additional \$8750 for spe-
cial state projects.

At this time, only 313 plates have
been sold. There are over 2500 TU
members in Tennessee. 26 of our
over 100 chapter members have
signed up for the plate. If all of our
chapter members purchased a
plate, our chapter would receive
over \$1750!

To acquire a plate send a check for
\$35, payable to *Trout Unlimited, to
Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 331991,*
Nashville, TN 37203. Include:
your printed name and signature,
address, county, daytime phone,
present TN license plate number
and **specify "Cinch River Chapter
#662"**. (Of course, if the offering
fails your money will be refunded.)
I have signed up for a plate and
hope that you will as well.

Regards,
John Thurman, President
Clinch River Chapter

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