

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

(Note: the July 12, "Bug Hunt" meeting has been postponed due to low water conditions.)

When Thursday, July 10, 7 pm

What Chapter president, John Thurman, will discuss a Clinch trout food habits study conducted in the late 1990's and reported in a chapter meeting in 2001.

John also will report on his current food habits study on trout.

Where St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris.

August 14, TVA's Charlie Saylor will discuss aquatic invertebrates in TVA cold tailwaters: South Holston, Norris, Appalachia, Watuaga, Holston, Chatuge, Blue Ridge and Nottley.

September-- plans call for a catered picnic at Norris Dam State Park. The outing will feature a guest demonstrating fly casting techniques.

VOLUNTEERISM ON THE RISE

(Source: TU's spring TROUT magazine)

In 2007, TU volunteers increased their total conservation output, registering 618,510 hours of volunteer time. This effort represents a contribution value of \$11,609,432 (using the federal standard of \$18.77 per hour for volunteer work). In the past five years, TU's volunteerism has increased an outstanding 45%.

CRTU members contributed about 2500 volunteer hours in 2007—a contribution value of \$46,925!



MAYFLIES IN THE CLINCH

(contributed by John Thurman)

Each spring, the sulfur mayfly (such as the Pale Evening Dun) graces the Clinch and provides a rare opportunity for dry fly fishing. During the late 1980's through the late 1990's, spectacular mayfly hatches occurred from early April into early July which provided excellent dry fly and nymph fishing.

The hatch still occurs but with greatly diminished numbers of bugs and duration. Something has changed but the cause is a mystery. Surprisingly, TVA's quantitative bug sampling, conducted each spring, continues to show good numbers of mayflies. The old reliable pheasant tail is a good fly to use to imitate the sulfur nymphal stage and is productive during the spring. It is a very easy fly to tie: use a size 16 or 18 nymph or pupa hook. Slide a gold bead up the shank of the hook and add weight by packing the inside with lead. Use brown thread to tie several pheasant tail fibers for the tail (or a goose biot which will not fracture as a pheasant tail

tends to do); attach some fine gold or copper wire for ribbing; wrap several pheasant tail fibers up to the bead; fasten these down with gold wire and finish the fly with thread immediately behind the bead. Legs, wing pads, etc. may be added but probably will not improve effectiveness.

This very simple pattern is productive even on slow, shallow, transparent water like the Clinch.

TWRC APPROVES 2008-2009 BUDGET

At their meeting on June 18, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission approved TWRA's 2008-09 budget which begins July 1. The budget was cut \$4.7 million, or 7.8% from last year. A contributing factor was the decrease in license fee receipts. On a more positive note, the Commission voted **not** to increase hunting and fishing license fees beginning March 1, 2009.

TROUT UNLIMITED TN LICENSE PLATE SOLICITATION GOES INTO OVERTIME

The June 30, "final" date for ordering this specialty plate featuring the brook trout has been extended. Orders have been received for 850 plates leaving 150 to go in meeting the minimum presale quantity of 1000. Interested members are encouraged to be proactive in promoting sales to other conservation minded Friends. (Plates may be ordered at tuplate.org)

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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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