

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When Thursday, August 14, 7 pm

Where St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris.

Who TVA aquatic biologist, Charlie Saylor,

What 1. Charlie will discuss the status of aquatic invertebrates in seven TN trout tailwater fisheries: Clinch, Holston South Holston, Hiwassee, Toccoa, Nottely and the Chatuge Dam. TVA has been conducting bio-monitoring studies on these tailwaters since 1996.

2. Be thinking... we are about to develop a long range plan for our chapter. Each member's input is critical: what do you think we should start, stop, continue, change? Bring your ideas to our next meeting or contact one of our Board members (see page 2) with your input.

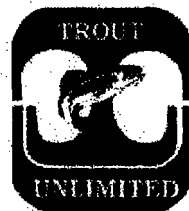
The Tellico OHV Area and the TN Council's Involvement

George Lane, Chair of the TN Council Trout Unlimited, sent a letter to TN chapters asking that it be made available to members. The following summarizes and quotes from it.

1. Over the past several years off highway vehicles have deeply rutted many trails on the Tellico OHV area. Severe silting affecting water quality and degradation of habitat have resulted.

2.. Several stakeholders (TN and NC TU counsels and chapters, US Forest Service, several 4 wheel organizations, state and local agencies, and local business people) have been engaged in extensive remedial

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TACKLE TIPS-PLAN B

(Contributed by Buzz Buffington)

OK, it's summer on the Clinch River. The sulphurs are mostly gone and while a fish or two can still be fooled by a size 18 or 20 parachute, it's not a dependable "good day's fishing". Small black caddis are everywhere but too small to tie a good imitation #26-30, and they don't initiate much excitement for the fish.

So, let's go to Plan B—for Beetles. Get or tie some beetles. (size 12 or 14 dry fly hooks), some black foam for the body and small black rubber legs. Fish them dead drift over rising fish and to likely spots such as the current flowing through breaks in ledges and into current seams. Be prepared for some great results.

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efforts and funding.

After 9 years of effort, **"the problem has not been fixed and in some cases may be worse"**.

2. A major contributing factor was that the Forest Service was not following their plan.

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THE TU TENNESSEE LICENSE PLATE SALE WINDOW REMAINS OPEN

(Submitted by John Thurman)

The state has extended the time to meet the goal of 1000 TU license plates. CRTU chapter has committed to get at least 10 more members (or friends) to sign up. We hope that those who have not preordered will do so ASAP! Our chapter has preordered 42 plates which is a 36% participation rate. Please remember that the great payback for participation is the money that the chapter receives back. We have some potentially very interesting projects related to environmental education of area kids on the drawing board which will require funding. Your participation will facilitate our efforts to establish new project.

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(Contributed by Steve Brown)

Despite increased rainfall this year (76% of normal), drought conditions persist throughout the TN River Valley. Hydro generation is 59% of normal.

Frank Fiss was promoted; Jason Henegar now serves as Rivers and Streams Coordinator for TWRA. TWRA'S new Clinch River Fisheries Management Plan will be available in September.

TN Council TU election results include 2 CRCTU members: Steve Brown, National Leadership Council representative; John Thurman to a committee to study the feasibility of a TN Youth and Conservation Camp.

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(Look for an activity which ap-
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3. . Consequently, last fall several of the stakeholders, including the TN Council TU filed a Letter of Intent to Sue the Forest Service. The request in the Notice simply was "to follow the rules within the Forest Plan and comply with the states' water quality laws and the Federal Clean Water Act."

4. The Forest Service responded by closing all trails in the winter; three of the trails were closed for 1 year. They are developing a new management plan through the Environmental Assessment process. "We applaud the Forest Service and some of the 4 wheel communities for their efforts."

5. Unfortunately, the Southern Four Wheel Drive Association (SFWDA) has filed suit against the Forest Service which will delay the Assessment process and will stop scientific studies of current practices.

6. "Much of the information posted on several 4 wheel web sites about our motives are incorrect." "We have never asked that trails be closed." We believe in joint usage and are happy for the off road trails to be open if they can be managed in such a manner that erosion and siltation are not a problem."

George concludes his letter: "our preference is for the Forest Service to continue their efforts to develop science/fact based information for developing the Management Plan for the Tellico OHV Trail System."

(This situation was described in The Clinch River Angler, October, 2007)

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