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Free to Members of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

CMCTU and its wonderful volunteers

On August 22nd the fine members of this chapter elected a new Board of Directors at our annual membership meeting. I want to tell each of you how gratifying and exciting it is to be a part of an organization where members are willing to give of themselves and their time for something they believe in. They believe, and I believe, that each one of us can make a difference.



I want to thank those members of this chapter who have served this chapter as a member of its board of directors over the past year. To those of you who are leaving us, I want to say, "You will be greatly missed!"

Richard Luce, VP for Development, has held this position for a number of years and had both learned new things and educated the rest of us about new and innovative ways to improve the financial health of this Chapter.

Bill Burd, VP for Projects, has recruited and watched over the wonderful volunteers we have in this chapter through many and varied projects which has brought a great deal of recognition to us from across the nation.

Ken Brown, VP of Public Relations, has created a relationship with the area news outlets as well as other organizations and businesses which will assist this chapter well in the future.

I also want to thank and recognize those board members who have agreed to serve again this coming year as a member of the Board.

Sherryl Walck, Treasurer, has watched over our finances and made sure we were kept abreast of our financial situation. Sherryl will again be serving this chapter in the role of Treasurer.

Greg Walck, VP for Membership, has attended many function this past year and in his position recruited many new members to the Chapter. Greg will be moving over the VP for Development for this next year.

Tom Terebus, VP for Communications, has been our editor and chief for the newsletter, Riffle Talk. Tom is

always looking for ideas for articles and will continue to serve in this roll for this next year. I know he would appreciate hearing from you with your ideas and articles.

Don Logelin, VP for Programs, has organized and arranged for the monthly presentations we all so much enjoy at our membership meetings. Don will again be filling this role and I know he is interested in your wishes for programs.

Dan Snow, VP for Resources, has served us as our contact and liaison to what is going on in the legislature and congress. Dan will be again filling this position.

Gary Almeida, Director at Large and Webmaster, has created and maintains the chapter web site at CMCTU.org. Gary has agreed to continue his fine work in that position for next year.

Carl Roberts, Director at Large, has served this chapter in so very many ways and is currently providing the board with insights and history that is invaluable. Carl has again agreed to serve this chapter in this role.

Jim Williams, Director at Large, has brought new ideas to the board this past year as well as taken on tasks and roles where he could. Jim is serving as our liaison

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Where: The Retired Enlisted Association
834 Emory Circle (Emory Circle is the first light north of Platte on Murray Blvd.)

When: Tues., Sep. 26th
6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting

Program: This month CMCTU is proud to welcome back Mike Willis of Columbine Flyfishers. Mike is a local guide (CO and WY) who you may know from his radio show "The Front Range Fly Fishing Show" on 1460 KZNT. Mike started fishing at age 12 on small streams and will be giving his presentation titled "Intimacy with Small Streams."

BOOK REVIEW

Royal Coachman

by Paul Schullery

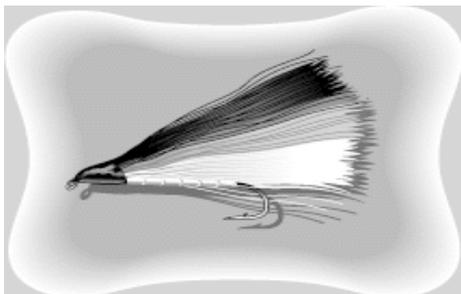
Review by Greg Walck

I received this signed book at the Fly Fishing Retailer Show for a donation to the Whirling Disease Foundation. It appears to be a collection of short stories about the author's life based on his fly fishing experiences with some American fly fishing history thrown in. Paul Schullery is a former executive director of the American Museum of Fly Fishing, a history professor and works for the National Park Service at Yellowstone Park.

The book does contain two real gems. The first regards a Paul Gibson who wrote an article for the American Turf Register in 1829 that described his local fishing area in Pennsylvania. He mentions special regulations were already in force on the Big Spring Creek to outlaw netting and a no catch season (catch and release?). He notes the positive effect these regulations had on the stream fishing and hopes these regulations would be extended to other local streams as well.

The second gem relates to the Ephemerella mayfly dry fly pattern. The Hendrickson fly pattern is a female match while the Red Quill fly pattern is a male match for the same mayfly. The difference is in the body color. This color difference also applies to our Calebatis mayfly hatch as I learned this year and may possibly apply to other mayfly species as well.

Paul also documents other historical background regarding fly fishing; such as attitudes, fishing tactics, fly naming, etc. In the end it appears we have not come all that far individually as each generation of fly fisherperson must start all over from scratch and relearn the experiences of our forefathers. Only our fishing gear has steadily improved over the ages to counter the decline in the fishing conditions and fish populations that once existed in this country.





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WATER TEMP. STANDARDS

As we move toward the January 8, 2007 temperature standard hearing before the WQCC, we can sure use some help from the membership.

At the hearing, the WQCC will be adopting state-wide temperature standards which may be used to control the thermal element in point source discharges, in certification decisions for federal projects that affect temperature, in aquatic life impairment determinations, and in other contexts.

We would like to hear from members with real-life stories where temperature has been a problem - e.g., fish dying or distressed, dwindling numbers, interference with angling, etc. Experiences don't have to be recent (i.e., this year) but probably should not go past five years ago or so. Once we gather these stories, we will ask members to send letters to the editor or otherwise get their local media involved, so as to start creating media interest before the hearing. We may also use some of these stories as part of our hearing and may ask a few members to come tell them in person.

Thank you in advance for any help you and the membership can provide. We've got a tough battle ahead and need all the help we can get.

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All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.
~Harold F. Blaisdell, *The Philosophical Fisherman*, 1969

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ROADLESS AREAS

ROADLESS PROPOSAL MOVING FORWARD

Your Comments Can Help Protect Colorado's Backcountry!

After nearly a year of public meetings and sometimes-fierce internal debate - throughout which process TU and other hunter/angler conservation groups and individual sportsmen and women actively participated - on August 9 the Colorado Roadless Area Review Task Force finally released its draft petition for a proposed Colorado Roadless Rule. Wildlands and wildlife habitat lost far less than anticipated, likely in large part due to the active involvement of hunters, anglers, and conservationists throughout the process. In essence, most of the 4.1 million acres of Inventoried Roadless Areas ("IRAs") in Colorado national forests will continue to receive special protections.

Yet certain aspects the proposed Rule are worrisome. Of special concern to hunters and anglers are the following three petition proposals:

- **North Fork coal mines.** Thousands of acres of important wildlife habitat would be removed from IRA protection when leased for future coal mining expansion in the North Fork Valley of the Gunnison NF.
- **Tree cutting.** Commercial logging got a big boot in the IRA door with a provision that would grant communities bordering IRA lands the potential power to recommend "treatment" (tree cutting) ostensibly for disease and fire control in distant backcountry IRAs. Additionally, the 2001 Rule treatment restriction to "mostly small-diameter trees" has been removed, and there are no stated limits on road mileage.
- **Interim protections.** The task force declined to call on the USDA to keep its promise to provide interim protections against an inevitable "land rush" of new gas/oil and logging lease applications on IRA lands while the state-by-state petition process is being worked through, which could take two years.

On the bright side, the task force voted to allow no new roads for IRA gas/oil leases issued after the Rule takes effect. This decision should be applauded by hunters and anglers and upheld by the task force and Governor Owens against predictable industry protests.

The public has only until the end of August to comment on the draft proposal. For the full text of the proposed Colorado Rule, and an on-line comment form, go to www.dnr.state.co.us and follow the links to the roadless task force page and comment form.

In your comments, please emphasize that you support protection of roadless areas, that the broad language allowing communities to recommend logging on IRAs should be removed, that you oppose leasing for coal mining expansion in IRAs in the North Fork Gunnison Valley, and that IRA lands should be protected until the roadless petition process is completed, so that leases and permits issued in the meantime don't destroy roadless habitats while they are still being considered for protection.

To be most effective, you should keep your comments brief and to the point. Thank you for helping protect Colorado's backcountry lands and waters!

We ask a simple question
And that is all we wish:
Are fishermen all liars?
Or do only liars fish?

~William Sherwood Fox,
*Silken Lines and Silver
Hooks*, 1954

GREAT COLORADO RIVER CLEANUP

TU Volunteers Will Help at 15 River Cleanups Statewide
The Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup is a joint project of CTU and its chapters throughout Colorado, where volunteers help pick up trash along local rivers. Volunteers meet in the morning, get their instructions and trash bags, and spread out along their local river to help pick up a summer's worth of trash that has accumulated streamside. All volunteers get a Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup t-shirt as a small thank-you for their help. This is a great one-day project for volunteers and families, and it helps CTU put rivers and conservation in front of a statewide audience. The 2006 event is scheduled for September 16, though dates on specific rivers vary based on local circumstances. Clean ups scheduled for 2006 include:

September 9

Roaring Fork River (Ferdinand Hayden Chapter)

September 16

Animas River (Five Rivers Chapter)
Arkansas River (Collegiate Peaks Chapter)
Bear Creek (Evergreen Chapter)
Big Thompson (Alpine Anglers Chapter)
Boulder Creek (Boulder Flycasters Chapter)
Cache la Poudre (Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter)
St. Vrain River (St. Vrain Anglers Chapter)
Uncompaghre River (Gunnison Gorge Chapter)
Clear Creek above Golden (Cherry Creek, Cutthroat, and West Denver Chapters)
Colorado River - below Shadow Mountain Dam (Colorado Headwaters Chapter)
South Platte - Elevenmile Canyon (Cheyenne Mountain Chapter)

September 30

South Platte - in Denver (Denver Chapter, through partnership with The Greenway Foundation)

October 14

Blue River (Gore Range Chapter, with Summit County Make A Difference Day)
West Creek (Grand Valley Anglers Chapter)

Visit the CTU website (www.cotrout.org) for contacts and other information about each cleanup.

SEVERY CREEK RESOLUTION

The Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited unanimously passed a resolution opposing the opening of the Severy Creek Trail until a NEPA Study can be completed. The concern was the endangerment of the small population of Cutthroat Greenback Trout that has been found to reside in this stream.

A Resolution on Severy Creek Trail Opening

Whereas the Severy Creek on Pikes Peak, Colorado contains a very small population of genetically pure Greenback Cutthroat Trout, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act and

Whereas the introduction of Whirling Disease (WD), New Zealand Mud Snail (NZMS) and/or other parasites or pathogens into this stream could destroy this small population of Greenback Cutthroat Trout and

Whereas five nearby streams, Crystal, Cascade, North and South branches of French creek and Fountain Creek, have been found to be WD Positive and

Whereas WD spores, NZMS as well as other pathogens and parasites are easily transported on boots and other clothing, equipment and animals and remain viable on said objects for a very long time and

Whereas the scientific study referenced in the U.S. Forest Service Draft Closure order to the conclusion that no tubiflex worms, the secondary host for the Whirling Disease spore resided in this stream, was not a study intended to find tubiflex worms but instead was intended to find the insect recovery time on a section of stream that had been treated with chlorine to clear said stream section of Brook Trout and

Whereas physical evidence along the stream indicated hikers have crossed the stream at location other than those crossings provided by the construction of the two foot bridges and

Whereas the stream habitat improvement work to be funded by this organization will not have a positive or negative effect on the likelihood of the introduction of WD spores, NZMS, parasites or pathogens into the stream and

Whereas the parking access to the trail head is not in the vicinity of the trail head with the nearest parking being at a location that would very likely result in hikers traveling cross country to the Severy Creek Trail head and in the process be required to cross Crystal Creek and Cascade Creek, WD positive Streams and

Whereas the Severy Creek Trail at the top, near Elk Park, crosses both the North and South branches of French Creek, WD positive streams and have no verified bridges

Be it Resolved therefore that the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited opposes the opening of the Severy Creek Trail to the public until such time as a complete National Environmental Policy Act study and consultation under the requirements of the Endangered Species Act be completed as to the possible impact of said trail opening and increased exposure to WD spores, NZMS, pathogens or parasites that would have threatened the population of pure Greenback Cutthroat Trout.



BILL BURD AWARDED GOLD METAL WATER AWARD

Bill Burd Awarded the Gold Metal Water Award

The Gold Medal Water Award is presented to an individual by the President of CMCTU for his/her outstanding work on behalf of this chapter and its work, to Conserve, Protect and Restore Cold Water Fisheries.

Bill has served on the CMCTU Board of Directors and served in both a Director at Large and the Vice President for Projects position. During his tenure, Bill has been the person in the chapter who makes the arrangements for volunteers to work on such projects as the Gill Trail restoration, Trash clean-up, bank restoration and stabilization work along with many other projects in which CMCTU volunteers worked.

Bill took a special interest in the "Trees for Trout" projects and was always looking for an opportunity to share the story. Bill was also the chapter's contact with other organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and the Coalition of the Upper South Platte, with whom we worked on projects or activities.

When you see Bill, take the opportunity to thank him for his work on behalf of this chapter and the cold water fisheries in the area.



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Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited strives to **conserve, protect and restore** cold-water fisheries, resources and their watersheds. THIS IS ITS SOLE MISSION. THESE GOALS ARE TROUT UNLIMITED'S REASON FOR BEING!

To achieve these goals, to participate in this mission, Members:

1. Support and promote fisheries and water-resource policies that further these goals.
2. Work actively on conservation projects, volunteering labor and expertise, often in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Wildlife and conservation agencies.
3. Seek to influence the decisions of such agencies as well as those of wildlife commissioners, legislative committees and elected officials in general.
4. Foster ethical and sensible conservation practices among users of the cold-water resource.
5. Attend the regular membership meetings of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
6. Elect to the Chapter's Board of Directors members who will provide direction and strong leadership.
7. Contribute financially to build and maintain the Chapter's fiscal stability.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo on their new project and has agreed to again serve on the board.

Thank you each one of you for giving of you time and energy.

Now, I want to welcome and thank the new members who will be joining us on the board this year.

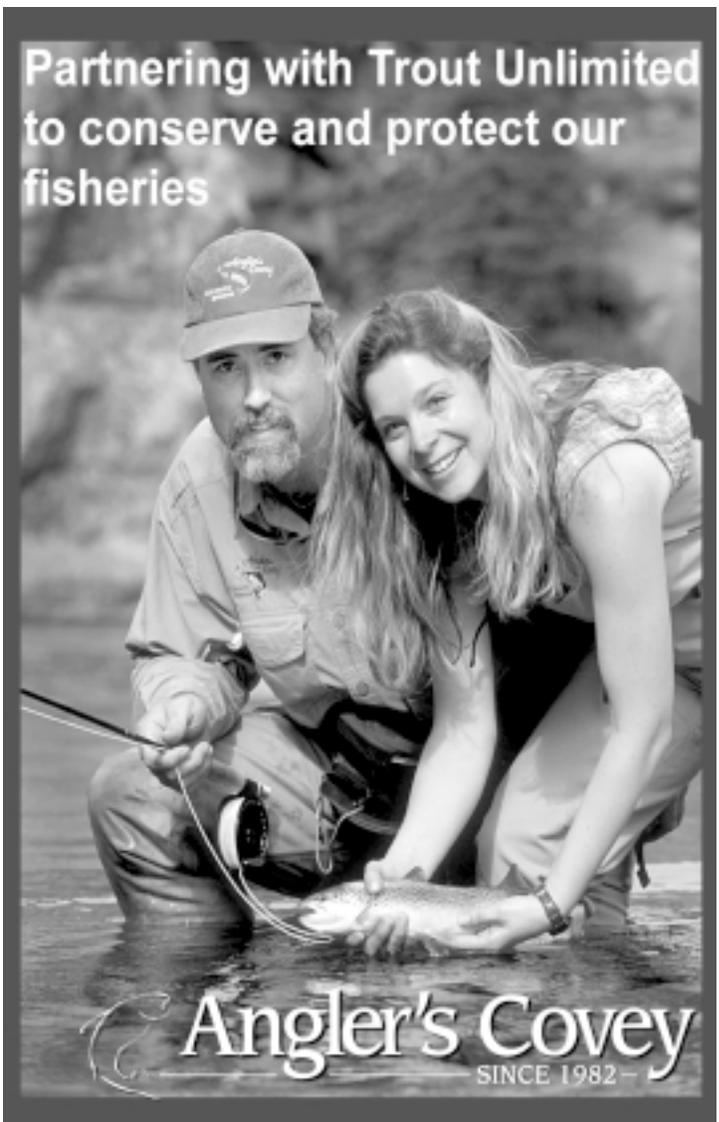
Sam Humpert, VP for Projects, will serve as our contact with our volunteer base and organize the on the ground projects for this chapter.

Barry Wilson, Secretary, will be keeping our records and creating our archives for the chapter. Barry has already shared some of his ideas with me.

Jack Hunter, Director at Large, will be assisting where he can and providing the board with his insights and ideas.

Denny Immer has not yet been officially elected to office but has volunteered to fill the vacant position as VP for Membership.

I also want to thank each of you members who have given of your time, your energy and your money to support this chapter and its work this past year to conserve, protect and restore the cold water resources we have here in the Pikes Peak Region. I am looking forward to your continued support this next year.





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