



Riffle Talk



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

I am often disappointed and a bit angered whenever I hear the argument that the environmental standards or the quality of our environment should take second place to some short-term benefit to somebody or some group. The most recent argument being put out on the news is that environmental standards should be relaxed so that we can have cheaper gasoline.



The argument seems to be that no new refineries have been built in the United States in the last 25 years all because of the environmental restrictions. In actuality, there has been the equivalent of a new refinery build every year for the last ten years in the United States. This has been accomplished by building additions onto currently existing refineries.

When a company decides to build a refinery, the time it would take from start to finish would be about ten years, while the building of the equivalent refining capacity by building on an addition to a currently existing refinery, start to finish is about three years. It appears to me that the decision to not build a new stand-alone refinery is one of economics not environmental restrictions.

Why am I talking about oil refineries in a Trout Unlimited article? Each of you is a member of TU because you believe in and put your money toward the "Conserving, Protecting and Restoration of our cold water resource". You also know that an attack on one part of the environment is an attack on the entire

environment. The thing that makes the environment so important to us is the fact that we know that every part of the environment. Whether it is the cold water or the insects that live in it, the trees or the air that moves through it, it is all a web of inter-connecting parts that effect each other. Rachel Carson in "Silent Spring" brought this concept to the public light. This is where we learned the story of a poison being put on a plant, which resulted in the plant dying. The dead plant was eaten by an earthworm, which also eats some of the poison and stored it in its tissue. When the bird ate the worm, the poison was passed along again and when the bird laid an egg, the poison also went there.

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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., Mar. 28th
6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting

Program: This month CMCTU is proud to present Steve Schweitzer from Whiting Farms, the premier producers of fly tying hackle. Steve will present "The History, Operations & Future of Whiting Farms & Genetic Hackle". Learn about the history and life cycle of the feathers we use to create our flies. Learn the different properties and uses of different types of hackle.

As an special opportunity, we will be raffling off some great fly tying materials. We really hope you can join us for this intriguing program.

HELP STOP SPREAD OF WHIRLING DISEASE

The Division of Wildlife has regulations that control the stocking by state and private hatcheries of fish exposed to whirling disease. It is important to have the cooperation of anglers in preventing the spread of this disease. Precautionary measures include:

- Clean your boots, waders and other gear before moving from one fishing site to another, and again with chlorine when you get home if you fished at a known whirling disease water;
- Clean your boat and trailer of mud, aquatic plants and water before fishing new waters;
- If fishing many sections of a stream, start at the higher elevations;
- Don't dispose of fish entrails, bones or other parts in or near any body of water or down kitchen drains;
- Dispose of fish parts as solid waste; and
- Never transport fish from one water to another.

The CMCTU Board recently voted to have our Election of Officers and annual State of the Union / Treasurer's Update meeting on August 22nd (4th Tue. of the Month) as required by the chapter Bylaws. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

The environment is a web of interconnected parts.

It is my belief that it is time for environmental organizations to become a web of advocacy for the environment. There are many environmental groups and organizations in Colorado Springs but I am afraid that we have concentrated on our own special niche that we have not been looking around and seeing the need to create that web of support.

Last week I had coffee with the president of the local Sierra Club group. We were both amazed and ashamed that the building of the web had not occurred before. Many of you are members of a variety of other environmental organizations and I would invite you to make contact with the leadership of those groups and invite them for coffee. I am inviting you to be our ambassador to one of those organizations to which you belong and carry the message that it is time to create an environmental web of support. Let me know what you talk about and how we might better create a strong interconnected web of advocacy for the environment. Contact me at: allynk@adelphia.net

Thank you for being a member of CMCTU and thank you for caring about the environment!

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UPCOMING WORKDAYS

There are three great volunteering opportunities coming up in the next couple weeks. Below are descriptions of all three. Your help would be a huge help and a GREAT opportunity to meet some other people with similar interests.

1.) Steve Culver has proposed a workday for May 27th Saturday to work on the Severy Creek Area, on Pikes Peak. This is a grand opportunity to see the work that we did several years ago on Severy Creek to protect the pure strain of Greenback Cutthroats. It is also an opportunity to see the recovery that has taken place on the trails of Severy Creek since it has been closed for several years. The day will include breaking up campsites, repairing footbridges and putting up information signs.

2.) In Conjunction with the DOW Free fishing day on June 3rd, CMCTU is sponsoring a day for youth and parents in 11 Mile Canyon. We will be using the stretch of river that belongs to Camp Alexander. The age group that we are targeting is 10-12 and we have a limited number of spaces so contact us ASAP. WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT. The Program will include fly casting, fly-fishing, fly tying, entomology and conservation. We will also need one or two to help with the lunch preparation which is planned to be hamburgers and the trimmings. The day will be from 10am - 2pm and volunteers would need to be there about 9 am. This day is being sponsored by CMCTU with our other partners: LL Bean, Anglers Covey, Sportsman's Warehouse, Ghilles Hackle and Tackle, and the Boy Scouts.

A NEW YOUTH FISHING DAY OPPORTUNITY! We have an opportunity to introduce and teach a youth group from the YMCA about fishing and Conservation on Friday June 9. This event will be held at the North Slope Reservoir on Pikes Peak. Time will be between 10am and 2pm. We will be giving instructions and helping the youngsters fish as well as teaching about fishing and conservation.

If you can help on this event please contact Bill Burd at 719.590.6615 or bj eagle@worldnet.att.net.

ANGLER ETHICS

Angling ethics, or rules of conduct, protect your rights and the rights of others, and help protect our shared resources. Teaching a youngster to fish for the first time (or an 'oldster'!) is the best time to introduce proper angling behavior. So that these are not just "rules" to be followed, explain why they are so important.

- Be aware of, and respect, the rights of others—anglers and property owners. See, also, Leave No Trace.
- Know and follow all fishing rules and regulations where you are fishing.
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Except when otherwise noted, no fish can be taken or killed except by angling.
- Do not take more than the daily limit, under-sized fish, or unwanted fish.
- Unlawfully taken fish (fish taken in excess of your limit or undersized fish) must be returned immediately to the water.
- Fish taken alive should be returned very gently, allowing the fish to slide into the water from as close to the surface as possible.
- When using live bait, do not throw remaining bait into the stream, lake, reservoir, etc.—bait species can reproduce and cause harm to aquatic ecosystems.
- Do not alter the habitat by building, for example, makeshift dams across streams.
- When looking for critters (for bait) under rocks, return rocks to original position before leaving.
- Carefully wash and disinfect waders or other boots that have had contact with fishing water and lake or stream mud. (Why? Read about [Aquatic Hitchhikers](#) and the threats they pose.)
- Do not chase or harass fish.



"Game fish are too valuable to be caught only once." - Lee Wulff

NEMES' MOTHER'S DAY CADDIS

Tim Trunnell

Hook: Dry fly size 14-20. Try a 16 on the Arkansas

Thread: Olive 8/0

Body: Peacock Herl

Rib: Yellow Silk or Floss

Hackle / Wing: Gray or Brown Partridge. Try brown on the Arkansas

Head: Black or Dark Gray Mole Fur. Try dark gray on the Arkansas



This is an excellent pupa pattern for the upcoming caddis hatch on the Arkansas. It is easy to tie, and can be fished as a dry, nymph, or emerger.

Start by tying in a strand of silk or floss at the bend of the hook. If your floss is made up of multiple plys, separate them and use only one. Next, tie in three pieces of peacock herl, also at the bend. Wrap the peacock herl forward to form the body. The body should be 2/3 of the hook shank length. Then palmer the floss forward for the rib. Tie in a swept wing made of one or two partridge feathers in the same fashion you would tie an elk hair caddis wing. The wing should extend just past the hook bend. Then cut a small clump of mole hair from the skin and dub it on the thread to cover the last 1/3 of the hook shank. The head should be dubbed rather thick. If you need a substitute for mole, try possum, rabbit, or antron. I highly recommend you find some mole though. It is cheap and very nice to work with. Then finally whip finish and a drop of head cement and you're done. It is most important that your proportions be exact. The profile of the fly is extremely vital to its success.

This is the best pattern I have ever used for the Mother's Day caddis hatch on the Arkansas. Remember that this hatch actually starts closer to Tax Day, and fishes much better than it does near Mother's Day. Start by using it as a dropper off of a stonefly nymph with a weighted indicator rig in the morning. Fish near the bottom in the riffles and along the edges of the river and make sure to slowly lift the flies at the end of each drift to simulate the emerging



caddis. Then drop it off an elk hair caddis around 10:00 am to get the surface feeders. Grease the tippet between your flies so the dropper stays in the surface film. Continue to fish the riffles and especially the edges with a dead drift and then swing the flies at the end of each drift. You will be amazed at how many strikes you get when lifting or moving your flies.

This fly was invented by Sylvester Nemes. He is known for his soft hackle flies and this is his favorite caddis pattern. I highly recommend his book called Soft Hackled Fly Imitations to any tier who wants to discover some beautiful and extremely effective patterns. This fly will work well in most any river here in Colorado and worldwide where caddis are found. Simply adjust the size and color of the fly to match the naturals in your area. Please feel free to email me at ttrunnell134@msn.com with any questions or comments. Now go catch some fish!

CMCTU FISHING DAY TOMAHAWK JULY 29

Join CMCTU for a day of fun on the South Platte as we fish the Tomahawk area above Hartsel. This is a nice section of meadow stream with some brushy areas. For those who want to carpool or caravan, we will leave from the parking lot just across 21st Street from Anglers Covey at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, snacks, drinks (no alcohol, please) sunscreen, insect repellent, and anything else you need for a day on the stream. We will return whenever the mood strikes us. For more information, contact Jim Williams at (719)528-8314.

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Cheyenne Mountain Chapter
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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.

"My wife says I'm hard of hearing. All husbands who have been around the block a time or two, know it's called "selective hearing". I hear what I want to hear. I can hear a trout rise. I can hear a spinner hit the water. I can hear the drumming of a grouse at half a mile, but I dangad well can't hear her when she wants me to make the bed, or paint the house, etc. etc. I secretly had my hearing tested just to be sure. The doc says it is great, a 7 % loss in my left ear and a 10% loss in my right. Very typical of anyone who does a lot of hunting with a shotgun. But I'm not about to tell my wife that." - Jimmy D. Moore





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