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Free to Members of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

This edition of the President's piece should be the State of the Union speech edition. It is the last edition of the fiscal year and the end of the term of office for the board of directors. A new board will be elected at our annual meeting on Oct 1st, at the Banquet.



But, I will save the State of the Union address for the banquet itself.

Here I want to talk about how great it is to live here in the center of some of the

greatest fishing in the world, of the opportunities we have and the responsibilities that go with these opportunities.

Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization whose members tend to enjoy the art and science and pleasure and peace of fishing. We have in our grasp Elevenmile canyon and the Miracle Mile between Spinny and Elevenmile reservoirs. We have Cheesman Canyon, Beaver Creek and Clear Creek and the Upper South Platte. We have the Arkansas, Bear creek and Severy creek. We have native Cutthroat Greenback Trout, pure and not hybridized right in our own back yard.

I know you are all aware of the many forces out there pushing and plotting to take these

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CMCTU Annual Fall Banquet

Where: The ballroom of The Retired Enlisted Association Building 834 Emery Circle across from UPS near Galley and Murray.

When: Saturday, Oct. 1st at 6:00 PM

Who: Our speaker will be Marty Bartholomew of DVD (Colorado's Major Six Rivers) and Book (Fly Fishing Colorado) fame.

We will have auctions & raffles of fly fishing paraphernalia and outdoor art. There will also be musical entertainment.

Dinner will consist of Roast Beef and Chicken with an open bar.

Price for all of this extravagance is a mere \$25 per person.

Tickets are available at Ghillies Hackle & Tackle, The Angler's Covey or by contacting Rick Luce at 531-5353 / RDJL1514@aol.com by next week. **DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

**CMCTU JOINS
UP WITH RIVER
WATCH**

The CMCTU Board of directors has signed an agreement with a part of the Colorado Division of Wildlife known as River Watch to monitor water quality in two area streams. The streams selected were Bear Creek and Severy Creek. These two streams will be tested each month over the next two years by volunteers with our chapter.

Water samples will be collected and then the volunteers will run chemical tests on the samples for traits to include: dissolved oxygen, Calcium carbonate, pH and others. Additional samples will be forwarded on to a laboratory for testing of nutrients and metals. Once each year macro invertebrates will also be collected at these collection sites. If you would like to volunteer for this project please contact Greg Walck at gregorywalck@msn.com



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

wonderful locations away from us and our friends and families. I know you are well aware that water in the State of Colorado is not in an abundant supply and thus there are many that are vying for this very limited resource. Water kept in the stream is thought in some circles to be a waste, but that is not our circle. Water kept in the steam is what we are all about, clean, cold and abundant.

We do not know how to create more water, therefore is it is well past time that we seek alternative ways to address this limitation of the resource that we all love so much. We in the Conservation community preach conservation, we must also practice conservation and while each of us is practicing we must also be teaching our children, sharing with our friends and gathering together to make things happen. As an individual you may be thinking of the things you could do as an individual. I want you to be thinking of the things we can do together and share them. What do you think "WE" should do? How should "WE" address the short supply of water in the stream? Our motto is: Conserve, Protect, and Restore cold water fisheries. What does that look like to you? E-mail me at allynk@adelphia.net



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GREAT COLORADO RIVERS CLEANUP

This fall, CTU and chapters around the state will hold the second annual statewide rivers cleanup. The idea - launched last September - was for TU chapters to hold local cleanups in numerous communities around the state. Our hope is that the event will become a regular annual activity and will grow to include more cleanups on more rivers around the state, both in communities with TU chapters and elsewhere. "The more visibility we can get for volunteer river conservation efforts," explained CTU Executive Director David Nickum, "the stronger the connection and support our communities will feel with their home waters. And that's good for rivers, for CTU, and for the communities."

Based on local logistics, the cleanups will be taking place over a series of dates in September and into early October. The following chapters will be cleaning up the river sections listed. If you are interested in participating, contact David at the CTU office (303-440-2937 x12 - dnickum@tu.org) or Ken Neubecker at the west slope field office (970-328-2070 - eagleriver@eagleranch.com). You can also check www.cotrout.org in early September for an updated list of clean-up sites and local contacts.

"River cleanups are a great way to rally local communities around their local watersheds," said Neubecker. "TU has worked for years on cleanups on the Eagle and Roaring Fork, and they bring out hundreds of local volunteers who would not otherwise be involved with TU river conservation projects."

September 10: Roaring Fork River Cleanup - Ferdinand Hayden Chapter
Eagle River Cleanup - Ferdinand Hayden Chapter (with Eagle River Watershed Council)

September 24: Boulder Creek Cleanup - Boulder Flycasters
Big Thompson Cleanup - Alpine Anglers and Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapters
NIMBY Fest/South Platte River Cleanup (in Denver) - Wild Trout Chapter (with Greenway Foundation)
South Platte Elevenmile Canyon Cleanup - Cheyenne Mountain Chapter
Bear Creek Cleanup - Evergreen Chapter
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Arkansas River Cleanup - Collegiate Peaks Chapter
Gunnison River Cleanup - Gunnison Angling Society Chapter
Clear Creek Cleanup - Cherry Creek Chapter, Cutthroat Chapter, and West Denver Chapter

October 8: Blue River Cleanup/Make a Difference Day - Gore Range Chapter

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Bill Burd

We are in full swing for fall projects. The 'Trees for Trout' project and the Centennial Grant have gotten off to a late start due to high water in 11 Mile Canyon. However work has now started, and is expect to be completed in 5-6 weeks.

- We did have a tour by 35 Sept. 8th by attendees at the National TU Meeting in Denver. They were impressed with the work that had been done and very interested in the way the trees were placed and the effectiveness that it shows some 10 months later. They were also very impressed with the partnerships that have been formed to accomplish the project.
- We have a ribbon cutting on the 17th for the Gill Trail in Cheeseman Canyon that CMCTU has spent over 700 hours working on and also donated significant funding.
- Our 2nd annual river cleanup and project day is Sept 24th and we are expecting a great turnout for that.
- We will be having some workdays in October as the Trees for Trout project progresses.
- Electro-shocking by the DOW will take place in October as well and is during the week. I will be putting out info to Volunteers as soon as it is available.

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, please contact Bill Burd at bjeagle@worldnet.att.net or (719) 590-6615.



KAUFFMAN'S ROYAL STIMULATOR

Tim Trunnell

Hook: Tiemco 200R size 8-18

Thread: Florescent Fire Orange, 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Light Deer or Elk Hair

Rib: Gold Wire

Body: Peacock Herl

Tag: Orange or Red Floss

Body Hackle: Brown Rooster

Wing: Light Elk Hair

Front Hackle: Grizzly Rooster

Head: Florescent Orange Antron Dubbing



This is an excellent all around pattern for the summer months. I love this pattern for small streams, but it is also excellent on larger size rivers as well. This is a more advanced pattern to tie, but well worth the effort.

Start by tying in a short tail of elk or deer hair at the bend of the hook. Next tie in a piece of fine gold wire for the rib and let it hang off the back. Then tie in a brown rooster hackle and hang it off with the rib. Next tie in two pieces of peacock herl and begin to wrap it forward for the body. Stop about 1/4 of the way forward and tie in some orange or red floss for the tag. Wrap a small tag and then continue forward with the peacock herl body to the 2/3 point. Now wrap the brown rooster hackle forward over the body and then reverse wrap the rib over the hackle for durability. The next step is to tie in a light elk hair wing that protrudes back even with the end of the tail. Randall Kauffman ties in a clump of white calf hair on top of the wing for visibility but I find it unnecessary and a bit of a pain so I leave it off. Next tie in a grizzly rooster hackle and let it hang back for now. Dub a head of fire orange antron that tapers down thinner towards the eye, and then wrap the grizzly hackle forward and tie it off. Now whip finish and a drop of head cement and you're done!

This is a more complicated pattern than many to tie, but it is also available at most good fly shops if you want some. The Stimulator fly pattern series was invented by Northwest fly tier Randall Kauffman years ago and remains one of the most effective flies available today. The Stimulator is most often seen in yellow, green and orange,



but the Royal version is easily as effective, if not more. The effectiveness of the Stimulator is due to how many different bugs it represents. It can be a stonefly, caddis, grasshopper or other terrestrial just by varying the size and color of the fly. It also floats high and holds up a dropper very well.

Fish this fly by itself as a searching pattern along the banks and in pockets, or with a dropper tied off the bend of the hook. My favorite sizes are 14 and 16 though it works well from size 8 to 18. You will pull up fish that aren't even rising with this fly, and that is where the name Stimulator comes from.

Please feel free to email me at ttrunnell134@msn.com with any questions or comments. I'd love to hear how you do with these patterns. Now go catch some fish!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

Tue. Sept. 27th, 2005

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Meeting

Program:

We often have speakers come down from the mountains, but this month our speaker comes from The Mountain. Maj Brent Sanders works in Cheyenne Mountain and will be sharing with us one of his favorite small streams in the area - Clear Creek near Buena Vista. His talk will cover the type of water, fish, flies to use and why this small stream is so appealing. He's not a guide - he's not trying to sell anything - he just wants to share with you a gem of a stream.

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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.

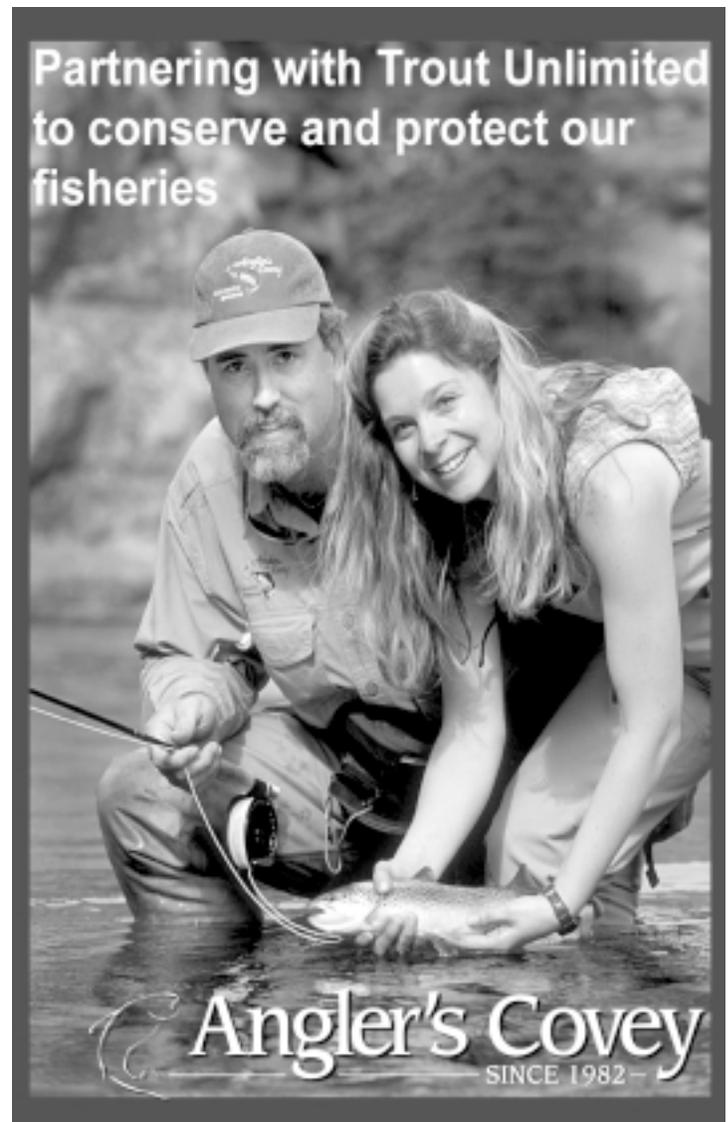
T4T UPDATE

Trees For Trout" was awarded a Centennial Grant by the United States Forest Service- In celebration of their 100th anniversary. The initial seeding for this project was started by CMCTU and we should be very proud of the part we played. As you all know this is a project to harvest trees from the "Hayman Fire" and utilize them for trout habitat and to improved river flow. Finally all plans have been put together and the work with the heavy equipment will begin. This work will be going on through September

Now the fun begins for us. Bill Burd has been coordinating with Stephanie Leutzinger of the USFS and work days have been scheduled.

If you would like to be involved please contact:

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in November or December!!!**