



# The Long Cast



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## Presidents Message

Hi everyone. I hope you have had a fun and safe summer and you had time to do a lot of fishing.

This year we are trying for an early delivery of the Long Cast, so I can remind everyone about Red Brook Day which is September 18<sup>th</sup> in Wareham, MA. I hope many of you will have a chance to attend the cookout and see the Red Brook. This is the home stream of an important brook trout study I have talked about.

This summer we accomplished several projects and other activities. First, though somebody damaged part of a fence we installed last year, it did appear that it was just an accident. Three of us repaired it shortly after it was damaged.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we had the opportunity to join the women of the Healing CO-OP at Deer Creek Farm in Foster for a day of fly tying and fly casting instruction. This is an organization of women cancer survivors, many still fighting their cancer. We may have been able to teach them our sport but in return they showed us something about strength and courage. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did that day. Some of the volunteers told me they felt they got more than they gave; I think they're right. I hope this becomes an annual event. This wonderful project started when I mentioned at an E-Board meeting that we should do an out-reach project. Burt Strom then told me that

a friend of his was president of the Healing Co-Op and so we corresponded with her. After finding that they were interested, I spoke with Ed Lombardo and as always Ed came through in fine fashion. He not only lined up all the volunteers, but also Deer Creek Farms as our venue. Ed was also the lead instructor for the day. Then Jim and Pam Rubovitz volunteered to take charge of the cookout; they along with chefs John Mello and Al Manfredi put on a great cookout. We had great food and a great day. I would like to thank Dr. Robert Buonanno for his generosity in allowing us to use his Deer Creek Farm and for making us feel so welcome. Because of people like Dr. Buonanno, the members of UFTRI and our volunteers from TU, this project was a great success and I would like to thank all who participated. We could have not done this without them.

This year, as last year, we float stocked from the Rt.165 check station to below The Pines fishing access. That was done on a weekly basis through Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.

In June, we joined the Wood Pawcatuck watershed association at the Carolina hatchery for kids fishing days.

July 22, 2005 we held a fly tying class at the Wood Pawcatuck headquarters where we had eight students and three volunteers. We also awarded a fly tying starter kit as

a door prize to one of the children.

July 29, 2005 we held fly casting for children and adults at the WPWA headquarters. We had thirteen students and two instructors. We awarded one complete fly rod and reel outfit as a door prize. We could have used more help on these two programs. Both of these activities were sponsored by the WPWA.

August 6, 2005 was the Falls River fence project. Unlike last year, the weather was great and the water was warmer; kind to volunteers not wearing waders. As usual Chris Metakos supplied us with a great lunch, my wife made some nice banana nut bread that I forgot in my truck! Sorry guys but I'm not sure if that was a mistake or not! (Really it was.) This fence project is to try to insure that the Ben Utter hiking trail is only used by hikers. We made an area for people to water their horses similar to what we did last year on Barber trail.

I want to thank everyone that unselfishly gave their time to join me on these projects this summer. I hope you enjoyed doing them as I did. Remember everything we do is to protect and restore North Americas coldwater fisheries and their watershed and that includes teaching our sport. When we teach fly tying and fly fishing we should also be teaching conservation.

So far this year we have 1437 volunteer hours recorded and we still

have a float stocking to do on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and an adopt-a-highway clean up and two water monitoring days before September 30<sup>th</sup>. The year's not over yet!

*Quote of the month*

*After all these years, I still feel like a boy when I'm on a stream or lake*  
Jimmy Carter

**Thanks to these volunteers:**

June fishing days: Jay Boyer, Al Truchon, John Brewer

Summer float stocking: Lawson Cary Jr., Al Truchon, Al Ball, Jim Rubovits, Ernie Brewster, Bob Orpen, Al Manfredi, David Miles, Tom O'Connell, James Martish, Al Rosati, George Rainville, Bob Walsh, Gordon Gruetzmacher, Al Jaffa, Dan Beltrami, Randy Evans, Ray Muschiano

Fence project: Lawson Cary Jr., Bob Orpen, Lawson Cary III, Tom O'Connell, Dan Beltrami, Jim Martish, Al Truchon, Chris Metakos, Dougie Rhodes, Burt Strom, Doug MacPherson, John O'Meara and his friend (his Tractor), Al Ball

Fly Tying at the WPWA HQ.  
Lawson Cary, Jay Boyer, Dougie Rhodes

Fly Casting at the WPWA HQ.  
Lawson Cary, Jay Boyer

June 11, 2005 Deer Creek Farm/Healing Coop: Lawson Cary Jr., Frank Barbato, Al Manfredi, Al Rosati, Dan Beltrami, Al Ball, John Mello, Burt Strom, Jay Boyer, Mike Maddalena, John O'Meara, Vinnie Diodati, Jim and Pam Rubovitz, Paul Pezza, and the impeccably attired never sweating Ed Lombardo.

(I didn't bring my notepad, so please forgive me if I forgot anyone.)

Fence repair at falls river bridge  
Lawson Cary Jr., Al Truchon, Lawson Cary III  
If I have missed anyone or any event please let me know at our September 28<sup>th</sup>. Meeting.

**Lawson Cary Jr.**

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***Following is a message from the Chair of the Mass/RI Council of TU Chapters, Gene Chague.***

***As you know, our one Chapter in RI is lumped in as part of a large Mass/RI Council.***

***When we get going with our second state TU Chapter (The Blackstone Chapter) we can, under the bylaws of the national organization, form a State Council dedicated to works in RI.***

***The message is edited for content pertinent to RI***

***Gene's Message:***

June 8, 2005  
Greetings Fellow Tu-ers,

We received a report from the Brook Trout Committee. You may remember that the Council charged the committee to explore options available to it for the protection of wild trout in MA and RI and to report back to the Council on what the options were. At Indian Hollow weekend, a formal 11 page document was presented which detailed the various options considered with arguments pro and con. The Council unanimously voted to accept the committee's recommendation that a wild trout policy be adopted for both states, with a focus on protecting wild brook trout and their habitat. The committee recommended that it should be done through a gradual, step by step collaborative process with the appropriate state agencies, and in partnership with other public and private entities who support our goal. Although there was no formal correspondence with the MA DFW, Todd Richards, fish biologist was present throughout the discussions. In fact he gave a talk of his own. It appears that the DFW may welcome such a policy and may be a willing partner.

It recommended that another sub committee or working group, called the Wild Trout Management

Committee be established to develop an action plan for implementing the strategy. Members who volunteered for this working group were Steve Booth and Paul Knauth from Taconic, Warren Winders and Steve Angers from Southeast, John Salemi and (?Peter Schilling?) from Gt. Boston, Tim Peterson from Worcester, I asked to be on it just to be in the loop. There was at least one other person who volunteered, but unfortunately, I didn't get his name. A meeting place and time has to be established and perhaps a chairman.

The new Anglers Guide is progressing nicely according to co-chairman Brad Voight. All that is needed now is a suitable cover. It was agreed that the cover should have a picture of a wild brook trout. Jim Laffley agreed to approach artist Allen James Robinson to see if he was interested. A second artist was to be approached, too. In an update received from Jim, we learned that Allen is interested and he will be contacting Brad. It looks like this book will be available for this year's Christmas season.

Update: We will be tweaking the book a bit to include info on our various conservation and enhancement activities in order to ensure that we fall within the realm of TU focus. This is necessary so that we don't jeopardize our 5013c tax classification. (Stated goal thing that is mentioned above.) During the Indian Hollow meeting, it was voted to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 to send the Council Chair to the 2005 TU Annual Meeting in Denver in September. He would join Steve Angers, our NLC Rep, whose expenditures are covered by TU Natl.

Update..I cannot go as it conflicts with my scheduled fishing trip to Alberta. A decision has to be made whether to send an alternate (hopefully a future council president) or hold the funds in reserve for next year. TU has suggested that Lawson Cary (Narragansett) go in my place. As of this date, Lawson is considering it, and through a straw poll, there is a unanimous vote to send him, should

he be able to attend..

Todd Richards (DFW fish biologist) gave a talk about the brook trout and the divisions willingness to work with us on the wild brook trout issue.

The Council extended its congratulations to **Lawson Cary** (Narragansett) for receiving the 2005 Rhode Island DEP Alfred

Hawkes Award (Environmentalist of the Year.) This is a very prestigious award that recognizes individuals for their outstanding environmental service.

Our next Council Meeting will be on October 2, time and place to be announced. The main focus of this meeting will be on developing our council strategy.

Tight lines

**Gene Chague**  
MA/RI Council Chair

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### September Presentation

There is a Massachusetts organization, operating under the the state's Fish and Game Department, that is called MassRiverways. This group exists to support local private citizen river environment activities within their state.

Our guest from MassRiverways is **Amy Singler**. She will be speaking on how her organization works to evaluate and improve river hospitality to fish and wildlife.

This effort includes many of the things that our Trout Unlimited Chapter works at here in Rhode Island. Amy will talk about dams, roads, bridges and culverts and how they impact the lives of streams.

In particular, again with particular interest to TU's work here, she will discuss how to identify problem crossings and how to survey these culverts and bridges for sufficient water depth, substrate, and flow velocity.

*Please make note of the following planned  
**float stocking.***

*If you can volunteer, the stocking begins at the route 165 check station at 8am, Sept. 17*

***Roadside pickups** have also been scheduled. We meet at the check station on pickup dates at 9am  
Oct 15  
Dec. 10*

### FLY OF THE MONTH The Fly

Here is a fly that looks simple and different, real virtues on a river like the Wood. Maybe it is simple only if you are fond of spinning deer hair and sculpting it. In the right hands this is an efficient way of tying a good floater.

#### The Fly

**Hook:** Dry #10 to #16  
**Thread:** Black 8/0  
**Body:** Black spun deer hair.  
**Hackle:** Black.  
**Wing:** White antron yarn.

It is the invention of a tyer named John Nichols a tyer and fisher from New Zealand who gave it this possibly arrogant name.



As far as what it imitates: who knows? But if it is effective you might ask "who cares?" The guy claims it is a very effective fly for brown trout down home.

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**OUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE ON September 27th**



*"A River Landscape with Horseman and Peasants"  
Aelbert Cuyp, Dutch, approx. 1660*

