



The Long Cast



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President's Message

I would like to thank Rob Nicholas for making the long trip from the Housatonic River area to treat us to his excellent slide show on the Housatonic and Farmington rivers, and also on fishing in Patagonia. His web site is www.anglingintheandes.com and based on his very fine presentation, and his experience with some of our members, you might want to give his site a look see.

I realize that this month's Long Cast is going to be late. This could not be avoided because some things had to get settled and there is the usual bulk mail situation. Please note that important notices that are time sensitive would always be posted at our web site: www.tu225.org. (And I would like to thank Dick Pearce for running the site which is becoming more and more important to our organization.)

I was trying to get some dates for the projects that we are planning to do but so far I didn't have any luck, I hope I can get them before our final meeting of the season. Also please keep checking our site.

This last meeting will be on May, 30th at the check station on RT165. It is our annual on the water gala. We hope to start the

meeting by 6pm but since some members will be coming from work we won't rush it.

So if you need to give some heat about the Long Cast being late it isn't Burt Strom or George Rainville delaying things; it's my own schedule.

I want to thank Rocco Andreozzi for helping us in purchasing our projector as approved at our last meeting. This will allow digital image projection and make life easier for presenters and our own presentations.

As some of you remember from the last meeting I mentioned that I wrote a letter to the "RC&D" for \$15000, for NRCS to hire an intern to create maps of more stream crossings and also support us in other way as needed so we can continue the stream continuity project. I spoke about projects already begun and coming improvements to Wood tributary bottlenecks that will enhance fish migration; all of which is an outgrowth of our stream continuity work. I was told that the money was approved and as soon as they can they will start working on this.

I hope all of you have a happy, healthy and safe summer and I hope to see you on the rivers fishing and also participating in some of the projects that we are planning and doing.

As planned, the path relocation project was completed on May 12th and I would like to thank the following volunteers for joining me on one of the nicest days of the year. The weather was perfect and the job went very well because of the great help. Thanks to Patti Dewaele who provided a great lunch and to Dewaele Dog who provided the entertainment.

I want to thank the following volunteers as listed on the sign up sheet:
Tom Curtin Steve Casella
Rob Pockalny Al Jaffa Al Ball
Dave Miles Rick Mitchell
Dan Beltrami Jim Dewaele
Patti Dewaele John Mello

Lawson

The Northern RI Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Under the leadership of its President **Roland Gauvin** and others, including Ray Lippe, the Northern Chapter has raised grant money for Blackstone watershed study and restoration.

The Northern RI Chapter can be contacted directly via Roland whose email address is ritreeman@cox.net

The chapter meets each 2nd

Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the Albion Fire Station in Lincoln, RI. The address is 38 School Street. School Street.

Directions: Take Exit 10 from I-295 on to route 122 (toward Cumberland.) In 0.2 miles keep right at the fork and continue 0.4 miles along 122 which becomes Mendon Road (also still 122). Then, in 0.7 miles go left on Albion which becomes School Street. In 0.3 miles you will see the Fire Station.

Last Meeting is Cookout

The Narragansett Chapter holds a traditional cookout at the Check Station as its final meeting of the "year." This will be Wednesday night May 30th at 6:00.

The Mystery Mayfly

Siphloplecton basale

All of us who fish the Wood know about the widespread mayfly hatch beginning in mid April. This is a large (#12 usually) two tailed mayfly that is seen fluttering about in the afternoon when the egg laying females begin their ovipositing.

Unfortunately the recently stocked trout are not as turned on to these mayflies as they might be if they were fully acclimated. And this genus hatches by crawling out of the water so the fish would not see the duns emerging vertically nor hanging in the film; possibly they would take the spinners late in the afternoon.

So this is a beautiful but unimportant mayfly to the fisherman; nevertheless we should know about it.

Its size (dun) is 12 and 14. Very dark upper body with cream underbody (by the time they are flying over the river.) Banding is light. Sheer wings are spotted with black. There are two large tails. Faint traces of blue green are on the cream belly especially in the thorax area.



For those who want to know: this mayfly is the *siphloplecton basale* and it is a member of the Metretopodidae family, sometimes referred to as "pseudo gray drakes." The nymph is an extremely strong swimmer. If we had educated early season trout we might try a swimming nymph. A size 12 pheasant tail fished as a quick swimmer, or slowly at the shoreline (pre-emergent crawl out) is the theory. But in practice if the nymph works it is probably because the trout took it for a hatchery pellet.

Burt

News from WPWA

Everyone in our chapter should know about the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association. For starters please read their Spring Newsletter at their site:

www.wpwa.org

Their headquarters are on Arcadia Road just above the Barberville Dam and a visit would be rewarding, as would membership in the organization.

At their site you will see a summary of the Stream Continuity report. The Rhode Island portion of the project (it will extend into Connecticut and Massachusetts)

is what Lawson has spearheaded for the last two years and, as we have mentioned, is already bearing fruit in habitat upgrades. In many ways WPWA is a colleague of our TU chapter. Their staff is impressive and do great work. Make sure to get to know them and their work. Visit their web site or visit their headquarters.

The Healing Coop Event

On Sunday June 3rd volunteers from our club and from UFTRI will be assisting Ed Lombardo in the teaching of the women cancer survivors from the Healing Coop. This is our second such event. It originated as an idea of Lawson Cary who spearheads many outreach events. The previous fly fishing and tying seminar with the Healing Coop was an impressive and gratifying experience for all attendees and also for all of us who volunteered.

Again, our thanks to Bob Buonanno for allowing us to use Deer Creek farm as the venue. If you are volunteering, or want to observe, here are directions:

The entrance to the Deer Creek fish and game preserve is at 59 North Road in Foster.

Directions: Get on Route 6 from 295. You are heading west, towards Connecticut. You will cross routes 102 and 94 and then just before the Connecticut border you will make a left on Boswell Trail. You will then cross past Salisbury road on your left and the next turn is a right on to North Road. Look for the entrance to Deer Creek Farm.

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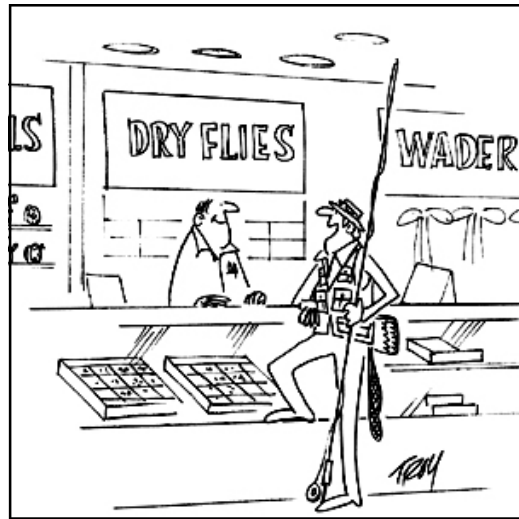
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I'll have a ginger quill. Make it extra dry please.

Our webmaster is **Dick Pearce**. He posts this newsletter in its original color format on our site. You can read our Long-Cast issues, past and present, on our web site if your computer is equipped with an "Adobe Reader." As the Long-Cast is sent out by bulk mail it will often arrive late. Though it is almost always mailed out before mid-month, the bulk mail designation means that the newsletter can lay undelivered in post offices for much longer than would be the case for first class mail.

Opting out of mail receipt of the Long Cast cannot presently be done because the mailing roster is maintained by TU National.

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FLY OF THE MONTH
The Latex Spider
by Dave Cameron

Here is a nice way to tie standard wet flies. The body is thread, covered by sheer latex such as from a surgeon's glove. The fly is pretty commonplace, but this particular approach provides great design flexibility, allowing almost any color to be easily achieved; as well as that nice slick translucent body you will get with this method.

Recipe

Hook: Wet fly hook #12 - #16
Body: Yellow or green tying thread covered in latex from a surgical glove
Thorax: Yellow or green seal's fur
Hackle: One or two turns of partridge



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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Oaklawn Ave. (Rte 5), Cranston, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE THE COOKOUT ON May 30th**

