



The Long Cast



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Presidents Message

I want to thank the presenters we had at our last meeting, Jim Norton and Gerry Crow of New Hampshire River Guides Service. I wish I had met them before my last trip to N.H. I would have had a lot more luck fishing then I did. Thanks for a nice job and a good time.

As everyone must know by now George Rainville passed away on May 1. I know everybody that knew George will miss him in their own way for their own reasons so you can put your own words here if you want, but for me I will miss the fact that we could have an argument today and fish together in an hour. During the 'Hex. Hatch' he would go down stream further then any of us and we would wait for George to get back to the parking lot and we would sit on the tailgate on my truck and compare our night and the flies we used. I will miss George and those times. I think there is a place in our hearts where we put our friends when they pass on and we keep them there warm and safe and easy to reach when we need a friend. My most sincere condolences to his family.

Lawson Cary

Important Dates

E-Board Meetings

Sept..6-08
Oct. 4-08
Nov.1-08
Dec. 6-08

General Meetings

May-28-08 streamside
June 25-08 streamside
July 30-08 streamside
Aug 27-08 streamside
Sept.-24-08
Oct.29-08
Nov.19-08
Dec.17-08

Adopt-A-Highway

May, 31-08
Sept.27-08
Dec.20-08
Float Stocking
April 26-08
May-24-08
Sept. 20-08

Fly Casting at the Wood/ Pawcatuck Watershed Headquarters

4pm-6pm
July 24, 2008
July 31, 2008
\$5 members \$10 non members

Family Fun Fishing Days

For children aged 12 and under (Rods, tackle, worms, bottled water will be provided. Location to be announced.)

\$5 for members \$10 non
Members 10am-1pm
July 11, 2008
July 18, 2008

Float Stocking

May 24th at Check Station 8am

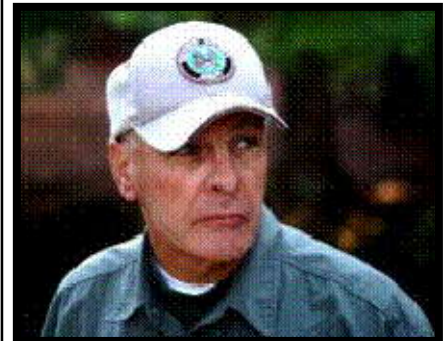
Highway Clean Up

June 14th

Special Event

The Healing Coop fishing class and picnic at Deer Creek Farm on May 31st. More details in this Long Cast.

George Rainville



Our friend and long time TU member and officer, George Rainville, passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 1. George was a serious fly fisher and covered more water in a

day's fishing than just about any other Wood River regular. He could start at the Lawson Cary access, work down to the "second bridge" in the morning and then drive down to The Pines for an afternoon go at the pools up and downstream from there!

George served in the United States Army and Reserves from 1961 to 2000 retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a graduate of the United States Army, Command and General Staff College.

He received his B.S. In Industrial Management at University of Rhode Island in 1963 and went on to a career as a claims manager and consultant for various insurance companies.

George was a wonderful craftsman who made bamboo fly rods which were elegant and beautifully functional. In his career as a bamboo rod maker he completed over 70 such rods and we wish he had time left for many more. They were things of beauty. Who undertakes this kind of demanding and intricate work? A soul who believes in the purpose and permanence of his place on earth.

Stream Crossings

The picture shows the inlet of a brook that flows underneath the Amtrak tracks in Richmond. The old stone tunnel carries the significant cold water flow about two hundred feet under the railroad tracks. Upstream is a cold water pond inside a Nature Conservancy Preserve and the system is likely to hold wild native brook trout.



Fly of the Month The Glitter Critter Tied by Steve Davenport



Recipe

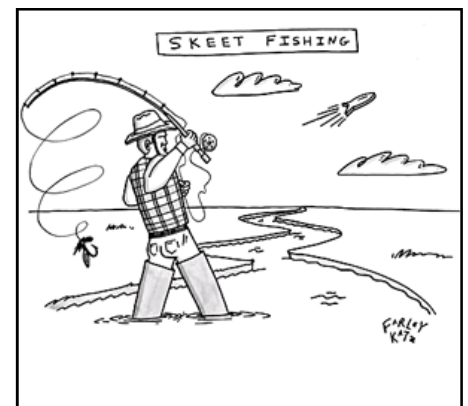
- Hook: Tiemco 2487 or similar "scud" hook
- Bead: Glass or plastic rochaille bead (red, orange, gold, or clear)
- Thread: Black 8/0
- Body: Copper krystal flash, twisted
- Thorax: Squirrel or hare's mask Dubbing
- Hackle: Hungarian partridge (optional)

Chinook Salmon

Throughout the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed are streams that should serve as spawning ground or adult trout habitat.

The migration of the trout, though impacted by construction, has not been eliminated. There are probably waters all over the state where the descendants of ancient fish are still going about their lives though diminished as they are in their struggle against our carelessness.

The Chinook salmon that swim upstream to spawn in the fall run in the California Sacramento River, have disappeared. The almost complete collapse of the richest and most dependable source of Chinook salmon south of Alaska left gloomy fisheries experts struggling for reliable explanations — and coming up dry.



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The Healing Coop Event

We have hosted for a few years, along with volunteers from United Fly Tyers, an annual teaching and picnic event with the women cancer survivors of the Healing Coop.

Ed Lombardo unfurls his gear for a morning presentation and then our volunteers demonstrate casting and tying, do some cooking, and we proceed to lunch and some catching of fish in the stocked pond at Deer Creek Farm.

The event and map will be posted on the web site. Deer Creek Farm is at 59 North Road in Foster. If you are volunteering, please let me have your name and whether you are casting, tying or cooking! Burt (swim@mtmfg.com)

Directions to Deer Creek Farm

I-295 toward Woonsocket

Take the **US-6** exit **6A-B-C** to **Hartford Ct./Providence** - go **1.4 mi**
Bear **right** onto the **US-6 W** ramp to **Foster** - go **0.1 mi**
Bear **right** at **Hartford Ave/Grand Army of the Republic Hwy** -
go **2.9 mi**

Continue on **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **0.3 mi**
Bear **right** and head toward **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **0.1 mi**
Continue on **Hartford Pike/Hartford Ave** - go **1.9 mi**
Turn **left** at **US-6 W** and head toward **(I-395)** - go **0.1 mi**
16. Bear **right** at **US-6** - go **3.2 mi**
Bear **right** at **US-6 W** - go **5.5 mi**
Turn **left** at **Boswell Trl** - go **1.7 mi**
Turn **right** at **North Rd** - go **256 ft**

The RINHS Bio Blitz On the Grills Preserve

"RINHS" is the Rhode Island Natural History Survey. The organization collects and publishes data on all species of plant and animal surveyed in the state.

Periodically they hold "bio-blitzes" where volunteers collect and identify plants and creatures. This year they will be working at the Grills Preserve, a Nature Conservancy location in the Bradford/Westerly area. Volunteers are being asked to catch fish ! Please be prepared to take digital camera pictures (or to work with another volunteer with a camera.) We are practicing catch and identify and release (or catch and photograph and release.) Bring a net too to scoop sculpins or other small fish and creatures.

If you know you can volunteer for any period of time between 3PM on June 6th (a Friday) and 3PM on the following day, please contact Kira Stillwell at kstillwell@rinhs.org and let her know you are a TU volunteer. You can ask for their information kit and map, or contact me at swim@mtmfg.com.

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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 ON May 28th, streamside.
(at the Check Station)**



Farmington River, Connecticut

