

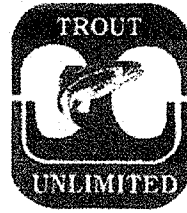
THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

When: March 10, 7 pm
Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris
Who: Member, **Clayton Fisk**
What: The fishing and environment of Alaska covering the Kenai Peninsula and the Talkeetna region

MEMBERS IN ACTION

- **TRASH PICKUP ALONG CLINCH RIVER SUCCESSFUL**
 February 19, saw 7 stalwarts from the CRCTU clearing of trash in our chapter's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway effort, 2 mile stretch in Norris.
 Volunteers: Steve Brown, Frank Bryant, Dick Geiger, Berny Ilgner, Carol Moore, Andy Morgan and Barry Thacker.
NOTE: April 23, will be the next Adopt-A-Highway and Spring cleanup of the Clinch.
- **FLY TYING CLASS**
A "BUZZING" SUCCESS
 Fly tier impresario, Buzz Buffington, presided over the Chapter's annual, 5 sessions class. Thirteen enthusiastic participants learned to tie 9 flies present in local tail waters and in the mountains.
 Also lending their expertise were: Steve Brown, Dick Geiger, Clayton Gist, Bev Howard, Dave Hunter, John Thurman, Sarah Weeks and Eddy Whitson. TU memberships were given each participant.



The Clinch River Chapter -
 dedicated to conserving,
 protecting and restoring the
 natural environment of the
 Clinch River Watershed

CHANGE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR NEWSLETTER

At their February meeting our Board considered a proposal by the Cumberland Chapter of TU to publish a TN Council newsletter with the costs shared by participating TU chapters based on newsletter space. About a half page would serve our needs, and cost about \$150 per month (all costs). Chapters could offset costs by selling ads which would be included in their space.. Advantages would be that we would benefit by being part of a TU award winning publication and our members would learn about activities at other chapters. Presently our newsletter costs about \$25 per month, and primarily is intended to reach our 40 members without email. Our monthly income is a little over \$300 per month. Our current newsletter is "snail mailed" to 40 members not having an email address and Carol places it on our web site. **Contact a Board member with your opinion before their meeting, March 23.**

4th ANNUAL TU REGIONAL RALLY = FUN & LEARNING

This get together promises great activities for everyone. Workshops aimed at both potential and seasoned leaders will cover "TU Basics"...along with all the requisite fishing. The local fly shop will be on hand Friday evening with a presentation about the fishing opportunities and fly suggestions. A bluegrass band will heat up the rec hall on Saturday night.

The Rally, located at the Educational Center in Abingdon, VA, will start Friday evening, **April 29-** Sunday breakfast, **May 1.** Cost is \$60 a person which includes everything. Private rooms for couples are \$170 for both nights.

Six staff members from TU National will assist with your TU business questions—from membership, to fund raising, to expanding conservation efforts. A state agent will talk about working with agencies. *TROUT* magazine editor, Beth Duris, will be on hand. A good time—Ya'll come!

THE ANGLERS' CORNER

"Bluegill" sets the blood of young and old alike a-churning! A rod of 3, 4 or 5 weight adds to the fun. Choose wet or dry flies which resemble their gastronomical delights. The Tennessee record is 3 lbs. Go for it!

**CLINCH RIVER
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PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS-2005**

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Look for an activity which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your services.

**COAL CREEK SPRING
CLEANING DAY-BE THERE**

March 19, 8 –noon. Meet at Briceville Elementary. Prizes (most unique trash), entertainment, refreshments at noon (ball park)

MERLIN'S MAGIC

Merlin, of King Arthur's Court fame, lived in the village of Carmarthen, South Wales. A member from our partner, the Coal Creek Federation, suggested to students at Briceville that they develop a sister city relationship with a community in Wales. Now, Briceville Elementary and Lake City Elementary have sister schools from- you guessed it- Carmarthen. All four schools are communicating via the internet sharing information and cultures.

**SPORTSMAN EXPO
IN FARRAGUT: March 12**

Join fellow sportspersons for an afternoon of activities ranging from paint ball for adults and youth, archery and air rifle demos and instruction. Alex Rutledge, Grand National Wild Turkey calling champion will be strutting his yelps and gobbles. There will be classes for both Hunter & Boat Safety. Speakers will be the editor of *SPORTS WORLD* and Bryan Holloway, professional shooter for Mathews Bows. Door prizes include a Weatherby rifle, a Knight muzzle loader and a Charles Daily shotgun.

Andrew Still will be manning our Chapter's booth and demonstrating fly tying.

Action will start at 2 pm ending at 6 pm at the Concord 1st Baptist Church, 11704 Kingston Pike. (Take Campbell Station Rd exit from I 40, right on Kingston Pike to the Church about 1/2 mile on the left.) Food a la Buddy's Bar-B-Q. Tickets are \$5 for an adult and \$2 per child.

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