

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

When: October 13, 6 –7:30 pm (rain or shine)

Who: Member, Barry Thacker

What: 1. Tour of our Coal Creek Watershed: bank stabilization projects, and historical sites associated with the Coal Creek Mine disaster.

2. Election of Officers

6 p Briceville School bank stabilization project

6:10 p TN Hollow Mine and Convict Stockade

6:25 p TN Hollow storm water suspended sedimentary monitoring station

6:30 Cross Mountain Miners' Circle Cemetery

6:40 p Briceville Park and Drummond Bridge

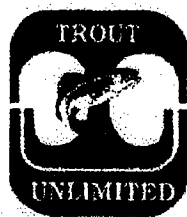
6:50 p Hayes bank stabilization project

7:05-7:30 p Militia Hall; return to school

Where: Briceville School

Take Hwy. 25W through Lake City, past the Library and Community Centers. Turn right, at traffic light, on Hwy. 116 (Shop Rite store on corner) and proceed 3.5 miles to intersection in front of the Briceville School.

(NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING START TIME AND PLACE)



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

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Aug. 27-Chapter members met for our quarterly **Adopt-a-Highway** effort. Trash was cleared from a 2 mile stretch on Hwy. 441 and on River Road from Hwy. 441 to the Massengill Bridge. Volunteers included Tom Bates, Buzz Buffington, Berny Ilgner, Danny McMahan, Carol Moore, Hiroshi Toyohara and John Thurman.

Storm Water Sampling Project Near Completion-for 2 years, Chapter members have been collecting suspended sediment samples in Coal Creek after storm events. This effort has produced information about the effects of abandoned mine lands throughout the water shed, which flows into the Clinch River. Member, John Thurman, recently installed the samplers for the final sampling which is needed to collect storm water following the current drought conditions.

Oct. 15: Free Concert and tour of Cross Mountain Mine Disaster Historic Sites (see page 2)

Oct. 22-TU TN Council meets at Norris- Council officer, Steve Brown, reports that the State council will meet at Norris State Park. New chapter leaders are invited for a taste of council business. Steve will be asking for member volunteers to fish with council members on the Clinch.

Oct. 28-Coal Creek Health Day, 9 a-Out Chapter and friends will host this annual event at the Briceville School. Volunteers will help the kids explore the creek, give fly and spin casting lessons and fly tying. Emphasis will be on the relationship between checking creek health and personal health. Volunteers are needed for this fun and rewarding day (come about 8:30 a to help set up).

Early December – Volunteers will gather at Briceville School to plant trees and vegetation on two of our chapter's bank stabilization projects in Coal Creek. John Thurman will provide more details soon.

ANGLER'S CORNER

Fly fishing big, turbulent streams, wadable from near shore: streamer, bucktail and wet flies usually produce better than dries... although, there may be exceptions.

**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 efforts.)

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**Free Tour of Cross Mountain
Mine Disaster Sites AND Free
Concert**

Our partner, the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation, has sponsored tours of sites associated the 1902 Fraterville Mine Disaster where 216 men and boys died. This tour will focus on the Cross Mountain Mine Disaster. On Dec. 19, 1911, struck Coal Creek again when the Cross Mountain Mine exploded with 84 miners perishing. (Five miners were rescued by crews from the newly formed Bureau of Mines mandated by Congress to improve mine safety. This was one of the first successful rescue operations led by the Bureau of Mines which led to increased funding and advances toward safer working conditions.

The public is invited. The 2 1/2 mile walking tour, along roads, (shuttles also will be available) will start from the Briceville School at 9 a. The tour (rain or shine) will include the Cross Miners' Circle at the Briceville Cemetery and the abandoned mine portal. Briceville native, Tony Thomas, and his Mystery Mountain Boys will wind up the day's tour of historic sites with a free concert at the Briceville Community Church from 2-4 p.

The hard driving bluegrass concert will get feet a-stomping at the Briceville Church. Donations will go toward further renovation of the Church. The unique Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. It was built in 1888 by Welsh coal miners.

If you have questions contact Carol Moore-see listing of officers.

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