

CALENDAR

Next Meeting
5 August
7:30pm on Zoom

The Chapter Meetings will be hosted on Zoom at 7:30 pm starting with our guest speaker and followed by Chapter business. To participate in the meetings you must register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions and the confirmation number needed to join the meeting. See the website for the Zoom link.

July

1 July
No Member Meeting
Go Fishing!

8 July
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

August

5 August
7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

12 August
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

September

2 September
7:30 TBD Meeting

9 September
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Three and half years ago, when we moved to Leesburg, I told my wife, Kate, that I would not be as involved in my new TU chapter as I had been with the Mianus Chapter in Connecticut. While I again decided to run for chapter president, there are so many great people doing many things here, I'm able to share the responsibilities.

I have to thank Jay Lovering, who served as chapter president over multiple terms separated by a number of years, for stepping back in when a president was needed. Jay's knowledge and experience will be invaluable to us and I plan to use him as a source for as long as he keeps answering his phone. It's nearly impossible to fish somewhere in Virginia without him being able to say, "I fished here back in the-60's-70's-80's-90's etc., when you could park over next to the mailbox and walk up the trail to access the river... Or, "we did a project on that river back in..."

Last year the board decided to undertake putting together a Strategic

Plan, to serve as a road map to guide the chapter to the future. The planning committee was a mixed group; several people newly involved in the chapter and others who have been here for decades. The differing back grounds and points of view shaped the plan we now have, which was described on our second quarter newsletter.

One of my main goals as chapter president is to provide more opportunities for our chapter members to get involved in various ways. I hope to build partnerships with other organizations whose purpose coincides with ours, including watershed groups, river associations, soil and water groups and other conservation related groups. Those partnerships will lead to volunteer opportunities, whether river clean ups, planting of trees to help stabilize riverbanks and provide shade to lower water temperatures, building rain gardens and other projects to help protect and restore our rivers.

Another goal is to hold chapter

events in the different parts of our territory, not just in Vienna, from Leesburg in the north to Woodbridge in the south and Arlington or Alexandria in the east, making it possible for people to attend who could not make it to the meetings in Vienna due to rush hour travel and the distance from their homes and jobs. These events may be meetings or may be other types of gatherings, perhaps on weekends to give folks a chance to attend who could not otherwise. I feel it is important for us to work on building a community where members look forward to seeing their friends and also meeting new people who share our love and concern for the environment.

I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events, which so far include the release party for **Let It Fly Lager** at Crooked Run Brewery in Sterling on July 24th and our 40th Anniversary Celebration out at Double Spur Outfitters, Star Tannery, in September. We are working on scheduling more events and will keep you posted.

--Tony Hill



Let It Fly Beer Release Event Crooked Run Brewery (Sterling)

Date: 24 July 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m. until Close
Location: Crooked Run Brewery
22455 Davis Dr #120,
Sterling, VA 2016
www.crookedrunbrewing.com

Members, Family, and Friends are invited to join the Northern Virginia Chapter for this special event!

On Friday, 23 July, things will kick off with the release of **Let It Fly Lager** by the crafters at Crooked Run Brewing in Sterling. If you are so inclined, join Chapter members as we get a first taste of this special brew.

On Saturday, 24 July, we will have the Barrel Room and the adjacent outdoor space for some socialization, thirst quenching, eating, and activities.

After a little over a year of isolation, it is about time we come together and celebrate with our friends. If you still want some personal space, there is plenty of room both inside and outside for your comfort.

In addition to special release of **Let It Fly Lager**, Crooked Run offers a wide selection of beers, seltzers, and wine (yes, wine!).

The Chapter will receive a portion of the proceeds for sales of **Let it Fly Lager, not just during this event but until all the beer is gone!**

The food options at Crooked Run are: Senor Ramon Taqueria (www.senorramon.com/) and Daybreak Kitchen and Biscuit (www.daybreakbiscuit.com/). Activities planned: Target & Distance Casting in the outdoor space, Indoor PractiCaster Challenge, and a Fly-Tying Challenge. Crooked Run Brewing will have swag for those that prove up to the challenges!

The big screen will show fly fishing films in the Barrel Room, until the band takes the stage at 7:00 p.m. in the common area of the brewery.

**Show your TU Membership Card to receive 15% off Beer and Merch
at both Crooked Run Locations**

NVATU Volunteers Participate in 2021 Stream Surveys

The Northern Virginia chapter of Trout Unlimited participated in the 2021 Virginia Trout Stream Sensitivity Study (VTSSS). The study, which involved roughly 460 water samples taken at various streams throughout Virginia, is designed to track the effects of acidic deposition and other factors that determine water quality and related ecological conditions in Virginia’s native trout streams. Due to COVID, the 2020 VTSSS event was cancelled and rescheduled to 2021 making it the fourth regional survey conducted with the assistance of Trout Unlimited and other volunteer organizations.

On April 24, 30 NVATU volunteers sampled 20 mountain headwater streams from Madison, Rappahannock, and Warren counties that support reproducing brook trout. Each sample location involved two water samples. A water chemistry sample was taken to measure pH, acid neutralizing capacity, and major dissolved ions. A second sample was taken to analyze for micro-plastics. Micro-plastics are an emerging contaminant of concern in the aqueous environment and have recently been measured in atmospheric deposition and stream water in relatively remote locations. Their impacts on the ecology of headwater streams have yet to be established. Following the first survey, a geographically distributed subset of streams was selected for long-term monitoring. This component of VTSSS now includes 66 streams that have been sampled on a seasonal (quarterly) basis for 24 years. An additional subset of streams in Shenandoah National Park is monitored on a more intensive basis as part of the Shenandoah Watershed Study (SWAS) program.

The 2010 results were promising for several reasons, and the hope is that the 2021 results provide more insight into the health of Virginia Brook trout streams. Acid neutralizing capacity (ANC), which provides a measure of the acid-buffering capacity of surface water and determines pH, continues to increase – a good indicator of improvements to Brook trout streams.

--Rob Cain



Frank Roberts Overall Run 2

Scout Merit Badge Program, 8 May 2021

On May 8th NVTU conducted another of its Fly Fishing Merit Badge Programs for 18 members of Scout Troop 673. Through the efforts of Cole Thomas, the adult Scout Leader, we had another successful event. All of the Scouts complete the training and qualified for their Merit Badge in Fly Fishing.

Thanks to the assistance of Brian Danner, Director at Claude Moore Park in Sterling VA the program went off as scheduled. This facility had all the ingredients we needed, Outdoor Pavilion for general sessions, Stream, Pond, Casting Field and buildings for indoor Fly Tying and to show appropriate Casting Video.

In addition, Rich Farino from District Angling provided, flies, nippers, knot tying guides, forceps other items for the Scouts.

The event was an all-day affair and everyone stood tall in on again off again rainy weather. It culminated with fishing where every Scout either landed or hooked a fish. The Chapter stocked the pond with 75 rainbows from Orndorff Bait and Trout Farm.

The agenda consisted of all the sessions required by Scouts to achieve their Merit Badge.



Scout leaders and NVATU volunteers:

- Kickoff: Cole Thomas, Troop 673 Ldr
- Opening: What is Fly Fishing; Equipment and tools; Education and Conservation; John Davey & Bill Errico
- Fly Tying: John Hadley, Mike Thomas and Justin Hardie
- Knot Tying: Luke Hendrixson, John Hadley
- The Bugs: Dan Cunningham, Tim Quinn
- Fish Anatomy: Dr. Les Goldsmith
- Fly Casting: Jim Galligan, Jeff Mangeno and son, Andrew
- Fishing: All Hands
- Closing and Merit Badge Card Signing: Bill Errico
- Staff Refreshments: Tony Hill, Bill Errico

Walmart Tysons Awards Grant to NVATU



Ifran Yonis, General Manger, Walmart Tysons Corner, and Bill Errico celebrate the awarding of a grant to NVATU. This grant is the work of two years developing a relationship with “Ronnie” Ifran identifying how NVATU and the local Walmart store have the same objectives in serving the same communities.

Our programs on Conservation, Trout in the Classroom, Scout Merit Badge, Fish with Kids, Stream Girls and Service Partners work on improving knowledge levels and educating the same folks that Ronnie sees every day in his store.

The Cyber Grants group at Walmart administers the program but final decision on who gets the money and how much is made by the local store manager. There may be other opportunities. The key to getting such grants is to get to know the store manager, be conversant with our neighborhood programs and do it early. Walmart’s Grant submissions are due the beginning of each year and awarded in Q1. If you don’t get your submission in on time you will have to wait another year. Once submitted, follow up on regular basis.

Start researching and getting familiar with the process now by going to this link. http://www.cybergrants.com/walmart/commgrant_501.

--Bill Errico

NSLM, PEC Offer Detailed Brook Trout Video

The National Sporting Library and Museum (NSLM), Middleburg, and the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) premiered a webinar, *Brook Trout: Gems of the Piedmont*, on April 29th. The program is available on the NSLM YouTube Channel and on the PEC website. There were so many great questions about this native species, their homes, and how we can protect them that PEC has a webpage dedicated to this event with slides and the video as well.

The NSLM also is proud to be host to the seventh annual International Fly-Fishing Film Festival, happening in-person on June 5th and August 28th. We hope to see you there!

Additionally, as part our mission to advocate for the preservation of wildlife and open space, the NSLM has a fantastic exhibition, *Tucker Smith: A Celebration of Nature*, by contemporary wildlife artist Tucker Smith on view until August 22, 2021.

--Valerie Peacock, NSLM

Spring Kids Fishing Days

Several of our chapter members participated in local town (Reston, Vienna and Fairfax City) fishing days this year, setting up tackle, teaching kids casting and cleaning fish. They were paid in smiles and whoops and shrieks of joy.

A local reporter captured the essence: <http://m.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2021/mar/24/lure-kids-trout-fishing-day-reston/>

If I can be permitted a digression, I learned from Roger Orndorff, from whom we bought trout for the Merit Badge class, that the greatest pleasure he derives from over 50 years of operating his hatchery is seeing the smile that his work puts on people's faces.

Thank you, Wes Bullion, Dan Cunningham, John Davey, Ben Edwards, Julia Edwards, Dave Semler, and Owen Williams.

--George Paine



Really, there is a smile under that mask!

Trout in Classroom 2021 Releases

TIC was a bit different this year but despite covid restrictions dedicated teachers in seven schools operated nine tanks this year, supported by Dan Cunningham, Don Grattan and George Paine. They raised nearly 500 brook trout fry which were released into Passage Creek in the George Washington National Forest and Catharpin Creek in the Bull Run Mountain Conservancy. <https://www.brmconservancy.org>



photo credit: Chris Mills, Principal, Hillside ES, Loudoun County

--George Paine

Annual 2-Fly Tournament

On Sunday May 16th, NVATU held our fifth 2-Fly Fundraising Tournament at Double Spur Outfitters on Cedar Creek. The event was well attended, with folks eager to get out and spend time on the water while supporting the chapter. We had a mix of first timers and people that have attended in past years.

The winning team of Wes Bullion and Dennis Waddell did really well during the morning session, catching several 20 inch fish! Newcomer Justin Hardie showed his teammate John Malone how it's done to help land their team in second place. Andy Manley and Janice Maida had a slow morning session but came back strong after the lunch break to take third place. Mason and Palmer Kasproicz caught some nice fish, including a good sized brook trout. Other people participating were Kiki Galvin fishing with Dottie Shuman, Bob Coatney and his daughter Paige, Casey and Alec Peltier, Guy Surian teamed with Tony Hill and Tanner Thompson who fished solo. Special thanks to Scott Allen and Gregg Rockett for making the day run smoothly and to Jay Lovering for delivering the lunch. Also thank you to Jeff Mangeno and Josh Schnell for their donations.



Wes Bullion & Dennis Waddell



Justin Hardie & John Malone



Andy Manley & Janice Maida



Kiki Galvin & Dottie Shuman



Mason & Palmer Kasproicz



Bob & Paige Coatney

Allegheny National Forest on Kinzua Creek

“So, you’re a ‘Mup-here’?” the local smiled and asked.

“Huh? Come again,” I said.

“Well, if you’re not from around here, you’re a ‘Mup-here,’” he insisted with a friendly grin.

Smiling broadly, he added: “Yeah, when visitors are asked about being in town, the outdoorsy-types often answer, ‘I ‘mup’ here hunting and fishing.’”

Well, I guess I was, indeed, a Mup-here. Better than being a Muppet, I suppose, which is what I first thought he said.

I’d been invited to visit the Allegheny National Forest (ANF—visitanf.com) in north-western Pennsylvania this spring with some other outdoor writers.

I was particularly keen on the prospect of some fly fishing.

Besides turkey hunting in the highland hardwoods and walleye spin fishing on the Kinzua Reservoir, it turns out we were scheduled to hit Kinzua (pronounced locally as “Kin-zoo”) Creek for trout.

We hit the water on a rainy, unseasonably cold day in early May, guided by two local instructors from the Kinzua Fly Fishing School (kinzua-fly-fishing-school.com) in Bradford.

It turns out that our guides, Steve Skvarka and Carl Zandi, were both retired high school football coaches. When I heard this, I had flashbacks of my high school football days.

I was concerned with these two we’d have to endure a rah-rah pep talk before we got to the water, huddle up between strikes to discuss the next cast, and get yelled at for missing a hook set.

Of course, it was nothing like that. Even football coaches mellow in their retirement, right?!

Indeed, who better to have as guides than a couple of high school coaches? Steve and Carl were great fishers, terrific instructors—and super encouraging.

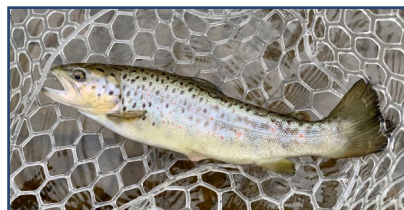
After a decent drive out of Bradford to the ANF, we parked on the side of the road, geared up, and with a quick walk through the pines, we were on the water.

Kinzua Creek is famous for being very accessible.

Under Steve’s hand—who regularly regaled me with Joe Humphrey stories and techniques—I was quickly into stocked rainbows and stocked/wild browns.

Using a 5-weight, we started swinging a

Glow Bug egg pattern—imitating some of the Sucker roe in the water—across the 20-foot wide section of the freestone stream.



One of several browns taken on egg patterns in the Allegheny National Forest near Bradford, PA

The fish I landed weren’t huge that afternoon, but they were feisty, especially the rainbows which made their share of gravity-defying leaps in the current.

But don’t judge the water by my angling. The 15-mile Kinzua Creek is considered one of the best stocked trout streams in the state, especially for the size of the stocked fish put in there.

Besides fish stocked by the state this year, there are some holdover and reproducing browns and some brookies that find their way into Kinzua Creek from the mountain tribes.

From what I hear, it’s not uncommon in Kinzua Creek to have trout of 16-inches to 20-inches put a bend in your rod.

Steve tells me that his favorite flies include the Glow Bug, Royal Wulff, Elk-Hair Cad-dis, Pheasant Tail Nymph and the Hare’s Ear Nymph.

The water sees Stonefly, Caddis, and Cahill hatches in the spring and into the early summer. You can get into Midges year round and terrestrials are a good bet in the summer.

While we didn’t see another angler on that drizzly afternoon, Kinzua Creek is understandably popular, but I wouldn’t say pressured, through summer due to those dry fly opportunities.

Naturally, the water can warm a bit in the summer, like anywhere else. But depending on rainfall, night/day air and water temps, it can often be fished without concerns for stressing the trout.

Best to check the weather and flows before you travel.

Of course, down the road about 45 minutes is the well-known Clarion River, a once well-kept secret in Pennsylvania trout circles. Near Johnsonburg, the Clarion is now well-known for its wild and trophy browns.

Besides the Kinzua and the Clarion, Bradford and the ANF also happen to be on the way from the DMV to some other epic Eastern fly fishing.

Buffalo, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania, big towns near to Lake Erie’s famed steel-head runs, are just a relatively short car-ride away from the ANF.

I could see myself stopping off to hit the Kinzua and Clarion in the spring or fall for trout before heading off to Buffalo (my hometown) to chase their bigger, chrome, lake-run cousins.

While you can catch a quick hop from Dulles to Bradford, it’s a bit of a car ride from Northern Virginia—and there are other top-notch Pennsylvania trout streams a lot closer to us.

But, getting away from the DMV’s hustle and bustle to try some new water in the verdant, peaceful Pennsylvania highlands, might do you—and your fly fishing—a lot of good.



A healthy rainbow taken on the swing on Kinzua Creek with a 5-wt. and a Glow Bug egg pattern

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--Pete Brooks

Third Annual Tidal Potomac Slam Tournament

March 20 - September 18, 2021

Join National Capital - Trout Unlimited, Northern Virginia – Trout Unlimited, CCA Greater Washington, CCA Northern Virginia, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Capitol Region, Potomac River Smallmouth Club and the Tidal Potomac Fly Rodders, for a fun-filled multi-month fishing tournament on the Tidal Potomac. All net proceeds will go to support Friend’s of Fletcher’s Cove.

For details go to: www.tidalpotomacslam.org

AUGUST SPEAKER

The Science of Trout Fisheries Highlights

Dr. Ed Heist, trout angler, conservation geneticist, and Professor of Zoology and Associate Director of the Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture, & Aquatic Sciences at Southern Illinois University, will be the guest speaker at our August 5 virtual meeting.

Dr. Heist also lists himself as a “Consultant Biologist” for the Gateway (St. Louis) Chapter of TU where he helps with projects on wild rainbows and brown trout. In his presentation,



“Natural Selection, Artificial Selection, and the Science of Better Trout Fisheries” at the August meeting, he will discuss how trout, including introduced populations, adapt to local conditions even with angling pressure. He also will talk about the impact of harvest and management practices on fish life histories, the switch between anadromy and non-anadromy within species, and domestication in hatchery stocks. He will include some insights from recent scientific literature and examples from self-

sustaining introduced populations, and briefly discuss conflicts between “elitist” catch-and-release fly anglers and catch-and-kill bait fishers and how there should be room for both.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 5. As before, registration information will be sent to all members.

FISH WITH A MEMBER

The popular FWAM outings were suspended during the pandemic but will resume beginning in September. More information to come.



--George Paine



40th Anniversary Celebration at Double Spur Outfitters



Date: 26 September 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. until Dark

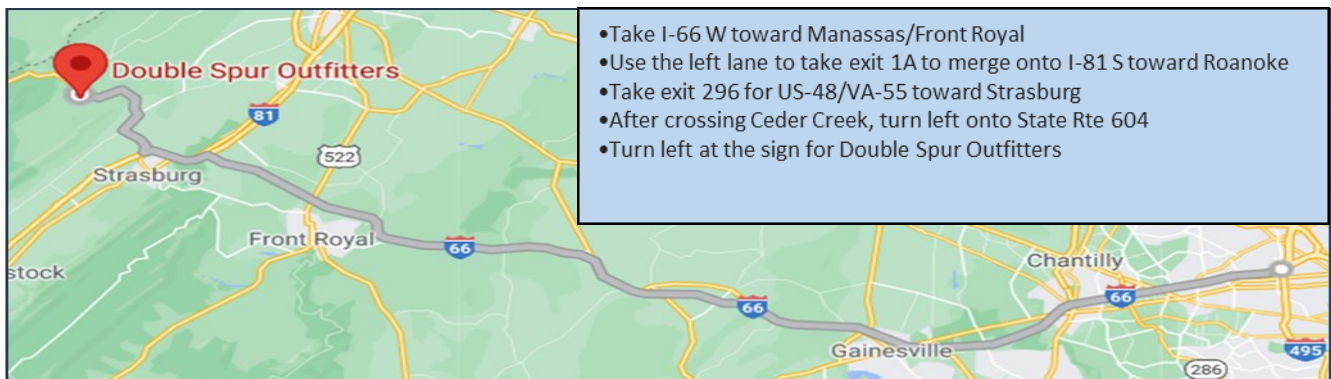
Location: Double Spur Outfitters

2011 Star Tannery Rd, Star Tannery, VA 22654

www.doublespuroutfitters.com

Members and Family are invited to join the Northern Virginia Chapter as we celebrate 40 years as a Chapter of Trout Unlimited. On Sunday, 26 September, we have reserved the pavilion and both the upper and lower sections of Cedar Creek at Double Spur Outfitters for an entire day. Start off the day by fishing this stocked, private water. At noon, the chapter will begin serving lunch: burgers and dogs--hot off the grill, along with sides and drinks. At 1:00 p.m. we will have a short presentation followed by drawings for a few raffle items. Following the drawings, we invite you to continue fishing, socializing, and celebrating.

Directions to Double Spur Outfitters:



- Take I-66 W toward Manassas/Front Royal
- Use the left lane to take exit 1A to merge onto I-81 S toward Roanoke
- Take exit 296 for US-48/VA-55 toward Strasburg
- After crossing Cedar Creek, turn left onto State Rte 604
- Turn left at the sign for Double Spur Outfitters

July: Gurgler-Pop



Originator: Jack Gartside, modified by Peter Frailey (flyangleronline.com) and further modified by myself.

This is my favorite foam fly for pan fish, largemouth and small mouth bass. If this doesn't draw the fish to the surface nothing will... but if not I then shift to a nymph or streamer. I fish it as a dry fly,

but with sinking line or weights it is a good streamer too. The original, "larger" pattern Gurgler doesn't have legs and is a good fly for big fish: salmon, steelhead, strippers, etc.

Techniques to be learned:

- * Using various hair and synthetic materials for tails
- * Cutting and tying in foam under-body and back
- * Using various materials for body
- * Tying in rubber legs

Recipe:

Hook: Standard dry fly hooks #4, 8, 10 or 12; 2X or 3X for longer body

Thread: Yellow or White 6/0 (match foam color – 3/0 for larger flies)

Tail: Use your favorite material: squirrel tail, calf tail, woodchuck or Antron if using Antron for the body. Add a few strands of Krystal Flash. (Buck Tail for larger flies)

Body: Various colored chenille, peacock herl, or Antron extended from tail section

Foam Underbody: strip of thin yellow foam, width of hook gap or a little wider (can use white or black foam too)

Legs: Yellow rubber legs

Back: same yellow foam

Fishing Tips: When fishing on lakes from a boat cast as close to the shoreline as possible. On streams cast beyond where you think a fish may be; especially likely feeding lanes. Plop the fly on the water; this is not a delicate presentation. Let sit for a few seconds then give it a jerk. Let it sit for 10 or so seconds then give it another vigorous retrieve. The idea is to make it "gurgle" or "pop" and make lots of vibrations in the water to attract the fish. Be ready for a leaping strike from a largemouth bass or an enthusiastic strike from smallmouth bass or pan fish.

August: White Wulff



Originator: Lee Wulff.

Great fly for the White Fly hatch in September. Once you've learned this fly you can tie most hair wing fly patterns.

Techniques to be learned:

- * Stacking calf tail or hair for the tail
- * Making single or double calf tail wings
- * Using yarn or dubbing to make the body
- * Wrapping hackle

Recipe:

Hook: Standard Dry fly # 8-14

Thread: White 8/0, 6/0

Body: White yarn or dubbing

Tail: White calf tail or body hair, body hair is straighter

Hackle: Silver badger or white hackle

Wing: White calf tail, same as tail

Fishing Tips: When the White Fly hatch is really on, about dusk, you don't need much technique; the trout will be leaping out of the water within an arm's length in an attempt to catch his fly. The White Fly is the Trident Missile hatch of mayfly hatches; the nymph rises rapidly to the surface, the fly bursts out at the surface and immediately flies away. Just plop the fly down on the water, if you don't get an immediate strike cast in the direc-

tion of any of the surrounding rises. The take will be very active; trout will be jumping into the air to catch a hatching fly. Lift your rod to set the hook, reel in the trout, release and cast again as soon as you can as you only have about 30 minutes to catch as many trout as you can before the hatch ends, in near total darkness. Once it gets dark and the hatch is over you can hear trout sipping fallen spinners. If you enjoy fishing in the dark just cast in the direction of the sipping sound and let your fly drift with the current. Keep your line taught, as the take will be light.

September: Foam Beetle Plus



Originator: A.K. Best

One of my favorite flies for late summer and fall, and a sure winner for brookies in the Shenandoah National Park streams. It is also a hit with pan fish and smallmouth bass. This is a combination of several recipes, is quick and easy to tie, and adds a wing tip sticking out from under the back shell of a struggling beetle; recommended in an article by A.K. Best.

Techniques to be learned:

- * Attaching white Z-Lon wing tip
- * Preparing peacock herl - snapping off weak tips before tying in
- * Twisting and wrapping peacock herl body with thread reinforcement
- * Using moose hair for legs (stubs left over from making moose hair tails on another fly), can also use a variety of natural and synthetic materials but I like the stiffness of the moose hair
- * Cutting, attaching, stretching and tying down a foam wing case back
- * Attaching various colored visibility indicator to top/back of fly
- * Finish with two half hitches

Recipe:

Hook: Standard Dry Hook, TMC 100 # 12, 14, 16

Thread: Black 6/0

Wing Tip: White Z-Lon or yarn

Body: Peacock Herl - 4 strands

Legs: Moose or deer hair, pheasant tail fibers or black rubber legs

Wing Case: ¼ inch strip of Black foam (width the gap of the hook)

Visibility Indicator: Yellow Calf's Tail or synthetic material of any color that helps you see the fly under various lighting and water flow conditions

Tying Tips:

- Lay down tight wraps of thread from the head to the hook bend.
- Extend white Z-Lon from attachment point to the back of the hook bend, do not extend beyond this point.
- To help "bullet proof" the peacock herls loosely wrap the bundle of herl with three or four wraps of thread and then pull the wrapped herl over the top of the hook and

work forward to just one eye width of the eye, tie off and cut off excess (save herl if it is long enough to tie another fly).

- Carefully stretch the foam back forward, which will cause the foam to wrap around the sides of the body, make a few wraps to prevent the foam from snapping back then proceed to tie in the wing (indicator).

- Use several different colors for the indicator to use in various lighting conditions. Some like to tie in a little Krystal Flash to make it more visible.

- Google search "Tying the foam beetle fly" to see various patterns and tying techniques.

Fishing Tip: This terrestrial fly is best fished in summer and fall. Apply your favorite floatant, dead float once through a likely lie and then dead float with occasional twitching.

NEW MEMBERS

March 2021		April 2021		May 2021	
George Allen	Alexandria	Crooked Run Brewing	Sterling	Matthew Chapman	Reston
Kirtley S. Barbee	Alexandria	Cody Beiswanger	Alexandria	Al Ciafre	Hamilton
Julian Bowles	Great Falls VA	Michael Calder	Leesburg	Stan Corey	Great Falls
Johnny Ray Bray	Alexandria	Tristan Felchlin	Alexandria	Kevin Darby	Herndon
Mike Calder	Leesburg	Carter Goodwin	Alexandria	Stuart Foster	Mc Lean
Tom Duffy	Alexandria	Timothy Graham	Alexandria	Kaitlin Groundwater	Falls Church
Clarence Dukes	Fairfax	Bruce Hutchison	Centreville	Frederick Hirsch	Triangle
Embry Eddy	Herndon	Loren Monroe	McLean	Keith Kindel	Chantilly
Robert Fields	Fairfax	Morgan Scala	Alexandria	Bob Krieger	Herndon
Peter Fish	Oak Hill	Michael St Onge	Falls Church	Johnny Macus	Arlington
Peter Glantzis	Great Falls	Todd Tolbert	Leesburg	Betsy Meholick	Springfield
Robert Guynn	Alexandria	David Torres	Fairfax	Jeff Miller	Sterling
Robert Long	Arlington	Leah Tracy	Arlington	Ryan Miller	Mc Lean
William Maher	Alexandria	Richard Wiedemann	Fairfax	Steve Morrissey	Arlington
John M McCall	Boca Grande FL	Chesley Wiseman	Arlington	Larry Mullaly	Ashburn
Matt Parker	Arlington	David Wisniewski	Arlington	Michael Penney	Arlington
Will Ramsey	Arlington			Norman Renfro	Stafford
Andrew Simons	McLean			Tacy Summersett	Alexandria
Fred Smith	Alexandria			Emory Swink III	Sterling
Paul Sommerfeld	Clifton			Jake Whelan	Arlington
David Undeutsch	Alexandria				
Mark Vetal Falls	Church				
Marvin Westphal	Alexandria				
Anthony Wiest	Woodbridge				

Obituary: Bob Kohlmeyer

Bob Kohlmeyer, a long-time member of NVATU, died May 1 after a battle with heart issues. He was my main fishing buddy for more than 20 years. We met on one of Burt Weisman's Fish With a Member Trips around the late 1990's. Bob showed me many of the streams in the Shenandoah National Park, and shared his well-honed tactics. He also introduced me to fishing in Montana.

When we met, he was the "cool guy," and I was pleasantly surprised when he invited me to fish with him. I assumed that was because I had a truck, but learned later that it was because he had a heart incident climbing out of the upper Hughes. His wife banned him from fishing without a buddy.

We rarely agreed on politics and economics but we agreed on what was important.

He endured many episodes of heart issues and surgeries but never failed to recover in time for our annual fall trip to the West.

He will be sorely missed.

--George Paine

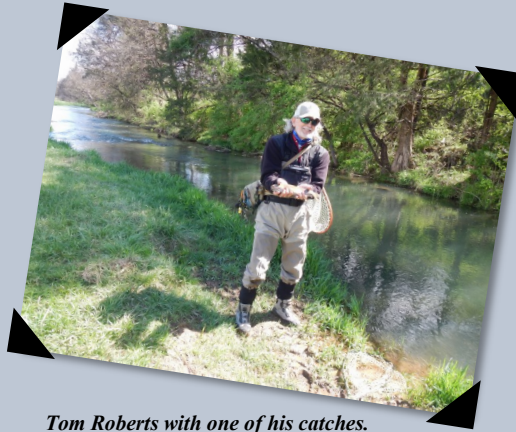


Bob Kohlmeyer and guide Brant Oswald / Photo: George Paine

MEMBER PHOTO ALBUM



Hal Metcalf's Brown trout.



Tom Roberts with one of his catches.

Hal Metcalf and Tom Roberts show off the some of the results of their second trip to Mossy Creek earlier this year.

"Tom and I had a great time on Mossy Creek," Hal said. "We each caught some very nice trout, and Nick, our guide, was super. My brown measured at 20" and was caught on 5x tippet on a soft hackle bead head caddis. It certainly made my trip!



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