



The Arkansas Trout

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ATTEND THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING!!!!

The next chapter meeting is Monday, December 4. Please join us to enjoy a program presented by Brian Wise from the *River of Life Farm* on the North Fork River in Missouri. See details about location of our meetings, as well as the calendar of exciting future events, on page 4 of this newsletter.

OVERLOOK ESTATES UPDATE

We have recently learned that the Baxter County Court has ruled in favor of the Arkansas Council of Trout Unlimited's intervention in the ADEQ lawsuit against Overlook Estates and Homeport Development Co. This is the 100 acre development on top of the mountain on the east side of the Norfork River dam that is the source of volumes of sedimentation being dumped into the river with each heavy rain. The water quality and wildlife food sources have already been negatively impacted. Failure to stop the muddy run-off poses serious problems for the future of what many consider the best trout stream in the state. The environmental and conservation issues should be enough to spur your interest in the outcome of this litigation. Also, we all have an interest in preserving an excellent tailwater fishery. Looking at a much bigger picture, the economic impact of a degraded river and it's surroundings has the potential to negate the most important selling point to visitors and future residents: the astounding natural beauty that attracts them here in the first place. It should be noted that ADEQ has concerns that other developments of Homeport are not properly adhering to permitting processes and have the potential for drainwater run-off into the White River. Watch for updates on our Chapter website and in future issues of this newsletter.



THE ANNUAL TU BANQUET HAS BEEN SCHEDULED! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007.

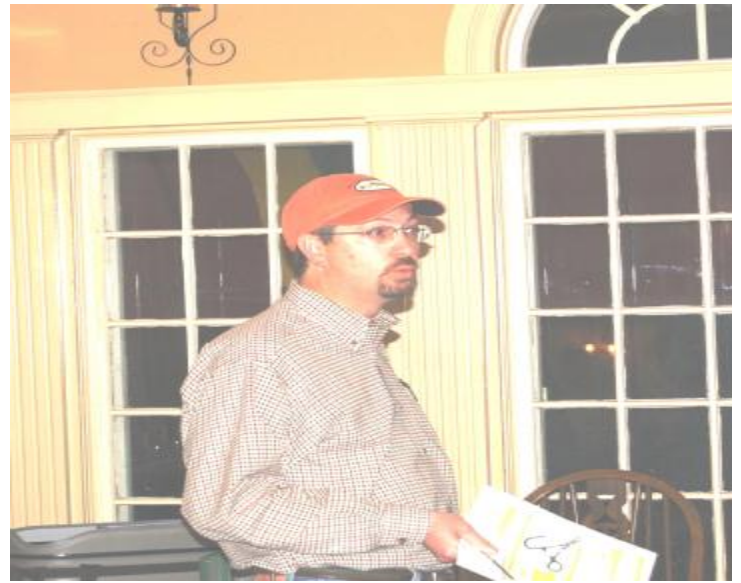
Our annual banquet will again be held at the Fayetteville Town Center.

Due to the tremendous success of the past couple of years, you will want to book your reservations early.

Watch for further announcements after the first of the year.



Chapter President Bruce Ritter giving a Power Point presentation on Fly Fishing. The session was presented in Bentonville at the Silver Summit, a series of seminars for retired and soon-to-be retired citizens. With assistance from Dennis McCarty, Bruce was leading another of our chapter's community outreach efforts.



The November 6th Meeting featured local guides/ fly-shop owners previewing their new 2007 products. Steve Dally (top left) from Beaver Dam Store, Michael McLellan (left) and Todd Moncrief from McLellan's Fly Shop, and Bill Tenison (above) from White River Angler all gave informative and humorous (very entertaining) presentations. If you missed this meeting, you will have an opportunity to visit with these fellas, along with other top guides from our area, at our January 8th meeting. The guides will be providing tips and advice on how to achieve fly-fishing success on our quality Arkansas and Missouri streams.

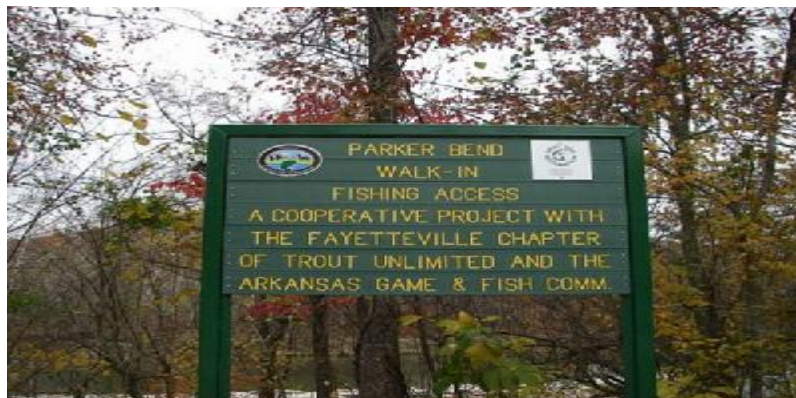


Attend our monthly Chapter meetings!

As you can see in this photo from our November meeting, we are experiencing very good attendance. Ken Richards, Programs Chair, has put together a schedule of very entertaining meetings. And combined with chapter outings, community outreach, youth programs, and conservation efforts, it is evident that the board and officers are pursuing an aggressive, and entertaining agenda to promote TU.

PARKER BEND FISHING AREA DEDICATED

A \$10,000 donation from Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited provided impetus for AGFC to secure state and federal funds to complete the \$113,800 project. Take a visit to Parker Bend - the fishing is improving in this area due to benefits provided by the unique J-vane structures



The new sign acknowledging TU/AGFC cooperative project



A very nice crowd for the dedication on a chilly Tuesday morning



TU Arkansas Chapter president Bruce Ritter, along with AGFC officials, cutting the dedication ribbon on one of the new J-vanes

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Dec. 4: Chapter Meeting: Brian Wise, River of Life Farm, North Fork River, MO.

Dec. 9: Learn-to-Fly-Fish casting clinic for beginners: Murphy Park in Springdale

January 8: Chapter Meeting @ AQ. Guide Night; Area guides answer all your questions

January 20: Learn-to-Fly-Fish casting clinic for beginners: Lake Atalanta in Rogers

February 10: SPECIAL EVENT: Kelly Galloup, well-known guide/fly-tyer/TV personality from Madison River - Slide Inn. Fly-Tying and show. Details later.

February date TBD: Annual Chapter Outing to Rim Shoals
March 2: Annual TU Banquet at Fayetteville Town Center

Chapter meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, but are subject to change due to holidays, etc. Stay posted by checking our chapter website or calling one of the board members - info is on page 3. Unless posted otherwise, we meet at AQ Chicken House in Springdale. Arrive around 6:30 if you want to order dinner and/or enjoy a nice visit with other members. We usually start the meeting around 7:15. We have excellent programs lined up for this upcoming year, to include some special surprises that you will be hearing about later!

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