



# The Arkansas Trout

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## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

**SUCCESSFUL BANQUET:** We appreciate the 200+ people that joined us Friday March 6th. A special thank you to our sponsors, caterer, and the many volunteers for their contributions. In particular, our banquet committee worked smartly and put in long hours behind the scenes to create a fun & successful event.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** The primary mission of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore North America's cold water fisheries. Our chapter has been very active in projects ranging from stocking to streambed improvement and is in a good financial position to fund future projects. Though the excessively high waters last year created more opportunities for habitat improvement, it also created a backlog of sorts. We are working several opportunities with management agencies and are hopeful to have some projects on tap for 2010.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.** Our next Chapter meeting will be September 14th. Be sure and sign up for e-mail notifications at our website: [www.arkansaschaptertu.org](http://www.arkansaschaptertu.org) to keep abreast of news & activities.



*Ray Smith presenting Dennis McCarty with the Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award at the March, 2009 Banquet.*

## Board Member Changes

We are pleased to announce that Darrell Gabbard and Lee Ward have joined our Board. Darrell and Lee are great guys and have jumped in with both feet. We are fortunate to have them and their fresh ideas.

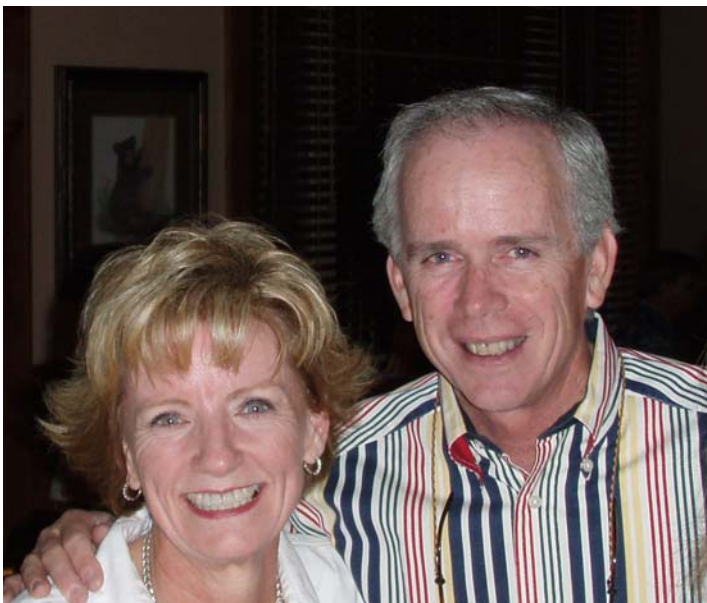
It's not as much fun sharing with you that Ed and Patricia Scott will be moving to Wyoming in Mid-May and will no longer be serving on the board. Ed and Patricia have faithfully and energetically served, making many friends during their tenure. We'll miss them.



*A great time and a great turnout.*



*New Board Member Darrell Gabbard with Kerri Russell.*



## Proposed Regulations

Biologists at the The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission have proposed new regulations expanding the Norfolk Catch & Release Areas. As well, it is proposed that the single barbless hook regulation for many of the Catch & Release Areas would be eliminated and replaced with artificial lures and flies only regulation.

A series of meetings will be held this May around the state for anglers to provide input. The meeting in Northwest Arkansas will occur at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 19th at the Beaver Lake Regional Office at 455 Dam Site Road in Eureka Springs.

*Opposite: Ed and Patricia Scott.*

## Random Casts

**Casting & Cabernet.** Pollak Vineyards of Greenwood, Virginia has partnered with a local outfitter to offer a combined wine tasting and introduction to fly-fishing. Thurston darling, pass the bubbly and a #12 Crackleback. Source: The Wall Street Journal

“There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process.”

— Paul O’Neil

“There’s a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.”

— Steven Wright

“Three-fourths of the Earth’s surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.”

— Chuck Clark



Guess which TU member installed this ‘redneck’ fire alarm at their fishing cabin.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!**

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Chapter meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Whole Hog Cafe in Fiesta Square in Fayetteville. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time. Dinner can be ordered if you would like. Program starts promptly at 7:15 p.m. and ends at 8:00 P.M. Normally, there is one meeting/program and one outing per month. **REMINDER: No regular meetings are scheduled in June, July, and August.** Take a kid (or someone who acts like a kid) fishing and enjoy the outdoors.

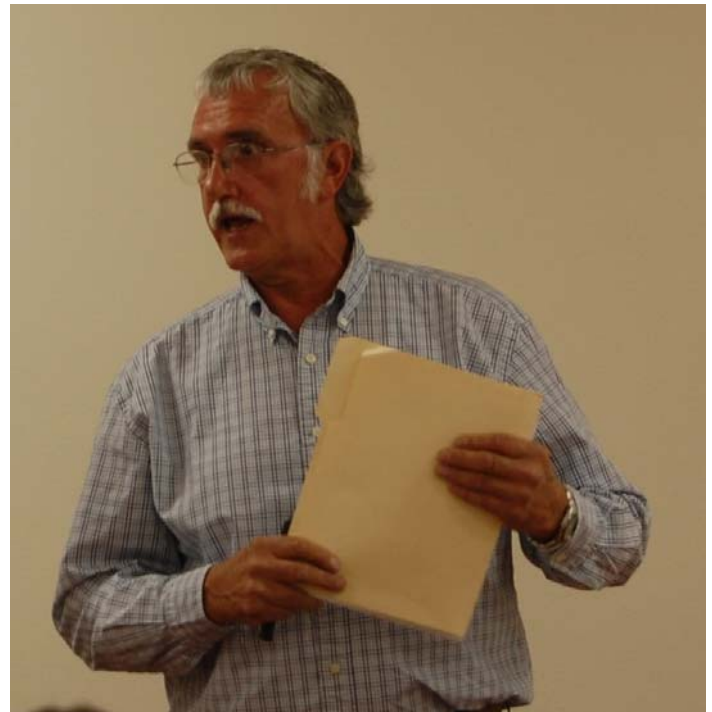
Chapter Membership Profile: 324 members  
States represented: 10 — AR, AZ, MO, MS, NE, OK, SD, TN, TX, WA

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*Winners of the Grill and the Generator.*



*Gary Flippin of Rim Shoals Resort reviews the history of the White River during our April meeting.*