



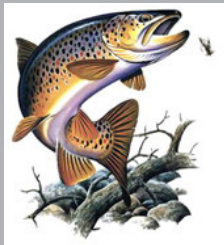
July 2016

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From the President

I met Josh (not his real name) late last summer. He sat with four of his amigos around a table in front of me. Before each of them was a fly tying vise, tools and a selection of tying materials. Throughout the morning I coached Josh and his pals on tying skills and helped them work their way through several basic fly patterns as did several other volunteers at other tables as part of RMF's Youth Day Camp.

My crew's energy and enthusiasm was infectious even if their flies were a little rough. They regaled me with tales of their exploits during the first half of the week, mastering the cast, still water fishing and who had caught the most. Their laughter and constant ribbing took me back to the days of my youth.

I remember Josh as being a little quieter and more serious than his mates. His eagerness, awkwardness and determination impressed me. That's why I was delighted to find I had been assigned as his mentor the following morning for a day of fishing and electro-shocking on the Poudre.

With a little help from our guide, Kyle from St. Pete's Fly Shop, we spent that morning working getting his nymph rig to dead drift in a variety of currents. We had some misses because like many beginners Josh had trouble timing his hook set. Even though we landed no fish I did learn a little more about Josh's life. He told me about his family struggles and a serious health crisis he had overcome.

After a roadside lunch the campers and mentors drove up river to meet with some fish biologist to do a fish survey by means of electro-shock. It was so much fun to watch those youngsters splash through the stream in their waders scooping up stunned brownies to weigh and measure. They had a ball though I'm sure the trout might have a different opinion of the experience.

Later in the afternoon we met up with the guides again to try a very productive section of the Poudre. Josh and I broke off from the bunch and noticed a rise in a back eddy. We cautiously approached and observed a rainbow steadily feeding on the surface. I encouraged my young friend to tie on one of the size 18 Parachute Adams he had attempted to tie the day before. It wasn't a beautiful fly by any means but I hoped for his sake it would get the job done. About that time Conner, a fine young guide from St. Pete's came up to join us. He gave Josh



Coy Wiley, 2016-2017 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

some tips on getting that dry to dead drift perfectly over the rising trout.

Perfect may be too strong a word but thankfully that rainbow didn't care. He hooked himself on Josh's hand-tied fly and hopefully hooked Josh for life. It was one of those perfect moments. The shadows were long in the canyon and the smiles were wide on our faces.

RMF Day Camp Coordinator Dennis Cook tells us, in the article immediately below this note, that there are still several spots open for volunteer mentors at this year's camp August 1-6. I've already signed up because Josh hooked me. I hope you will join me. There is nothing like paying it forward to the next generation of fly fishers. All the information you need is provided immediately following this column in the Dennis's July Youth Outreach Report.

Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

[Chapter Event Calendar on our web site](#)



Filling up the Calendar

Our calendar pages are some of the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. Pictures that are well-lit, in focus, on TU topic, and a minimum of 530 pixels wide and 400 pixel in height. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

[Paul Wehr, Webmaster](#)



July Youth Outreach



Dennis Cook, Youth Outreach Coordinator

Youth Day Camp - Volunteers Sign-Up

“Thank You” to all who have responded to the previous Flypaper newsletters and emailed requests for Volunteer Mentors for this year's **7th Annual, River Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Day Camp**...but we are still in need of more members to step forward and volunteer.

We have a full registration again for our camp, and 15 high school age youngsters are looking forward to learning about headwaters riparian ecology and healthy fish habitat. These campers are our candidates to become the conservators of tomorrow...and we need your help!



2013 RMF Youth Day Camp Participants

It's not necessary to commit to participate for the entire week; just those you can fit into your calendar and for which you have at least average skills. Instruction details are provided to volunteers for each activity, and leadership oversight is also provided at each activity.



Trenton with a Poudre White Fish



Anna with a Poudre Trout

Following is a summary of the activities still needing volunteers.

DAY-DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	NEED
Mon - Aug 1	Basic & Roll Casting Dry Land Instruction	Huidekoper Park - Fort Collins 1808 West Lancer	4:30 - 5:45	5
Tue - Aug 2	Fly Cast & Line Management Poudre River (in town)	Legacy Park - Fort Collins 300 Woodlawn Drive	3:00 - 5:30	5
Wed - Aug 3	Stillwater Fishing	Swift Ponds - Fort Collins Junction LCR 5 & LCR 36	8:00 - 11:00	3

DAY-DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	NEED
Thur - Aug 4	Poudre Fishing Electro-Shock & Species I.D.	Upper Poudre Canyon near Hatchery and M.P. 84	8:00 - 5:30	2
Fri - Aug 5	Fly Tying - Intermediate	Home State Bank - Fort Collins 303 East Mountain Ave.	8:00 - 11:00	3
Fri - Aug 5	Habitat Study (Snorkeling) Entomology (Insect Collection) Entomology (Insect Life Cycle)	Habitat Study (Snorkeling) Entomology (Insect Collection) Entomology (Insect Life Cycle)	12:30 - 5:30	4
Sat - Aug 6	Fishing in Rocky Mtn. Natl. Park 4:00pm Graduation Ceremony McDonald's Dinner stop enroute return home	Moraine Park - Cub Creek Fish from 9:30 to 3:30	9:15 - 4:00 On-site at Cub Creek	5

Volunteer Mentors must be currently enrolled TU members, and have at least average skills for the activity in which they will be participating. A PDF of the camp schedule can be [downloaded from our web site](#).

A Volunteers Sign-Up Matrix showing all major volunteer opportunities can be accessed on our [Day Camp Volunteer page](#). You may sign up for a single or multiple activities, but must sign up separately for each separate activity.



July Conservation Notes

Additional Funding Sources Sought for Big Thompson Flood Recovery



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

As well known by many readers, and especially by the thirty-some RMF volunteers who have worked on flood recovery projects on the Big Thompson, most of the river recovery work has yet to be accomplished.

The costs of what has been accomplished, and what is in the design phase, have been funded primarily by Colorado and Federal government agencies. While one more round of federal grants is expected later this year, it seems likely there will be insufficient government-sourced funds to pay for all that needs to be accomplished.

Therefore, our chapter and the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition are collaborating in search of as-yet untapped sources of funding. Rocky Mountain Flycasters Conservation Chair is involved in this search as the occupant of the Environmental seat on the BTWC Board.

Untapped funding sources are yet to be discovered, and it seems likely that some of our readers may have ideas as to new funding sources. Two potentials come to mind.

One potential is family foundations whose purposes support environmental conservation activities. Other potential sources may be businesses employing our readers and having company policies that allow grants to be made to charitable organizations such as Trout Unlimited chapters.

Those of our readers who are willing to share their personal knowledge of such new funding sources are encouraged to contact [Dave Piske](#).

Volunteers Needed for Plant Materials Harvesting!

A recently completed grant to Rocky Mountain Flycasters, known as the Multi-basin Grant, served to establish new means of providing the types and volumes of native plant materials that are needed for riparian restoration of the Front Range trout streams damaged by the 2013 floods.

One of the indirect outcomes of the grant was establishment of new organizations to facilitate increased propagation of native plants. The Southern Rockies Seed Network, is a new consortium of seed growers led by non-profit Synergy Ecological Restoration, Inc.

Together with its partners, Synergy will be producing 1,000's more native shrubs for future restoration projects. But not without help from volunteers to harvest seeds that are now ripening.

Synergy's next seed collection projects are on Saturday, July 9 from 8am-2pm and Saturday, July 23 from 8am-2pm on the Big Thompson or St. Vrain River. Seeds will be collected from golden currant bushes. This is a very important shrub for wildlife sustenance and for riparian erosion control. If the berries are not ripe in time, there will be the option of collecting cuttings of snowberry, red osier dogwood, and other high priority native shrubs for future riparian restoration projects.

Although this activity is not sponsored by Rocky Mountain Flycasters, we are pleased that it is an outcome of our Multi-basin grant, and encourage your participation in seed gathering.

To register for any of these projects, please contact Kay Wiseman: kay@synergy3.org, or 502-472-0708. Once you are registered and the date draws near, you will be sent project details with location, directions, and what to bring.

TU's Adopt-a-Trail Outing at Gateway

The next opportunity for our RMFC Adopt-a-Trail program support will be Saturday, July 23rd, at Gateway Natural Area, located a couple miles up river from the mouth of the Poudre River Canyon. This is a trail maintenance outing that will involve trimming bushes, grading the existing trail, and installing rock steps. No prior skills or experience are needed. Bring work gloves, long sleeve clothing, sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen. Tools, water, and instruction will be provided by the Fort Collins Natural Areas staff. TU will provide lunch.



Meet at Gateway Natural Area at 8:30 a.m. Work is scheduled from 8:30 to noon, followed by lunch. Entrance fee is waived for TU trail workers (let the ranger know you are with the work crew). Bring your rod and fish in the afternoon.



Dave Morse, Adopt-a-Trail

Please RSVP by Thursday, July 21st to Dave Morse (dgmorse45@gmail.com) so we can have a meal count. Let Dave know of any special meal needs. Call him if you have any questions (217-418-9386). See you there! We promised at least 10 workers. Spouses and friends welcome!

--Dave Morse, RMFC Adopt-a-Trail Coordinator





Tell us your favorite fishing stories.

Every time I fish or socialize with RMF members and friends, I hear wonderful captivating stories about fishing adventures. We all have them--you're not an angler if you don't. Why not have one or more published in The Flypaper? If you are interested or have questions contact Bob Green, The Flypaper Editor bobgreen250@gmail.com.



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer?

Tom Culbertson, our current treasurer, has agreed to serve until we can recruit someone to take his place. The treasurer job requires some fundamental accounting skills. If you are a practicing accountant or a CPA, this will be an excellent place for you to make a contribution. If you are interested in the position or merely want more information, please contact Tom at srrealty45@gmail.com or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell).



Are you looking to buy a fishing vehicle?

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How about a canoe?

I have a canoe for sale. It is getting to be a bit much for me to get on and off my car and has seen little use in the past couple of years. It is an L L Bean, Old Town Discovery Sport which I believe is 16' 9" in length. It is a square end canoe with a wooden motor mount which is rated for up to a 5 hp motor. It has oar locks and oars, two paddles, can comfortably seat four people and is rated for 850lbs (people, motor and gear). There is also a 3.5hp Tohatsu outboard motor (canoe is rated for up to 5 hp), and an electric trolling motor that has been used with the canoe also for sale. Located in Fort Collins. Contact **Guy Turenne**, phone **970-377-2814**



Or, helping with fishing line recycling?

The Town of Windsor needs volunteer help at one of three fishing line recycling centers. Volunteers check the bins and drop the line off at the center office office. Hours are negotiable and volunteer friendly. Contact James Johnson, Windsor Parks Maintenance Technician by calling 970-624-2400



Let's Go Fishing 2016

The Remaining 2016 "Let's Go Fishing" Trips

Listed below are the remaining trips we hope to take in 2016. Or sign up on line on our chapter website or contact me flytyer.miller@gmail.com or 970-744-8229 (cell).

We have quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2016. Hopefully there is something for you on this list. We went after big rainbows at Gray Reef in March, and big rainbows in June near Laramie at Twin Buttes. June 25th was our chapter trip to Joe Wright Reservoir for grayling. This trip, hosted by Dave Morse, was a ton of fun. Everyone, except for our editor who didn't even wet a line, caught enough fish to make them happy. Mickey McGuire our new vice-president, even landed a double on a tandem rig. One of these fish was caught on a weighted #10 red squirrel nymph and the dropper was on a #16 white mysis pattern. Check out these beautiful fish and Mickey's great photo below:



Mark Miller, Let's Go Fishing Coordinator



July brings a chance to catch cutthroats in Lake Agnes, a beautiful high country lake (requires a hike of about 0.7 miles at high altitude). Dennis will again host a fun-filled day of small stream fishing with dry flies on the Colo River headwaters on the west side of RMNP. Sep and Oct will take us to some water that most people have not fished - the Yampa River at Steamboat Springs, and the Frying Pan and Roaring Fork rivers near Glenwood Springs. We hope you will join us for all the fun! v

- **9 July** - Lake Agnes - Cutthroats (near Cameron Pass) - Host: Dave Morse
- **20 August** - RMNP Colorado Headwaters - Host: Dennis Cook
- **16-18 September** - Yampa Tailwater - Host: Dennis Cook
- **30 Sep - 2 Oct** - Frying Pan/Roaring Fork- two of the best streams on the western slope - Host: Ben Zomer (only six spots for this trip)

Questions? Contact: Email **Mark Miller** at or call 970-744-8229 (cell).

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