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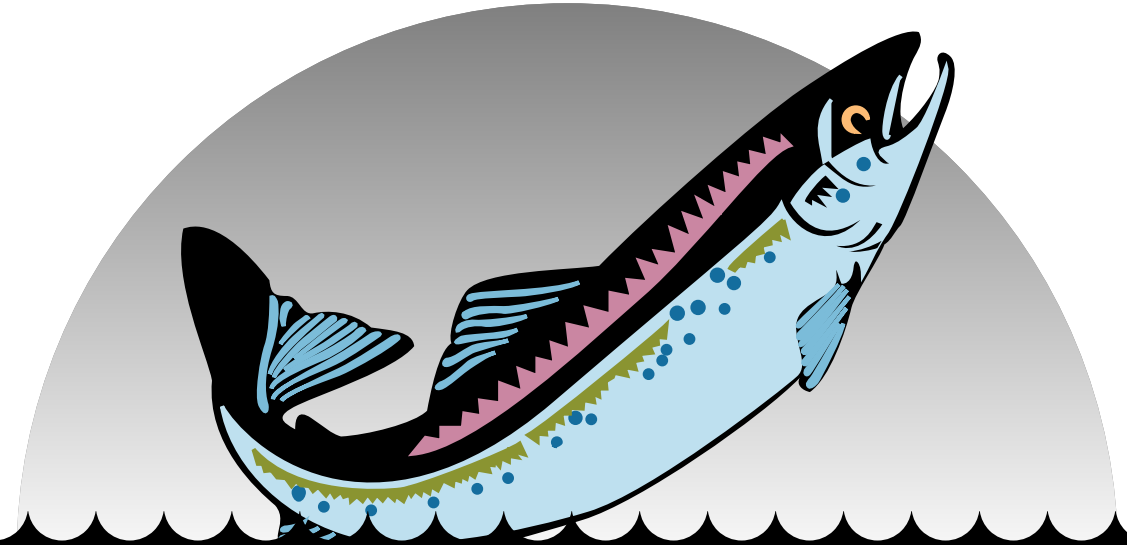
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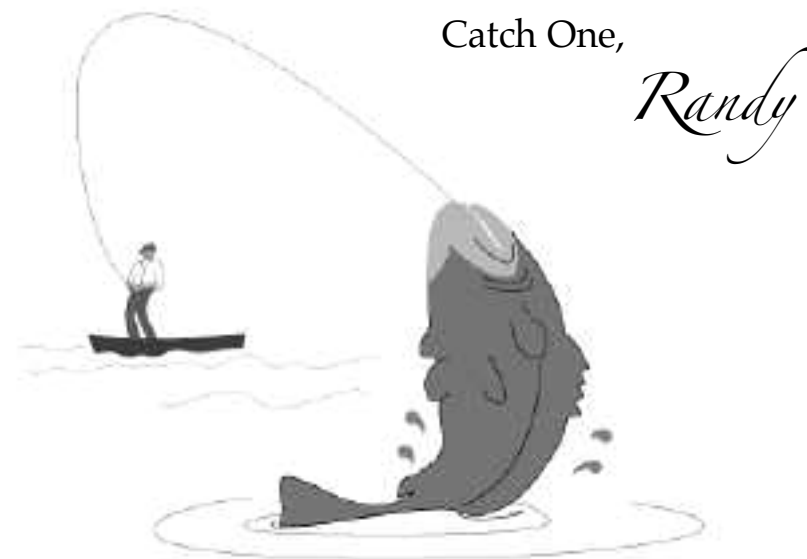
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# From Randy's Desk . . .

The summer season is upon us, and this is usually a busy working season for MLTU. I certainly hope that this spate of rain in May does not continue into the summer. We have many work days scheduled for this summer. You can find information about them in this issue in the "Upcoming Chapter Events." I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to come out to a work day. I think you will enjoy it, and you will be helping to enhance the coldwater environment.

We have already done a lot of work this spring. We held cleanups on Yellow Creek and Clear Shade Creek, helped out at Outdoor Heritage Days, Stocked fish, and helped to purchase water-monitoring equipment for the Somerset County Conservation District. There is always something to do.

We here at MLTU wonder if any of our political candidates in both parties have an interest in a severance tax on natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale. The politicians seem to spend a lot of time attacking each other. We haven't heard much about the real issues. The Marcellus Shale is a real issue. If we don't take care of this problem, it will haunt us for years. Call your elected representatives and urge them to support a severance tax, a portion of which goes to paying for the environmental damage that will most certainly result from this drilling.



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It used to be that April showers brought May flowers. Now it seems that the new phrase should be "May showers bring tomato blight." I guess we can't say for sure that global warming is responsible for these spates of rain in May and June, but I sure wish they would stop. May is supposed to be the month when the fishing gets really good. It is difficult to fish in a monsoon.

When it comes to fly fishing, truly big fish seem to have great luck. Have you ever noticed that when you hook a really big fish, you always seem to have a light tippet on. As a result no matter how careful one is, the fish is usually not landed. I guess that isn't such a tragedy, since fly fishermen usually release their fish anyway. I guess we should be happy just to hook such a trophy.

One benefit of all this rain is how green everything is. Nature is in full spring dress. Take some time to enjoy the birds, the trees, the wildflowers, and the lushness that surrounds us. After all, you could live in Texas.

I know that most of you are trout fanatics, but don't ignore the possibilities of other fish on a fly rod. Smallmouth bass can be a lot of fun on the long rod. Pan fish can also be a ball. They aren't very choosy and will eat a wide variety of flies. Sometimes it's good to get back to basics and not worry about matching the hatch.

Gary Cooper

## *Recent Chapter Doings*

On Saturday, May 1, 2010 volunteers from MLTU and others cleaned a large section of yellow Creek from the top of the gap to the bottom of the fly project. Volunteers completed their tasks by about 1:00 p.m.

A group of MLTU volunteers cleaned a section of the road to Shade Creek from the Iron Bridge to New Ashtola on May 15.

MLTU volunteers, the Kiski-Conemaugh stream team, and students from UPJ spent Sunday April 24 cleaning up along Shade Creek and Weaver Run.

At least five MLTU volunteers spent two days teaching fishing and fly tying at Outdoor Heritage Days on May 6 & 7.

Quemahoning creek was stocked by MLTU volunteers and others on April 16, 2010



## *Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast*

The Yellow Creek Coalition is holding its third annual pig roast on Saturday June 19, 2010. Proceeds will be used to pay off debt on the new bridge over Maple Run to the parking lot. We can probably pay off this debt by next year, if you will come out and support the coalition. In addition, Yellow Creek tee shirts can be purchased from Charlie Whitman for the cost of \$20.00. Proceeds will go to the coalition.

This year's pig roast will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., rain or shine at Ron Lundquist's pavilion. Food will be served from 1 to 4. Prize chairman Barry Moldovan has done a great job on prizes. There are eight or nine rods to be raffled off. There will be door prizes, silent auctions, general raffles and lots more. Bring lots of money and have a good time. We have two large tents and the pavilions. If you wish to have any alcoholic beverages, bring your own. Since this is a Trout Unlimited function, we cannot provide alcohol.

Come out and support an organization that supports you!



## **Upcoming** Chapter Events

### **Monthly Chapter Meetings**

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Monthly chapter meetings are held at Gander Mountain Lodge at 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors meetings are held on the same date at 6:30 p.m.

### **Chapter Work Days**

**Bens Creek** ..... Saturday, July 24, 2010

Saturday, July 31, 2010

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Saturday, August 21, 2010

*Meet at the Doug Meagher Property at 8:00 a.m.*

**Mary Ann's Creek** - Friday, July 16, 2010

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Monday, July 19, 2010

A project of the Eastern Brook Trout Initiative

Call Randy Buchanan for details

### **2011 Fundraising Banquet**

Saturday, March 19, 2011

### **Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast**

Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Ron Lundquist's Picnic Grounds. Jack's Corner Road.

1 - 5 pm Food Served from 2 - 4 pm

Call Gary Cooper or Randy Buchanan for Tickets.

Cost -- \$20.00