

TROUT UNLIMITED

Anticipation builds as season nears

Bill Adams Chapter to host banquet April 14

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TRAVERSE CITY — It's a little early to get ready for trout season, which doesn't begin until the last Saturday in April, but it's never too early to start thinking and talking about it.

For Bill Fernandez, the avid fly fisher and president of the local Trout Unlimited Adams Chapter, the catalog is coming and getting ready for the season, encourages me to organizing fly boxes and thinking about equipment.

The stress of getting ready for the chapter's annual fund-raising banquet, to take place at Wil-

liamsburg Dinner Theater on Saturday, April 14, and it's a busy time of year for Fernandez, a human relations consultant.

"It's a busy time of year, but I enjoy all the activity, because it's leading into another trout season," laughed the affable Fernandez. "For fly fishers, it's an exciting time of year. The anticipation builds."

The annual fund-raising banquet starts at 6 p.m. with a raffle and silent auction. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a short program with guest speaker Michael Delp, a local author from Interlochen and an avid fly fisherman. Tickets are \$40 per person and seating is limited to 200.

"We will sell out and tickets are on a first-come basis," stressed Fernandez, who added that the public is welcome. Tickets can be obtained by calling 941-7102. Information on the chapter and



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Bill Fernandez teaches a youngster how to fish.

the banquet is also available at www.tctrout.com. All proceeds from the fund-raising banquet are distributed throughout the community for stream improvements and restorations, educational programs for youth and sustained membership contributions to such groups as Anglers of

the AuSable, Conservation Resource Alliance, Grand Traverse Conservation District and TART. The Adams Chapter was formed 11 years ago with 26 local members and has quickly grown to over 300 members today.

"It just shows the influence that accessibility to

favorable trout streams and rivers can have on membership," Fernandez said. "Some states have only one Trout Unlimited chapter. We have seven in northwest Michigan and there are over 20 scattered throughout the state."

"Michigan is a very desirable trout fishing state — one of the best in the nation. We are fortunate to live in such a hotbed of fly fishing activity."

Since its inception, the chapter has provided over \$150,000 in funding for local stream improvements and restorations and educational programs for youth. Recipients for this year's grant applications for restoration or stream habitat activities will be announced at the annual spring banquet.

The name for the chapter was proposed by local outdoor author Jerry Dennis, who was at the initial meeting to form the new club in the fall of 1995. He

suggested Adams Chapter due to the intimate history the Adam fly pattern has had with this region and particular the Boardman River.

The organization — Trout Unlimited — has a long history in northern Michigan having formed here in Grayling during the late 1950s. Traverse City will host the 50th anniversary celebration of Trout Unlimited in 2009 at Spa Traverse Resort and Spa.

The Adams Chapter will play a significant part helping to organize and host this landmark event with potential notable attendees such as former president Jimmy Carter, Tom Brokaw and Jimmy Buffett, among others. It will be held in late summer and early fall to give many of the attendees a chance to sample area streams and see firsthand why this region of the country is considered a hotbed for trout fishing.

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The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited - # 676

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1. Conservation Resource Alliance Fund	\$250	Membership & Rivercare
2. Betsie River Restoration Com	\$250	Unrestricted contribution
3. Anglers of the AuSable	\$250	Membership contribution
4. Upper Manistee River Rest.Com	\$250	Membership contribution
5. Michigan Land Use Institute	\$250	Membership & River Protection
6. GT Regional Land Conserv	\$250	Membership contribution
Total		\$1,500

GRANTS:

1) The Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee Unrestricted grant for restoration of trout habitat	\$ 2,250
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3) Conservation Resource Alliance/ Dair Creek	\$ 2,500
4) Conservation Resource Alliance	\$ 500
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Total stream fund individual grants:

Other Items:

Local Project Maintenance allocation: Repairs to Mitchell Creek/TART deck	\$ 500	
Youth: School Grant Program	\$ 1,500	
Youth: Youth Rivers Camp	\$ 2,000	
Total for Other Items:		\$ 4,000

TOTAL 2007 EXPENDITURES: \$ 13,500.

\$ 8,000
Outdoor mtgs
June - 27th
Aug - 22nd
work bee
July - 21st Sat
9am
CCC Bridge
wed. 6:30
wed. 6:30
Romney
Rudd pk
Wilkinson
Fri Sept 21-23

We would like to sincerely thank all of the following individuals and businesses who contributed to the success of our 2007 Adams Chapter banquet. The dedication of these individuals insures the continued preservation of our valuable coldwater fisheries in northern Michigan:

Deerings Market, Maxbauer's, Streamside Orvis, Cali's Cotton, Miners North, Frederico's Design, Amical, Century Auctioneers, Fieldsport, Stud Services Inc., Guntzviller's Taxidermy, Stein Motors, Nolan's Tobacconists, Martineks, Hannah Bistro, Trattoria Stella, Williamsburg Dinner Theatre, BMF Guide Service, The Backcast, Wal-Mart, Bay Bread, Burritt's, Chef's Inn, Mary's Kitchen Port, Gate's AuSable Lodge, Apache Trout Grill, Sixth Street Drugs, Backcountry Outfitters, Centre Street Café, Sladek's, Jons Guide Service, Scott Fly Rods, Diversions Hats, Rio Fly Lines, Scientific Anglers, Angling Consulting Services, Sage Fly Rods, The Northern Angler, Gander Mountain, The Wooden Gallery, Glenn Wolff Studios, Captain's Quarters, Current Works, LLC, Schmidt Outfitters, T.C. Eye Consultants, Hertler and Associates, efulfillment Service, Brady's Bar, Northern Images, Instant Framer, The Print Shop, Aggie and Arnie Ochs, Geoff Smith, Jeff Jennings, Rock Wilson, Bob Summers, Russ Maddin, Pat Moore, Sharon Largent, Duon rose, Jim Newland, T.J. Carroll, Gary Silverman, Dr. Pat Kelly, David Koschara, David Ruimveld, Simms, Action Optics, and of course our speaker Michael Delp.

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Presidents Meeting / Adams Chapter Comments

10/07
Bill's
talking points

Email seems to be working well for a wide variety of issues; including reviewing contracts, agendas, and meeting notification. Is it time to revisit the use of email for input/voting on significant council items? I'm still in favor of using it for elections, major uses of council money, environmental positions, and the like.

- It's time to either change the bylaws and/or establish council procedure allowing for email voting on significant issues.

Look at the recent Profit & Loss statement and the proposed budget:

- I find it hard to live with the losses in **Michigan Trout**.
 - Shouldn't it be self-sustaining
 - And, if not, shouldn't it be significantly restructured
 - It seems foolish to publish more issues and lose more money
- The **banquet / spring outing** sure isn't a big money maker
 - I think we could do much better – both in terms of fund raising and team building – with a couple of other get togethers... like a golf outing and a fishing outing.. at NO expense to the council.
- I think that "**Membership Rebates**" should be moved under Chapter Contributions... to reflect what our individual chapter efforts to retain/increase membership bring into the council coffers.
 - Some recent emails on the subject are well thought out.
- I think it's sad that our "**Total Grants and Allocations**" total only \$1,900..... I am in favor of supporting more legal advocacy, like that of the Anglers.
- It seems that we still are spending too much on **administrative costs**... including travel.
- We're planning to pay \$47,500 to keep this organization afloat.
 - We definitely have to look at council priorities and spending policies.
- For the money that we are paying for the "**Web site**"... we still are not getting much in immediate return. And, we still lack an electronic forum for discussion.

Elections:

I think that an organization of our size and budget should have a better procedure for officer elections. There is no reason why we can't be informed of some sort of a "platform" or the personal goals of candidates **before** the election meeting. This would encourage the discussion of different perspectives and voting would support the majority decision.

- There should be a real nominating committee and it could provide a yearly administration evaluation function.

Meetings:

The "packed agenda" should be eliminated. Committee work and reports should be condensed. "Programs" should be curtailed in favor of more free discussion time. Rules of Order should be used cautiously and in good spirit. This should be a meeting of the chapters/directors and not predominantly a meeting where information is passed down.

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Voting at Meetings:

If Chapters are to have a major role in Council activities and direction, then they should have more impact on Council voting. Currently, standing committee chairs can vote (4 votes), national directors can vote (1 vote)... if you add these to the votes of 4 officers and 1 past president, that's 10 votes delivered by "council administration".

- We would suggest eliminating votes other than the current officers & past president.

Executive Director:

In order to effectively utilize the exec director position, we should review exactly what activities/efforts he performs. > More effective lobbying within government for MCTU benefit & Less time with local chapter travel. > Grant writing to assist MCTU environmental efforts and pay for his position.

Relationships: National / Council / Local:

Candidly, our Chapter is 90% concerned about local issues, streams, and environmental concerns, 7% concerned about Council concerns, and 3% concerned about National TU concerns (except that we unanimously agree that they should spend less money on direct mail).

- We tend to believe that Council / MCTU should be:
 - Running on a very tight budget and certainly not spending more than it takes in.
 - Contributing some of its banked funds to legal advocacy efforts for local rivers.
 - Conveying – to National – a message that is clearly 99% local chapter developed; whatever that message is.
- We tend to believe that each local Chapter should:
 - Be left to decide their local agenda.
 - Base their contributions to either MCTU or TUNA on whatever criteria they decide.

The local Chapters, in growing and/or maintaining their membership, contribute directly to both TUNA and MCTU, who both receive "some" financial gain and receive a membership from which they can solicit further, individual, contributions. Local Chapters, by following TUNA bylaws and guidelines, disseminate the TU message and put a "local face" on the national message.

Subj: **November meeting**
 Date: 11/12/2007 10:09:02 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
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Directors ~ This November 28th is our annual election meeting and, traditionally, the directors not up for election comprise the nominating committee. This year, all officers and directors Steve Largent, Aggie Ochs, and Kirk Novak are up for election..... so, Gum, Schneider, Thompson, Kelly, Connors, Kraimer are the nominating committee. Have a chat, talk with who you want, and agree on a selection. Thanks

Ted Kraimer ✓
 223-2337 Aggie

Bill Fernandez
 Traverse City, MI

Officers
 Pres. - Fernandez
 VP - Alandt
 Sec - Zachow
 Treas - Taylor

Directors
 Kirk Novak - renew
 Steve Largent - renew
 ? ~~Aggie Ochs - renew~~
 Todd Kalish - nomination

? Rudy Stimatec
 ? Gary Silverman
 ? ~~Bob~~ Smith (per Pat)

- Bill
 - Jeff
 - Jim
 - Dennis

Subj: **Re: TU Director Position**
Date: 11/26/2007 2:31:47 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: gabe.schneider@gmail.com
To: KGumtrout@aol.com
CC: Brooktroutpat@aol.com, Larry.Thompson@sanofipasteur.com

I spoke with Todd again today to see if it would be at all possible for him to make it over before 8. Unfortunately it does not look like he can. So I guess we will have to make his nomination known and have a vote without him present. Here is his contact information both at home and at work

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231-313-0835

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231-922-5280 ext. 6870
Fax: 231-922-1853

I told him to give me a call when he is done with his class and we would see where we were (if we were still meeting, he said he could come over to Cedar Run or if we are done and getting an adult beverage, he thought he could make it to that also). Anyways, looks like that is what will have to work. How did the contact with Gary Silverman go?

-Gabe

On Nov 26, 2007 11:35 AM, <KGumtrout@aol.com> wrote:

umph. I don't know Gabe. This meeting is pretty much just for the elections with not much other business. As long as Todd is willing to serve as director he can still be voted in without being present. Then when he shows up we can give him the good (bad) news. I agree he'd be a wonderful addition to the group and still support his nomination. We will need his email and phone for the newsletter. Since Rudy is not accepting the nomination for the second position we should probably take nominations from the floor. Ken

Check out AOL Money & Finance's list of the hottest products and top money wasters of 2007.

ADAMS CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12, 2007

Treasurer / DKT:

- Current balance ~ set aside 3,000, split balance for local & grants
- Have we paid the educational grant and the 500 to Kingsley ?? If not, deduct those first.
- We've got to figure out what to do about the 2008 Form 990-EZ

President:

- MCTU meetings in Lansing - lodging/ ½ gas
- Discuss the importance of the Jan. 15th meeting – extra meeting
- Misc: printer paper / printer cartridge
- File for the Wal Mart grant
- Redo the membership survey
- Items for the January meeting

~14K Savings
4,200 checking
10,000 CD

Banquet:

- Gift collection committee
- Banquet admin committee
- Same as last year re: auctioneer, food, setup

Directors Duties 2008:

- Newsletter: ? Ken Gum
- Membership: Novak
- Web Site: ? Jim Zachow
- WaWaSum: Jeff Alandt
- Outdoor meeting / June: last Wed June
- Outdoor meeting / August: 20th
- Banquet Admin: Jeff Alandt & _____
- Boardman Dams: Pat, Jack Murray, Steve
- Stream Committee: Steve Largent
- Youth Camp: Bill Fernandez
- Youth Fishing: [someone participating w/ Jack Murray & Steve] Todd Kalish
- First Cast: (monitor the program and/or participate)
- Education Grant: Larry Thompson II

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- Newsletter to website

- Treasurer: all financial matters incl. banquet & yearly accounting to National
Secretary: meeting minutes, web site updates
VP: banquet admin
Pres: meeting admin, coordination, MCTU, ongoing member communications

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The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited, a charitable organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and enhancement of local coldwater resources, is accepting grant applications for river restoration or stream habitat enhancement activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Adams Chapter is comprised of 300+ members who fish for trout and salmon in local "coldwater" rivers. The Chapter is primarily concerned with the Boardman, Upper Manistee, AuSable, and Betsie Rivers, although other, and smaller, coldwater streams are of equal interest. Please contact us if have any questions about our service area.

GRANTS:

The Chapter is accepting grant applications up to \$2,500 for restoration or stream habitat activities. The recipients will be announced at the Adams Chapter Annual Spring Banquet held April 19th, 2008. ***Applications must be post-marked by 21 March 2008.*** Faxed or emailed applications ***will*** be accepted until 4:30 pm on 21 March 2008.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The application must be limited to two pages and include:
 - Executive Summary
 - Project Background
 - Sponsoring Organization (including contact information)
 - Description of activities and expected outcomes
 - Project Budget

GRANT DURATION ~ 12 Months

REPORTING REQUIRMENTS

Minimum one page written report or oral report at a Chapter Meeting due upon completion of grant

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED PROPOSALS TO:

By Mail:

Bill Fernandez, President
Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Post Office Box 2129
Traverse City, MI 49685-2129

By Fax: (231) 941-0837

By email: slargent@gtcd.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bill Fernandez, President (231) 941-7102
Steve Largent, Stream Committee Chair (231) 883-9960

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AGENDA - 11/28/07

GARY

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GALCS@CHARTER.NET

- Introductions of members & guests
- Review of previous meeting minutes:
- Additions to the agenda

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report: - Dennis Taylor**
 - Financial report submitted to National in a timely manner.
 - Income from new members
 - Pay WaWaSum (agenda)
- **Stream Committee: - Steve Largent**
- **Banquet Committee: April 19th at the Williamsburg**
 - Motion to approve the raffle license for the banquet tickets
 - Early start on underwriters, sponsors & gift gathering
- **Publications:**
 - Advertisers - web site

President's Report:

- **MCTU**
 - \$250 request for Kolke Creek & \$250 for Council Assistant (motion needed)
 - assistant will help with membership retention
 - Presidents Meeting prior to the last MCTU quarterly meeting
 - Favorable response by presidents & council exec committee
- **Old Business**
 - Pay the Educational Grant

New Business:

Elections:

- **Chair of the nominating committee**
 - **Nomination and election of Chapter Directors**
 - Three directors for 3-year terms
 - Kirk Novak, Steve Largent, Aggie Ochs
 - 1 year replacement term for Ted Kraimer seat
 - **Nomination and election of Chapter Officers**
 - All officers are up for election
- **Discussion of upcoming events, the chapter calendar, and committees.**
 - Motion to approve Youth Camp expenditures (4 youth this year / early notice)
 - Executive Committee meeting schedule w/ yearly budget at 1st meeting
 - Improved prior notice of Chapter events, stream projects
- **Drawing**
- **Adjourn**

Next Meeting:

January 24, 2007

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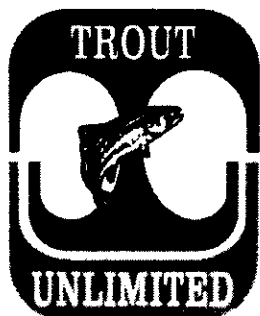
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Adams Chapter Update

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Winter is still here, but trout season is just around the corner. The catalogs keep coming; encouraging me to sort through equipment, organize fly boxes and ponder the idea of buying even more. The chapter meetings are in full swing again and the committees are planning for our annual distribution of funds at the April banquet. When you're waist deep in one of our local rivers, you're entitled to a pat yourself on the back. Your support of the Adams Chapter helped with restoration and conservation efforts on most (if not all) of them and Steve's work on the Boardman has been tireless and without equal. We encourage all of you to find a little time to participate in one of his projects.

Thanks to your support and votes, I'm the Chapter president for another year; but that means that you'll have to continue hearing my incessant pitches for contributions. You know that we receive zero dollars from TU National; so all of our educational, restoration and youth grants come 100% from our annual fundraising banquet. We keep intending to reach the \$20,000 mark and keep falling just a bit short. I hope that those of you not intending to come to the

event will respond to the recent mailing which included two raffle tickets. To those of you who are able, or whose businesses are able, I hope that you will consider one of our levels of underwriting. We simply must continue to maintain, or increase, our level of fundraising – to combat sedimentation, erosion, multi-use pressure and the encouragement of youth towards a proper outdoor ethic. Our new banquet venue – The Williamsburg Showcase Dinner Theatre – should add some class to a great evening. Get your tickets early and come ready to support our outdoor agenda.

Keep your eye on the Chapter calendar – and our tctrout.com website – because we've scheduled a few wonderful fishing opportunities. Two of our summer meetings will be held outdoors, one on the Boardman and the other on the Manistee. Our WaWaSum outing, on the AuSable, is in September and all of you have the chance to spend a couple of nights in this historic lodge on the main branch. Watch for more details. We'll also have a booth at the Outdoor Show, in the Traverse City Civic Center, March 16, 17 & 18. Stop by and pick up a ticket, learn more about the Chapter, or just say hello. You can also check out the sharp fishing kayak that will be raffled off at the banquet. A number of us are lusting after it already. See you all in April.

Bill

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Origins

Where did we come from anyway? The question is revisited by mankind each generation but as for the Adams chapter, we originated thusly: After opening Riverborne Angler next to Mary's Kitchen Port in 1994, Todd Young, Ken Gum, and Jess Reed were queried frequently by individuals wishing to become active in the local T.U. organization. Since there was none at the time they referred them to the nearest chapter (Pine River) but found that enough interest was evolving to investigate the formation of a chapter based in Traverse City. The initial meeting of interested parties was held in October 1995 with an informal "pull the name out of a hat" selection of interim officers and general discussion. Jerry Dennis suggested "The Adams Chapter" as our official chapter name due to the intimate history this fly pattern has with our area, particularly the Boardman River. This name was approved by all those present. Application for our charter was made by our interim president Jess Reed to the state council of T.U.

Many political hurdles had to be leapt due to the fact that a previous attempt at developing a local chapter met with poor results and eventual disenchantment. Todd Young was quite active at this stage in lobbying support from other chapters (particularly the Paul H. Young Chapter) on our behalf to get the ball rolling. November brought State Council approval of our application and forwarding to the National Council which formally approved our application, chapter name, and assigned a chapter number (#676).

The actual charter was issued by the National Council executive committee in February 1996 and signed by the 17 original founding members of the Adams Chapter on March 27, 1996.

Our first official meeting was held at Traverse City Eye (then Bay Eye Associates) conference room also on March 27th. Jess Reed presided as the interim president and by unanimous approval a motion to retain the interim officers for a term of one year was passed. Jess Reed remained president, Mike Nolan vice-president, Jim Kartsimas treasurer, and Bill Fernandez secretary. Mike Slater and Mike Connors were elected to the board of directors for a one-year term. Dennis Taylor and Todd Young were elected for a two-year term and Dave Leonhard and Stever Largent were elected to the three-year term directorships.

Chuck Foreman, a local watercolor artist, was commissioned to produce a chapter logo and insignia, which you still see on our patches, clothing, hats, and decals.

Since our inception, we have grown to over 300 members and have provided over \$150,000 in funding for local stream improvements and restoration, educational programs for youth both in schools and with our First-Cast

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Origins continued

program, and sustained membership contributions to such groups as the Anglers of the AuSable, Conservation Resource Alliance, Grand Traverse Conservation District, the TART trail, and several other local river environmental groups.

Now that you're up to speed, we hope you all are proud of our accomplishments to date and encourage you to become an active participant in our group. With the Boardman Dam Removal issue close at hand

we will play a vital role in this potentially fantastic stream improvement project.

Traverse City will host the 50th Anniversary celebration of Trout Unlimited in 2009. The Adams Chapter will help organize and host this landmark event with such notable attendees as president Jimmy Carter, Tom Brokaw, and Jimmy Buffett. Please get involved. I'm sure you will find it to be a very rewarding experience and give you a chance to meet a great group of dedicated individuals.

Boardman River Dam Update

BOARDMAN POND TO BE LOWERED 17 FEET BY AUGUST BOTTOMLANDS OWNED BY GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Due to safety concerns the poor condition of Boardman Dam, the MDEQ has ordered Grand Traverse County to lower Boardman Pond, (a.k.a. Keystone Pond) 17 feet by August 31st. This is the lowest water level that can be achieved mechanically without cutting into the dam itself. The pending drawdown will drain approximately half of the 100-acre pond and create an estimated 1000 feet of new river channel on the upstream end. A recent opinion by an attorney hired by the pond-front property owners determined the County owns the bottomlands. To help guide the drawdown and address issues pertaining to the newly exposed bottomlands, the Boardman River Dams Committee established a Bottomland Task Team to make recommendations to the larger Committee. Issues the Task Team will address include sediment movement, new river channel formation, exotic species, bank slumping, bottomland use, etc... Chapter members Jack Murray and Steve

Largent serve on the Bottomlands Task Team. A decision on the fate of the Boardman River Dams is expected in 2009. For more information please visit www.theboardman.org.



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Chapter Involvement

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Adams Chapter we have several areas in which you would be welcome to participate. Each of the chapter officers and directors is responsible for certain necessary tasks inherent to the group. Below is a list of these tasks and the officers/directors who head each committee. Please contact the individual(s) listed if you wish to be of assistance.

Fund Development - Kirk Novak

Web site updating - Jim Zachow

WaWaSum Autumn outing - Jeff Alandt

Summer outdoor meetings - Mike Connors,
Ted Kraimer, Gabe Schneider

Educational grants - Larry Thompson

Banquet administration - Ted Kraimer, Larry
Thompson

Boardman Dams - Pat Kelly

Stream committee - Steve Largent

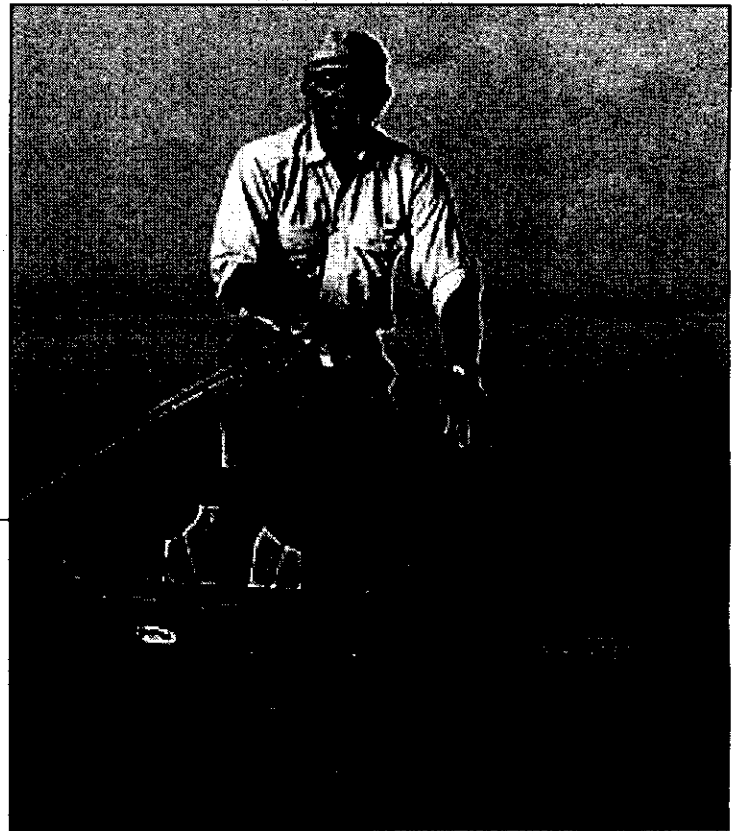
Newsletter/publications - Ken Gum

Youth Camp - Bill Fernandez

Membership development - Aggie Ochs

The Kayak Raffle Ticket

This year we will draw a lucky ticket for a Kayak and not the usual canoe. You can see a great photo and description of the kayak in your recent Orvis Fly Fishing Catalog, and I know that you all have at least one. The Native Ultimate 12 can be outfitted with all the items in the catalog photo, and more. Stand up and fish, carry the cooler and the dog, keep dry on the raised seat... it's all possible in this hot new item. The best elements of both kayak and canoe. We'll load it on your car and you can customize it as you wish.



Fishing Trips

Each year, we get requests from new members and recent transplants to the area for information on places to fish. For years, Bill has been trying to get volunteers to host an informal day of fishing in their favorite areas. As you can imagine, many are reluctant to disclose those spots or even give shoddy directions to them. We're not asking for anything too secret, any catered streamside meals, or provision of equipment, just that you'd be at some stream side location on a specific day/time and willing to show someone how to access and fish the area. The Chapter will post all opportunities on our web site,

tctrout.com. Aggie has volunteered for the North Branch of the AuSable and Bill will be on the South Branch/Mason Tract. Watch for the posting of those dates and think about doing the same, on one of your favorite stretches, for those wanting to expand their fishing horizons.

Banquet Underwriting

We need help! Each year the Adams Chapter organizes a banquet, which is our sole fundraising event. Several generous individuals have come forward to underwrite the cost of raffle and auction items in past years.

This tremendously helps our net revenue and allows us to provide more funds for our primary mission: to protect, preserve, and restore our coldwater fisheries.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved in this valuable (tax-deductible) underwriting, please contact Bill Fernandez or any of the officers and directors.

This year we have decided on four levels of underwriting to match your budget:

Brook Trout - \$100 donation
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Each sponsor will receive recognition for their generous support through listings at the banquet, in our newsletter and on our web site. Sponsorship is recognized from one banquet to another (12 months) and initial pledges are not recurring without renewal through payment. While in-kind items or donated items may meet a particular level in value, the donors of these items will not be considered level sponsors. The sole purpose of sponsorship levels is to increase financial capital to pay for many of the items and/or costs associated with conducting the banquet.

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SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR

- March 16-18** **Chapter Booth at the Hunting and Fishing Expo**
Traverse City Civic Center
- March 28** **General Membership Meeting**
7 p.m., Traverse City Eye Consultants
5199 N. Royal Drive, TC
- April 14** **11th Annual Fundraising Banquet**
Williamsburg Showcase Dinner Theatre
4230 E. M-72, Williamsburg, MI
- June & August** **Outdoor meetings on the Boardman & Manistee**
- September 21-23** **WaWaSum weekend on the AuSable**

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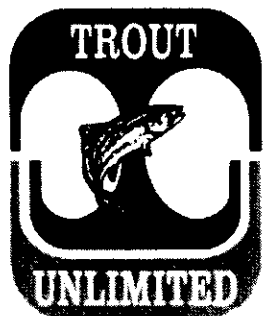
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The season is finally here and, amazingly for me, both the rivers and the trout have been cooperating. Early season daytime fishing is one of my favorite times... with the mosquito laden Hex period coming in a close second. I trust that all of you have had a chance to wet a line and enjoy the spring freshness of your favorite stream bank.

Our April banquet was very successful, our best yet ! The Williamsburg Dinner Theatre was an easy upscale change and, as usual, the food was excellent. Our seasoned prize collecting team had the tables loaded with goodies and, so far, I've received zero complaints.... A ton of suggestions, but no complaints. Thanks to all who contributed, especially our local guides who graciously donate a day out of their fishing year. Our net take will be in excess of \$18,000 and that means more for our 2008 grant distributions. This year we supported work on the Manistee, AuSable, Boardman and Dair Creek, removing sedimentation and improving stream quality. We also continued to support water quality education with our grant to the Traverse City school system and will send another 4 youth to camp.

We're still a young Chapter and even though we've exceeded 300 members (moving us well into the top third of the state's chapters) we still need more involvement on all of our committees... and increased attendance at our general membership meetings. We'd love to find a slot for you and promise not to overwork you. Come out to one of our summer outdoor

meetings and enjoy some fishing while learning about Chapter volunteer opportunities. We'll have an outdoor meeting at the CCC Bridge, on the Manistee, June 27th and one at Ranch Rudolf, on the Boardman, August 22nd. We'll provide the food and you bring your own beverage and fishing gear. And, don't forget to contact Chapter VP Jeff Alandt about the September 21-23 WaWaSum outing. Lodging is available at this classic AuSable lodge which is reserved for the Adams Chapter during that period. You're all welcome.

For those of you wishing other chances to fish, keep checking the tctrout.com web page. Aggie will be setting a date for fishing the North Branch of the AuSable and I'll be setting one for the Mason Tract. Steve will be listing our summer stream work days there, as well. Thanks again to all of you who spent freely at the banquet, bought raffle tickets and/or provided fund raising items. I'm proud to be part of the concerned, committed, and growing Adams Chapter.

Bill

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We would like to sincerely thank all of the following individuals and businesses who contributed to the success of our 2007 Adams Chapter banquet. The dedication of these individuals insures the continued preservation of our valuable coldwater fisheries in northern Michigan:

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OUTDOORS AND INVOLVED

By: Gabe Schneider

As summer approaches and our schedules begin to fill up, take a moment to block in the Adams Chapter's two summer outdoor meetings which are sure to be both productive AND fun. Our summer outdoor meetings at the CCC Bridge on the Manistee River on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 pm and at Ranch Rudolph on the Boardman River on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm offer great opportunities to be active in the Adams Chapter, visit with fellow anglers, enjoy free food and drink and most of all, go fishing! These meetings are also a perfect place to introduce a new member to TU. So bring yourself, your family and a new member to an Adams Chapter summer outdoor meeting and have a great time being outdoors and involved!

All meetings are rain or shine
with food and some beverages provided.
See you on the river!

WaWaSum Outing:

Mark your calendars for the annual WaWaSum Outing. Our weekend at the beautiful and historic lodge is September 22nd - 24th. Contact any officer or director for more information, or to reserve your space.

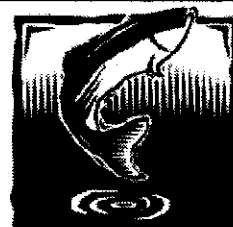
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- June 7 - **Mason/Griffith Founders Chapter T.U. Banquet**
Grayling Holiday Inn 6 p.m. (info at masongriffithtu.org)
- June 23 - **Free Kids Fishing Day at Great Lakes Maritime Academy**
Sponsored by Rotary, NMC Water Studies Institute and the
Adams Chapter T.U.
- June 27 - **Adams Chapter Outdoor meeting/fishing**
C.C.C. Bridge on Manistee - 6 p.m.
- July 21 - **Adams Chapter Boardman River work bee**
Call Steve Largent at 231-883-9960 for details
- August 22 - **Adams Chapter Outdoor meeting/fishing**
Ranch Rudolph on the Boardman - 6 p.m.
- September 21-23 - **Adams Chapter annual Wa-Wa-Sum Outing on AuSable**
Contact Jeff Alandt for directions and information

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Autumn greetings to you all. I hope that your trout season held glorious days on the stream in the company of friends... and a few days just in the company of nature. For our more hardy members, I hope that your on-stream success continue during these chilly days. For me, the vest is hanging in the basement and the outdoor catalogs are piling up by my chair, eliciting resolutions of where and how many times I'll fish next year. With this issue, the Adams Chapter gears up for our indoor meeting season. We have our annual election meeting on November 28th and the meetings in January and March will focus on our annual fundraising effort. This year's banquet will be held on April 19th. Last year's venue, The Williamsburg, worked out so well that we'll be there again... thanks to Dan Kelly.

This summer, our August meeting on the Boardman and September WaWaSum outing were well attended. Watch your newsletters for next year's dates, as WaWaSum is still underutilized and Jeff Alandt has made every effort to make it family, guest and kid friendly. I continue to be involved with the MCTU (state TU council) and had the opportunity to help arrange a council presidents meeting prior to the council's annual

September meeting. With plenty of local chapter input, I believe that MCTU will begin to chart a new course... they're streamlining their operations and administrative costs and well aware that local chapters are primarily concerned with local issues. The less red tape the better.

Our local issues continue to be remediation and preservation efforts on local rivers, partnering with other organizations to make the most of our limited funds, and furthering youth conservation through our First Cast Program, Educational Grants and Youth Campers. And (you knew I'd get to this eventually), we do it all with money raised at our annual banquet. Each year we become more efficient and, it seems, each year money becomes tighter and harder to raise. Raffle sales and donated items go a long way; but underwriters are the foundation of a successful banquet. I encourage all of you to either consider underwriting a portion of the banquet or solicit sponsorship from a business or individual you know. Thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate last year.

Since the November 28th meeting is our "annual meeting", we hope that you'll make a special effort to attend. We'll conduct elections for 4 officers and 3 Chapter directors and begin setting the course for next year. Like any volunteer organization, we are always looking for



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volunteers. Just a few hours of your time can be of great help to the Chapter and you'll get your reward the next time you sit on a stream bank and see less sediment, a new structure holding fish, or a kid fishing. Hopefully, I'll be just downstream taking a short nap against that well-placed cedar.



Boardman River Dam Update

The process to determine the fate of four dams on the Boardman River is moving along like the flow of the river, faster in some areas than others. And, if additional funding to keep the process moving isn't obtained soon, the flow will slow once again to a trickle.

There are an estimated 2,500 large dams in Michigan and 79,000 in the United States. Generally there is money available for removal, but not for the process itself. Locally and nationally there appears to be great interest in the Boardman River Dams process because it's unique in that it gives equal consideration to societal, economic, environmental, and engineering issues, coupled with the full involvement of the public in the process. It will become a model for many other communities to follow, but since this concept is so new, there's not a great deal of funding readily available, but we hope it's coming. The citizen-based Finance Team has recently sent out numerous proposals to local, state, and national foundations and other organizations in an effort to keep the process moving. We're confident the money will surface, but when is the key question.

So far, through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife grant to the Grand Traverse Band, wildlife and aquatic habitat data have been conducted, mapping, and baseline evaluations of the dams have been developed. The Army Corps of Engineers have collected cross section, sediment and other bathymetry data to determine existing flow conditions and to support hydraulic modeling. Contributions from the City, County, Light & Power, Rotary Charities, the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, MDNR, MDEQ along with volunteer support from the general public and numerous organizations such as the Adams Chapter of TU, the Conservation District, CRA, the Watershed Center, NMC, and many others have brought the process to where it is today, but more cold hard cash is needed to keep the process moving.

The Adams Chapter's own Gabe Schneider is active on the Finance Team. Gabe is an aid for Senator Carl Levin and has been instrumental in alerting us to some potential funding opportunities, one for which a grant proposal was just submitted. Senator Levin has been a strong backer of the project and always provides letters of support.

Chapter members Jack Murray and Steve Largent serve on the Bottomlands Task Team and Scoping Team. Pat Kelly is a regular at the regular monthly meetings.

Among numerous other activities, a critical next step involves determining the economic cost of the various alternatives both long and short term. This will help the community determine the ultimate fate of the dams due sometime late 2008, unless additional funding is not obtained.

The Boardman River Dams Project is the most comprehensive dam removal/retention project in Michigan history, with the potential reconnection of 161 miles of river with Lake Michigan. This is truly a community driven process. If you haven't already, please consider getting involved. For more information, or to share your thoughts, please visit www.theboardman.org or contact Steve Largent at (231) 883-9960.



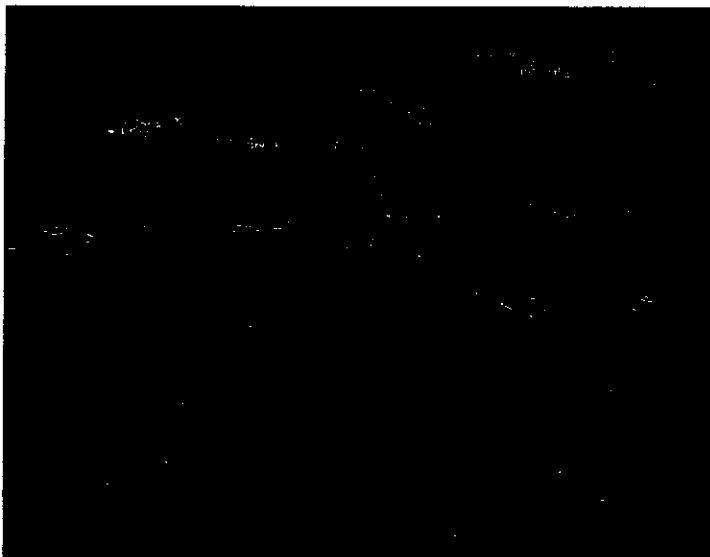
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Thanks to the support of more than 250 donors, the Grand Traverse Conservation District has begun construction on the Boardman River Nature Center!

The Nature Center will be located on the banks of the Boardman River at the Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve's Sabin Pond Trailhead on Cass Road. The new nature center, scheduled to open in the Fall of 08, will include an interactive exhibit gallery, community room/classroom and staff offices. No offense Ken, but this will be a great place to hold future board meetings!

Through the Nature Center, up to 60,000 area children each year will be able to explore the wonders of nature, including what lives in healthy rivers and streams. Each year, hundreds of children and families enjoy the District's Discovery Nature Hikes ranging from Creepy Crawlies to the Wonder of Ponds. Fishing for Kids and River Ecology are popular adventures often led by TU volunteers-thanks!

As we work to complete the campaign for the Nature Center and bring it to life, we welcome your support. And now, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by Grand Traverse County! Consider giving a gift to the nature center in honor of a loved one this holiday season. Visit www.gtcd.org to learn more. You may even buy a brick through our Wildside Walkway program. Order forms are available online or call 231.941.0960



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