



Cross Currents

November, 2003

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteerism – “If you don’t, who will?”

Election of Officers - Please elect to participate at our November 4th meeting. Nominated for President is Jon Deal, VP Bill Lamberson, Secretary Jeff Bridges, Treasurer Mike Riley, and Membership Jim Washabaugh. This is a strong team. The remaining positions will be nominated at our meeting. Can we count on you? If you don’t, who will?

Bethel Park Stocking – Perhaps you saw our TV publicity or the article in the newspaper. Your chapter will have a tent at Bethel Park for the introduction of trout stocking on November 1, that is a Saturday, the kick off with MDC and the City starts at 9:00. Membership applications will be available and promoted. Jon Deal, Bill Lamberson and Jeff Bridges would welcome others to join them. This will be exciting.

December dinner – Bill Lamberson has again made arrangements for our Tuesday, December 3 regular meeting to be replaced with a gala dinner at the Pasta House in Columbia. Bring a significant other! We will need a headcount so let somebody know you are coming.

Website – See the related article regarding our upcoming website. Jim Washabaugh, Dennis Hancock and Tom Weiner have put a lot of work in to this. We

will be transitioning to an e-newsletter soon.

Banquet – Planning will soon start, please be ready to pitch in. We need to set a February date, pick a venue and start selling tickets.

Program – ALSO at our November 4 meeting, Kent Campbell from Clearwater Fly shop will present “What’s new in the fly fishing industry.” Hey, just a short spell until the holidays, get your shopping in soon.

- *JEFF WITTEN*

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A TU OFFICER

Well, here we are, huddled together in the Bora Bora caves eluding the TU manhunt for volunteers. Take a sip of cold soup and pass the stale bread; we’re in this together. Forbid any of us get caught and give the whole bunch away. But think about this for a minute: lots of folks before us have volunteered and, if not prospered, actually survived the ordeal with a smile on their face. And done good things for coldwater habitat in Missouri. And had fun doing it. With additional excuses to go fishing, er, I mean do volunteer work.

Consider the president. This is the cushiest job of all. Schmooze a little; recruit some folks to help out here and there, write a funny note to put in the

newsletter. I mean, if this was hard could Jeff Witten actually do it? If you ever aspired to recognition and respect without having to work this is the job for you.

Vice President. What else needs to be said? We haven't had a president die or get impeached since the Bill Lamberson affair. You weren't around for that? It's a long story I'll tell you at the bar.

Jon Deal has been Secretary forever. Mike Kruse and I took him fishing and hooked him into this job (*see*, another reason to be president.) But he needs a rest. You can write? You're qualified. Plus you get privileges to the executive lounge and limo service.

Treasurer needs to be able to count. This is big. You gotta know your numbers and it helps if you mastered the multiplication tables. There are benefits. I remember one treasurer who lost weight using his fingers to count the millions we made at the banquet. We get one bank statement a month and we write a few checks. And there's the big TU Treasurer's meeting each year in Bozeman that includes free guiding.

Newsletter editor is a good job. Granted, this one is probably the most work, which is a good reason to give Jim some relief. This is important since it's our link of communication between meetings. If you want, you can put hidden messages in the newsletter and see if anyone figures it out. All you have are twenty-four newsletters of two or three pages. The president's message, next meeting notice and see if you can get someone to write something on a regular basis. Ask for everything in Word, then cut and paste. Jim, am I wrong here?

Various board positions. OK, the board meets before the regular meeting but I know there is usually a meal and beer involved. Diet soda if you prefer.

These are great opportunities to get to know other people in our chapter, in our council and within TU. You can learn a lot of things, meet interesting people and do good things for coldwater habitat right here in our state. We're not ending world hunger but these jobs are pretty light-hearted and fun if you go about it

the right way. So go ahead, slip out of the cave and send up a flare before the rest of us can stop you. The food is much better and the beds are softer out in the civilized world.

- **CURT MORGRET**



Jeff Bridges giving his presentation

- Spencer Turner photo

NEWS FROM RECENT MEETINGS

At our August meeting, Jeff Bridges gave a presentation on first aid that was very informative. Jeff's continuing support of our chapter is very much appreciated. At next month's meeting, he will be running for the office of Secretary.

In September, Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) Executive Director Dave Murphy gave a presentation on his organization and the history of citizen involvement in conservation in our state.

In October, John Wenzlick reported on a National T.U. meeting he recently attended, and answered questions about the progress that is being made. During the meeting, the membership voted to once again

affiliate our chapter with the Conservation Federation of Missouri. As a result of this affiliation, you will soon begin receiving once again CFM's newsletter, *Missouri Wildlife*. Our TU chapter may possibly be featured in an upcoming edition, so be sure to read your copies in the months ahead when you receive them.

Denis Hancock, Tom Weiner, and Jim Washabaugh have been looking into ways to upgrade our chapter's Web site. It currently looks like our site will soon be receiving its own domain name and moving to a new server.

Progress continues to be made on a transition to an e-newsletter. We currently have an e-newsletter posted on National TU's Web site, located at www.tu.org. The proposed e-newsletter will be much better and will be similar to what our friends in the Ozark Fly Fishers are doing in St. Louis. If you have any ideas for the e-newsletter, the new domain name, or would like to volunteer to help out with some of the work, please let Denis, Tom, or Jim know.

Book Review: *Trout of the World* by James Prosek

The recently published *Trout of the World* is James Prosek's sixth book. Prosek has spent several years traveling the northern hemisphere searching for native trout. Many of the travels are chronicled in his book, *Fly-Fishing the 41st : Around the World on the 41st Parallel*, published earlier this year.

This book is similar to his first book, *Trout: An Illustrated History*. Like the previous book, *Trout of the World* is filled with beautiful watercolor paintings of trout, these fish native to the waters from Iceland to Kamchatka. The variation present among these fish is remarkable. Some species, such as the soft-mouthed trout, were completely unfamiliar to me.

Short narratives provide brief descriptions of the fish and their status, as well as some of the challenges involved in capturing specimens. Among land-mined streams in Croatia, military checkpoints in Turkey, and travel limitations in the former Soviet Republics, Prosek

faced obstacles unfamiliar to those of us that have only fished the waters of the western world. Prosek's book does not have the scientific authority of Robert Behnke's, *Trout and Salmon of North America*, but provides an overview of the native trout of the rest of the world. The watercolors alone (and included poster) justify the relatively modest price (\$22.75 from Amazon.com) of this book.

- **BILL LAMBERSON**

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CURRENT?

It is very important for you to verify your personal membership information as soon as possible, including the e-mail address you have on file with National T.U. In the near future, we plan to start using your e-mail address to send you a digital copy of our newsletter.

To look up your membership information online, go to the following page in National T.U.'s Web site:

www.tu.org/members/member_services/index.asp.

In order to view your membership information, you will need your Membership ID, which may be found on the address label of this newsletter.

MMTU CALENDAR

November 1, 2003, 9:00 a.m. Bethel Park Trout Stocking.

November 4, 2003, 7:30 p.m. Election of officers, directors, and newsletter editor. Terms are for two years. In addition, Kent Campbell of Clearwater Fly Shop will give a presentation on the latest developments in fly fishing tackle. It is very important for you to attend this meeting.

December 3, 2003. Dinner at the Pasta House. The Pasta House (447-0500) is located at 1100 Knipp Street, adjacent to the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, near I-70 and Stadium Blvd. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30.

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Cross Currents, the Mid-Missouri Chapter of Trout Unlimited newsletter, has a circulation of approximately 300. Regular chapter meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, except for July. The meeting place is usually the Missouri Department of Conservation Fisheries Research Facility at Stadium and College in Columbia, Missouri. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. See the newsletter for any changes.

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