



# Cross Currents

March 2008

## Greetings from the Prez'

We are just days away from the 2008 Mid-MO TU Banquet and a little over a week left before the hook'm and cook'm season starts. These are all indications that spring is just around the corner. I know many, though, who have not let this cold weather keep them from fishing at Bethel. Some have even provided proof of their success with pictures of some mighty nice fish (i.e. Mike Kruse.) I have yet to make it out there this season, too many home projects going on. Don't follow my lead, get out there and catch some fish.

I have just put the finishing touches on a lovely Orvis 4 piece 8.5' 5wt. that those attending the banquet will have the chance to take home. Don't miss out on this opportunity and the many other opportunities you will have at the banquet. I hope to see you there.

As President one thing I'd like to expand on is the sharing of information and knowledge amongst our members. One method of doing that is providing a form of electronic communication (e-mail.) I've established a [MidMoTU@googlegroups.com](mailto:MidMoTU@googlegroups.com). I see this as an opportunity to share recent fishing stories, trips etc. with all the members who belong to the group. I'm evaluating the best method to populate this group but if you are interested in sharing fishing and trout related information with others or hear the stories of others via this group please e-mail me at [dean.rapp@gmail.com](mailto:dean.rapp@gmail.com).  
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## March 4 Meeting: Gary Eaton Fishing Ireland

**Dr. Eaton will describe fishing in this green wonderland, a fishing destination that we don't often hear about. The March 4 meeting will be held 7 pm at D Rowe's, located off Forum, just north of the intersection with Nifong. We have a room to ourselves and a nice opportunity for dinner and at drink at this venue. Please join us.**

## 2007 In Review

2007 was a good year for our chapter. We had a successful banquet in February and invested that money and the chapter's physical resources in a number of projects. Once again this year we sponsored scholarships for women to attend a Casting for Recovery Retreat in Missouri, Orvis matched our investment. We made a donation to habitat improvement for grayling on the Big Hole River in Montana, again our contribution was matched by Orvis. We funded the Little Piney insect survey to examine the effects of a gravel mine on Little Piney Creek, the report can view viewed at our Website. We contributed significantly to assist with the purchase of the Bohigian Tract on Mill Creek (now the Bohigian Conservation Area), and contributed labor for stream improvement projects on the Bohigian Conservation Area. We also sponsored Kids Trout Outing at Bethel Park, our objective for the day was to have fun teaching kids to fish.

***The President continues:*** If you have questions regarding the banquet or have feedback following the banquet you can send a message to the banquet committee by e-mailing them at [MidMoTU-Banquet@googlegroups.com](mailto:MidMoTU-Banquet@googlegroups.com).

Speaking of feedback if you would like to communicate with the board you can send a message directly to [MidMoTU-Board@googlegroups.com](mailto:MidMoTU-Board@googlegroups.com). This is a new e-mail distribution method. I have yet to get all the board members assigned but will do that soon. Please feel free to let us know how we can continue to improve this fine organization, including what you think we are doing right.

I best get back to staining my concrete floor so I can try and get some fishing in this weekend! See you at the Banquet!



*Mount Sopris*, home of Ken Neubecker, President of the Colorado Council of Trout Unlimited and host of the Colorado trip to be auctioned at the MMTU Conservation Banquet

## **Curt's Banquet E-Z Payment Plan**

Oh sure, you thought last fall about putting a couple of bucks in the hidey hole for this year's banquet, but when your kids saw the only Wii available for 200 miles the weekend before Christmas and your wife reminded you there was a "significant" anniversary in January (really, which ones aren't? and why does something divisible by 5 or 10 make any difference? And why don't I get something for an anniversary . . . uhh, let's forget I said that.) Anyway, here it is the banquet and the cash reserves are running a bit low. Well, let me introduce you to the Mid MO TU E-Z Payment Plan.

This plan is especially designed for the cash-strapped, card-maxed, seasonal-affected, gotta go fishing or I'm gonna break something person. Simply fill out the short application form, have your rod collection (yeah, both of 'em) appraised by our staff rodologist, sign the E-Z payment plan and security agreement form. No notices will be mailed to your house and Gorilla Mike will be very discreet with his reminder calls if you get a teensy bit late on the payment.

Now, say you want to go fishing but your rods (both of them) are tucked neatly away in the Mid Mo TU office vault pending full repayment. We have the loaner program where you're allowed twenty-four hours with your rod and rod chaperone (a handy Mid MO officer will do) with all expenses paid, e.g. the little trip to Colorado is easily accomplished by taking the assistant newsletter editor (look it up) and paying for his transportation, license and lodging (rod chaperones are responsible for their own food.) So, there it is. Bid freely and aggressively and we'll have the kiosk by the door.

## **Live Auction List**

(or as close as we could get when we typed this up)

1. **Regal Vise**
2. **Grill One-Five Dinner**
3. **Turkey Print**
4. **Ozark Streamer School (Eaton & Kruse)**
5. **Big Sky Trout Carving**
6. **Colorado Trip (3 days, 2 rods) September**
7. **Orvis Trout Bum 4 wt w/Battenkill Reel**
8. **Casting Lessons (Gary Eaton)**
9. **Little Red River, Arkansas trip**
10. **Dave Megahan Reel Case**
11. **Bob Hook small Dry Flies**
12. **Bird Hunt**
13. **Day with Dr. Bohigian on Mill Creek (and single malt)**
14. **Bill Lamberson Bamboo Rod**
15. **Lamson Velocity 3 Hardalox**
16. **Eleven Point Trip**
17. **Orvis 8 ½' 5 wt w/Battenkill Reel**
18. **Sharkskin Fly Line 5 wt**
19. **Sam Potter Guided Trip (Current or Gasconade)**
20. **Windrush Farms**
21. **Pies**
22. **Traveling Trophy – Big Sky Carving**

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