



MID MISSOURI CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED



January 1994

President's Message
by Bob Hook

I sat at the table one ashen December morning drinking my coffee and gazing out the window. In contrast to the dreary outside scene, my thoughts of trout and fishing were of future plans and trips with friends to an early summer world filled with the warming sun, green trees, flowers and rising trout — big, dumb trout.

My trout thoughts were interrupted as my eyes fell on the flowering crab apple tree that I had planted early this fall. Devoid of leaves and any appearances of life, it looked no different than the other barren trees in my backyard. Yet, I knew that appearances can be deceptive and spring would see both established and newly-planted trees demonstrating new growth and brilliant blossoms as evidence of the root growth and nutrition acquired during the long winter.

As my thoughts continued to meander in that direction, I thought of the similarities between my little tree and our TU chapter. The continued survival and flourishing of both depend on constant nurturing.

Therefore I would like to

take this time to say thank you to all the officers and club members who have nurtured and so greatly contributed to the viability of our chapter during the past two years. Some performed big jobs and others performed small jobs, but there were no unimportant jobs — all have contributed to our success. We appreciate your efforts and commitment.

Pushing the tree analogy a little further, I was also reminded that the root growth acquired during the winter months is critical to the survival and flourishing of newly planted and established trees. Root growth is also crucial to the survival and flourishing of our TU chapter and the roots that we establish during the next few months will determine our future success.

During the next two months you will hear a lot about our 1994 National Trout Unlimited Banquet, and rightly so. The TU banquet generates over 90 percent of the funds available to our chapter and allows the chapter to begin projects such as the recent acquisition of additional Mill Creek property for public access.

There is still a tremendous amount of planning and work to be done before we can have this banquet and there are

many jobs, big and small, which you could do without sacrificing much of your free time. We desperately need this banquet to be a success and we need your help.

However, as important as raising money is to the success of our chapter, money only provides the ability to pursue projects. The root and foundation of a successful TU chapter has been and always will be you, the individual TU member.

During the next few months, the Board of Directors and myself would like to take some positive steps to strengthen our foundation by getting you involved. That does not mean that we want you so that you can fill a job. We simply would like to have you attend the monthly TU meetings and share your opinions and ideas with us (some of us would even relish a fishing story or two).

Some questions that the TU Board of Directors would appreciate responses to: What would it take to get you involved? Why did you join TU and how can our chapter meet those desires? What programs would you like to have at the meetings? Do you want a more socially-oriented chapter, a business/project-oriented chapter, or a combination of both?

In what other ways can we make TU participation more attractive to you? We not only welcome your responses, they are needed to chart the future course of our TU chapter.

After the program at the January meeting, I would like to broach the possibility of having two different TU meetings — one a purely social meeting and another purely business meeting. Whether this will happen and whether such meetings will be held monthly or bimonthly will depend upon your input. It will not happen unless there is support for the idea, so please plan to attend and contribute to the future direction of our TU chapter.

Again as we enter this new year of 1994, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to our chapter in the past. We not only welcome your continued support and participation during 1994, our success is solely dependent upon you!

January Meeting

Mid-Missouri TU will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday January 4 at the Fish and Wildlife Research Center in Columbia. The research center is located at the intersection of College and Stadium Boulevard.

This month's program is members doing some fly tying; bring your tools and materials if you would like to participate.

Trout Fly Pattern of the Month

by Jerry Case

This month's offering covers the dun of the Isonychia. While not as important as the nymph or emerger to the trout or the angler, Isonychia duns can sometimes present worthwhile opportunities.

Often when large hatcheries occur enough of the duns will be blown onto the stream or fall in to make a dry fly useful. Trout, being the opportunistic feeders that they are, will be on the lookout for such occurrences.

My favorite Isonychia dun pattern follows:

Dun Grizzly Variant

Hook: Dry fly, #10 - 14

Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Dun-dyed grizzly

Body: Peacock herl

Hackles: One dun-dyed grizzly, one grizzly from a rooster neck or saddle

Attach thread to the hook and tie in a few barbs of dun-dyed grizzly for the tail. Next tie in a couple of peacock herls. Twist the herls together with thread to reinforce and wrap forward to form the body. Tie in the dun-dyed grizzly and the grizzly hackle. Wrap the dun-dyed grizzly forward and secure. Wrap the grizzly through the first hackle. Tie off and finish

the head.

The hackles represent the dark dun wings and the cream legs of the adult perfectly. I've had great luck with this fly when the Isonychia duns were on the water and prefer it to the commonly used Dun Variant or Leadwing Coachman. Give it a try and see what you think.

Editor's Note:

Jerry spelled Isonychia correctly last month, but I managed to leave the "y" out so that it appeared incorrectly in the newsletter.

TU For Kids Expands Nationwide

From Lines to Leaders

The TU For Kids program, which allows youngsters to get a fly rod, reel and line at a reasonable price along with a special conservation brochure written especially for kids, is expanding nationwide.

Previously the ad for the program was advertised in *Trout* magazine and *The Emerger*. Under a new agreement with Zebco, TU will promote the new TU For Kids program in *Field & Stream* magazine starting in the December issue, and in the spring 1994 issue of *Trout* magazine.

Zebco, which owns Martin Rods, will provide each child who signs up for the program with a Martin fly rod, reel and Scientific Anglers fly line. The cost will be \$40.00 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling.

**Department of
Agriculture Selects
New Forest Service Chief**

On November 17 the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced new leadership at the U.S. Forest Service. Jack Ward Thomas, a world renowned wildlife biologist will take over the helm as the 13th chief of the Forest Service.

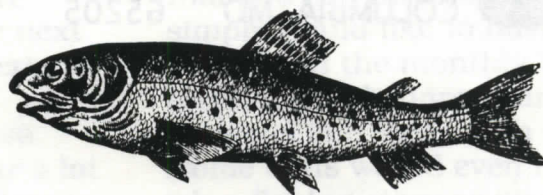
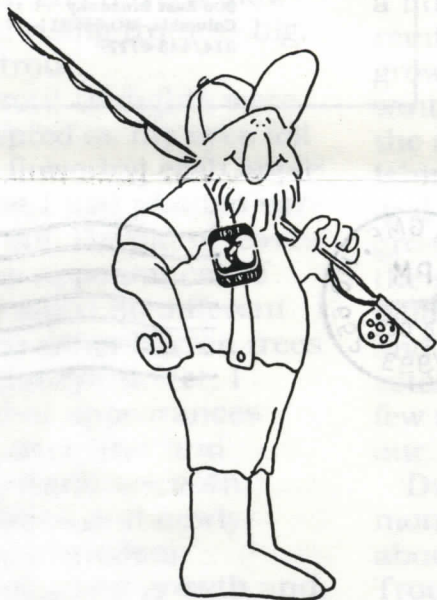
Thomas holds degrees in wildlife management, wildlife science and a doctorate in forestry. His professional career spans four decades and includes numerous national honors

and awards, such as the Wildlife Society's Aldo Leopold Award, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's "Chuck" Yeager Award, and the USDA Superior Service Award, the highest award granted by the Department. Thomas is also an elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters and an Honorary Member of the Wildlife Society.

Earlier this year President Clinton entrusted Thomas with the important task of leading the Forest Ecosystem Management Assessment Team. Along

with his outstanding contribution to the President's Forest Conference he led two other high-level scientific teams on northwestern ecosystem management.

"To be asked to serve as Chief of the Forest Service, my professional home for 27 years, is an honor. Our challenge and duty is to ensure that the Forest Service emerges from this period of great change and development to reaffirm its position as the world's finest natural resource management agency," Thomas said.



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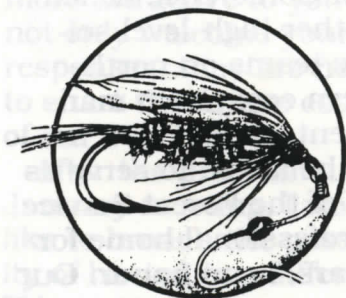
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