



Cross Currents

May 2008

Embrace-A-Stream



You have probably recently received a solicitation for donations for Embrace-A-Stream (EAS). It is the is the flagship grant program for funding Trout Unlimited's grassroots conservation efforts that advance TU's mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Overseen by a committee of TU volunteers and administered by its national office, Trout Unlimited annually raises money from TU members, corporate and agency partners, and foundations to distribute as small grants to local TU projects. Mike Kruse, Spence Turner, and now I have been members of the panel that reviews EAS grant proposals. Since its inception in 1975, EAS has funded 884 individual projects for a total of more than \$3.5 million in direct cash grants. Local TU Chapters and Councils contributed an additional \$6.5 million in cash and in-kind services to EAS funded projects for a total program investment of around \$10 million.

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May 6 Meeting: Norm Crisp Fishing Chile



Norm Crisp is a generous supporter of the Chapter. Norm will present a program on fishing in Chile at the May 6 meeting. Norm guides in Missouri and Wyoming, and the photo above shows Norm with a nice fish from Wyoming (see: <http://www.streamsideadventures.com>).

The May 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.

EAS continues:

The goal of EAS is to conserve coldwater fisheries through innovative grassroots conservation projects. Successful projects are based on sound science, benefit the resource, strengthen the local TU chapter and council, and help build the constituency for protecting trout and salmon. TU volunteers are actively involved in project work and are expected to provide matching funds. In the most recent 2007 grant cycle, EAS provided approximately \$226,000 for more than thirty projects in 18 states.

The program has undergone a number of changes in the last two decades. For the 2008 grant cycle, the EAS program will continue to focus on projects that address issues outlined in the National Conservation Agenda and 2003-2008 Strategic Plan, while allowing TU chapters to use their judgment and creativity to design projects that have the most impact locally. Although an emphasis of the National Conservation Agenda is to preserve populations of native species, several projects were funded this past year involved wild, but non native species. I believe the habitat improvement structures constructed on Mill Creek would likely compete well for funding. Guidelines for proposals, goals of the program, and sample projects can be seen at:

<http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3198137/k.9DD6/EmbraceAStream.htm>.

I encourage a group within MMTU to work at developing a proposal. A description of the work day on Mill Creek can be read at:

http://www.midmotu.org/newsletters/2007/October%202007/MMTU_Oct2007Newsletter.pdf.

I believe a successful proposal could be made for a similar project. In my limited experience observing the proposal review

process, we would need the collaboration with Nick Gironde, as the professional fisheries biologist, it would be helpful to again have contributions of labor from not only MMTU members, but also other TU and fly fishing organizations, and we would need to make a cash contribution from the Chapter and perhaps the Council. We would be eligible for up to \$10,000 in EAS funding, and would likely need to contribute no more than \$2,000 from the chapter, pretty good leveraging of funds. Although these projects on Mill Creek and on the Barren Fork may go on successfully without EAS funding, a funded project could be useful to put MMTU on the national map.

Bill Lamberson with shameless plagiarism for the TU website:

<http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3198137/k.9DD6/EmbraceAStream.htm>.

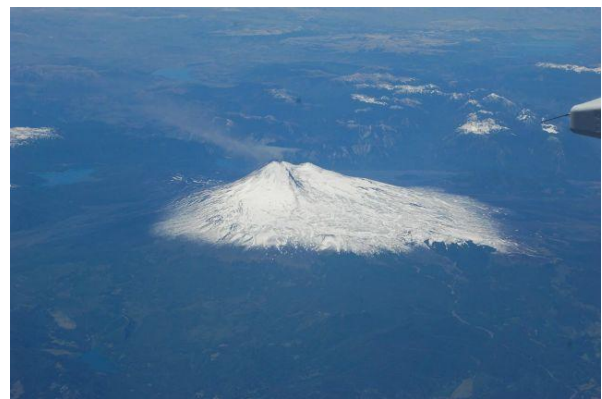
Upcoming Meetings:

June 3: Hot Dog Burn at Bethel Park

July 4: No meeting.

August 5: Jon Deal and friends on fishing for brook trout in Michigan, last year's banquet prize.

September 2: Gary Eaton on fishing in Belize



Unidentified Chilean mountain – courtesy of Norm Crisp – Stream Side Adventures

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Mid-MO TU General Meeting
D Rowe's

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by
President Rapp.

As per one of the recommendations at the last
board meeting, name tags were used tonight.

1. Dean announced that Bass Pro was offering fly tying classes on Thursday evenings. This Thursday, 3 April, will be the inaugural class. Dean asked for volunteers to help out and be a presence for the Chapter.
2. Mike Kruse "volunteered" to chair the 2009 banquet committee. Plans for the 2009 banquet are already underway. Anyone wishing to help out with the banquet please contact Mike.
3. Dean expressed his appreciation to Denis Hancock for helping making the chapter's email group through googlegroups.com available to the membership.
4. Gary Eaton is working on a chapter brochure and has already put together a rough draft.
5. The P.O. box we formerly used as our address is no longer in use. TU National is currently listing Jon Deal's address as a contact address. This will be changed to Dean Rapp's address in the future.

6. PROGRAM: Mike Kruse introduced Tom Hargrove of T. Hargrove Fly Shop in St. Louis. Tom presented a slide show on steelhead fishing in British Columbia. He also related several non-fishing stories, e.g. grizzly bear and moose encounters!

7. Future programs:

May 6: Norm Crisp on Fishing in Chile

June 3: Annual "Hot Dog Burn" at Bethel Park. Hot dogs and brats will be provided by the

chapter. Bring your favorite picnic beverage and a side dish.

July: No meeting. Go fish somewhere cool.

August 5: Jon Deal, Scott Penman, Jeff Bridges on brook trout on the "Holy Water" in Michigan.

Sept 3: Gary Eaton on Belize bonefish and permit.

Oct/Nov: TBA

December: Annual dinner. Date, time, place TBA.

8. Next meeting at D. Rowe's. Norm Crisp will present a program on fishing in Chili. The next board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday 29 April at Grill One-5. Board meetings are open and all members are welcomed to attend.

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