



# Cross Currents

October 2008

## *Dean's Rap*

I feel honored this past week have represented our State Council at the 2008 Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting. The meeting provided great motivation to the continued preservation and restoration of our cold water fisheries around the nation. I also had the great fortune to spend 5 days fishing following the meeting. I fished three states, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. I caught my first ever Bonneville Cutthroat Trout, my largest Brook Trout ever and countless number of 16+ inch Brown and Rainbow trout (I have some pictures to prove the size☺.)

We have a fantastic line up of meetings to wrap up 2008. Our next meeting will feature Mark Van Patten, a fantastic fly tier. I'll again arrive early (5:30pm or so) to tie flies with anyone who cares to join me. Our November meeting will present an opportunity for members to showcase their fish stories with pictures from trips. Our December meeting will provide a great opportunity to socialize and be with friends and family. Details of all three meetings can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

It is with great regret that I announce the closing of Grill One Five, a locally owned and operated bar and grill that has been a tremendous supporter of the Mid-Missouri Chapter of Trout Unlimited over the years. I want to thank Michael and Stacia Riley for all their support, and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. Their closing has resulted in a change of venue for our December meeting. Please see the upcoming meeting announcements for details.

In this newsletter you have an opportunity to vote on an issue presented by the board. For those that may not have heard, the Bethel Winter Fishing program may be at an end as a result of discontinued funding

from the city. We have several options to contribute funding to preserve the program and felt it best to obtain general membership input. Our membership includes an over 100 mile radius, and with the challenges many face to attend meetings a detailed announcement and voting opportunity has been presented to you, the members, elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take the time to vote and make your voice heard.

Again thank you for allowing me to represent you at the 2008 Annual Meetings, and until we meet again may you have many Tight Lines and Strong Tippetts!

The President  
Dean Rapp

**October 7 Meeting, 7 pm D Rowe's:  
Fly Tying with Mark Van Patten,  
Master Fly Tier and Fisherman,  
and host of the syndicated television  
series, The Tying Bench  
<http://www.thetyingbench.com/>**



## Fly Flingers Weekend

Brian Sloss and Ryan Griffin would like to invite all fly fishers to come fish the Eleven Point River October 18-19 and enjoy a free BBQ Saturday night. This will be an opportunity to fish one of the Ozarks most beautiful rivers, catch some rainbow trout, and hang out with other fly fishermen and women from this region. 10% of canoe rentals and all proceeds from a raffle of a Fly Rod, from Temple Fork Outfitters, and Fly gear will go to **Trout Unlimited**, so come one come all and cast a fly on the Eleven Point.



## Upcoming Meetings:

Banquet Planning Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at D Rowe's anyone interested in attending is encouraged to attend. Banquet Feb. 20, 2009 Stoney Creek Inn.

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Annual December Chapter Dinner Location:  
Rock Quarry House  
Rock Quarry Park  
2002 Grindstone Parkway, Columbia

Catered by Buckingham's  
Menu: Beef, Turkey and Pork, Smoked Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw for sides, Brownies for desert

\$10.00 per person in advance or \$15.00 at the door

Seating will be limited so advanced registration is strongly encouraged.

Please bring a significant other or friend.

Please send checks made payable to Mid-MO TU to:

Dean Rapp  
4505 Nathaniel Drive  
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**Win \$50!**

■ Enter the 2008 Photo contest for your chance of winning \$50.00 in cold hard cash.

■ Contest Details

■ Photo's will be judged via secret ballot by those in attendance at the November 4th 2008 meeting. The winning entry will be announced at the December 2nd meeting. Each person will be allowed to submit up to three photographs. The photographs must:

- promote trout fishing.
- be taken by or include a Mid-Missouri TU member.
- be provided in digital format to dean.rapp@gmail.com prior to Nov. 3, 2008
- be photographs taken in 2008.

## **Bethel Trout: To Be or Not To Be?**

In early September the board was notified that the City of Columbia will no longer provide funding to support the winter trout fishing program at Bethel Park. Without funding from the City or another source, the stocking of trout in Bethel Park will end. Not only will some enjoyable trout fishing disappear, our kids fishing day will be impacted.

The Missouri Department of Conservation works with municipalities around our state to provide Winter Trout Fishing programs. A municipality wishing to participate must meet several qualifications. One of those is the ability to provide some financial assistance. This only seems appropriate as it will be local residents that benefit the most from the program. The financial assistance required of the City of Columbia was \$2500.

While this program does not directly support cold water conservation, it provides a tremendous opportunity each fall to get children hooked on trout fishing. It is our youth that will ensure that our conservation efforts today continue in the future. Therefore, the board feels that the program is of tremendous value.

Ideally the board would like to find private financing to cover the cost of the program. This could come in the form of local/individual support, or perhaps a corporate sponsor. The time frame to accomplish such financing is short, but with effort may be done.

The board has heard from several individuals who have indicated they are willing to personally contribute as much as \$100 each, in support of the program. Only 25 such volunteers and the program will continue. If you are interested in personally providing financial support for this program, at any level, please e-mail our President, Dean Rapp, for details. ([dean.rapp@gmail.com](mailto:dean.rapp@gmail.com))

Another source of funding would be for our Chapter to fund all or part of the \$2500 for this year's stocking. The board feels that such a large expenditure, almost half our operating budget, must be brought to a vote for our members. This vote only applies for the 2008 stocking. The board asks that you make your opinion heard by answering the following question(s.)

\_\_\_\_ I am in support of funding the entire \$2,500 for 2008 out of the Mid-MO TU operating budget.

\_\_\_\_ I am in support of funding part of the \$2,500 out of the Mid MO TU operating budget, with the rest being acquired from other means. (Please include an approximate percentage for partial funding.)

\_\_\_\_ I am NOT in support of funding the program from the current Mid MO TU operating budget.

Please provide us with your vote via e-mail or snail mail. Thanks! The Board

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