



# "TROUT LINES" September 2013



## 2013 BUCKET BRIGADE

By Jeff Nelsen



Many thanks to all that attended which totaled 121 folks. Dan White recruited 30 Walmart associates with 41 of their family and friends from several stores including Summersville and Kimball. TU had 45 members with family and friends and DNR had 3 employ-

ees led by John Rebinski with his wife, Christine and daughter Erica too.

The Bucket Brigade got underway about 9:45 with John leading us in a moment of silence in honor of Ernie and then Susan filled the first bucket to go down the line. Avery Orr handed it off with help from her granddad.

The lunch was donated from the Summersville Walmart store led by Dave & Cindy Herndon. Snacks and mid morning drinks were provided by Susan Nester and her sister Marci Brady.

Morning started a bit wet but never rained while on site. We moved 660 buckets which equated to 10 tons of limestone fines moved by everyone along the 1/4 mile trail to the dump site. The last bucket was carried down the entire line to the dump site by a young lad named Andrew with the Walmart contingent around 1:30pm

Dan White reported the Walmart Foundation will donate \$3000 to the next years limestone fines for the Middle Fork of the Williams River. Ken Eigenbrod our official photographer had 82 pictures uploaded to [www.wvkvctu.org](http://www.wvkvctu.org) Facebook site so go and check them out.

Again thanks to everyone for their time and com-



Susan Nester and John Rebinski



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Wooten & the state of West Virginia for tourism making everything go right for this wonderful mountaineer fishing occasion for our WV veterans. Curtis' great filming crew really did a meticulous job to have everything just so to get the best shots for an upcoming segment of their televised Fly Rod Chronicles television broadcast. We all will look forward for a Feb. or Mar. airing of this event.

mitment. This event gives us all a chance to enjoy friends and family while doing something for our beautiful state fish.

A Special Thanks to Susan Nester & her sister Marci for contributing so much to this and being with us to continue Ernie's legacy.



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I was first informed that this Pipestem gathering would take place by Mr. Ed Wooten, Director of Marketing & Sales, in January at our Charleston Hunt Show booth. Ed said he especially

By Bob White

liked the idea of having all of the WV programs for PHWFF represented and all rooms & meals would be Comp'd for the vets and guides as well.

So many of the events that come about for the benefit of our disabled veterans could never be right, except for the great efforts of so many who make it all possible, with their persistent appeals for the best. I wish to give deeply felt thanks to all of you for making it happen. Our event at Pipestem WV Resort came about with this type of a hugely coordinated gathering with all 5 WV programs taking part representing, Martinsburg, Clarksburg, Beckley, & Huntington VAMC's & the Wheeling Vet Center programs. The monumental gathering took place May 22-24, starting with everyone meeting at the upper lodge at Pipestem in the lobby.

This event was made even more special as Curtis Fleming of The Fly Rod Chronicles along with Ed

Curtis soon followed up with his chief executive administrator Michelle Fleming (his better half) to make arrangements for this to happen as planned. Special events, like celebrity guide & Washington Redskins Pro football player #37 safety Reed Dougherty to fish with us. A local group Taylor Made, gave a super performance, fireside, with the atmosphere of the lower lodge on the beautiful Bluestone River. Although, the presence of a complete gourmet restaurant is at the Mt. Creek Lodge on the river, our meals, even better, were especially prepared on the open fired grill outdoors, steak and ribs were enjoyed as dinner----- then next day complete breakfast

was also made on the open pit!

Our fishing, only steps away, from our deluxe river-side rooms, was for some of the biggest freshly stocked rainbows (some 25” plus). This made very easy access to the river of the Bluestone Gorge. The beauty of nature abounded so much and was truly enjoyed by all!

As we earlier mentioned the night at the top of the mountain at McKeever Lodge where we spent the first night was followed up the next day with a very nice breakfast. Then all were presented with a flag raising ceremony by local ROTC cadets along with veterans of the VFW groups. Next we drove 500 yds. To the Tramway which took, first our bags & gear, then all of us into cable cars for a 2300 foot ride down to the Mt. Creek lower lodge and over the Bluestone River where we would fish for some monster rainbow trout.



This account wouldn't be complete without saying that there were actually 2 events to enjoy as well as two different resorts. The first Pipestem and then on noon Fri. the 24<sup>th</sup> we drove to Stonewall Jackson Resort a 2 ½ hr. trek up Interstate. Once there we had another set of events to be a part of.

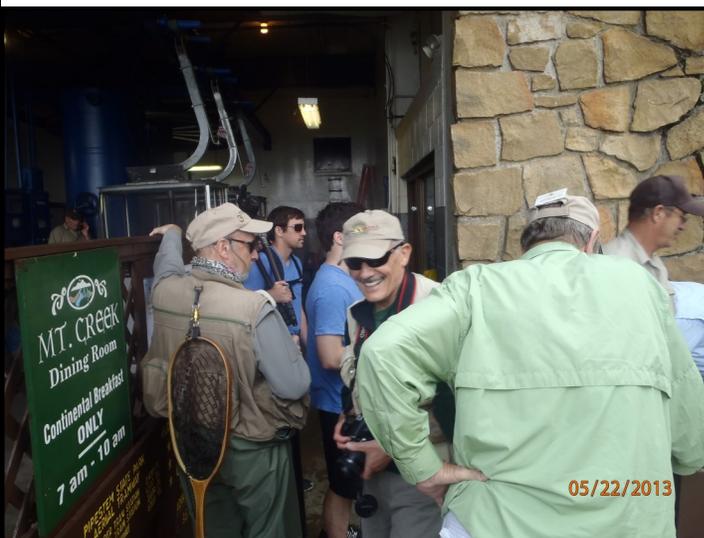
At this point I'm just hoping I didn't leave anything out trying to describe this great occasion. Our event #2 began by quick check in by the gracious resort staff of the Stonewall Jackson Resort Hotel on the banks ( or I should say surrounded by the Stonewall Jackson Lake. All rooms had views of the lake and were very comfortable. Evening meal was very cordial as a reserved group of tables, where we all sat

together; this was always set up for our group.



We were joined by Mountaineer basketball coach Bob Huggins for grand opening of a local sporting goods store, as auctions and other events were taking place. The PHWFF Banner was prominently displayed in the entrance of the store for all to see. Later as a group we were introduced in front of everyone. Later a fishing excursion to Shavers Fork at Bemis WV trout stream about 2 hours away and then back to our evening meal atop the mountain golf lodge, overlooking the Lodge. Gourmet food was enjoyed by all and a group pic taken. We then attended (front row seats) a 2 hr. concert by the complete Taylor Made performers, very nice.

On Monday after breakfast we all said goodbye to one another and two wonderful events for all to remember for the rest of our lives!

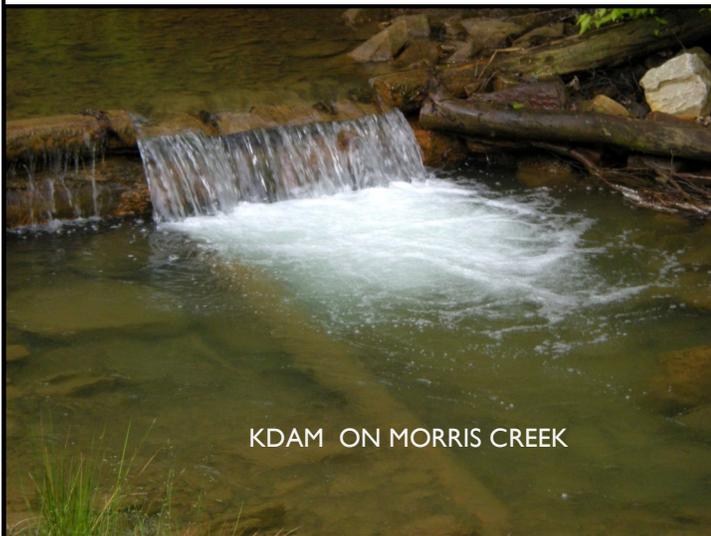


## STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS UPDATE

By Jeff Nelsen

### Morris Creek

In March, 2013 Trout Unlimited awarded a \$4,000 Embrace A Stream grant to ENCTU for stream habitat improvements on approximately 600' of stream. The chapter provided an additional \$500 to the project. The Morris Creek Watershed Association (MCWA) through Mike King and Eddie Grey's leadership have used a portion of the grant funding to have the design work for the stream restoration completed by Ryan Gaujot with Green Rivers, LLC. Ryan has been a past speaker at several of our chapter meetings.



KDAM ON MORRIS CREEK

The MCWA has also been recently awarded another \$30,000 by the US Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for additional stream restoration. Nine new stream restoration structures are planned.

Mike is working to secure necessary permits from the Corps of Engineers, WVDEP, WVDNR and Fayette County. Construction of the stream structures is planned for the spring of 2014, when ENCTU will help with some of the manpower to build the habitat structures.

CAPITAL HIGH STUDENTS LEARNING  
ABOUT STREAM TREATMENTS



### Dunloup Creek

AEP provided \$5,000 for a stream improvement grant for approximately 900' of Dunloup Creek within the city limits of Mt. Hope. The section of stream is within the floodplain property buyout program of the NRCS.

Property acquired by NRCS will become open space for recreation in the City and the stream habitat structures will enhance the fishery and recreational opportunity.

The project is slated for design by Green Rivers, LLC. ENCTU, the City of Mt. Hope, and Dunloup Creek Watershed Association are trying to secure additional grant funding and hope to have a project ready for construction in 2014 that will also serve as an educational tool for stream restoration.

### Middle Fork of the Williams River

Through the dedication of many Wal-Mart associates and TU members from various WV chapters, the 2013 Bucket Brigade, had over 120 volunteers on June 8, 2013. These volunteers moved 10 tons of limestone fines into the small drainage swale of the Middle Fork one bucket at a time along a 1/4 mile route. Wal-Mart Foundation awarded ENCTU \$4,000 from this effort for continued funding of limestone fines for this stream.

Heartfelt thanks to all for their continued support and volunteer efforts in helping to make these projects a success. There is a still lot to do and some real

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**FLY TYER'S CORNER**  
BY  
**CHARLIE NICHOLS**

## Terrestrial Patterns

You may not know it but now is the perfect time of the year to teach someone how to fly fish. A lot of good deals can be found on introductory fly rods and reels. Entire fly fishing outfits can be had for well under a hundred dollars at this time of the year as the companies begin the closeouts. So that is one advantage to teaching a youngster, the wife, or a neighbor to enjoy the sport but the biggest reason that this is the PERFECT time to teach someone to fly fish is the fact that you don't have to be a proficient caster to catch trout at this time of the year. Seriously!

If there was ever a bug made for beginners it is grasshoppers. Those big juicy sources of protein that grouse, turkeys, and trout just love to eat. Grasshoppers get blown into the streams with a thump this time of year....a THUMP. What is the hardest part of learning to fly cast...not thumping the water with that forward cast. Hey, go ahead and thump away now.

As for tying a hopper pattern, the preformed foam bodies are a fly tiers utopia. Rainy's Gorilla Bodies come in all different sizes and colors that are already cut out. You can buy foam from any number of fly fishing shops and catalogs and there are now stamps that will cut that foam for you. If you like the traditional patterns just make the bodies out of deer hair.

I tie a real simple pattern made from Gorilla Bodies in yellow, tan, or brown. Use heavy 3/0 thread for these so you can really cinch the body down to the hook. Tie in an under wing of crystal flash or yarn, and then a deer hair overwing. I use orange deer hair, yellow deer hair or even bleached elk hair. Tie in two rubber legs and you have a finished fly....well be sure to use the new Zap CA glue types. These super glues are the berries for foam and a little goes along way.

Fish those hoppers along the stream banks or even in the middle of the streams. Hey they get blown by the winds everywhere. They work best in meadow



type areas along the streams. Trout will not pass up a good hopper pattern, there is just too much protein there for the taking, and presentation....slap that rascal.



neat project elements to be built. Stay tuned so you know when you can help next spring.



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# WVCTU NEWS

WVCTU has officially hired Jaimie Holmes to coordinate water quality monitoring standards in West Virginia and Virginia. She will be working to determine volunteer resources for stream monitoring activity and helping to train and coordinate these volunteers. Jaimie will be under the supervision of Katy Dunlap and based in the Thomas office with Dustin Wichterman, Gary Berti, Sara Litzau and, Abbie McQueen.

The Fall WVTU Council meeting will be held October 12th at the Meade Westvaco Natural Resources Center at the WVU Research Forest outside of Morgantown. (WVU open week)





## UPCOMING KVCTU EVENTS

**Sept. 7th**, Blue Creek Stocking, 9:30AM, Cedar Grove Go-Mart, Coordinator: Don Lyons 304-595-1244.

**Sept. 10th**, membership meeting, So. Charleston Public Library, 7:00PM—9:00PM, the program planned will be the setup and operation of Trout In the Classroom. If you thought about volunteering to help at your local school if it is participating, this will be an excellent chance to view the operation. There will be many of the schools and their representatives on hand also.

**Sept. 20th**, East Fork Greenbrier Stocking, 9:00AM, meet at Abe’s Run, and, Sept. 21st, 9:00AM, meet at Forks of Laurel Camping area. These are DNR organized events, however they are supported

by KVCTU.  
**Sept. 21st**, Putnam Youth Day, Eleanor, coordinator Larry Riffie, Ph.: 304-586-4125, email: larryrl@frontier.com.

**Sept. 24th**, KVCTU board meeting, 6:30PM-8:30PM, So. Chas. Public Library.

**Sept. 27th**, Piney Creek stocking, 9AM, Quinnesmont Rail Yard, coordinator: Jason McDaniel, Ph.: 304-731-6219, email: jasonm@beckleypd.com

**Oct. 5th**, Loop Creek S.O.S. no time yet, Coordinator Larry Orr, email: edhorse@suddenlink.net

**Oct. 8th**, membership meeting, So. Chas. Public Library, 7:00PM-9:00PM. Guest speaker will be Marcus Patrick who will speak of his tour and fishing trip of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado.

**Oct. 12th**, Egg Day for all T.I.C. schools and TU volunteers.

**Oct. 12th**, Fall council meeting WVCTU, Coopers Rock, (see article page three)

**Oct. 22nd**, KVCTU board meeting, 6:30PM-8:30PM, So. Chas. Public Library

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