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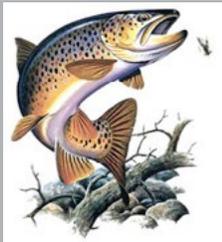
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From the President

As we discussed in our last chapter meeting there are two exciting opportunities for RMF member involvement in November and I hope you'll participate in both.

First is the Embrace-A-Stream Challenge. Through the hard work of Conservation Chair, Dave Piske and chapter leadership, RMF received an EAS grant for \$2,300. This comes through TU's nationwide program and it's the first time we've received money from this grant after four years of application.

The funds will be applied to the Big Thompson River Learning Station Project which will design and install educational panels to inform visitors of how the Big Thompson ecosystem works, how the trout populations rely on its ecological features, and TU's role in protecting and restoring the river. The Learning Station will be constructed in the Big Thompson Canyon on Highway 34 at mile marker 72 between Drake and Estes Park. RMF will work in conjunction with the Alpine Anglers chapter to install the panels at the site of the old handicap fishing pier.

Because we were awarded the EAS grant, RMF is also eligible for the Embrace-A-Stream Challenge. TU has teamed up with Orvis to provide an additional fifty thousand dollars for chapters across the nation. During the week of November 6-12, on-line gifts of \$10 or \$20 will enter our chapter project into competition for additional funds from this additional grant. Go to embracea-stream.org for more details. Wil Huett further describes this project and how you can participate in our Conservation Notes section.

We will push more information out next week but if possible, please help your chapter with this project by making a one-time gift of \$10 or \$25. All funds collected will be used in our local watershed.



Coy Wiley, 2016-2017 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

The second way to get involved this month is our annual Guest Night. Every November chapter meeting is especially designated for bringing guests and potential new member. Our speaker will be noted fly fisher, guide, tyer, author and lecturer Al Ritt. Our guest fly tyer will be Steve Schweitzer, fly designer and co-author of books on fishing RMNP and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Guests will receive free raffle tickets and learn more about RMF and TU.

I urge you to up your involvement in RMF by making an EAS donation during the first week of November and bring a guest to our meeting on November 14..

Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters



[Chapter Events Calendar on our web site](#)

Filling up the Calendar

Our calendar pages are the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. Pictures that are well-lit, in focus, on TU topic, and a minimum of 530 pixels wide and 400 pixel in height. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

[Paul Wehr, Webmaster](#)



November Membership Meeting



Guest Night!

All are Welcome !

Rocky Mountain Flycasters is proud to host



Al Ritt

Al has fished as long as he can remember and has been fascinated with flies almost as long. Growing up in southern Michigan he fished primarily for warm water species, but remembers feeling magic in trout and trout flies. Currently Al and his wife Diana own and operate Al Ritt Flies. Al is a fly tying instructor, a destination travel host, has written many articles about fly tying, and is the author of the book 25 Best Most Versatile Flies (Stonefly Press). Al 's topic will be: **Destination Fishing Trips!**

Free Admission Drinks and Snacks!

**Wednesday, Nov 15th
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Fort Collins Senior Center
1200 Raintree Drive
www.rockymtnflycasters.org**

**Join us for Guest Night!
Bring a Friend that will enjoy the benefits of joining Rocky Mountain Flycasters/Trout Unlimited.**

Special for new members only - \$20.00 gets you: a one year membership, a patch, decal and five raffle tickets.

Win a new Elkhorn fly rod and other great prizes.

Admission is free so see you there!

Current members who bring a guest who joins will get 5 free raffle tickets!

The meeting, as usual, will be at the Fort Collins Senior Center, located on Raintree off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake. Please enter from the main entrance. The north entrance is now routinely locked for security reasons. The Program begins at 7:00 PM, but all are welcome to join us for a social half hour at 6:30 PM.

Note: There will be no December meeting since we will have the annual Holiday Party on December 15 at CB & Potts Collindale on east Horsetooth. Save the date and look for details to follow.



From the Membership Chair



Linda Jefferies, Membership Chair

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Volunteer Management System (VMS) is now online and ready for you! This new application will allow members to create volunteer profiles, sign-up for activities, projects, and fishing trips, create a personal volunteer calendar and keep track of their volunteer hours.

To create your volunteer profile, use the link for the Volunteer Application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=763710236>

I hope you will all sign up on the VMS system. Since this is a new system, please be patient, but do contact me, Linda Jefferies, at membership@rockymtnflycasters.org if you have problems logging in or otherwise. You can also send me emails once you are in the system if you need help working with the system.

I appreciate your help with making the VMS a success!
Linda Jefferies



November Conservation Notes



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

The "Big T"

I was there in '89, will you be there in '18? US Highway 34, Big Thompson Canyon, Mile Marker 72..... Does that location ring a bell? You've driven by it many times...maybe stopped and made a cast or two from the fishing pier.

Ah, yes, the fishing pier! The one the punishing waters of the 2013 flood destroyed. Well, that fishing pier now gives our chapter a chance to shine again in 2018.

I was there in 1989/90 when Rocky Mountain Flycasters was in its 7th year, Cy Sampson was chapter president and we helped the US Forest Service construct the original pier.

2018 is time to rebuild the pier, and Rocky Mountain Flycasters and Estes Park's Alpine Anglers are planning to add to the fishing pier location an interpretive Learning Center - a series of panels which will help people understand the Big T, how its ecosystem works, the importance of clear, cold water to not only fish and anglers, but to residents' daily coffee and showers, as well as business and agriculture interests - maybe even why it floods so often and violently.

To that end, Rocky Mountain Flycasters applied for and won an Embrace A Stream grant from the Orvis/ Trout Unlimited nationwide grant program. The \$2,300 award seeds the Learning Center project and gives us



the chance to win a share of an additional \$50,000 through the Embrace A Stream Challenge.

The Challenge is: How Many Chapter Members and Community Volunteers will make donations between November 6th and 12th.

Donations may be made at [Embrace-A-Stream](#)

So my questions are: Will you be there in 2018, through your donation next week? Will you post this challenge on your Facebook/Twitter, etc pages so others will see? Will you spread the word in any other way you can? Please?

I will be there for the Big T in 2018. Will you?

Wil Huett
Past President



The Flypaper's Video of the Month

The Flypaper newsletter comes to you early this month because your editor is fishing in Xcalak, Mexico, with St. Peter's Fly Shop, Jin Choi and my brand new 10 weight fly rod! This video is about tarpon, bonefish and permit, three of the species we will try to entice to take a fly.



Opportunities for Flycasters



Swap Flies?

At each TU meeting, a group of fly tyers share versions of the Fly of the Month with each other and with the evening raffle. This month's fly is "Your Favorite Mayfly Nymph". We hope to have at least 6 or 8 folks participate each month. If you would like to contribute, please contact **Dave Morse** now for the November Swap. Submissions should include a "toe tag" with the fly recipe. The exact number of flies needed depends on signups and that number will be sent to you about a week before the monthly meeting. It is a great way to sharpen your tying skills and to learn new patterns.



Support Our Vets?

Our TU Chapter supports local vets with fly tying, rod making and fishing trips at no cost to participants, through the Platte Rivers Veterans Flyfishing Program of Project Healing Waters. This no cost policy is made viable through donations, sponsorships and fundraisers. Rocky Mountain Flycasters is a sponsor of this veterans support program.

Our November 2nd Fall fundraiser, called, "Thankful Thursday", will take place at the Amvets Center, 3839 Lincoln Way in Cheyenne from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Come join us for dinner and cash raffles, and quality auction items of sporting gear, fishing/hunting gear or trips, sports memorabilia, artwork, weekend rentals, gourmet food and wine items, etc. This is a critical event that sustains our Vet Program support.

We seek teaching and support volunteers for our veterans Fly Tying and Rod Making classes in Loveland, and coming to Greeley in January, and for summer fishing trips. Come to our Volunteer Information Kickoff Meeting at 6:30 pm, Thursday, November 9th in Loveland at the Edge, 3875 E. 15th St. We will have Brats and Burgers and a presentation on our program. Fly tying demo leaders and support mentors are needed to provide beginner and intermediate level classes. Loveland fly tying classes begin November 16th and continue on Thursday evenings. Rod making classes start in January on Saturday mornings. We also would like to build a list of members who would like to take a vet or two fishing. Contact **Dave Morse**, your RMFC TU Veterans Support Coordinator for details and directions (dgmorse45@gmail.com). Consider how YOU can help to heal the scars of the service men and women who have sacrificed for our country. Thank you.

A traveling photographic war memorial exhibit that honors more than 4700 military fallen since September 11, 2001, will be in Cheyenne; open November 17-22 and 24-26, 2017, in the Clay Pathfinder Building at Laramie County Community College. This is a unique, powerful exhibit that is traveling from New York to California. Stop by to feel inspired and moved.



How about a Driftboat?

50% ownership opportunity: 2004 Hyde Low Profile Series Driftboat: \$2500.00 for 50% ownership.

Buyer would also share annual costs such as insurance, trailer registration, and storage. If interested, please contact Mark Miller (970-744-8229).



Want to Tell Your Fishing Stories?

Every time I fish or socialize with RMF members and friends, I hear wonderful captivating stories about fishing adventures. We all have them-you're not an angler if you don't. Why not have one or more published in *The Flypaper*? If you are interested or have questions contact **Bob Green**, *The Flypaper* Editor.



Or Send Us a Video

Just send a link think to **The Flypaper Editor**. It will be considered for a future video of the month.

Share a few experiences or a laugh. Did you see something online or did you record a great Experience? Share it!!



Want a fishing buddy?

I created **FindAFishingBuddy.com** a couple of years ago. I recently launched **FindAFishingClub.com**, the largest directory of active fishing clubs in the US. Your chapter (RMF) is including on our roster.

Thanks, Chuck Christopher.



Donate Your Gear

For the third month, RMF will be collecting donated fishing gear so we can equip needy veterans participating in our Healing Waters program. This can include serviceable waders, boots, nets, vests, rods and reels, etc. There will be a collection box at the May TU meeting, or call Dave Morse to arrange a pick-up. (217-418-9386). Thanks for your support!



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer?

Treasurer - need an experienced accountant/bookkeeper with knowledge of QuickBooks. Ideal for a retired accountant/bookkeeper who would like to donate those skills to a great organization. If you are interested in the position or merely want more information, please contact **Tom Culbertson** or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell).



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