

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When: February 9, 7 pm

Who: Sam Hensley, General Manager, Earth Traverse Outfitters, in Knoxville

What: Dusk begins to close in during your long trek into the backcountry. Finally you admit, *I'm lost!* You try to recall the advice on survival given by Sam at the CRTU meeting about what to take into the backcountry and how to use them.

"Forewarned is forearmed" - join us at what promises to be an interesting and informative meeting based on Sam's 13 years in the USA Army, where he instructed in survival and firearms. He's a backwoods trout angler; a master blacksmith; a former elk hunting and fishing guide in WY.

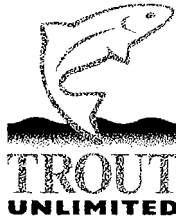
Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris

MEMBERS IN ACTION

A few slots remain open for the 2012 **Great Smoky Mountains Aquatic Biology and Trout Fishing Adventure** for middle school boys and girls, ages 12-15. The popular one week excursion at the GSM Institute at Tremont is being sponsored by the TN Council of TU for the second year. See the new Summer Adventure web site at www.tntroutadventure.org for detailed information and for the Application Form which must be submitted to John Thurman by March 1. (865.494.7771 or jrthur727@bellsouth.net)

Member Harry Wood volunteered to help **Trout in the Classroom programs** at Norris and at Lake City middle schools.

Jim Reynolds responded to the



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chapter **Communications Committee** call for a backup broadcaster of chapter messages at times when Frances Oates is not available.

TOUR SET FOR 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRATERVILLE MINE EXPLOSION

Wondering when another tour of the Fraterville Mine explosion may be scheduled? Mark Saturday, May 19, 9 am-noon, on your calendar. Descendants of Coal Creek miners will use this event to discuss their family histories with award winning author, Fred Brown, who is gathering information for his book on Coal Creek history.

This catastrophe killed all 216 miners. Only three adult males were left alive in Fraterville. It remains the worst disaster in the history of mining in the south.

Park at Clear Branch Church, 103 New Clear Branch Road, Lake City. The bus tour will cover the Fraterville Miners' Circle at Leach Cemetery where stories about the event will be shared.

Reserve a bus tour seat by contacting Carol Moore at 865.584.0344 or at clmoore@Goe.com. Advance reservations are free! Details at www.coalcreek.com/Fr.110thPRESS

SE TU REGIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED

The TNTU council will host the SE Regional meeting in Asheville, NC, April 13 and 14. Council and chapter leaders will tour places in the area that highlight a few of the many conservation successes of TU's grass roots in NC. Friday evening features a BBQ; Saturday, workshops at the Doubletree Hotel will provide presentations, group discussions of common challenges and successes which will give attendees ideas that can be applied "back home".

TACKLE TIPS—FLY LINES "101"

(by chapter member, Buzz Buffington)

Need a new fly line before spring? Good luck picking out what you need. I just received my first fly fishing catalog from one of the older companies that offered either floating or sinking (level, non-tapered) fly lines when I was starting out. They now offer at least 33 different choices!

Where to begin? **BASICS:** fly lines are designed to either float or sink and they need to match the weight of your fly rod.

FLOATING LINES: if you mostly fish dry flies and nymphs under an indicator you need a floating line either weight forward (WF) or a double tapered (DT) line.

WEIGHT FORWARD lines are made with most of the weight concentrated in the front part of the line. WF lines will cast a bit farther than a double tapered line but all WF lines are not the same. Different tapers have been designed for the delicate
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

(This recommended book and review was extracted from TU's recent magazine.)
Caddisflies: A major study of one of the most important aquatic insects—entomology, fly tying, and proven fishing techniques (1981)

Gary LaFontaine

Following a decade of ground breaking research, the publishing of "Caddisflies" served as a catalyst for anglers and became the defining work of Gary LaFontaine's brilliant angling career. The book takes an exhaustive look at the previously disregarded and misunderstood biology of the caddisfly life cycle and its significance to trout. Effective methods for applying this information are provided by revolutionary "heresies" pertaining to fly patterns and fishing techniques. "Caddisflies" is the standard on the subject even today.

presentation of dry flies versus heavy/bulky bass bugs. If most of your fishing is on tail waters with occasional trips to the mountains, using dry flies and nymphs under an indicator, look for a trout taper or ask your fly shop for an "all around" taper. If you are seriously into bass bug fishing, consider a second line designed to cast heavy or bulky bugs.

DOUBLE TAPER lines are made with the same diameter and weight throughout the line except for a short taper on each end. They are easy to roll cast and do an adequate job in most casting situations. One plus: when a double taper line wears out, you can reverse it and fish the other end; two lines for the price of one!

SINKING LINES: if you fish a lot with wet flies and streamers you may want to consider a sinking line. Like floating lines they come in different designs (tapers) depending on the size/weight of your fly and what depth you want to fish. Some sinking lines have a forward portion (head or front taper) that sinks; combined with a floating body and running line to make it easier to lift the line from the water to cast. Sinking lines come in different sink rates measured in inches per second (ips). If you mostly fish wooly bug-gers in the Clinch and modest size streamers in shallow lakes, I'd recommend an intermediate, sink-tip line. They come with a clear tip that helps prevent the line from spooking fish. However, if you intend to pound the banks for big browns or to get deep for striped bass with a 7 to 9 weight rod, look for a fast-sinking line with a short-heavy taper to cast heavy flies that will sink fast.

Modern fly lines can be expensive. Take care of them. Don't store them in sunlight or heat. Clean them with water on an old towel each trip. Apply a little line dressing or Armor All to help preserve the finish.

GOOD FISHING!

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