



# The RollCast



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## Spring 2007 Edition

### NOTICE:

#### Perrin - Lansing Chapter April meeting

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the MUCC Headquarters on 2101 Wood Street in Lansing. (a 6pm board meeting will precede - all are welcome)

Meeting highlights: Gloria Miller will discuss woody debris management in streams and show video of a Black River project. Pat Lindeman and Brian Censi will talk about in-stream structures and how they were employed in the Carrier Creek project.

Work projects for this summer and at WaWa Sum will also be on the agenda.

And now is the time to re-new your MUCC memberships. See you Tuesday.



Trout Pond 2007.....no comment needed !



### Mission Statement:

The Perrin Lansing chapter fully supports the national Trout Unlimited mission to conserve, protect, and restore North America's Trout and Salmon fisheries and their watersheds. We will do this in Michigan with a volunteer membership network and partnerships involved in:

- 1. Education of our members and the public on important mission issues.*
- 2. Conservation/Improvement of specific cold water habitat watershed projects.*
- 3. Participation in Trout Unlimited meetings and initiatives to legislative reform.*
- 4. Cooperative Fund Raising activities to allow financial grants to be selectively awarded for activities in agreement with the mission. To preserve, protect and restore Michigan's watersheds which support wild trout and salmon.*

## Trout Pond Fundraiser....another success!

Another year and another success with our primary fundraiser.... the Spring Fishing and Boating Show Trout Pond. Price to fish was up again this year, and numbers were down, but due to the price increase, the end result was that we made almost \$2000! Thanks to all the volunteers, **(especially those that worked more than one shift)**, that helped staff the Pond.... See volunteer list on page 2. And thanks again to the Lansing Steelheader's for providing their expert fish cleaning services.

**Thank You Trout Pond Workers:**

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| <b>Chet Kapusinski</b> | <b>Bob Ceru</b>                 |
| <b>Steven Arnoczky</b> | <b>T Greyerbiel (and niece)</b> |
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**Tyler Creek Update**

The TU Tyler Creek Committee continues to meet regularly and has made considerable progress. Access and cooperation from most landowners has been obtained for improvement projects. The committee surveyed the creek on April 4<sup>th</sup> and identified areas where bank stabilization and in stream cover were needed, buffer zones should be created, and wetlands developed (to convert surface water into groundwater and to stabilize flow). At least one and perhaps more work days will be selected for chapter participation this summer. Fishing will always be possible in the nearby Coldwater River after the work is finished.



## The MI TU Spring Council Meeting

Was held on March 31-April 1<sup>st</sup> at Crystal Mountain Resort. Dick Augustine represented the chapter and attended the business meeting. As per Dick, no major news to report. Chet Kapusinski and Dick Oberst went along to keep Dick company and enjoy the weekend and we did wet a line for a short time, but the rivers were high, murky and swift, and difficult to wade, and consequently no fish catch reports. Drift boats were having some success, as well as those who dared to fish among the crowds at Tippy Dam. We all attended the fund raiser banquet and Dick, Dan and I were all lucky winners!



**Spring Council Banquet** - Dick Augustine raffleing off a dance with Kimberly Wetton, (Council Vice-Chair)

## WAWASUM 2007

Due to the popularity of the WaWa **Sum** summer work project/outing weekend, we are in the process of updating the costs and modifying sign-up and rules for members and non-members. In order to save on printing and mailing costs, application forms for the weekend outing have been included in newsletters to regular attendee members only. If we missed you, and one was not included with your newsletter, you may reserve your spot at Tuesday's meeting, or you can download an application from the club's website:

[lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org)

## TU ATTENDS MICHIGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONERS 108<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

On February 14, 2007 Dick Augustine represented TU on a panel "*Partnerships with Non-Profits for Better Project Outcomes*" at the Conference held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, MI. Dick was joined by Dr. Patrick Ruzs (*Michigan Wildlife Conservancy*), Dr. Paul Morrow (*Pheasants Forever*), & Lynna Kauchek (*Clean Water Action*).

The panelists were given the opportunity to address a crowd of over 400 attendees, highlighting the partnership opportunities that conservation groups can bring to projects, and the mutual benefits of coordinated low impact design. The Conservation Group representatives also fielded questions and comments.

TU's history was given, with particular pride that our now *International* organization was formed by a small group of "forward thinkers" right here in Michigan! The crowd was challenged to continue to foster our conservation goals and the legacy of stewardship that is our responsibility. Examples of TU coordinating its "on-stream" project efforts with other Conservation Groups, and County Drain Commissioners, and their private sector contractors were given. It was noted that the *Perrin/Lansing Chapter* has benefited by the professional expertise of staff from the *Ingham County Drain Commissioner* and private sector engineering and environmental consulting groups as *Fitzgerald Henne & Associates, and the Spicer Group*. Their technical advice and volunteer time **at no cost to the chapter** has assured that our stream projects are using "state of the art" techniques that utilize best use of our volunteer time and financial resources.

Dick was able to meet not only several drain commissioners and staff, but many of their supporting contractors. He was enlightened by their presentations that could assist MCTU's Conservation Committee in the future. **MI-DNR Director, Becky Humphries** was the guest dinner speaker, highlighting the many challenges that the Department of Natural Resources faces, and encouraged the attendees to "partner" with non-

profit Conservation Groups such as TU to assist meeting their responsibilities.

All Chapters are encouraged to join those that have already established positive working relationships with their respective Drain Commissioners. The commissioners were advised that we in TU are willing to help, and chapter representatives will be contacting them to best co-ordinate our efforts.

**Please follow up!** They, as well as other non-profit Conservation Groups in our respective areas, can be our best allies.

## The Affect of Climate Change on Trout and Cold Water Watersheds

Greg Bovee

It is predicted, that average water levels of lakes and streams in Michigan will drop, and average water temperatures will warm. What does this mean to you who actively and passionately pursue the elusive trout species? Well, it could mean several things, the least of which includes changing the tactics of your pursuit. Changes in species of insects, changes in habitat, and comprehensive shifts in ecosystems are just the tip of the iceberg of which we can expect to see in the next half-century.

The evidence is in, and there is no doubt global warming is occurring. There is no more debate on this. It is fact. There are volumes of objective scientific data to support it. There are only subjective opinions to deny it. The questions that remain are how serious is it, and how fast is it occurring? The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) just released their second report of four expected this year, and the outlook is bleak. The report warns that the world's poorest people are at greatest risk from hunger, thirst, floods and disease. It is predicted that all regions of the world will change, including Michigan, and there is a risk that nearly one-third of the Earth's species will vanish if global temperatures rise a mere 3.6 degrees. This is scary. We all should be concerned. Is the world round or flat? If Columbus had listened to the naysayers and skeptics, how long would it have been before the "new world" was to be discovered. It is astonishing that three national governments, China, Saudi Arabia and United States, vigorously attempted to dilute the report. China, the world's fastest growing economy, is being fueled by outdated coal-burning power plants. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer of

crude oil, is worried about potential economic loss. The United States, whose current administration is in denial of the scientific fact that global warming is occurring, argues it should not be capped on fossil fuel emissions, if other growing economies are not capped. When does logical foresight prevail? Economists have predicted that the costs of not righteously addressing climate change will far outweigh the growth associated with ignoring it. It is time get out of denial, and do something about climate change.

Do we blame our past, or change our future? Are you part of the problem, or are you willing to be part of the solution? While all people must take action, it is you, the conservationist, who can assume the lead. True to our mission, Trout Unlimited members are conservationists. As protectors of our natural resources, we often must take the lead to protect our outdoor heritage. We can take the lead by educating, being an advocate, and leading by example. Start by educating your friends and family. Don't be misled by skeptics,.....and there will be skeptics. Print and carry resource documents from the web sites below to share and support your message. Be an advocate by writing to public media and attending update meetings.

Lead by example by changing your own habits.

A climate-friendly checklist is available at <http://seastudios.org/climate-friendly%20checklist.pdf>. It offers suggestions such as: Think twice about flying (air travel is a huge source of carbon emissions), Make your home climate-friendly, Cut your car's carbon impact, Shop with climate in mind, Recycling, and Help your workplace go climate-friendly. Start by viewing the award-winning documentary, An Inconvenient Truth, if you haven't already. Politics aside, it is worth your time. Then, for a sobering read on what is happening to several local creatures, see "It's a Wild, Wild State of Warming" from the Detroit Free Press. <http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070409/NEWS06/704090367>

I would be very sad if I had to say goodbye to trout fishing. I believe many of you share that view for yourselves as well as for future generations. Let's do our best to conserve, restore and protect our watersheds so that we can continue to enjoy the great sport of trout fishing.



**References:**

<http://www.lsj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070407/NEWS01/704070320/1001/news>

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007703140341>

**Summary of IPCC report:**

[www.ipcc.ch/SPM6avr07.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM6avr07.pdf)

[http://www.examiner.com/a-659997~Climate\\_Report\\_Poor\\_Will\\_Suffer\\_Most.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-659997~Climate_Report_Poor_Will_Suffer_Most.html)

**Climate Truth:**

<http://www.participate.net/node/1612>

[www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org)

[www.eere.energy.gov/consumer](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer)

[www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org)

**PERRIN-LANSING TU LENDING LIBRARY**

The Chapter *“Lending Library”* has books & videos that are available to all **“dues paid”** Members. If you would like to enjoy any of our current collection, **attend a Chapter meeting!** Mike Mathieu will have them available. If you would like to donate any volumes that you would like to share, please contact **Mike @ e-mail [blswartz@tds.net](mailto:blswartz@tds.net)**.

**Membership services for Trout Unlimited**

Check the Perrin Chapter website [www.lansing-tu.org](http://www.lansing-tu.org) or the National TU site [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) for current information of activities and answers to questions.

You can change your mailing address or other information or ask questions by logging into your account on the National website or by calling 800-834-2419, or go to [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). And **Renew your Membership**

View your Transaction History (what money you’ve given to TU, including membership dues)

If you have any other membership questions, please contact **Jim Pifer** at 517-646-0141 or [pifer@voyager.net](mailto:pifer@voyager.net)

**Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited**

**Decal / Patch Order Form**

Support the Perrin - Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited by purchasing and displaying our logo!



\$3.00 ea 3-1/3” outdoor self-adhesive decal

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The money from the sale of our logo will be used for conservation of Michigan Streams and Rivers

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### Calendar of Events

**April 24th** Perrin - Lansing Chapter general meeting,  
7pm, MUCC Headquarters, 2102 Wood Street

**April 28** 2007 Trout Opener

**May tba** Birchfield Park Fishing Derby (tentative)

**June 28 - July 1** WaWa Sum Project/Outing

**July/Aug tba** Coldwater Creek work Bee(s) (tentative)

For up-to-date Chapter Activities, and events visit:

**[lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org)**

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