



# The RollCast



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## Spring Edition

### NOTICE:

#### April's Perrin Chapter meeting

Will take place at 7pm, Tuesday, April 25th at the MUCC Headquarters on Wood Street in Lansing.

This meeting will feature an Aquatic Entomology presentation by guest speaker Todd C. White. Todd is a graduate Assistant at MSU and indicates that he will gear the presentation for the fisherman.

Todd is a MS candidate in the Entomology Department working on a Macroinvertebrate assessment of the Copper River in South Central Alaska. Todd was also Dr Rich Merritt's Lab Technician for 2 years prior to starting his graduate program with a specialization in the identification and biology of aquatic insects.

And a very important note, Todd is an avid fly-fisherman and fly-tyer.

Bottom Line..... If you want to catch more trout, you need to know more about what Trout eat.

Don't miss this one!!



### *Need Another Reason to attend the Meeting?*

If you need some extra motivation, consider this! Every dues paid member who shows up, will have one "free" chance to win a ORVIS Battenkill II, Mid-Arbor Fly-reel!

If you already serve (or volunteer @ the meeting) on a committee (such as *Trout in the Classroom, Kids Fishing in the Parks, Fundraising*, etc.), or "sign-up" at the meeting, you will get an additional chance! Rules are simple. Have your dues "paid up", pay them that night, or join at the meeting, and you qualify for a chance!

If that's not enough, there just may be a few other items (there will be!) available for a "mini-silent auction...or maybe a vocal auction", that can be had at a very inviting price that can still support the TU cause! (*Need another great reel, travel rod, waist pack, OR MORE.....?*) *TU merchandise (patches, decals, license plates) will also be available for sale.*

*Opportunities for those that participate!*



To conserve, protect, and restore North America's Trout and Salmon fisheries and their watersheds

## **Perrin Chapter attends Spring Council Meeting**

**Greg Bovee**

The Michigan Council Trout Unlimited held its annual Spring Meeting and Banquet Fundraiser on April 7, 8, 9 at Crystal Mountain Resort. The meetings and fishing excursions were well attended by 22 chapters from across the state, including five members of the Perrin/Lansing Chapter. Dick Augustine, Chet Kapusinski, Dan Oberst, Greg Bovee, and George Spencer were in attendance to represent our chapter.

Saturday's business meetings were information packed and enlightening. Among topics covered were the controversial ones: Treaty of 1836, Drilling Issues and Kennecott Mining Permit review. A Paul Young Chapter Challenge was adopted which specifies that each chapter donate a minimum of \$500 to MCTU for the purposes of defraying a portion of the cost of TU National for legal and consultants in doing the permit review for the Kennecott Eagle Project Mine. Also covered were reports from the executive committees, updated bylaws, Michigan Trout, Earthshare and Executive Director Job Description. The full meeting minutes will be available next week....please see Greg or Dick for details. The next scheduled quarterly Council meeting will be in Traverse City on June 17, 2006

On the light side.... the four stooges (George not included, he actually *caught some fish!*) pursued elusive spring steelhead most of the weekend. The rivers and tributaries, (Betsie, Manistee, and Bear Creek), swollen from the rains and snow melt, were swift, and murky, forcing us to again repeat these words..... "the fishing was great, but the catching sucked". With these conditions, scouting the northwestern lower region, including eateries, bait shops and pubs, from Clare to Kaleva, (pronounced Kelva) and Bretheren to Benzonia, was the order of the day....with eating and drinking a close second.

At days end, when the meetings and recon missions were over, we relaxed in our luxury condo and laughed a lot while watching the Red Green show

And the Cooking Channel. It was quite hilarious to see six *grown* (?) men (5 Perrin members, and 1 from another chapter) ogle over the new recipes and wares of the cooking hostess. A good time was had by all.

## **2009 – MARKS TU 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Dick A**

The **TU National Convention and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be hosted by the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited (MCTU) in 2009. The event will take place in Traverse City. The celebration will draw thousands of TU Members from across the Country, including many famed fisherman, Conservationists, and celebrities.

It may sound a bit early, but this is a huge planning task for MCTU. If you would like to help in any way, contact Dick Augustine. He will put you in communication with the appropriate MCTU Committee Chair.

*Note: If VP Dick Cheney ( a reputedly active trout fisherman ) attends, I will personally assure you that his gear will be limited to a 5- wt, and that his 20 gauge will be checked in at the desk!*

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### **Coldwater Creek "Work Bee"**

Details regarding the "Work Bee" on Coldwater Creek are as follows: meet at the TU property parking lot (north of the creek, east side of Baker Avenue-aka Wood School Road in Barry County, two miles west of Freeport) at 9:00 on Saturday, April 22. Most of the work will be on the property, not in the creek. The in-stream work will come this summer. The lower Coldwater, downstream from Freeport is a type 4 stream so it will be open for catch and release fishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so bring your tackle.

Here's another great opportunity for you to get involved with your chapter!

## Fishing Derby at Ingham County Park

June 10, 2006 from 9:30 until 1:00 pm is the date to catch some fish at Burchfield Park on Grovenberg Road (southwest of Holt). Ingham County Parks will be holding their second annual Fishing Derby to provide instruction, trout fishing, prizes and a great time.

The Perrin Chapter of Trout Unlimited will help sponsor the event again this year and we need volunteers to help. We will provide some casting instruction and be available to help youngsters with fishing and hopefully some 'catching' too.

**It's a great day (actually, only part of a day) to give back to our sport. Contact Jim Pifer for more information or to volunteer – 517-646-0141 pifer@voyager.net**

In addition, the Chapter recognizes the “same *old* gang”, that continues to hold the group together in various capacities:

**Steve Arnoczky, Dick Augustine, Greg Bovee, Bob Flickinger, Chet Kapusinski, Jim Kwasny, Jim Pifer, Don Radke.**

There are several of you that have been “rumored” to be interested in assuming some specific responsibilities, but ..... you need to call me...with a “hand-shake” commitment.

*Still waiting,  
Dick Augustine*

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Also thanks to all who participated in the **TROUT POND** this year. Over **\$1900** was raised to help support Chapter activities.

And speaking of Trout, the Trout-In-the-Classroom project at Ovid-Elsie High School is going just fine again this year. Everett Smith reports that the trout “are doing really good, are very healthy, and getting more beautiful each day”.

## THANKS TO NEW VOLUNTEERS

Our chapter does a lot with a very few people, and we have a long way to go. We need some **FIRM commitments** from members to serve as future Officers, Board & Committee Members, as previously requested. Our future success depends on it!

We would like to thank the following members for “stepping up to the plate”:

Chapter President: **Jim Bedford**

**Trout & Salmon-in-the-Classroom:**  
**Jason Every and Bill Rottiers**

**WaWa Sum Committee:** **Mike Mathieu**

## 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

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on the bottom of the page is an area to “log in” (and instructions if you have not done this before), this takes you to a page called My TU. On the right side of My TU are links to: Edit your Profile (change your mailing address, password, etc.)

## Renew your Membership

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

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

## MUCC Membership

Our Trout Unlimited Chapter is a member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and as a member of TU, you too can be a member of MUCC, at a reduced rate. Just \$18 per year gets you 12 issues of Michigan-Out-of-Doors and the satisfaction of helping an organization that is dedicated to conservation.

If you would like to join, please contact Jim Pifer (517)646-0141 or [pifer@voyager.net](mailto:pifer@voyager.net) by May 5, 2006 to make arrangements to pay the \$18 and have your name included with the Perrin Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (The regular membership rate is \$35).

## NEWS FROM 1959

Dick Augustine

During the Spring MCTU meeting, held at Crystal Mountain, the Chapter was privileged to obtain a photo copy of *Vol. I, No. 1, of TROUT, Unlimited Quarterly*, the first “Official Publication of TROUT, Unlimited, Inc., published during winter 1959. The publication gives a lot of insight to the history of Trout Unlimited. We will share some excerpts in this and future issues of the *Rollcast*.

One of the first things that caught my eye was the original name of our organization, *TROUT, Unlimited. Did you catch that?*

From an article titled, **History of TROUT, Unlimited:**

**July 18, 1959-** *A group of 15 sportsmen met at the home of George A. Griffith on the Au Sable River near Wakely bridge and decided to form the organization, which would be national in scope but incorporated in Michigan as a non-profit corporation.*

*An organization meeting was set for Saturday, Sep 5, at Grayling. Griffith was named Chairmen and Vic Beresford of East Lansing was named Secretary.*

*.....Among those present were: H.V. Kornstien and Kenneth M. Putnam of Coldwater, Walter O’Hair of Detroit, W.A. Folsom and F.H. Burns of Birmingham, Cornelius M. Schrems of Grand Rapids, Dudley L. Lea of Findlay, Ohio, A.C. Neumann of Saginaw, Casey Westell Jr. of Manistee, Earl L. Madsen and Fred Bear of Grayling, Pierce Stocking of Empire, and G.A. Clark of Jackson.*

I thought it worthwhile to list their names to honor them. Many of the names were familiar and I was privileged to meet Art Neumann a few years back, but wasn’t aware (but not surprised) that **Fred Bear** was among that original group.

Another article showed that some things (or at least perceptions) don’t change much!

### Directors Ask Trout Survey

*“A complete and thorough survey of all Michigan trout waters to determine their productive and retentive capacity and how it can be maintained was called for by the TROUT, Unlimited board of directors, at their Oct. 2 (1959) board meeting at Lansing.*

*The directors took this action when they discovered that the Conservation Dept. Fish Division lacked this basic knowledge upon which to base sound trout management.”*

More excerpts from 1959 later. Check the chapter web-site throughout the year.



## WAWASUM 2006

The Chapter's annual "WAWASUM - retreat - work project - fishing the Hex on the AuSable", is scheduled for Thursday - June 29 thru Sunday - July 2, 2006.

We have been "booked up" at the WAWASUM facility during the past few years, so plan early to attend the Chapter's "premier" event.

To confirm your reservation, **you must complete a "RESERVATION FORM"** (this will make the lives of the event coordinators much easier, not only to plan, but to resolve any billing issues. Please cooperate). If a "RESERVATION FORM" was not enclosed in the newsletter, send for one with a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope), to Dick Augustine @: 1329 Poppy Lane, DeWitt, MI 48820 or contact Dick by e-mail: [augusti2@msu.edu](mailto:augusti2@msu.edu) for a "Form" and updates of our planned WAWASUM activities. Efforts are also being made to post the form on the Chapter's web-site



For those of you who forgot what a trout looks like ☺

## Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited Decal / Patch Order Form

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



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Mail this form and check to:

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**Lansing MI 48917**

Visit [lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org) for all the latest Perrin-Lansing chapter news

### Calendar of Events

- April 25th** Perrin - Lansing Chapter general meeting, 7pm, MUCC Headquarters, Wood Street
- April 22** Coldwater Work Bee, 9am TU Property, 2 miles west of Freeport on Baker Ave, aka Wood School Road in Barry County
- April 29<sup>th</sup>** Trout Opener!
- June 10th** Youth Fishing Derby, 9:30-1pm, Burchfield Park on Grovenburg Road, southwest of Holt
- June 29-July 2** Wa Wa Sum Retreat & Work project.
- July / August\*** In-stream work - Coldwater River project - continuation of 2004-5 project
- September 9** Annual AuSable River Cleanup

\*Exact date and time will be announced on the chapter website [www.lansing-tu.org](http://www.lansing-tu.org)

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### **Perrin – Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board of Directors / Active members**

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