



# The ROLLCAST

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## Winter Edition

As was mentioned in the Fall Newsletter, due to lack of active member involvement, we have scaled back our monthly meeting format to one of simply having a few special event dinner meetings. The successful Fall meeting was held at LaSenorita restaurant in which about 30 were in attendance to socialize, participate in the Super Fahita Buffet, and take in a very informative program by Jim Bedford and Tony Pagliei entitled "Fall River Fishing for Salmon, Trout, and Steelhead, using Flies and Spinners".

**Our Winter dinner meeting is scheduled for February 22, at Piazzano's, 1825 N. Grand River, Lansing. Social Hour begins at 6pm. Ron St. Germain, award winning photographer and freelance outdoor writer will be presenting a program entitled, "Photographing Your fishing Outing – Recording the Memories. Dinner cost is \$10. Members and non-members are welcome.**

## New Chapter Logo!

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Steven Arnoczky, Perrin Chapter board member, our chapter now has a new logo. (see page 2). This logo will identify our chapter and in the future will be seen on decals, patches and t-shirts. It is also our intention to reward a logo patch to lucky "catch & release" anglers at this year's Trout Pond.

## Attention Trout Fans & Friends

March is right around the corner and our chapter will again be staffing the Trout Pond at the Lansing Sportfishing Show. As you may already know, this event is a lot of fun and is one of our main fundraising activities.

Volunteers are again needed for this year's event which is set for March 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help us raise money for our chapter's support of coldwater fisheries, and habitat restoration.

To volunteer, (and get a free pass to the show), contact Steven Arnoczky at 517-655-5207 or at [arnoczky@cvm.msu.edu](mailto:arnoczky@cvm.msu.edu)

Work shifts for the show are as follows:

Thurs	March 10	3 - 6pm, and 6 - 10pm
Friday	March 11	12 - 3pm, 3 - 6pm, and 6 - 10pm
Saturday	March 12	10am - 2pm, 2 - 5pm, and 5 - 8pm
Sunday	March 13	10am - 2pm, and 2 - 6pm

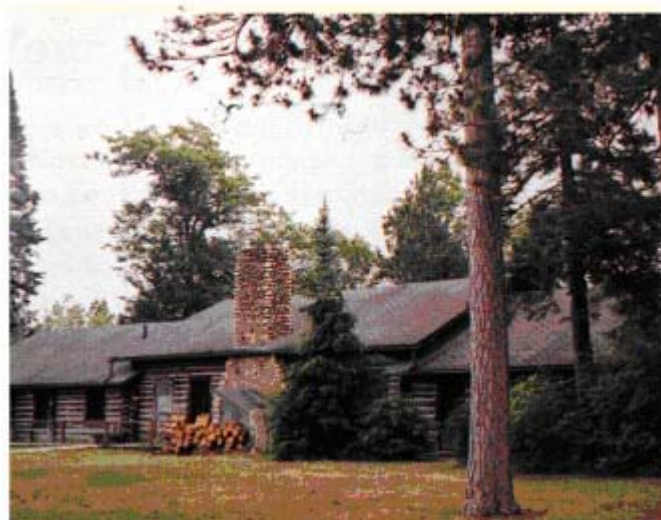


## **New Lansing – Perrin Chapter Logo**



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## **Wa Wa Sum on the Ausable - 2005**

This year's retreat is scheduled for July 8 – July 10. Please check your calendars now as this is a later weekend than we have had scheduled during recent years. The change reflects the calendar cycle and the long standing booking arrangement with MSU.

Cost for the weekend is \$70, which includes lodging for Friday and Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Lodging is also available for Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, for an additional \$25.

The popularity of this annual event suggests that you reserve your space ASAP. First come, first served is the rule. To reserve your space, send a \$25 deposit (checks made to Perrin/Lansing Trout Unlimited) to Dick Augustine. The balance is expected not later than June 30. If for any reason you need to cancel, please contact Dick. The \$25 deposit is considered non-refundable (a donation) unless a substitute attendee can be found.

## **Wa Wa Sum**

### **Bob Perrin Memorial**

As a tribute to the Chapter's namesake and to the conservation efforts made by our volunteers on the South Branch of the AuSable, it is planned to place a memorial stone at the "30 Oaks Bend" site.

A "special account" has been established in the Chapter's treasury, and some members have already donated funds specifically dedicated to this project. If you would like to participate, send your check to Dick Augustine, made out to Perrin/Lansing Trout Unlimited, with the notation "Bob Perrin Memorial Stone".

Keep up to date on all Perrin – LCTU activities and information. Visit [www.lansing-tu.org](http://www.lansing-tu.org)

## **Salmon/Trout in the Classroom**

The Chapter is proud to announce our participation in a TU National inspired education program. "Trout in the Classroom" will provide a "hands-on" opportunity for students in the Ovid/Elsie school system to raise Trout or Salmon from eggs to "real live fish". In addition to illustrating the life cycle of salmonids in a classroom setting, the program utilizes a great tool to teach the basics of water quality, habitat, and an appreciation for natural resource stewardship.

The Perrin chapter has provided funding for all of the required equipment..... the tank, filters, pumps, etc. that most of us are familiar with for use in home aquariums, but most interesting a "chiller". Trout and salmon are a cold water species, and need cold water to survive. The challenge is to maintain a temperature of 50-54 degrees!

More importantly, the Chapter is in contact with an outstanding educator that will supervise the project. Everett Smith is somewhat legendary in the mid-Michigan area because of his successes with encouraging youth to participate in outdoor activities. His students have learned skills that include making their own archery equipment and constructing canoes.

To keep abreast of the progress of this project, check our website, later this Spring.

### **Want to meet Everett Smith & his students?**

On April 16, Everett & the Ovid/Elsie schools will be hosting an outdoor expo that will display, among other outdoor related projects, the "Trout in the Classroom" set-up. Everett is trying to arrange for a fish pond, that will provide a chance for children to not only catch a fish, but to clean and eat it too! The expo will also feature fly tying and related skills. Want to share your expertise? If you would like to participate, contact Dick Augustine. If you would just like to attend, check our website. Details will be posted when we have more information.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The third annual Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited Legislative Luncheon and Reception will take place from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 23, 2005 in the Michigan Senate Committee Meeting Room, First Floor, Boji Tower, Corner of Capital Avenue and Allegan Street, Lansing.

An issue briefing for TU members will be held at 10:30 am

This event is very influential with our legislators. They want to hear from TU members. At the direction of the council, the event has been set early in the legislative session so we can get our message to the members of the legislature in time to have a strong impact. We need volunteers from all the chapters possible. The council is working on a transportation assistance grant for air fare and lodging for members who are coming from the UP and the tip of the mitt. More information on this assistance will be emailed to chapter presidents before the end of the month.

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## **Membership Information:**

### **Annual Membership**

Regular - \$35 Student - \$20 Senior (62+) - \$20  
Family - \$50 Lifetime - \$1000

For More Information – contact Jim Pifer at (517) 646-0141 or [Pifer@voyager.net](mailto:Pifer@voyager.net) or visit [lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org)

## Perrin TU Chapter News

In our last Roll Cast, we sadly announced the passing of Frank "Bob" Perrin. Bob's spirit, and influence on protecting the environment, will always be present in our chapter's activities and vision. And now, I am proud to announce that Bob's legacy lives on. In a ceremony at the Michigan Council's winter meeting, the chapter received, on-behalf of Bob Perrin's family, the "Order of the Grayling" award. This annual award is given posthumously to an individual who excelled in conservation efforts and supported the mission of TU....most certainly deserving for Bob.

## State TU Update

In other Michigan Council news, Ed Zebrowski, the Michigan Trout editor announced major changes to the quarterly publication. Beginning soon, the periodical will take on a glossy, magazine like appearance. This will enable better distribution of a quality "Michigan only Trout Fishing" magazine. Michigan Trout will continue to be free to members, but subscriptions will be sold to non-members, and a per copy price will be applied to sports shop distributions. A limited number of issues will be available free at select MDOT and MDNR locations.

Kimberly Clark, the new secretary of the Michigan Council, has made available the minutes of the January Council meeting. Our webmaster, Jim Pifer, has posted the minutes on our website at [www.lansing-tu.org](http://www.lansing-tu.org). Please visit the website to stay-tuned to the latest chapter news. Click on the MCTU link to read the latest on the Mason Tract drilling issue, Michigan Tribal issues, a controversial Au Sable River boathouse, the Nestle/Ice Mountain Water debate, and other important challenges facing Trout Unlimited in Michigan. One last noteworthy comment, the annual MCTU Legislative Reception will be held February 27 in Lansing. Our chapter is looking for **two** volunteers to help with this important event. Please contact me asap at 420-4343 if you can help.

## Perrin Chapter Happenings

Your executive board met in early December 2004 to resume planning for the remainder of operational year 2005. As a result, (and as highlighted on the front page of this RollCast), the upcoming chapter meeting on February 22 at Piazzano's restaurant was arranged. Plan on attending this dinner event which will feature our guest of honor and speaker, Ron St.Germaine. Ron is a longtime local outdoor writer and photo-journalist. Ron

will present a program on capturing your outdoor experience on film, titled: "Photographing your Fishing Outing....Recording the Memories". You won't want to miss this one. The executive board has begun discussions on the idea of producing a TU Information and History video....an idea Bob Perrin himself had long promoted. This undertaking would be a professionally produced piece, with the intention of making it for sale as a fundraiser. We need your input, and this month's meeting is a good time to let your thoughts be known.

And as highlighted on the front page of this issue of the RollCast, mark your calendars for March 10-13, annual Sport Fishing and Travel Show at the Lansing Center. The Perrin LCTU is once again staffing the Trout Pond with board member Steven Arnoczky again organizing this fund raising event.

April is normally our banquet and fundraiser month each year, and a meeting is yet to be planned. We are asking for individuals interested in working the meeting or event to come forward and take an active role. We are open to a change in venue and process. One idea the board has discussed for a venue change is to have a casual "Pig Roast Dinner". We could invite several VIP's, charge \$100 per plate, accept additional donations over a glass of wine, and raise some money to support our mission, youth projects and resource enhancement projects. Please contact myself or Bill Demmer asap to schedule a meeting.

We are in need of financial assistance to fund the chapter's latest youth project: "Trout in the Classroom". See Dick Augustine's article in this edition to learn more about it and how you can help.

I am again appealing to all members to become actively involved in your chapter. Our current board is getting overly "re-cycled" like old antiques. We need some fresh ideas by new actives to carry forth the duties and mission of our chapter. We have more than 460 members in our chapter, but the same 10 or 12 dedicated members continue to do all the work. I believe the current board will be happy to help 10 individuals transition into leadership positions. I have been actively participating in Lansing TU now for 15 years. My tenure has been fun, rewarding, and I've learned a lot, but its time to assume a different role. I just want to do more fishing. Please help.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year our chapter is without a president. The previous 5 presidents (possibly more than last 5), each served a 2-year term. We need a new leader to help guide us into the next decade of preserving and protecting the trout and salmon fisheries of Michigan.

### **The Local Scene**

The annual Quiet Water Symposium is being held March 5 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Perrin TU needs a representative to help with future QWS events. If you love the "quiet outdoor sports", fishing, kayaking, hiking, canoeing, bicycling, etc, then this is the event for you. For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.quietworldsports.com/quiet-water-symposium.html>

Support your local fly shops. M Chance Fly Fishing Specialties Orvis Shop in Okemos has long been a supporter of TU, and the Grand River Fly Shop in North Lansing has been instrumental in chapter fund raisers and outings.

In the past, several chapter members expressed a strong desire for a local work project. Last year this became a reality. The only trouble is that the members who clamored for this to be, did not show-up. We need you now. We are continuing to work with the Schrem Chapter (formerly West Michigan) and the Coldwater River Watershed Council to improve habitat on this local coldwater resource. Stay tuned to chapter activities, so you

can help, too. More work days will be scheduled for summer 2005.

### **Do You Like Your Roll Cast?**

Many of us look forward to receiving the Roll Cast newsletter. The editor, Chet Kapusinski, does a lot of work to get this news service to you. Chet would like to hear comments, (good or bad), regarding the publication. The executive board has discussed the idea of making the Roll Cast available online at our website. This will allow members with internet access to download and print the newsletter at their convenience. Obviously, this will save the chapter big money in printing and mailing costs. We need to hear from members who wish to continue to receive this quarterly publication in the mail. Look for a future mailing for individuals to elect to receive a "Hard Copy" mailed in the traditional way. I take this opportunity to personally thank Chet for volunteering his time and talents.

All the Best and Good Fishing, Greg Bovee

## Calendar of events

**Feb Sundays 12-4pm** Church of Chance 12-4pm - hands-on and fly tier demonstrations

**February 22** Dinner meeting at Piazzano's restaurant  
1825 N Grand River, Lansing (social hour – 6pm)

**February 23** Legislative day – 11am - 1pm Boji Tower,  
corner of Capital and Allegan, Lansing

**March 5** Quietwater Symposium - MSU

**March 10-13** Lansing Sportfishing Show – Trout Pond  
fundraiser

**April 1-3** Spring Council Meeting, Barothy Lodge

**April 30** Opening of Trout Season 2005 – last Saturday

**July 8 - July 10** Wa Wa Sum Chapter Retreat and Work  
Project

**September 10** Annual AuSable River Cleanup Perrin - LCTU  
and FFF participation – fishing and fun

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