



# The RollCast



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## Spring 2008 Edition

### NOTICE:

#### Perrin - Lansing Chapter March meeting

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the MUCC Headquarters on 2101 Wood Street in Lansing.

#### Meeting Agenda:

Pre-Season Film Fest, Fish Show & Tell, (or simply Tell), Mini-Swap Meet.

Bring that special rod that you may have built, Fly that you have tied, Lure that you have made, or Big Fish Story, to share. AND bring any of your unwanted fishing related items that you may have too many of, or are gathering dust, to sell, trade, (or give away).



Trout pond 2007.... Dad and son having some fun!



### 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.*

## Lansing's Sportfishing Show

is being held a month later this year due to scheduling conflicts with Showspan's OutdoorRama Shows. This year's dates will be April 11, 12, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Show Schedule is Friday, 2-9:30pm, Saturday, 10am-8pm, and Sunday, 10am - 5pm. Mark theses dates and times on your calendar and take a kid fishin' at the trout Pond.

*A Thank You to this year's Trout Pond volunteer workers - see Jim Kwasny's article on page 2*

## Trout Pond Volunteers Generate Chapter Funds

Jim Kwasny

Every year Chapter volunteers give their time to staff the Trout Pond at the Lansing Sportsfishing Show. Currently, this is the sole fund raiser for the Chapter. Without this income, less cold water habitat and conservation work would be done by our Chapter.

This event is a major undertaking for the Chapter. A total of 29 people will help out at the Pond, with many working multiple shifts on multiple days. Some are experienced from past shows and some are going to work for the first time. Even though the event has yet to be held, there will be a lot of laughter and shared fellowship among these volunteers. They share a common bond of love for fishing and the outdoor environment.

The Chapter will be paid for their work in dollars but each one of the volunteers will be paid by the knowledge that they are helping plant the seed of fishing in young minds. Many of the little fishermen at the pond will be encouraged to "catch and release" the trout by the volunteers, thus introducing them to important conservation fishing behavior for the first time.

What a great way to apply the Trout Unlimited mission. If you haven't worked this event in the past, consider working it next year.

The following are the 2008 Trout Pond volunteers. Thank you (ahead) for helping the chapter:

<b>Brenda Arnoczky</b>	<b>Steven Arnoczky</b>
<b>George Baisley</b>	<b>Charlie bennet</b>
<b>Travis Brenden</b>	<b>Dan Casey</b>
<b>Bob Ceru</b>	<b>Mel Comeau</b>
<b>John Dally</b>	<b>Bill Denardo</b>
<b>Jeff Gandy</b>	<b>Loraine Sordillo-Gandy</b>
<b>John Hesse</b>	<b>Jeff Hicks</b>
<b>Mark Johnson</b>	<b>Chet Kapusinski</b>
<b>Jim Kwasny</b>	<b>Pat Lawrence</b>
<b>Jim Leonard</b>	<b>Janet Leonard</b>
<b>Deborah Laverty</b>	<b>Dale Nouffer</b>
<b>Jim Pifer</b>	<b>Leo Pohl</b>
<b>Will Rottiers</b>	<b>Dennis Shaver</b>
<b>Mark Schultz</b>	<b>Jim Sandy</b>
<b>Jim Bedford</b>	

## Chapter Communications

Jim Kwasny

Traditionally, the Perrin Lansing Chapter has utilized the U.S. mail to distribute chapter information to members via the Chapter newsletter, the RollCast, meeting reminder notices, and special event news. This has become increasingly expensive with postal rates continually going up.

Using computers and email, another communication option exists. The board of directors is now encouraging members opt to use email for future chapter communication, and use the chapter website to get their newsletters. This will be a considerable savings in printing and mailing expenses.... it has been estimated that the chapter could save over \$400 by implementing this change. But, in order for this to work and be effective, those choosing this option, will need to supply and maintain a current email address by notifying the chapter secretary, initially, and whenever changes occur.

The chapter website [lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org) contains a variety of information including current and past Rollcast editions, meeting announcements, and future activities. Many members receive Chapter information by visiting the website frequently. Newsletters can be viewed and printed on your home computers. Many members, in our mailing address database, in response to a recent email communication choice poll, have already chosen email and the website for future communication. If **you** would prefer to have email notifications, and use the website, instead of the US mail, but haven't yet supplied your email address, please send it to Jim Kwasny, Chapter Secretary at [kwasnyjc99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwasnyjc99@sbcglobal.net). Everyone opting for email will be a savings to the chapter. Regarding the newsletter, it is our intention to notify you via email whenever the latest newsletter is available on the website.

Again, please understand that if you choose email communication, it is critical to keep the chapter secretary, Jim Kwasny informed of your valid email address, and any changes whenever they occur.

Thanks in advance for your help.

**A Big Thank You to Bob Ceru for his great presentation on Reeling and Healing at last months meeting. If you are interesting in participating in the program, contact Bob for details at 676-9004**

## Polling the Members

Greg Bovee

With regards to Chapter Communications, (see Jim Kwasny's previous article) questions may arise regarding security, pirating of email addresses, and unwanted solicitations.

Some members may have received a recent notice of a Steelheaders Swap Meet, or may have received notice of a Ruffed Grouse Society event. If these were offensive to you, we apologize, and will respect your wishes not to receive future notices, other than those related to the Trout Unlimited.

One of the main purposes of this article is to inform you that we do respect your privacy, and are offering you the option of "informed consent".

In discussing the subject, board member Steven Amoczky proposed that we poll members on our email list to see if they objected to having their e-mail information passed to other organizations dedicated to wildlife/habitat preservation. Chapter President, Jim Bedford, was also in favor of this.

We need to be very careful with the personal information and email addresses of our members. And there needs to be assurances that the people who receive email address information do not, in turn, pass them along to others without consent. We all get far too many email solicitations, asking for donations, many of which, for very good causes, but sometimes they can be overwhelming.

I recently attended the MUCC District 6 meeting in Dimondale. The Perrin chapter of TU is an affiliate member of MUCC, and we are invited to attend their meetings. The local district is comprised of clubs in the Lansing area, Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee and Ionia Counties. One goal of the district meetings is to improve communication between conservation clubs. The clubs attending the meeting, recognized the need for information sharing. They agreed this will improve the strength of the conservation community's voice. This is why Steelheaders and Ruffed Grouse Society emails were sent.

Another Pennin chapter member commented that he believes we can only be stronger by partnering with other like-minded organizations and supporting one another. As a member of TU, and a supporter of what TU does for the environment, he is interested to know what other environmental organizations are doing because it reinforces the idea that others care as much about the

earth as he does, and is a reason why he belongs to as many different environmental organizations as he can afford.

With all this said, we are asking you to express your opinion on this issue and/or "Opt out" of future non TU announcements. You can submit your comments to Greg Bovee at [gsbovee@aol.com](mailto:gsbovee@aol.com).

## Trout Unlimited Camp

Jim Bedford

The Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of trout Unlimited conducts a Youth Conservation and Fishing Camp at DNR's RAM Center on Higgins Lake every July. Your board voted to sponsor one or two area youngsters for this camp and we are looking for deserving and interested area 11 to 14 year olds. If anyone knows of such a child, please have them or their parents contact us. The dates for the 2008 Camp are July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. I have taught at this camp every year of its existence (since 1998), and can attest it is a wonderful experience for campers (and the counselors). If you have questions, contact me at 517-484-5178

## Tyler Creek Update

Jim Bedford

The Tyler Creek committee voted to give Timberland Resource Conservation & Development a grant of \$8,000 for in stream, buffer, and wetland work on Tyler Creek in 2008. Timberland RC&D is a non profit group, similar to the Conservation Resource Alliance, which covers a number of west Michigan counties and extends all the way to Clinton and Ingham Counties. They will do independent work and assist other groups on work projects on the creek. As I write this date (s) haven't been selected for work days for our chapter or the Kalamazoo Valley and West Michigan TU Chapters. Right now students from Grand Valley have a work day scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> and the Oak Brook IL TU Chapter will be working on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is always possible to hook up with another group if that is a good day for anyone interested. The committee continues to survey the creek and will be hosting an open house for the farmers and other landowners to help enhance our cooperative effort to make Tyler Creek a better trout stream. When a date or dates are selected for work days they will be put on our website and we will also contact you by e-mail. If there questions, please contact me anytime



## Perrin Members Go to Washington

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) held their “lobby days” in Washington D.C. on February 12 and 13. The purpose of the event was to present the Hunter Angler Pledge petition to members of Congress, drawing attention to the issue of climate change. The Pledge had been signed by over 675 conservation clubs and organizations, representing more than 1 million sportsmen and sportswomen concerned about how global warming is affecting fish and wildlife. The Pledge, with signers displayed, was run in a full page ad on February 12 in the front section of USA Today. NWF is pushing for legislation that will reduce carbon emissions by 2% per year while at the same time dedicate funding for natural resources, fish and wildlife. The legislation that, at this point, is best suited to accomplish those goals is SB2191, the Warner-Libermann Climate Security Act. While this bill is not perfect, it represents the most logical way to move forward on the issue using the principle of Cap and Trade.

Acting on behalf of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited and NWF, Perrin TU chapter members Dick Augustine and Greg Bovee went to Washington to take part in the event. Dick and Greg were honored to be able to meet with Rep. Candice Miller, and the staffs of Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Rep. Dale Kildee, Rep. Mike Rogers, and Rep. Sander Levin. The lobbying, which Dick and Greg believed was fruitful, consumed nearly all of the second day on the Hill, and it is hard work. The first day’s events included orientation meetings with NWF and an evening dinner hosted by the leaders of NWF. But, the best part of the day was a press conference held on Capitol Hill. The dignitaries included Senator John Warner of Virginia and Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, who both spoke to the press about the bill. We were also honored by the presence of Simon Roosevelt, great grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt and David Crockett, ancestor of Davy Crockett. Both spoke eloquently about the need for America’s leaders to step up and begin work on global warming legislation. When Simon spoke, you could just imagine TR gracing the podium and saying, *“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds”*, a famous quote of the late President.

Greg Bovee

PS *“Be the change you wish to see in the world”*...Ghandi

## SALMON in the CLASSROOM - UPDATE

As most of you know, Perrin Chapter sponsored participating Schools (Ovid/Elsie, Bath, and Williamston High Schools) had a successful and rewarding experience with their Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) programs last year. Hundreds of Salmon fingerlings were released to the Grand River system at the end of the 2007 school year.

Bath and Williamston are again having a successful program this year. As the DNR required educators to attend a “workshop” at the Wolf Lake Hatchery this year to qualify for a permit, Ovid/Elsie did not participate due to scheduling issues. Ovid/Elsie has promised to attend this year and will have their program up and running during the 2008/2009 school year.

Phylis Wojcik of Bath High School had a “panic situation” this Fall when her “chiller” crashed! Much thanks to **Pruess Animal House** for loaning us a chiller until we installed a new device (provided by the original vendor at no charge). The fish were saved and are doing well.

As our Chapter has set a goal of adding a new school every year, we need to meet the challenge of adequate fundraising to maintain and expand this Education/Outreach commitment. If you are interested in helping either as an individual or have funding source ideas, please contact Dick Augustine (517-668-3761 or e-mail: [augusti2@msu.edu](mailto:augusti2@msu.edu)).



Bath, Williamston, and Ovid-Elsie High School students at 2007 Trout in the Classroom Salmon release, Brookshire Golf Course, Williamston, last August

## WAWASUM 2008

**WaWa Sum** summer work project/outing weekend is June 27,28,29<sup>th</sup> (the 26<sup>th</sup> is also available for an extra charge) 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:

## 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**

**\$5.00 ea 3-1/3” embroidered patch**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

No of Decals @ \$3	No of Patches @ \$5	Additional Donation \$2, \$5,\$10,\$25,more	Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: **Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited.**

Mail this form and check to:

**PCTU  
 Robert Flickinger  
 6603 Windsong Way  
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Visit [lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org) for all the latest Perrin-Lansing chapter news

### Calendar of Events

**March 26th** Perrin - Lansing Chapter general meeting,  
7pm, MUCC Headquarters, 2102 Wood Street

**April 11,12,13th** Lansing Sport fishing Show at the Lansing Center

**April 26** 2007 Trout Opener

**May** TBA

**June 27, 28,29th** WaWa Sum Project/Outing Grayling

**July/Aug tba** Coldwater Creek Work Bee(s) TBA

For up-to-date Chapter Activities, and events visit:  
**[lansing-tu.org](http://lansing-tu.org)**

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