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CVTU - Winter Recap

It is that time again to dust off your fly rod to get ready for the trout opener in a few weeks. After a long winter it is rewarding to plan up coming fishing trips and trying to fish the tail end of the steelhead runs around the state. But as members of Trout Unlimited we shouldn't forget to save some time for conservation. So I encourage you to join us for a CVTU event this spring or get involved in the CRCCP efforts with the Clinton River Watershed Council.

Well things have been rather busy during the winter months for CVTU. On the second Tuesday of both January and February, we had general membership meetings at Precinct 5 building in Rochester Hills. We had at least 30 people attend both meetings and special thanks to our special guest speaker Wayne Synder of White River Fly Shop who spoke to us in January. Our special guest speaker Terry Drinkwine for the February meeting had to cancel because of a sudden winter flu bug, but he has rescheduled to speak to us at our June meeting.

In the month of March, CVTU had a booth at the Midwest Fly Fishing Show. CVTU would like to thank Mike Hrabonz (Expo Chairman & CVTU board member) and all the other members that worked the booth to make it a great expo. We also had our conservation banquet dinner at River Crest on March 20th. It was a great fund raising event for CVTU and the funds will be used in our local conservation efforts over the next few months.

As I reported in the last newsletter this will be the last hard copy newsletter that CVTU will mail out. The CVTU board members approved to go to an all "green" newsletter as has many other conservation groups across the state. We do understand that everyone doesn't have a computer and certainly we don't have everyone's e-mail address. So we will mail out a form this summer for folks to send back to us. Each member will have to tell us if you still need a hard copy mailed to you because you don't have computer access, or you can send us your e-mail address. For the e-mail addresses we have they will be added to our CVTU e-mail list. Please also remember the newsletter can always be accessed on our web page. Good luck with the coming fishing season, and hope to see you at one of our events.

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2009 - Spring & Summer - Schedule of Events

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|---------------------------------|--|
| April 14 (Tuesday) | CVTU General Membership Meeting --- 7 - 9pm Location: Precinct 5 Building -City of Rochester Hills -1551 Auburn Rd,Rochester Hills Special Guest Speaker - Craig Kopczyk - Presenting on early season trout flies and small mouth patterns |
| April 18 (Saturday) | CRCCP Volunteer Kick Off Rally--- 9 am - 1 pm, Location = Paint Creek Cider Mill For More Info on the Expo: Please check the following link http://www.crcw.org/ |
| April 25 (Sat) | ***Trout Opener*** |
| April 28 (Tuesday) | CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford - Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59 |
| May 14 - 17 (Thur - Sun) | Annual WaWaSum Outing Please see WaWaSum announcement in this newsletter for more details |
| May 26 (Tuesday) | CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford - Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59 |
| June 9 (Tuesday) | CVTU General Membership Meeting --- 7 - 9pm Location: Precinct 5 Building -City of Rochester Hills -1551 Auburn Rd,Rochester Hills Special Guest Speaker - Terry Drinkwine - Outdoors Writer |
| June 13 (Saturday) | CVTU - Spring River Clean Up Day --- 9am - Until we are done ☺ Location: Paint Creek, see web site for more details and map, www.clintonvalleytu.com |
| June 23 (Tuesday) | CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford - Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59 |
| July 18 (Saturday) | Michigan TU 50 th Birthday Celebration - DNR Rayburn Site on the Holy Water of the Au Sable River For more Information, check this site - www.celebratetu.org/ |
| Aug 17-23 (Mon - Sun) | National Trout Unlimited 50th Anniversary Celebration - Traverse City, MI For more Information, check this site - www.tu50.org |
| Aug 25 (Tuesday) | CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford - Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59 |



Check Out Our Website!
See us at:
www.clintonvalleytu.com

Special Thanks to the 2009 CVTU Banquet Sponsor, Donors & Volunteers

CVTU Conservation Banquet Dinner - 2009 RECAP

The annual banquet was held at River Crest on March 20th, and it was a great fund raising event for CVTU. The board would like to thank special guest speaker Dan Keifer. Many thanks to the supporters and any others that donated to the 2009 CVTU Banquet for conservation. Special thanks to 3 Dimensional Service Group for sponsoring the banquet and to the chapter members that arranged for the donations. Our 130+ banquet attendees and supporters this year helped us raise several thousand dollars that will be used in our conservation efforts. Congratulations to all the raffle winners at the banquet and to the winner of the bamboo fly rod, Craig Kopczyk.

The CVTU Board Members would like to thank banquet Co-Chairman (Alan & Mark Johnston) and the committee members (Tom Losiowski, Carl Maldonado, Steve Burnham, Ken Koster, Steve Priest, and Ed Roden) for planning the banquet this year. It was the chapter's largest banquet ever. All funds raised will be used on our restoration, and education projects within the Clinton River system and other local state efforts. We would like to also thank the volunteers (Amy Johnston, Mary Ann Johnston, Frank Gosiewski, Cassandra Dobek, Cheryl Burnham and Jane Giudici) that helped us out the night of the banquet. ---- CVTU Board Members - 4/1/09

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Annual WaWaSum Weekend - 2009

May 14th - May 17th, (Thursday - Sunday)

377 WaWaSum Drive, Grayling, MI, 49738 - Located on the Holy Waters of the AuSable River

- \$35/night (meeting attendees & volunteers) or \$70/night (others).
One guest per member is welcome.
- Space is limited! First arrival @ WaWaSum, First bed!
- Guest Speakers/Presentations
- Special Raffles

Visit <http://www.clintonvalleytu.com> for maps to WaWaSum, as well as contact info for the board members. Or for info contact Alan Johnston - (248) 652-0154 or ajohnsto@wowway.com

CVTU Spring River Clean Up

This year one of the major goals of the chapter is to have more river clean ups and conservation projects throughout the spring, summer and fall. The board members have been busy planning such events and most plans still need to be finalized before we announce them to the general membership. However if you have an idea for such a project or area to work on throughout the Clinton River watershed, then please let a CVTU board member know. Our contact information can be found on our web site.

The first event we are announcing for the season is a river clean up that will take place on the Paint Creek, mostly likely in the Lake Orion/Rochester Hills area. We are working on finalizing the location because we need to get the proper permissions to do the clean up on a certain site CVTU thinks that needs attention.

The clean up will be on Saturday June 13th, so please mark your calendars today. The great thing about this date is it is in the National TU 50th Anniversary River Clean Up day and CRWC River Day. We are still investigating the details, but our chapter could win some awards from National TU based on our volunteer and clean up efforts. So please come support us in this event. You can sign up for the event on the CVTU web site using our "Volunteer" page or you can contact CVTU River Clean Up Committee Chairman Carl Maldonado at stealheadcm@yahoo.com.

Also please see the insert flier in this newsletter for more information on the CRCCP Kick Off Rally!



Celebrating 50 Years

Conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Michigan TU Birthday Celebration - www.celebratetu.org



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As you are all aware, 2009 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of Trout Unlimited. Trout Unlimited was "born" on July 18, 1959 at the Barbless Hook property east of Grayling on the banks of the Au Sable River when George Griffith assembled fifteen like-minded sportsmen to form our beloved organization. The Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited is having a birthday party for Trout Unlimited on Saturday, July 18th, as our Michigan celebration of TU's founding. The event will be held at the DNR Rayburn property on the banks of the Au Sable River, about two miles east of downtown Grayling, Saturday, July 18th from 9:00AM to 8:00PM. There will be food, contests, raffles, displays (chapters & partners), games, entertainment, auctions, kids activities, fly fishing & fly tying demonstrations, etc.

For more information please see the following web site - www.celebratetu.com

If you would like to receive this newsletter in an electronic format on your computer please join the CVTU yahoo groups on our web site (www.clintonvalleytu.com). Please note that the latest newsletter can be downloaded on the web site also. **Our web site is new so please go check it out!!**



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Help kick-off the 2009 season of projects to protect and enhance the Clinton River corridor!

River Stewardship Volunteer Rally

**FREE continental
breakfast
& lunch!**

Saturday, April 18th, 2009
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Paint Creek Cider Mill,
Orion Rd. @ Gallagher Rd.,
Oakland Township

9:00 am Registration & continental breakfast
CRCCP 2008 Year-In-Review
Volunteer Opportunities 2009
Breakout Session: Woody Debris
Removal, Lunger structures,
Macroinvertebrate ID & more!
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch & Mingling

Please Register!
Contact Dan Keifer or Jeremy Geist
dan@crwc.org or jeremy@crwc.org
or call 248-601-0606



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