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Happy New Year fellow chapter members, I hope you had a great holiday season. It is hard to believe it is 2010, what happened to 2009? In 2009 TU celebrated its 50th anniversary of protecting and conserving this great resource we all enjoy. I hope all chapter members took the time to celebrate and recall why you became a TU member and what it means to you. I encourage you to get more involved in "your" local chapter events this year, you won't regret it. So stop by our booth at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, come to the banquet or just show up for a meeting. ☺

In September CVTU had a fall clean up day at the Kern Road site on the Paint Creek, which was part of the Clinton River Watershed Council's Clinton Clean Up Event. CVTU members Mark Tracey, Alan Johnston, Jim Lee, Ken Koster, and Adam Avery did a great job cleaning up this site, see the photo to the right. We would also like to thank Jason Davis for coming to speak to the chapter about salmon fishing techniques during the September membership meeting. Also special thanks to Dan Keifer for speaking to us about caddis fly fishing and the attack of the Asian carp during general membership meetings this fall. New CVTU board member Adam Avery spoke to us in November about his Paint Creek Storm Water Study Project. Everyone in CVTU is very excited about this project. If you would like to volunteer to help Adam out please contact him through our web site, <http://www.clintonvalleytu.com/board-members/>



Personally I think 2010 will be a great year for CVTU and "your" board members have been working hard planning great events. Please

check out our new calendar on the web site, and there are more events to be finalized in the upcoming weeks. We are in the process of planning a large woody debris removal project on the Paint Creek at the Silverbell site and looking to select a few erosion sites to fix this upcoming year. Let's not forget those fun river clean ups we will do through out the year. The Clinton River watershed is "yours" to protect and converse so why not do it with CVTU. ☺

Lastly we are still having a few issues with launching our "green" electronic newsletter by having it sent out through our web site. Our web provider is going to get us some new software in the next few weeks to resolve this issue. I will send a message to all members once it has been launched. Please note we will still mail hard copies of this newsletter out to the 80+ members of our 230 membership that we don't have e-mail addresses for. **I please encourage those members whose e-mails we don't have to sign up for our "green" newsletter by sending me an e-mail to markjohnsties@yahoo.com or this will be the last newsletter you receive via US mail.**

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2010 - Winter/Spring Calendar

Jan 19 (Tues)	General Membership Meeting --- 7 – 9pm, Location: Precinct 5 Building - City of Rochester Hills -1551 Auburn Rd, Roch. Hills Special Guest Speaker – Rich Merlino – Royal Oak Orvis Shop
Jan 20 (Wed)	CVTU Banquet Committee Meeting --- 7 - 9 pm Location: Alan Johnston's house (2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills)
Jan 26 (Tues)	CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford – Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59
Feb 3 (Wed)	CVTU Banquet Committee Meeting --- 7 - 9 pm Location: Alan Johnston's house (2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills)
Feb 9 (Tues)	General Membership Meeting --- 7 – 9pm, Location: Precinct 5 Building - City of Rochester Hills -1551 Auburn Rd, Roch. Hills Special Guest Speaker – Craig Kopczyk – Presenting on steelhead fishing
Feb 17 (Wed)	CVTU Banquet Committee Meeting --- 7 - 9 pm Location: Alan Johnston's house (2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills)
Feb 23 (Tues)	CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford – Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59
March 3 (Wed)	CVTU Banquet Committee Meeting --- 7 - 9 pm Location: Alan Johnston's house (2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills)
Mar 12-14 (Fri-Sun)	Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Location: Macomb Community College – 12 Mile Campus. We need volunteers to work the CVTU Booth! Please contact CVTU Expo Chairman - Mike Hrabonz at 248-693-4469, bonz9@comcast.net
Mar 17 (Wed)	CVTU Banquet Committee Meeting --- 7 - 9 pm Location: Alan Johnston's house (2239 Chippenham Chase Rochester Hills)
Mar 27 (Sat)	CVTU Annual Banquet for Conservation --- Cocktails @ 6 pm - Dinner @ 7 pm, Buffet Dinner and Open Bar River Crest Banquet Facilities 900 W. Avon Rd. Rochester, MI 48307
Mar 30 (Tues)	CVTU Open Board Meeting --- 7-9 pm Huntington Ford – Rochester Rd, Just North of M-59
April 13 (Tues)	General Membership Meeting --- 7 – 9pm, Location: Precinct 5 Building - City of Rochester Hills -1551 Auburn Rd, Roch. Hills Special Guest Speaker – Capt Brian Meszaros Presenting on Fly Fishing on Lake Saint Clair

CVTU Annual Banquet for Conservation 3-27-10

Well it's that time of year and your Banquet committee is hard at work planning and organizing our annual event. The Banquet will be like last year's a family event and all are welcome. What can you do as a chapter member to support our main fund raising event? Well its simple you can buy or sell banquet tickets. In addition you can donate items to the banquet or solicit items from establishments you are familiar with. Have you been tying any flies? They make a great donation to the chapter.

This year our Banquet will be held on Saturday March 27th at the River Crest in Rochester Hills. There will be a Buffet Dinner and an Open Bar all for a \$35 ticket. Don't forget about the Early Bird Special. Buy your tickets before Feb 15th and you will receive 2 free bamboo rod raffle tickets a \$10 value.

Please find on the Banquet page of our web site a letter of introduction and a receipt for donations that you can use when soliciting donations for the Banquet. One receipt for the donor and a copy for the chapter. You can order tickets for the Banquet using the form found on our web site or in this newsletter. We look forward to your support so come to the Banquet and join in the good fun.

Thanks - Alan Johnston - CVTU President and Banquet Co - Chairmen

<http://www.clintonvalleytu.com/banquet-dinner/>

Adam Avery's Paint Creek Storm Water Study Project

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In the summer of 2009, Trout Unlimited member and avid fisherman Adam Avery and Dr. Scott Tiegs, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Oakland University, began to characterize in detail the stream flow and temperature of Paint Creek. Of particular interest was the effect of summertime precipitation events on streamflow and temperature.



Previous studies by other researchers indicated that the Paint Creek is becoming increasingly 'flashy' which means that the stream flow is more prone to frequent and rapid changes in response to precipitation events. This 'flashiness' is likely due to increased amounts of stormwater run-off entering the river system due to increased impervious surfaces (driveways, rooftops, decks) within the Paint Creek watershed. Further, the temperature of stormwater run-off during summer months can be quite warm and can result in dramatic temperature increases in Paint Creek.

Changes in the flow and temperature due to stormwater run-off have the potential to alter the overall ecological health of Paint Creek. The hope is that data and scientific publications resulting from this study will provide additional resources to help guide conservation efforts on the Paint Creek which is the best coldwater trout stream in southeast Michigan and has been managed by the MDNR for trout for over 40 years. The Paint Creek is a tributary to the Clinton River. Adam's research provides a more in depth look at the effects of temperature on this delicate stream system. His data

plus the data gathered over the last 6 years from the volunteers in the Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project will help us learn more about the Paint Creek ecosystem (Adam Avery PhD, is a volunteer research scientist with Dr. Scott Tiegs stream ecology lab at Oakland University. His Paint Creek research project was born out of his personal commitment for the protection of this coldwater fishery).



Conservation Banquet Dinner

Saturday - March 27th, 2010

River Crest Banquet Facilities

900 W. Avon Rd. Rochester, MI 48307

Cocktails @ 6 pm - Dinner @ 7 pm

Buffet Dinner and Open Bar

Raffle Items

- Bamboo Fly Rod - made by Ron Barch
- Orvis Fly Rod
- Guided River Trips
- Various types of Fly Fishing Accessories
- General items of universal interest for the home and the outdoors
- Silent Auctions
- Bucket Raffles
- Door Prizes
- Card Raffles

Guest Speaker: TBD

Banquet Ticket Specials

Early Bird Special - Return your reservation by Feb. 15, 2010 and receive 2 free Bamboo Rod Raffle Tickets

Sell a Table Special - Sell or buy a table of 8 place settings and receive 5 free Bamboo Raffle Tickets

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- Banquet Dinner Tickets and Bamboo Rod Raffle Tickets will be mailed prior to the banquet.
 - **Make checks payable to : Clinton Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited**
 - **Mail ticket orders to: Alan Johnston - 2239 Chippenham Chase, Rochester Hills, MI, 48306**
 - Questions? Contact Banquet Chairmen: Mark Johnston - markjohnsties@yahoo.com or Alan Johnston - ajohnsto@wowway.com

CVTU - 2010 CONSERVATION DINNER RESERVATIONS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ NO. OF TICKETS: _____ @ \$35.00 =\$_____

Mail Reservations to: Alan Johnston - 2239 Chippenham Chase, Rochester Hills, MI, 48306

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo - March 13th - 14th, 2010 (Saturday - Sunday) Location: Macomb Community College - 12 Mile Campus

For More Information on the Expo: Please check the following links <http://www.mffc.org/> or www.clintonvalleytu.com

Fellow CVTU Members,

I am very pleased to inform you that CVTU will have a booth at the Midwest Fly Fishing Show on the weekend of March 13th & 14th. This is a good fund raising event for our organization, and allows us to also reach out to find new chapter members.

The expo takes a lot of time and organization to make this a successful event for our chapter. So I have volunteered to be the Chairman of the 2010 CVTU Midwest Fly Fishing Committee. **We are inviting all CVTU members that would like to help. We currently need lots of volunteers to work the CVTU booth during the expo.** Anyone who volunteers will be eligible to receive the discounted rate at our annual chapter fishing trip at WaWaSum on the "Holy Waters" of the AuSable in May 2010.

If you would like to join to volunteer to work the CVTU booth, please contact me at (248) 693-4469 or bonz9@comcast.net via e-mail. Or you can sign up to volunteer on our website at <http://www.clintonvalleytu.com/volunteer/>

Thanks,
Mike Hrabonz - CVTU - Board Member



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