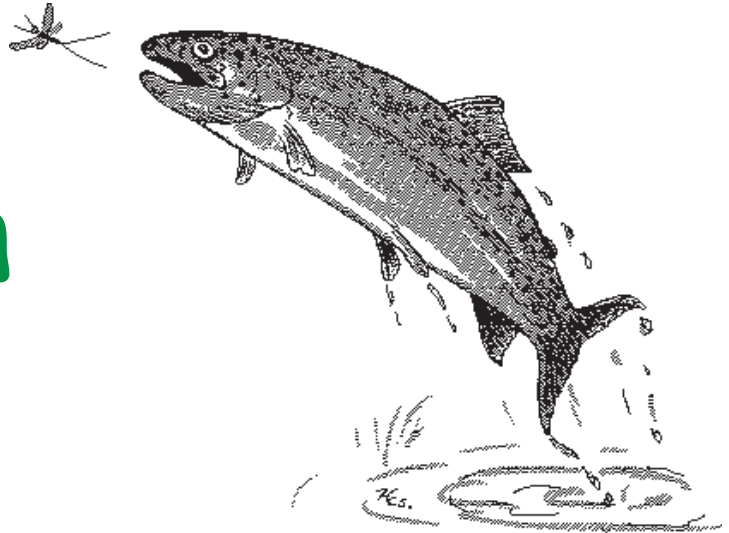


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# The Evergreen Trout



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## President's Drag Free Drift

Well, Fall is here with a bang. Is it just me, or did we have a short summer? This is my favorite time of the year. The streams seem empty (of people) and the ponds and lakes are serene. Most of the occasional fly fishers are watching football or thinking about skiing. If I am talking about you, don't be offended. It allows obsessive compulsive fly fishers like me, more room on the water. Ha! Ha!

We had a great program in August on fishing Rocky Mountain National Park by Kirk and Laurie Bien. Randy Huiting has a great Fall line-up, starting in September with Ron Baird, a well known author and avid fly fisherman.

Please refer to Tim Stechert's Board minutes as to what is going on behind the scenes at ETU. I would like to mention the possibility of an upcoming project for us. Evergreen Rec. District has offered the use of the newly remodeled Warming Hut at Evergreen Lake, to the Audubon Society (TENAS) and ETU. The preliminary vision for the facility is a nature center operated by TENAS and ETU with other visiting groups like Sierra Club, DOW, etc. I believe this is a great opportunity and the board unanimously voted to proceed. If you would like to contribute ideas or be involved in the planning and implementing please contact me.

Our semi-annual Bear Creek Clean-up will be Saturday September 30th. You will need to meet at the parking lot across the street from the Little Bear at 9:00a. This is the last volunteer event of the year. I am including an updated volunteer list in this newsletter. If you have a star by your name, you volunteered this year. You will be included in next year's list to fish Buchanan Ponds on our designated free days. If you volunteered this year and do not see your name or have a star by it, please contact me and I will be glad to update.

Our first fly tying class of the new school year at Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab was a great success. We had enough volunteers to have one-on-one with the kids. The kids tied a Wooly Buzzer - Jim Wilborn, a Green Asher - Gregg Squire

(yes Ron, GREEN), and I did my One Minute Ant. All the kids caught a fish with multiple hook-ups for some. I am happy to say all the flies were working, especially my One Minute Ant (it's hard to be humble). In my opinion everybody who likes fishing dry flies might want some ant patterns in their fly box. If you would like to see how to tie the One Minute Ant (this is Len Wheaton's favorite pattern that I tie), get in touch and I will send you the details. Maybe next month, some of you tyers out there can submit your favorite pattern to share with the chapter. I will be glad to see that it gets in the newsletter.

By the time you get this newsletter, we will be finished with the Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab Open House. With a little coaxing we have 10 volunteers which will make the day a success. I want to thank you in advance because this is one of the annual events that gives ETU great exposure.

Please take a look at Karen's article requesting volunteers to help the DOW with their annual Bear Creek Fish Count. This is a great opportunity to really see what is in our home waters. Hope to see you there.

One last note. Our Newsletter Editor, Tim Haller, has decided that it's time to hand over the reigns. He has been our faithful editor for more than eight years, with almost 100 editions to his credit. I personally want to thank Tim. In my two years as president, he has been easy to work with, and always accommodates my quirks. Tim was and is always there for me to bounce off something about ETU, whether it was regulations, history, or anything dealing with the chapter. Tim is still going to be involved with the chapter, but as a member who loves what ETU is all about. We are looking for somebody to fill his shoes. Tim has says that he will help to make it an easy transition. We will be using e-mail only by the end of the year. The folding and licking of stamps will not be part of the job description any more.

Join with me by thanking Tim for a job well done!

Hal

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of the month at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen (across from the Little Bear). Join us for Dinner/Chapter Business/Classes at 6:30pm followed by the program at ~7:00pm. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

## August Board Meeting

**A**ttendees: Hal Garwood, Rich Reynolds, John Ellis, Steve Murray, Gary Rotolo, and Tim Stechert.

Matthew DeLullo, founder of Project A.N.G.E.L., came to the board meeting to introduce his organization and to seek volunteer help from ETU. Matthew's project provides opportunities for kids with life threatening or debilitating diseases to participate in various types of sporting events (including fishing) and to experience nature. Having recently lost access to a pond near Longmont where his organization hosted bass fishing days for the kids, he is searching for new venues and new volunteers to keep his fishing event going.

The youth education program at Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab is gearing up for the new academic year. Len Wheaton already has scheduled two fly tying classes in September (6th and 26th). Over the summer, the Lab hosted a picnic for the ETU fly tying volunteers and their families. About a dozen folks attended and had a great time.

On a related note, the Lab's open house is scheduled for September 16th. ETU helps annually to serve food at the event, which gives us good visibility in the community. Additional volunteers are needed to help out this year.

The board reviewed the general meeting program schedule for the remainder of 2006. Ron Baird is slated for September, with Marty Bartholomew following in October and Barry Reynolds in November.

Gary Rotolo presented some ideas for future fundraisers. A couple of promising ideas include a golf tournament at Hiwan and a raffle for some guided fishing trips.

It was reported that ETU has an opportunity to share space in the newly restored Evergreen Lake warming hut. The Evergreen Recreation District has expressed the desire to transform the old skating hut into a nature center and to let ETU share the space with The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society (TENAS). The board agreed to pursue the opportunity.

Due to a conflict between the CTU Fall Clean-up and the OELS Open House on September 16th, the Board agreed to schedule the ETU Bear Creek Cleanup for September 30th. Tim Stechert - ETU Secretary

## The 'Electric' Evergreen Trout

**H**ey folks, get your ETU newsletter the easy way. The Evergreen Trout is available via e-mail! It's a simple and painless process. Really! Just e-mail me your request for an electronic copy to [troutguy@speedtrail.net](mailto:troutguy@speedtrail.net), and I'll add you to the 'E' list. The 'Electric' Evergreen Trout is in PDF format, and requires the **FREE** Adobe Reader, available at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

Currently about 20% of our members receive their newsletter this way. Let's see if we can increase that number. **Every electronic copy saves the chapter about \$7/year.** These savings add up fast, since we "snail mail" about 400 copies per month. And it's in **COLOR!** To take the Electric Evergreen Trout out for a test drive, visit our web site ([www.evergreentrout.org](http://www.evergreentrout.org)), click on Newsletters, and take a look at a recent issue. If you like it (and I think you will), sign up! There is a direct link to my e-mail on the Newsletters page.

Tim Haller

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### Volunteers Needed For Fish Count

**T**he CDOW has asked ETU for volunteers to help with their annual fish count -- electrofishing -- on Bear Creek, later this month.

Electrofishing involves injecting an electrical current into a certain reach of the stream and then using hand-held probes to locate the fish. The trout are just slightly stunned, allowing them to be gathered, measured, weighed and then released unharmed.

Volunteers assist DOW in several ways, from the measuring and weighing process to probing the streams with 'the wands.' The data comprise an integral piece of ETU's efforts to study and improve Bear Creek.

Seven sections of Bear Creek will be sampled: Morrison Park, Lair O' the Bear Open Space, Idledale, O'Fallon Park, Bear Creek Cabins, downtown Evergreen and upstream of the Evergreen Golf Course.

For more information on how this all works and to see some photos, visit: [http://coloradofishing.net/ft\\_count.htm](http://coloradofishing.net/ft_count.htm)

Volunteers are needed for an all-day commitment on Monday, September 25th, and for a half-day (noon to 5:00p) on Wednesday, September 27th. You need to bring waders and clothing to keep you warm from being in the stream for several hours. DOW suggests neoprenes if you have them because of the electrical charges being used. They are not necessary, however.

For more information and to sign up, contact John Haile at 679-3262 - [johnhaile@aol.com](mailto:johnhaile@aol.com), or Karen Christopherson at 674-0252 - [kc@coloradofishing.net](mailto:kc@coloradofishing.net). Call or e-mail this week if you can help.

Karen Christopherson

### ETU Volunteer List

**T**he \* represents people who have volunteered in 2006.

Belak, Ron\*; Bozis, John; Chapman, Michelle; Christopherson, Karen\*; Conroy, Barb\*; Coyner, Mike\*; Coyner, Mila; Dexter, Nanci; Donnelly, Darragh; Donnelly, Maren; Drury, Larry\*; Dumn, Anna; Ellis, John\*; Ellis, Sherry; Farthing, Craig\*; Fox, Doug\*; Fox, Troy\*; Gardner, Hugh\*; Garwood, Hal\*; Garwood, Sandi\*; Goldblatt, Mike\*; Green, Dan\*; Haile, John\*; Haller, Tim\*; Hargesheimer, Mike\*; Himmelman, Al; Himmelman, Jan; Houk, Abby; Houk, Zeke\*; Huiting, Randy\*; Jones, Nick; Klitske, John; Knoll, Dean\*; Kosloske, Wayne\*; Langan, John; Linn, Peggy\*; Lockwood, Tom\*; Marshall, Debbie\*; Marshall, Don\*; Marshall, Josie; Masters, Marc\*; McCord, Susan; Murray, Andrew\*; Murray, Elias\*; Murray, Randi\*; Murray, Steve\*; Oliphant, Ford\*; Regan, Paul\*; Reynolds, Joan; Reynolds, Mike\*; Reynolds, Rich\*; Richardson, Bill; Rotolo, Gary\*; Ryan, Jim\*; Ryan, Justin\*; Schauder, Chris\*; Seline, Ross; Simon, Kent\*; Squire, Gregg\*; Stechert, Tim\*; Thompson, Jim\*; Thompson, Karen; Thompson, Troy\*; Tindall, Chris; Tindall, Jean; Underwood, Dave\*; Underwood, Joan; Walters, Terry\*; Waters, Phil\*; Waters, Sandy\*; Wheaton, Anita\*; Wheaton, Len\*; Wheeler, Dick\*; Wilbert, Ken\*; Wilborn, Jim\*; Wilcox, Susan.

Updated September 13, 2006. Refer questions or problems to Hal Garwood, President - 303-526-2900.

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### The Search Begins...

**A**fter more than eight years at the Editor's desk, and nearly a hundred issues (June 1998 was my first), the time has come for me to change my title from Editor-for-Life to Editor-for-Life Emeritus. In other words, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the reigns as Editor of The Evergreen Trout. I have truly enjoyed doing the newsletter all these years, but the time has come for me to fade slowly off into the sunset....

Okay! Enough with the drama already. I can't say that this is an easy task, but it ain't rocket science either. It is my belief that with the right volunteer, the transition can be nearly seamless. Here's a quick job description: It helps to have a fair command of the English language (no tests, I promise), a computer helps too (we'll work out possible software issues later), a decent printer (laser preferred) helps MasterPrinters, and 8 - 12 hours a month. Viola! Yer a Editor.

If you are even a little bit interested, please give me a call. I will be happy to go over the details with you.

Tim Haller

P.S. Hal, I never fold stamps...

### September Program

**R**on Baird is a avid fly fisherman who also happens to be a professional writer and journalist! His career includes writing for two years as the Colorado DOW author for their fishing publications, spending five years as a researcher and consultant for the Western Native Trout Campaign/Native Trout Watch programs, and writing numerous other articles, as well as a novel.

Ron's first Falcon Guide, "Fishing Colorado -- An Angler's Complete Guide to Fishing More Than 118 Top Fishing Spots," has sold out and has now been updated and revised to cover over 125 locations. This is a "don't miss it" evening, which is sure to be packed with lots of information about where to go, when, and how to best fish the location.

I hope to see you there!

Randy Huiting

### CTU Secures \$230K Restoration Grant

**T**he Colorado Division of Wildlife recently announced its 2006 "Fishing is Fun" grant awards, and CTU was approved for a grant of approximately \$230,000 towards the Buffalo Peaks Ranch Project on the Middle Fork of the South Platte River. The grant provides a majority of the funds needed to complete Phase I of the project, though CTU will need to raise more than \$75,000 more in cash and in-kind contributions as a condition of the Fishing is Fun grant.

The Buffalo Peaks Ranch project is an effort by CTU and its chapters to restore fish habitat on a four-mile segment of public water along the Middle Fork South Platte River in Park County -- just upstream from the Tomahawk State Wildlife Area. The stream has been damaged by historic grazing, and the project will help restore a more natural channel condition, provide more pools and structure for fish habitat, and protect riparian habitat through fencing to manage grazing use on the property. After restoration, the combined reaches at Buffalo Peaks and Tomahawk will offer one of the best continuous reaches of public angling

in the region.

CTU is working on this project with Ecological Resource Consultants, whose past major river restoration efforts have included the Blue River, Fraser River, and Bear Creek restoration projects. Channel modification and placement of major habitat features will be conducted by contractors using heavy equipment; volunteers will be able to assist with other project efforts including fencing and revegetation along the riparian corridor. Project manager (and CTU Secretary) Sinjin Eberle has done an outstanding job of building partnerships and securing support for the project. Of the Fishing Is Fun grant, he said, "This award is a fantastic boost for the project and an enormous show of support for the project by the DOW. They should be thanked at every opportunity."

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### Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup

**T**he Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup is a joint project of CTU and its chapters throughout Colorado, where volunteers help pick up trash along local rivers. Volunteers meet in the morning, get their instructions and trash bags, and spread out along their local river to help pick up a summer's worth of trash that has accumulated streamside. All volunteers get a Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup t-shirt as a small thank-you for their help. This is a great one-day project for volunteers and families, and it helps CTU put rivers and conservation in front of a statewide audience. The 2006 event is schedule for September 16th, though dates on specific rivers vary based on local circumstances. All together, TU Volunteers will help at 15 river cleanups around the state. Cleanups scheduled for 2006 include:

September 9th - Roaring Fork River (Ferdinand Hayden Chapter)

September 16th - Animas River (Five Rivers Chapter), Arkansas River (Collegiate Peaks Chapter), Big Thompson (Alpine Anglers Chapter), Boulder Creek (Boulder Flycasters Chapter), Cache la Poudre (Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter), St. Vrain River (St. Vrain Anglers Chapter), Uncompaghre River (Gunnison Gorge Chapter), Clear Creek above Golden (Cherry Creek, Cutthroat, and West Denver Chapters), Colorado River - below Shadow Mountain Dam (Colorado Headwaters Chapter), South Platte - Elevenmile Canyon (Cheyenne Mountain Chapter)

September 30th - South Platte River in Denver (Denver Chapter, through partnership with The Greenway Foundation), Bear Creek (Evergreen Chapter)

October 14th - Blue River (Gore Range Chapter, with Summit County Make A Difference Day), West Creek (Grand Valley Anglers Chapter)

Visit the CTU website ([www.cotrout.org](http://www.cotrout.org)) for contacts and other information about each cleanup.

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### Kudos...

...to **Hal Garwood, Karen Christopherson, Randy Huiting, Tim Stechert, and Ken and Michelle Wilbert** for their help with the newsletter.

...to **Master Printers Inc. of Evergreen** for copying and folding.

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??? What's Happening ???

September 2006

- 20th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
6:30p Dinner and chapter business  
7:00p Program - Ron Baird  
"Best of..."
- 25th (M) & 27th (W) **Bear Creek Fish Count w/CDO**  
Contact John Haile or Karen Christopherson  
if you can help
- 26th (Tu) **Fly tying at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab**  
Call Len Wheaton if you can help
- 27th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**  
Beau Jo's - 6:30p
- 30th (Sa) **Bear Creek Fall Cleanup**  
9:00a - ~Noon  
Meet in the lot across from the Little Bear

October 2006

- 18th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
6:30p Dinner and chapter business  
7:00p Program - Marty Bartholomew  
Colorado's Big 8
- 25th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**  
Beau Jo's - 6:30p

New Members

Please join me in welcoming **Dave Rugen, Lance Kanemasy, Jason Gruszynski, J D Finni, Collin Papuga, Kurt Cox, Bob Moreson, Tod Sweeney, Dewayne Neel, Honora Gordon, Leona Homack, George Latuda, Jeff Unbehaun, Katherine Linder, Roger Burchett, Scott Newton, Jim Jacobson, Alan Eckman, Ronald Rosson, Scott McCarty, John Perizzolo, Tom Dunlap, Michael Sills, Gus Heisman, Kip Sharp, Rudy Ramirez, Bob Jaeger and Jock Waldo** to ETU.

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Randy Huiting

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