



**“Trout Lines” January, 2008**  
**The Official Newsletter of the Kanawha Valley**  
**Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

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**January 9th Meeting at the South Charleston Public Library**  
**Fly Tying Demonstrations and Swap Meet**

The January 8, 2008 Trout Unlimited meeting is a Fly Tying Demonstration. Some of our chapter members have many years of fly tying experience and they will show you how to tie some of their "perfect" flies.

Larry Orr will tie some of his Perfect Stimulators that acts as a strike indicator, catches fish all day long, stays upright at all times, and is guaranteed to never sink no matter the rough water conditions. Tom Moody will show how to tie a perfect egg pattern by not using any thread, vice, or fly tying tools with his world-proven Pom Pom Egg Pattern.

Randy Augustine will demonstrate how to tie a quick and easy Zug Bug in various sizes which has proven to catch more trout than any other pattern throughout the year on what he believes is the best stream in West Virginia, Gandy Creek.

Leah Sleeth will teach her style of tying innovative and productive caddis fly fish-catchers.

The tiers listed as just a partial list who will tie and we want all tyers to tie flies for the hunt show that night. All KVCTU tiers are invited to bring their vices to demonstrate their effective patterns which catch West Virginia trout.

Part of the meeting room will be set up for the **Swap Meet** which will be a **Fishing Equipment Yard Sale** for people to bring in their extra rods, reels, waders, vices, tools, or whatever other fishing accessories they want to sell or trade. All members are encouraged to bring a fishing-related item or bring a seldom used outdoor item for the Swap Meet.

We want to remind everyone that there will be Bill Murray's fly tying materials and hooks on sale for half-price at the meeting. And remember to bring a fly for the door fly drawing. And bring a friend if you have any.

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**Our Trout Unlimited  
 Mission: CPR  
 Conserve-Protect-  
 Restore and  
 Communicate-  
 Participate-Recreate  
 Together**

**Chapter Odds n Ends**

- **Reminder to tie some flies for the Hunt Show. If you do not have time to tie the three dozen requested of you, please tie what you can or if you would rather change the fly you were assigned, please tie the fly of your choice. Second note to Pat Harris in Texas: Please send some of your flies to help your chapter make some money at the Hunt Show.**
- **Volunteers are needed to work the Hunt Show at the Civic Center on January 25-26-27, 2008. Call Bill Todd at 740-446-3443 or email Bill at <dutchstar@frognet.net>.**
- **Reminder to bring a fly and a friend to the TU Meeting at the South Charleston Library on Tuesday, 7:00 PM on January 8th.**



## A Message from the President

by *Homer Sweeney*

It is hard to believe another year has passed and we are faced with a New Year of transition filled with planning. Although any transition and planning takes place both at home and at our place of employment each year, Chapter 166 of Trout Unlimited will be duplicating a similar process. From the position of President of the KVCTU where I get to observe the collaboration of all the teams and committees at work, I can assure you things are already unfolding as you read this message.

Our Chapter experienced tremendous growth and accomplishment during year 2007 under the leadership of President Jack Williams and the efforts of all the volunteers. Among all of those accomplishments one stands out. The event of stocking the millionth fish in front of Frank Hill's camp will be remembered by all of us for many years. This chapter will sorely miss Frank Hill due to his untimely death. As doors closed for some of us during the past year, doors opened for others who stepped up to continue our mission and the awesome tradition of the KVCTU.

My serving the first three months as President has been delightful. I could not express my appreciation to all who have assisted me with the transition. I am sure the membership will continue to support me in the same positive and cooperative manner of the past. We will accomplish much. Continuing with that spirit I have composed a Vision Statement for our chapter and I want to share it with you. My Vision Statement:

***-To continue to move the chapter in its current direction.***

***-To encourage our members and enlist new volunteers to become active in Projects, Events, Management and Team Development of the KVCTU.***

***-To support the National TU mission of Conserving, Protecting and Restoring the North American coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.***

***-To encourage chapter participation and support to the WVCTU and its efforts of improving our WV habitats, water quality and trout streams.***



**Homer Sweeney is elected President of KVCTU and prepares to get the gavel from outgoing President Jack Williams.**

The future is ours and there is much yet to accomplish. We successfully developed our first chapter Strategic Plan and now are implementing it. Our job of shepherding the Trout in our state is never over. We must continue our efforts to Conserve, Protect and Restore our streams while focusing on monitoring, replenishing, and mediating West Virginia's streams and headwaters. These programs are in place and KVCTU's teams are working. The Team Leaders have been named but additional Team Members are needed. The Teams are working on Operation Plans and Budget Requests, some have been submitted but others are forthcoming.

In closing this message, I encourage each of you to ask yourself what contributions you can make towards another successful year for TU now and for the future generations. I am looking forward to a Member, a Board Member, Officer or Team Leader coming up to me and ask how you can help.

## West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited by *Larry Orr, Chair*

I want to encourage all members to attend a state council meeting. The Council's meetings are open to all members with two designated members per chapter allowed to vote. This year the meeting dates are February 16 at the Day's Inn in Flatwoods, WV, on May 24 at the Handley DNR Cabin, and on September 20 at the Thornwood Science Camp in Pocahontas County.



**DEP News Release  
Infrastructure Loan Provides  
Funding for Fayette Project**

MT. HOPE— As part of the Manchin administration's ongoing infrastructure development efforts, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Water State Revolving Fund is providing financial assistance to a Fayette County community to upgrade its wastewater treatment system and extend service to new customers.

The city of Mt. Hope recently closed on a \$646,600 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. The loan carries a zero percent interest rate and will be repaid over the next 30 years. The total project cost is \$4,334,102. The balance of the funds is being provided by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, DEP's Stream Restoration Fund, and the West Virginia Development Office's Small Cities Block Grant program.

The money will be used to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to improve its sludge handling capabilities. The project will also extend sewer service to approximately 150 new customers in the Kilsyth/Price Hill communities of Fayette County. The project will eliminate the failing and ineffective septic systems and direct discharges into Dunloup Creek, a tributary of the New River.

Contractors for the project are Pipe Plus, Inc. and Orders Construction Company, both of St. Albans. The wastewater project is expected to take a year to complete.

*Editor's note: this DEP article was provided by Max Robertson.*

**Member Communication Enhancements  
by Bruce Kissell**

The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is embarking on our next phase of membership growth. As our number of members grew to 529 as of December 2007, we are exploring more convenient and efficient ways to communicate with you. We would like you to be aware of what we are doing to communicate with our Members and Friends.

**Newsletter:** Randy Augustine is our newsletter editor and he gathers info and puts it all together in a monthly newsletter that gets posted on the web and will mail it to those who do not have email. To keep down mailing costs we are increasing our emails and reducing our snail mail list. The Web Site can be viewed anytime and can be easily accessed (see below) and is updated when new newsletters are issued. We also send a link to the new newsletter.

**Email System:** Mass emails are being used by KVCTU as email requirements grow. Coordinating this is Bruce Kissell who is using The Constant Contact System as a way to send quick notices out to everyone who has an email address. That is why it is so important to get your updated email address to us when it changes. Email any changes or comments to [<bigtrout@suddenlink.net>](mailto:bigtrout@suddenlink.net).

**Web Site:** Thanks to Phil Smith for his efforts in developing our own KVCTU web site. The quality of his work and the short time he took to complete it is short of miraculous. The site contains everything from past and future events to a listing of new officers and board members. Click to [<KVCTUWebsite>](http://www.kvctu.org). Also, Phil created a WV website for Back the Brookie which is [<http://www.wvtu.org/btb/wvbtb.html>](http://www.wvtu.org/btb/wvbtb.html).

**State Council Web Site:** As for updates on the State Council website, there are a couple of news nuggets that should be mentioned. The new state council electronic calendar is linked on the website. Everyone needs to keep this updated so that all chapter/council/important activities are regularly posted so everyone is aware and no schedule conflicts occur. The

WVCTU Electronic Calendar represents TU Chapter/Council/critical events and activities. It is something that has been needed for a long time. If used by all chapters it will avoid schedule conflicts and help keep everyone informed. To access the WV State Council Electronic Calendar go to [<WV Council of Trout Unlimited>](http://www.wvctu.org) on the web.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Bruce Kissell at [<bigtrout@suddenlink.net>](mailto:bigtrout@suddenlink.net) or Randy Augustine at [<augustine@suddenlink.net>](mailto:augustine@suddenlink.net).



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Council Chair Larry Orr has some adoring fans watch him as he demonstrates his fly tying skills. If you want to volunteer to work the Hunt Show on Jan 25-26-27, call Bill Todd at 740-446-3443.

### **Catch-And-Release Guides**

A new production of the C&R Guides is available. If you have been looking for that special gift for your fishing person, the guides are chock-full of maps and information on more than 20 Trout Streams in West Virginia.

To purchase one of the guides please contact Aubrey Cormany at 345-2320 or email him at <arb@hccpawv.com>