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An Improved Loop Creek Thanks to Dr. John David

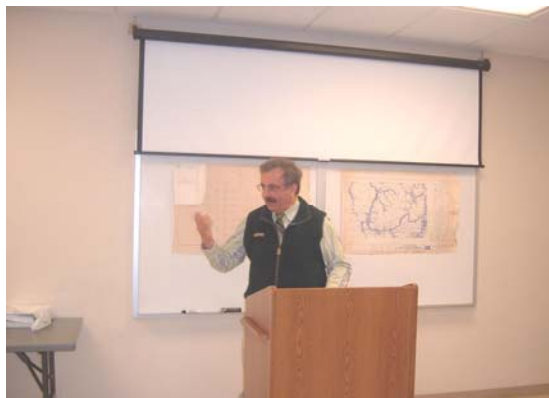
November 14, 2006 TU Speaker

Professor of Economics Dr. John David at WVU Tech in Montgomery was the speaker at last month’s TU meeting. He has been trying to improve the Loop Creek watershed for the past 30 years.

When he arrived in Fayette County in 1971 “Loop Creek was a cesspool. People were living in coal camp communities and they would straight-line their sewage into the creek and it was absolutely filthy and polluted,” David said. He states that the WV census refer to the Western Fayette County region as one which includes substandard housing conditions, unsafe water supplies, and inhabited by an extremely low income population in a high health risk location. Many of the residents lacked the basic needs of adequate shelter and water.

A large group of like-minded community people focused their efforts on obtaining clean water and participated in the planning of the Page-Kincaid Public Service District. Success was achieved in getting clean fresh water and a waste water treatment plant, then the group branched out and obtained numerous grants. Funding was obtained for home restoration and rehabilitation programs along with education monies to create opportunities for high school drop outs to get their General Equivalency Diploma along with construction training. David says, “Additional grants were obtained for a very popular medical clinic located in the center of this rural Appalachian community.”

Construction labor was provided through various programs such as HUD Youth Build, Department of Labor Workforce Investment Group, Youth Enrichment Services, Global Volunteers, faith based organizations, residents in the county jail, Appalachia – Affordable Housing, and college volunteer work camp groups.



December TU Chapter Meeting Stream and Fish Photography

Program Chairman Jeff Nelson has another great speaker lined up for the December meeting. Mr. Ed Hayne has dabbled in photography for over 40 years. His photos have been published in Wonderful WV Magazine including two front covers. He will discuss how to get great fishing pictures under difficult circumstances.

Hayne joined TU in 1977 and has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and as a board of director. He has taught three separate subjects in the TU Angling Arts Classes and he currently serves as TU Community Education Class Coordinator. He is the only KVCTU member who has received the Silver Trout Award twice.

To learn more about outdoor photography, attend the meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM at the South Charleston Library.

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Reminder to sign up to work the TU booth at the Charleston Civic Center Hunt Show in January 26-27-28, 2007. Email Bill Todd bptodd@frognet.net.

Reminder

The KVCTU Chapter Meets at the South Charleston Library
312 4th Avenue

The Second Tuesday

Each Month

Meetings Begin Promptly

7:00 PM

Everyone is encouraged to bring a fly for a winner takes all drawing during each meeting.

The meetings are public and guests are welcomed.

Come Early and Socialize.

Joe Crowder Wins The Guiding Light Award *by Dot Yufer and Ken Yufer*

KVCTU’s own Joe Crowder was given the Guiding Light Award at this year’s Watershed Celebration Day. That award is given to the watershed association individual who has promoted the grassroots approach to problem solving outside of their watershed. The Watershed Celebration Day is an annual event put on by the WV Watershed Network to honor and say thanks to watershed volunteers. The Guiding Light Award is the only award given to an individual; all other awards go to watershed associations.

We all know that Joe is Stocking Coordinator for the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (KVCTU) but he also heads the chapter’s Stream Chemistry program, is active in the chapter’s outreach activities (especially involving children), Save-Our-Streams (SOS) program, and other activities. Joe is involved in everything! He also belongs to and works hard for three watershed associations: Elk Headwaters, Buckhannon River, and Little Sandy Creek. He is also an active member of Friends of the Elk. He is a member of two watershed restoration project teams actively participating in the efforts to restore the Upper Buckhannon and Little Sandy watersheds.

Joe seems to have limitless energy as he works in watersheds across most of central West Virginia. He has been actively mapping and monitoring sites in the Little Sandy and Upper Buckhannon watersheds to help direct projects to clean up these watersheds. In his home watershed, Little Sandy Creek, he started a SOS program and has played a major role in the development of a

community park and a recently completed stream-bank restoration.

He speaks with great enthusiasm when promoting volunteerism in watershed activities and has recruited new volunteers into the activities he is involved in. Joe has created a lot of good will with his positive interaction with landowners and other organizations.

This year he was involved with Cub Scout Packs in Jackson and Kanawha Counties. He teaches the kids how to tie spinners, talks about how to improve and respect the out-of-doors, and shows them videos on the environment. He is constantly recruiting young people to participate in KVCTU activities.

Although Joe does so much in his home watershed it was his unselfish dedication to other’s watersheds that earned him the Guiding Light Award.



Joe Crowder received the WV Watershed Network Guiding Light Award for his work in a variety of conservation efforts.

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Meet New TU Members



New TU Members TW Rabb, John Eary, and Kevin Slack with VP Tom Moody

MeadWestvaco Access Update

By Max Robertson

This past summer I contacted the MeadWestvaco offices in Rupert to renew my Access Permit. I learned that it is **no longer necessary to obtain a permit for fishing** on MeadWestvaco lands. You still need a permit to hunt though. They are continuing to lease their lands to groups for hunting only.

You are missing a bet if you don't try fishing a few of their trout streams! Be reminded that only one club on West Virginia Meadwestvaco property can post against fishing, and that is the Deer Creek Club on Hominy Creek! If you ever run into trouble while fishing on other clubs on Meadwestvaco property get a name and contact Ed Crum 937-2214 or Max Robertson 744-9338.

If you run into Meadwestvaco personnel in your fishing endeavors, thank them for their great fishing access policy!

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New members can join TU for \$17.50

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- Left to right Ernie Nester's 20" brown caught on a Gray BH Nymph.
- Josh Park's 18" brown caught on a Chernoble Ant.
- Corey Buckoff's 10" brook trout caught on a Green Weenie.



**Marcus Patrick's
16" Wild Rainbow.**



**Tony Wheeler's
21" brown caught on a
2 Yellow and Olive Rabbit Strip
Zonker.**