

TROUT TALK

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: The next chapter meeting will take place on **Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, 7:30 pm**, at the **ORVIS SHOP, 4545 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York.**

Fly-tying begins at 6 p.m. Please bring black thread, because we will be tying sub-surface flies. These can be fairly simple flies, such as woolly buggers and woolly worms, or more complicated ones for the experienced tyers.

Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. James Markham of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Lake Erie Unit. He will discuss the steelhead fishery. This is always a highly informative presentation. Please join us on September 24.

President’s Message:

Hi everyone. I hope all had a good summer and worked in some fishing. There are a few things that have come up over the summer which require our attention. There will be more detailed information in the electronic version of the newsletter, so please contact Russ Shefrin (adruss@gmail.com) to subscribe to that. We’d really like to use

the digital newsletter as our primary source of information, along with the Facebook page and website. The website is wnytroutunlimited.org and, for Facebook, just go on Facebook and search for Western New York Trout Unlimited.

First, there is a proposal to put 50 wind turbines in Lake Erie, where it would seem they might be detrimental to drinking water supplies and to the cold-water fishery. We're monitoring this, but there isn't much to be done until after the plan is actually submitted, which hasn't happened yet. TU's position on turbines is that they don't have one in general. They look at each project individually as it is presented to them.

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, the DEC will be presenting to the public for the first time its updated Inland Stream Management Plan for trout. Doors will open at 6:30, and the meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:30. I'm sure **Steve Hurst** (head of Fisheries) and **Fred Henson** (Cold Water Fisheries Unit Leader) of the DEC will be doing the presentation. It will be held in the Concord Town Hall in Springville.

We're going to be in one more place for Trout in the Classroom this year, and one less. We've turned the Brockport program over to the Seth Green Chapter, because it's in their territory. We have picked up a program at ERIE BOCES 2.

Please remember our annual meeting has changed to March. At that time, we'll be holding elections. I will be leaving the presidency due to term limits and a desire to cut back some on my activities. We will keep you updated in the electronic newsletters. Please consider stepping up to participate in a leadership role in the chapter.

Jim Markham will be the featured presenter at our September 24, 2019, meeting at The Orvis Shop. He'll be presenting on all things steelhead as they apply to Lake Erie and its tributaries. He always draws a large crown, so come early.

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, we will be participating in the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs' National Hunting and Fishing Day program. The program starts at 10:00 and runs until about 4:00. As of now, about 20 groups are scheduled to participate along with us. There will be archery, crossbow, trap and/or skeet and air rifle available for use (for age appropriate levels), casting demonstration, retriever action, trappers, and other conservation groups. In the past, we have been represented, first, by **Lennie Bigaj** and, now, by **Dave Bollman** and **Bill Koerner**. They have pretty much handled this outing on their own. This year, we would like to put on fly-casting demonstration/instruction as well. I did a little fly-casting instruction last year, and it was a huge hit with the kids (and parents.) In order to do this, we need more than just one or two people. I'm asking for a few of you to volunteer to help that day. It wouldn't be necessary to be there for the whole 6 hours. We can break that up. This is a good opportunity for those of you who have mentioned at meetings that you'd like to get involved but aren't sure just what you could do to begin participating. Since we don't have a permanent "Shows" chairman at the moment, I'd like people to contact me if they wish to get more information on helping. Call or text me at 716-440-6995 if you can help. I'm in the process of replacing my computer, and that's how I do email; so, if I'm emailed, I'm not sure when I would be able to respond.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the generosity of the family of the late **Jim Keetch**, who passed away last year. His family is in the process of donating his remaining fly-tying materials, fishing gear, flies, etc., to us. This is an incredible amount of stuff, which will aid our programs for years to come.

Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU Chapter President.

- **Erie County Fair – by Mr. Brian Barry:**

I would like to thank all the WNYTU members who made it possible for us to have a very successful year at the Erie County Fair. This is our major annual fundraiser and allows us to continue to provide quality restoration work on our local streams and to support projects for the coming new year. Without thoughtful and knowledgeable volunteers to take time out of their busy schedules, these projects would not be possible. I also want to acknowledge the generosity of our fly-tiers for supplying our inventory with flies. We are then able to sell these well-prepared products to the fly-fishing public. I want to make a special acknowledgement to **Mr. Koerner** and **Mr. Welsh** for their generous gifts. In addition to these gentlemen, I want to shout out a special thank you to **Karen Bollman** for the dozens of fish cookies that continue to be a favorite to the fair public! Another special thank you is in order for the heroic effort of **Dave Bollman**, who volunteered his time while recuperating from surgery and rehabilitations.

The success of the kids fly-tying day was again due to the efforts of **Bill Koerner and his wife**, as well as to **Dave Bollman, Ryan Evans** and **Chuck Godfrey**. It was another “job well done” and was attended by many kids!

Many thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time and experiences in making this a very successful show: **Dave & Karen Bollman; Dewyer brothers; Ryan Evans; Chuck Godfrey; Mr. Grzyb; Mr. Hezel; Bill Kelman; Bill & Pat Koerner; Jeff Kohler; Henry Lipiew; Joe Morgan; Jose Olea; Gene Romanyshyn; Greg Stromecki; Dave Unetich.**

- **News From New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Scott Cornett** of the DEC would like us to be aware of the following announcement -

“The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is developing a new plan for inland trout stream management based on updated scientific information and the desires expressed by trout anglers during 16 [public meetings held across the state in 2017](#).

Prior to completing the draft plan, DEC fisheries managers would like to meet with trout stream anglers to explain the proposed approach, answer questions, and solicit feedback. Ten public meetings around the state are scheduled between Oct. 1 and Nov. 12 to facilitate these discussions. The [schedule of dates and locations is below and can be found online](#) on DEC’s website.

The meetings will feature a presentation introducing the primary tenets of the plan including stocking, wild trout management, fishing regulations, and access. The presentation will be followed by a discussion period during which attendees can ask questions and provide informed comment.

DEC plans on releasing a draft trout stream management plan for public comment later this year.”

(Editor’s Note: The full meeting schedule can be found in the Articles section, later in this newsletter.)

Mr. Cornett adds: “At long last (I mentioned this at last February’s meeting!!) reports of the results of all the trout stream sampling done in **2018** (yes, this [does not refer to samplings] we completed this summer) are now available on the DEC website for Technical Briefs at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112889.html>.

A report that includes the 2018 results was included in an [edition] of the WNYTU newsletter several months ago, but if you wish to go back and see them again, you can go to this site. I will be producing another summary report later this fall on the 2019 work”.

- **Stream Conservation: by Mr. Joe Morgan:**

I hope everyone had a good summer. Due to technical difficulties, the Crow Creek Project was delayed yet again. The hope is for the project to be done next year. If I get any updates, I will pass them along. There was a project scheduled in August, on Mansfield Creek, to divert the stream back in its original channel in the area where we, along with the Red House Chapter, installed some Lunkers a few years back. It involved machine work and lots of stone, so the work was done by the Cattaraugus Soil and Water District and did not require any TU volunteers. Preliminary shocking results along the Lunkers we installed along Elton Creek showed that a number of fish have taken up residence in the habitat that was created. "Build it and they will come" as we like to say. Thanks. Joe

- **From the Editor:** Our “Trout Talk” newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available once a year, namely, in September. Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the digital version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. I can be reached at AdkRuss@gmail.com

- **Treasurer’s Report for the Period June 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019** (Submitted by **Mr. Anthony Messina**):

| | | prior period thru 05/31/19 | this period thru 08/31/19 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (CHECKING ACCT) | | | |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 1, 2019 | \$861.83 | |
| BALANCE AT | JUNE 1, 2019 | | \$1,134.26 |
| INFLOWS: | TU MERCHANDISE | \$372.00 | |
| | TU REBATES | | \$90.00 |
| | TOTAL INFLOWS: | \$372.00 | \$90.00 |
| OUTFLOWS: | STREAM PROJECTS | \$99.57 | |
| | SUPPLIES (Greeter's Table) | | \$6.53 |
| | PRINTING (TU Stream Books) | | \$531.00 |

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| | | TOTAL OUTFLOWS: | \$99.57 | \$537.53 |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 31, 2019 | | \$1,134.26 | |
| BALANCE AT | AUGUST 31, 2019 | | | \$686.73 |
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| | | | prior period | this period |
| | | | thru 05/31/19 | thru 08/31/19 |
| | | (MONEY MKT ACCT) | | |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 1, 2019 | | \$22,766.12 | |
| BALANCE AT | JUNE 1, 2019 | | | \$28,367.49 |
| INFLOWS: | INTEREST - May | | \$0.44 | |
| | Transfer to Closeout Banquet Account | | \$5,600.93 | |
| | INTEREST - June | | | \$0.47 |
| | INTEREST - July | | | \$0.48 |
| | INTEREST - August | | | \$0.48 |
| | | TOTAL INFLOWS: | \$5,601.37 | \$1.43 |
| OUTFLOWS: | NONE | | | |
| | | TOTAL OUTFLOWS: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 31, 2019 | | \$28,367.49 | |
| BALANCE AT | AUGUST 31, 2019 | | | \$28,368.92 |
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| | | | prior period | this period |
| | | | thru 05/31/19 | thru 08/31/19 |
| | | (RESTR.. FNDS ACCT) | | |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 1, 2019 | | \$10,000.00 | |
| BALANCE AT | JUNE 1, 2019 | | | \$10,000.00 |
| INFLOWS: | NONE | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| OUTFLOWS: | NONE | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BALANCE AT | MAY 31, 2019 | | \$10,000.00 | |
| BALANCE AT | AUGUST 31, 2019 | | | \$10,000.00 |



Article:

From the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Public Meetings on New Approach to Inland Trout Stream Management

Thank you again for your participation in our [trout stream management meeting series in 2017](#). Using feedback from those meetings and updated scientific information, we are developing a new trout stream management plan. We have scheduled 10 public meetings around the state this fall to explain our proposed approach and hear your thoughts on it. We invite you to continue the conversation about trout stream management in New York.

Please see the schedule of meetings and the location map below. The meeting schedule is also available on our [Trout Stream Management in New York](#) web page.

I hope to see you at one of our meetings this fall.

Fred Henson
Coldwater Fisheries Unit Leader

Meeting schedule

Note: Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and meetings will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- **Oct. 1, 2019:** NYS Fraternal Order-Police Hall, 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY 11801
- **Oct. 3, 2019:** Chenango Valley High School, 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901
- **Oct. 8, 2019:** South Colonie High School, Auditorium, 1 Raider Blvd., Albany, NY 12205
- **Oct. 9, 2019:** Gillette Road Middle School, 6150 South Bay Road, Cicero, NY 13039
- **Oct. 15, 2019:** Glenfield BOCES, Conference rooms A & B (located behind the Technical Center), 5836 State Rt. 12, Glenfield, NY 13343
- **Oct. 16, 2019:** Avoca Central School, Auditorium, 17 Oliver Street, Avoca, NY 14809
- **Oct. 17, 2019:** Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville, NY 14141
- **Oct. 24, 2019:** Hermon-DeKalb Central School, Auditorium, 709 East DeKalb Road, De Kalb Junction, NY 13630
- **Nov. 4, 2019:** Orange County Community College, Great Room in Kaplan Hall, One Washington Center, Newburgh, NY 12550
- **Nov. 12, 2019:** Plattsburgh Town Hall, 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

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