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A few thoughts from
the president
Don Albrecht



Don Albrecht, chapter president

As I write this, I am seeing the first trees starting to turn color, indicating fall is coming once again. What a beautiful time of year to be outdoors! Soon, many of our rivers will be closed until spring to give the fish solitude to spawn and rest for the winter. But, there are still many miles of river open to fishing throughout the winter.

If you are out fishing this fall, please be considerate of the brown and brook trout during their spawning process. These fish are very vulnerable during this time and deserve to be left alone. This is their future, and we are committed to helping them sustain their heritage.

Your board of directors had their first fall meeting in September, and I'm so grateful for being able to work with this awesome group. Through their dedication and commitment, we have numerous opportunities to get together, have fun, improve our environment, and raise money for the improvement of our cold-water fisheries. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can view all these opportunities. Make it a point to participate. A lot of work is going into making these activities fun and successful. As members, when you see a director, thank them for the time and effort they put into making the Mershon chapter a great chapter. Thank you, team, for volunteering to be a leader.

Your Michigan Trout Unlimited leadership has been very active this summer relative to Aquaculture. There is a very strong push by some companies to begin fish farming in our Great Lakes, and one farm is proposing to greatly expand on the banks of the Au Sable River. Michigan Trout Unlimited has issued a policy stating:

MITU does not support aquaculture in Michigan or the Great Lakes unless it is strictly regulated in a way that ensures no harm to Michigan's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. This means that regulations for aquaculture must ensure that no impacts occur from this activity, and that all risks posed are eliminated. Private operations must not be subsidized by the public by allowing negative impacts or diminishment of our natural resources or the existing uses and benefits provided by our natural resources; nor shall the risks posed by aquaculture operations put our natural resources and their uses in any jeopardy.

This is a VERY serious issue. Please let your government representatives know that you do not support open system aquaculture in Michigan. Have a great Fall! I hope to see you on the water or at one of our upcoming activities.

Don Albrecht

Rifle River upgrade

by Bob Spence, chapter advisor

WOW! What a great day. On June 27, some 30 volunteers, representing Mershon TU, Ann Arbor TU, and community property owners gathered for a streambank restoration event on

the Rifle River Mainstream. Under the leadership of Huron Pines, some 350' of double-row tree revetment was installed at the toe of an eroding bank. In addition, native shrubs were planted above the bank between the existing cabin and stream bank.

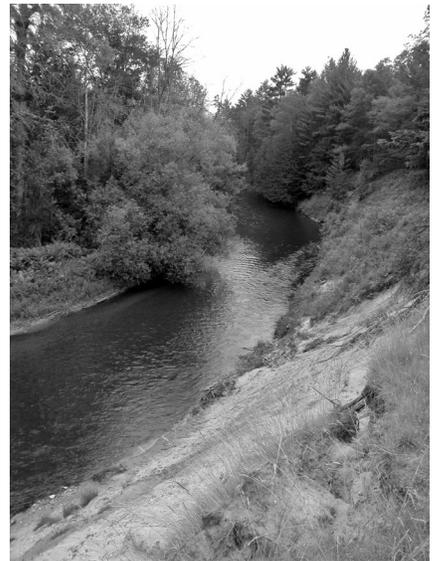
Participants from the Mershon chapter included Don Albrecht, Larry Brown, Jim Comment, Rick Honig, Allan Larsen, Tom Lind, Doug Markillie, Don Meyer, Mike Meyer,

Dave Oeming, Bob Spence, and Todd Zwetzig.

The event was supported by Huron Pines, under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant, and included lunch, beverages, and volunteer shirts. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these rewarding and fun days. ♦



What we were up against. Note existing cabin at the edge.



The eroded site, prior to work day.



Duckbill/cable assembly—something for everybody.



Our crew begins the tree revetment

What does TU mean to me?

by Chris Myers,
banquet director

When I was younger, I always enjoyed fishing but never did more than the occasional worm and bobber rig. Before I got involved with TU, I always considered TU to be only a general conservation society. I thought it was created to help maintain our local fisheries and raise money for river projects. Since then, I have become involved in TU on a much more personal level on the board of directors and have come to learn that what I understood TU to be was only a very

small portion of what our TU chapter does and has to offer.

My father-in-law, Dave Case, was the one who really started me out in the fly-fishing world, teaching me how to cast along with the basics of the craft, which Jac Ford was very soon hard at work trying to change and correct. Since then, I have continued to fly fish for anything and everything I come across and have even taken up the art of fly tying in an effort to save money on this new hobby—only to realize that fly tying in itself is a more expensive and addictive hobby than fly fishing was.

I, like many other fishermen that have joined TU, have come to realize that the organization is about trout water conservation at its core but is so much

more to each person that is involved in it. TU is a conduit for those who enjoy the outdoors to get involved and make life-long connections with people in their community that have similar interests.

For someone that is interested in fishing or the outdoors there is no better place to learn secrets than from the people in these organizations. The collective knowledge of the members on how to fish or where the best spots are can't be found in any book; plus, you have the off-the-wall stories that make up fond memories of their experiences. TU to me has become much less of an "organization" and more an extended group of friends to have new experiences with and make new lasting memories of fishing and float trips. ♦

Hello Mershon Chapter Members,

I had an amazing experience at the MITU Camp last week. I learned invaluable lessons in fly fishing and conservation, not to mention life as a whole. From the first moments I knew it was going to be an awesome week, the staff and my peers were all so friendly and outgoing. I guess a great hobby attracts great people. Learning to fly cast and how to fish resources like the AuSable gave me a new appreciation for fly fishing and definitely got me hooked. The visits from DNR officers and talks from wildlife enthusiasts grew my passion for the outdoors.

Along with the learning experiences, catching my first trout on a fly rod is a memory I will cherish forever. That six inch trophy will always be with me, and the friend I caught it with too. My roommate Andre and I clicked instantly, we weren't big into fly fishing, yet, and just enjoyed having fun in the outdoors. Together we learned a ton and had a blast throughout it all. Other friends made that week remain in contact and we hope to get together again next summer.

Overall it was a fantastic week and I'm so thankful for the experience.

Thanks again, Bo Brueck .

Campers thankful for the opportunity the chapter provided

Dear Wm. B. Mershon Chapter of
Michigan T.U.,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to attend Michigan T.U. Youth Trout Camp. I really did have a lot of fun. I loved making new friends, fly tying, learning how to use a Tenkara rod,

stream restoration, and the float trip and everything else. Because of what I learned at camp, my 17 year old sister now wants me to teach her about fly fishing.

Sincerely,
Hayden Hammerman
Roswell, Georgia

Howard N. Johnson receives Trout Unlimited's National Distinguished Service Award for Conservation

We are proud to announce that Howard Johnson has received one of the highest awards given by Trout Unlimited, the Distinguished Service Award for Conservation.

Howard N. Johnson has been a member of Trout Unlimited for over 30 years. In the late 1970s, he met Art Neumann and had many discussions with him at Art's fly shop regarding the philosophy of Trout Unlimited. Howard became actively involved in the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited, where he has held most offices including president, vice president, secretary, director, and is currently an adviser.



Howard has been an active recruiter of new Trout Unlimited members through his numerous contacts and projects with people and organizations involved in cold-water preservation. Over the years he has motivated members of Trout Unlimited to take an active role in Mershon chapter leadership and volunteering. Through his "Cedars for the Au Sable" project, he has involved grandchildren of Trout

Unlimited members and property owners in planting cedar trees alongside the North Branch, South Branch, Main Stream of the Au Sable, and the Manistee Rivers. In doing so, he is teaching children (and their parents and grandparents) about interrelationships between forestry and cold-water preservation. He also works with schools and other organizations to involve children in the planting of cedar trees. He continues recruiting future river keepers.

During Howard's presidency of the Mershon chapter from 1997-99, 57 new members were added. The goal was to increase membership by 10%, and the actual increase was 40%. Thirteen thousand dollars were contributed to habitat projects, and the chapter's newsletter, "The Mershon Muddler," was a state award-winning publication. In addition, new member outings were held to get new members involved in conservation projects, and four official chapter conservation projects were held each year on the Rifle and Au Sable Rivers.

In addition to his involvement with our local chapter, Howard has participated in Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited meetings and programs. In 1998, he presented a formal proposal to the Michigan Council to encourage the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to use current scientific information to formulate and implement a plan of action for cold-water inland fisheries.

Howard has participated in the Mershon chapter annual spring fund raising banquet committee for over 20 years, which is the primary fund raiser for Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Several of those years, Howard served as committee chair. Howard volunteers his cabin every year as part of the auction for the

fund raising activities of the Mershon chapter, which consists of a two-night package, including a guided fishing trip, dinner and breakfast.

Howard is the unofficial river keeper of the South Branch of the Au Sable River, containing an unspoiled 11-mile (land miles) section of river donated to the state by George Mason, who left his South Branch land to the State of Michigan on the condition it had to be left in its natural state. Howard “grew up” on the South Branch. The cottage he owns on the banks of the South Branch was built by his grandfather 100 years ago. His cabin is within a 240-acre parcel on the river (Bay City Club), where he has actively managed the woodland and waterway for over 40 years. He has worked on numerous stream improvements, erosion control, and large woody debris projects, coordinating with the DNR fisheries and forestry divisions.

Over 20 years ago, Howard became aware of the absence of small cedar trees. There were none. There are large cedars along the banks of the Au Sable that are over 200 years old. The northern white-cedars along the river’s banks provide needed shade to maintain the cold-water fishery of the Au Sable River. The presence of the cedar sweepers at the water line provides protection for the fish, increases the amount of large woody debris in the water, as well as the preservation of the riverbank by locking in the soil.

Deer eat cedar trees during the winter, when there is lack of food. By eating the top of the cedar, it causes the tree to die. Accordingly, there are no young cedar trees along the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers in the Grayling, Michigan, area. In 1996, Howard established “Cedars for the Au Sable,” with the goal of reforestation of the South Branch of the Au Sable River with small cedar

trees. He contacted property owners with cottages along the river, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forestry division, Au Sable River Assistance Property Owner’s Association, Manistee River System Property Owners’ Association, and other organizations with an interest in preserving cold-water habitat. The first trees were planted in 1997. Over 20,000 trees have now been planted along the banks of the North Branch of the Au Sable, the South Branch of the Au Sable, the Main Stream of the Au Sable and the Manistee River, as a result of Howard N. Johnson’s efforts. It is estimated that 10,000 of the trees planted have survived. The cedar trees are encaged with a wire mesh, which is attached to stakes that surround the tree, which prevent deer from eating the branches from the young trees. There is wire mesh on top of the cage to prevent grazing by deer. As the trees begin to grow, the cages are replaced with larger cages until the trees reach a size of 10 feet. At that height, the deer cannot kill the tree by eating the top shoot. The cages are then removed when the trees reach a height of 10 feet.

Howard is a member of the Au Sable River System Property Owners Association, where is actively involved in stream habitat improvement and enhancement. He is also a member of the Manistee River System Property Owners Association, with whom he coordinates planting of cedars along the Manistee River corridor.

A two-year telemetry study was done in 2013 and 2014 on the Au Sable River system in the Grayling, Michigan, area. Monitoring devices were inserted in trout so they could be tracked to see where they lived and spawned. The purpose of the study was to determine what habitat trout preferred so that future stream improvement projects would duplicate the structural habitat that

trout preferred. Howard was in charge of coordinating volunteers for the South Branch of the Au Sable and made many trackings with the telemetry equipment to determine the whereabouts of the monitored fish.

There is a Redds’ study ongoing on the South Branch of the Au Sable. In the fall, active Redds are counted, mapped, and sized. Howard is in charge of coordinating volunteers to do the work on the South Branch. He also does more volunteer work than any other participant in counting the Redds and doing the measurements required.

The Au Sable River has an annual clean-up day in the fall to pick up all of the trash along and in the river that is deposited there by canoeist during the summer season. Howard has participated in this clean-up every year for over 20 years. Trash is cleaned up from the main stream of the Au Sable River and the South Branch of the Au Sable.

Howard has been a volunteer with the Rifle River Stream Improvement and Restoration Projects that are done every year by the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He has participated in these projects for over 25 years.

Overall, Howard Johnson's contributions to the conservation of our cold-water resources in Michigan is legendary. His efforts have been, and continue to be, continuous and nonstop, so that generations to come will enjoy the cold-water fisheries of Michigan.

CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD!

Flyfishingmanship, a Manual*

by Bob Kren, advisor and
Flyfisherpersonguy

Rodmanship: Bamboo vs. "Plastic"

Student 1(Old School): New rod, I see. Shiny. Odd color, though, kind of pinkish/mauve?

Student 2(New School): Makes it stand out from all the others I've accumulated—Winston, Sage, Orvis—downright uncountable, rackful upon rackful.

S1: Strange how I seem to get along fine, with my classic split canes, mostly Leonards, a few Paul Youngs, like that. Amazing feel, delicacy, rarity. Each with its own personality.

S2: If by "delicacy" you mean "fragility," I agree. You can likely put a fly within a rod's length of a chub, if it's closeby.

S1: And yours can chuck an anvil across the Mississippi, no trouble. I imagine this one would do nicely as a billiard cue. Small wager?

S2 (warily): Depends. Which reminds me, how goes it with your irritable bowel thing?

S1: Fine. And that itchy acreage on your derriere?

S2: Never better. There's to be an article in "Lancet." What's the challenge?

S1: A quick survey, down at the Fling Rainbow Club, of who prefers which type rod. Winner gets to use any of the other's rods as a tomatobush stake.

S2: Monday next?

S1: No good, no good, That's the day I'm having luncheon with Lady Morningcramps. Old schoolmate's aunt, Harvard '62. Have your gilley call mine, and we'll proceed. Ta.

Namesmanship: Who's Who?

S1: Was just trying out one of Archie's newest flies. After all these many years of knowing and fishing with him, I've finally stopped calling him "Mr. Best."

S2: Charming chap, barely a few decades past his prime. Big articulated flies, young friend named Jac Ford ties, all I use nowadays. He always puts me into big fish—browns, usually.

S1: "When tricos stop, toss a pork chop," and I imagine that's what one of those is, bone and all.

S2: Not that hard to cast, when you use Jason's Lobbing Tight Loop® technique, hasn't been publicized, yet. Easy, incredible, accurate, kind on the bones of one so elderly as you. You probably know my chum Jason as the son of his much, much older father, Gary the B.

S1: Coattails, amazing headstart for the young and untalented. Myself, learned casting from Bernard, as we friends call the legend maybe known to you as "Lefty" Kreh. Immortal. Always look forward to spending weeks fishing the salt with him, on his island retreat "Nantuckaboolariffe."

S2: "Immoral?" Don't be so harsh with your old friends; I never am. Then again, none of my friends is old. Care to clamber comically down these slippery rocks and take a shot at that big 'un?

S1: No thanks, though that is the biggest sucker I've seen on these waters. There goes the neighborhood. Ta.

Tyingmanship: Synthetic vs. Natural

S1: Again with the latest trend? That's a, what, Royal Wulff tied with drier lint and Sarong Wrap?

S2: Such a charming obsession you have with natural materials, when there are so many new tying things on the market.

S1: "Unnatural," I call those, in the Biblical sense. Animals eat animals, fish eat flies tied with animal parts. (Realizes mistake, pupils dilate, nostrils flare slightly.)

S2: Parts is parts, as they say. Just which "parts" do you cling to? Catgut for leaders?

S1: Nylon's been around since the Recent Unpleasantness, and the SPCA prevents



Chapter Awards

by Paul Morand, chapter advisor

Each year during the spring banquet, the Mershon chapter honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the chapter or to the cause of cold-water conservation throughout the year.

Those honored at the 2014 banquet include Andy Ludy, who received the *Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award*, given to a member of the board of directors who provides outstanding service over the course of the chapter year. Andy is a familiar face at chapter events and volunteers in a number of capacities. Andy was also an important member of the banquet committee and took on many important roles in that capacity.

Bob Kren received the *Art Neumann General Membership Award*. You've probably seen Bob at many of the Mershon events, usually with a camera strapped around his neck. Bob is also a chapter advisor, who is a participant in river restoration and cleanup projects, although he's been known to have water-filled waders on occasion. In addition, Bob takes on many communication responsibilities to help ensure member are up-to-date with the many chapter activities planned throughout the year.

The *Howard Woolever Extended Service Award* was presented to Bill Adams. Bill has been an active board member and advisor for many, many years and continues to be a regular participant of chapter outings and work projects. Bill is also extremely active with the promotion of

Michigan Trout Camp and volunteers time each summer at the camp, helping out with the activities of the campers.

Finally, Huron Pine's Josh Leisen received the *Rev. Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award*. Josh is project manager for the Rifle River watershed and is involved with community outreach and the planning of the many habitat monitoring and improvement projects.

Congratulations to the award winners and a big thanks for your work on behalf of the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited. ♦

Flyfishingmanship, *continued*

catgut, despite their misunderstanding of "cat." Some, not all, damn few really, new things are acceptable, if barely forgivable.

S2: Care to hone in on some?

S1: "Hone in?" Surely you meant "home in," but that's a commoner and commoner mistake. (Smelling fear in the water) Raised in the hinterland? Unused to history and tradition? First generation immigrant?

S2: Better than entrenched undeserved privileged snobbery, you old . . . (Brief scuffle ensues, blue blood spilled. Fade out.)

Choicemanship: Nymphs vs. dries

S1: Randomly dapping heavy things? Skues me, but worms more effective, more aesthetic, too. Avoid the middleperson, flyshop scalawags, gulling

you uninitiated into buying some trendy geegaw fly.

S2: It's called a "nymph," deadly as a group of flies, and I'm using the "Brokeback Lift," not dapping. Twenty-first century, not nineteenth.

S1: All madeup names, I suspect, to cloak using a bobber, and a ballbearing for weighing a hook. Technique suited for a canepole, hardly for even a plastic rod. Halford man, myself, dries only to rising fish.

S2: Don't see any rings. Am reading the water, catching scads. It's a strike indicator.

S1: What's a "scad?" Some bottom feeder, doubtless. Fair pursuit involves more than flinging about. You see a good fish, approach slowly, like a cat pursuing a bird, and place the perfect cast, just upstream, for the ultimate float.

S2: I doubt you could approach any other way than slowly, especially in rubber

waders like yours. Wasn't that you I saw, floating hatfirst downstream yesterday?

S1: Isn't that your mommy calling? Best be off.

*Stephen Potter's "The Complete Upmanship" is the book I keep in my car, for those drives where my wife and I inevitably wind up at JoAnn's, "just for a second." Yeah, right. Anyway, in this hilarious book, the chapters are arranged by topic, each topic taught—yes, it is a textbook—with the idea that you must get the better of your opponents, among whom Potter counts, well, everybody. The chapter on "Troutmanship" can't be surpassed, so this is my best effort to clone the dry, British style of M. Potter. The original is highly recommended. ♦

How to tie the “Royal Wulff”

by Don Meyer, chapter vice-president

This iconic dry fly is definitely one you should master. Al Campbell, in his introduction to fly tying on flyanglers.com, describes this fly well:

I doubt Lee Wulff knew how popular his Wulff series of flies would become when he tied his first one. I'd bet his thoughts were focused on a fly that would float like a cork in fast water, rather than popularity or fame.

The Wulff series of flies definitely float well in fast water. They are all popular, but none is as popular as the Royal Wulff. In fact, I would label the Royal Wulff as one of the most popular fast water flies of all time, and rightfully so. This fly catches fish in fast water when other flies are ignored.

Another feature that adds to the popularity of the Royal Wulff is the white wings that are easy for fishermen to see when other flies would disappear in the flow. As age starts to creep up on you, you appreciate any fly that's easy to see. Heck, I was grateful for visible flies even when I was in my teens. I'm just more grateful for them now than I was back then.

Supplies Needed:

- Standard dry fly hook, size 10 or smaller
- 70-denier tan or light brown thread
- White calf body hair
- Moose body hair
- Peacock herl
- Brown Hackle
- 70-denier red thread



Step 1: clean, stack and tie in the calf body hair, 1/3 of the shank length back from the hoop eye.



Step 2: split the hair into two wings and post each wing.

Step 3: clean, stack, and tie on a tail of moose hair, approximately one shank length long.



Step 4: select three peacock herls, trim off one inch from the ends, and wrap them to form a body.



Step 6: wrap each hackle forward individually 2-3 wraps behind and in front of the wings, crossing under the wing, and tie off.



Step 5: select two appropriately sized hackles, trim fibers from 1/4 in of stem, and tie in dull sized towards each other, facing the rear.



Step 7: tie on 70-denier red thread and wrap to form a body and tie off.

COME MEET THE CHAIRMAN

We are happy to announce that Michigan Trout Unlimited Council Chairman, John Walters, will be attending our October board meeting, and all are invited to come meet John and enjoy beverages and food. We will be moving our board meeting from the usual location to G's Pizzeria to accommodate all chapter members interested in attending. We encourage you to attend and ask questions or raise concerns, not only to your board but to John as well. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday, October 7th
 Location: G's Pizzeria, 3823 Bay Rd, Saginaw.

Our special guest is John Walters, President, Michigan Trout Unlimited.

Schedule: 5:00–5:30pm: open bar and reception with John
 5:30–6:30pm: monthly meeting
 6:30: pizza and open discussion with John

A Fly for Every Occasion

The basics of fishing flies and when to use them



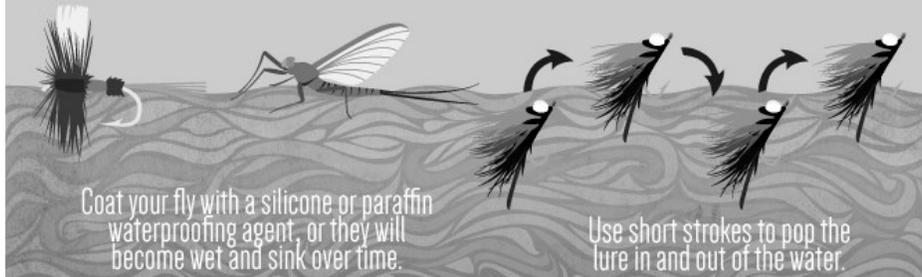
Fishing the Surface

Dry Flies

Mimic the motion of the insect your dry fly is imitating.

Topwater Lures

Meant to resemble a swimming frog or mouse.



Coat your fly with a silicone or paraffin waterproofing agent, or they will become wet and sink over time.

Use short strokes to pop the lure in and out of the water.

The Smart Cast: Under the Surface

Wet Flies

Fish are less likely to chase wet flies, so it's all about casting smart. For a drag-free drift, mend the line using the tip of your rod to get the fly as close to the fish as possible.



Beard Hackle

Body

Tail

Head

Wing

Rib

Chase the Streamer: Mid-Level



Check for a smooth surface in otherwise choppy water to locate rocks under the surface.

Streamers

Use your rod to make the streamer dance back and forth like a darting fish.

Source: www.fix.com/blog/a-fly-for-every-occasion

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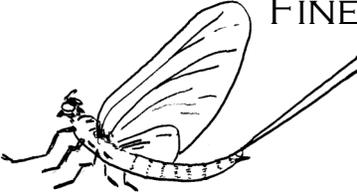
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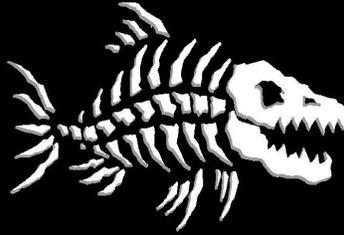
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