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Meanders

A few thoughts from
the president
Jac Ford

Our chapter accomplished much in 2012, with the support of many people directly involved with hands-on support at projects. And, let us not forget those that donated so much time, goods, and monies for and at our banquet this past spring. It was "outstanding." Thanks to all the people that worked so hard to make it a success.

Our BANQUET, each year enables us to support our projects as well as those worthy of our support driven by other groups, such as Huron Pines, and that is why we all have to do our best to support our chapter's banquet.

This next year is special; we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We are very proud of our heritage, our successes, and our determination to be a factor, restoring and preserving our rivers each year. Our chapter formed at the beginning of 1963 and led the way locally, state-wide, and nationally. We had an important impact in forming the national agenda through our mentor, Art Neuman. And, one of our past presidents, Bill Priest, had the idea and led the way in development of our state organization. Our chapter worked very closely with the Department of National Resource (DNR) towards regulations on our rivers and much more. Several of our board members were involved in the determination of having the "Holy Waters" open all year.

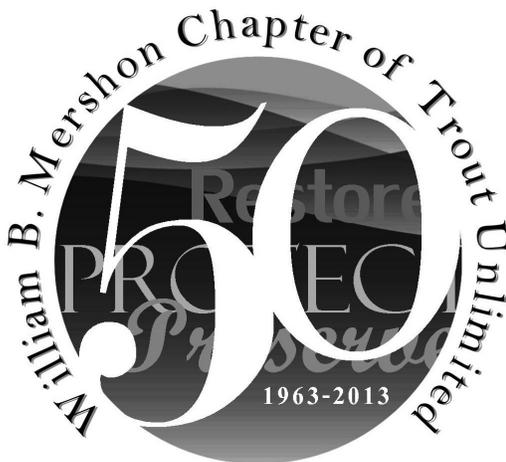
Right now, our board is working on bringing some of our past to you. Our roots have been important in so many activities throughout our chapter's existence.

This winter, we will be having our regular agenda: fly-tying and fly-fishing classes, Grin and Grub meeting, and two walleye dinners with great programs.

In addition, we are getting support from some of our past directors and past presidents for our banquet celebration. It is great having this help because our efforts are taking more time, working on various projects that ordinarily weren't done in the past. If there is any one that would like to help prepare for or work at the banquet, please call Jac (989-280-3238). We are looking forward to a grand celebration at the banquet on April 13, 2013. You won't want to miss it.

At the banquet, we will have a wonderful author, Ann Miller of Michigan, with a program relating to her book, *Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams*. Of

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Mershon chapter celebrates 50 year with special spring banquet

by Don Albrecht,
chapter advisor and banquet chair

On Saturday, April 13th, we will be celebrating the Mershon chapter's 50 years of existence as part of Trout Unlimited. So, we are planning a bigger and better spring banquet. Here are some of the exciting things we have planned.

We have two raffle items this year – a Henry 30-30 caliber lever-action rifle, engraved with the 50th anniversary logo, and also an Orvis 9-ft, 4-wt rod outfit, embossed with Mershon 50th anniversary,

donated by Little Forks Outfitters. In addition, we will be auctioning an original painting created specifically for our 50th anniversary by outdoor artist **David Ruimveld**. Many more items will also be available for auction.

We will be holding the banquet at the Horizons Conference Center this year, so we can accommodate more people in a less crowded venue. Special displays are also planned, such as the history of Wm. B. Mershon, a timeline of the Mershon chapter, highlights of past presidents, and much more.

We have a very special guest speaker—author and flyfisher **Ann Miller**. Ann's recent book, *Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams*, will be available for autograph and purchase. She is the president and co-founder of Flygirls, an organization whose purpose is to

help women to get into the field of fly fishing.

Put the spring banquet on your calendar right now, and plan to bring your friends and neighbors. It's going to be an exciting evening for fishermen and non-fishermen alike. I look forward to seeing you there.



SAVE THE DATE

*Celebrate Our
Lasting Legacy*

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Trout Unlimited Banquet

April 13, 2013 | Horizons Center, Saginaw

The Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that author Ann Miller will be our guest speaker at the 50th anniversary spring banquet.

Ann Miller has been fishing her entire life, but can now say that she has been exclusively fly fishing for more than half that time. A member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited, she decided to become more active in the Great Lakes Council 20 years ago, becoming editor of the now-defunct newsletter, *The Leader*. Editing quickly lead to writing, and before long she was penning essays for other publications. Tom Helgeson encouraged her to submit her work to *Midwest Fly Fishing*, and soon she

The field guide was published in late 2011 by Frank Amato Publications and has already gone into its second printing.

In addition to writing, Ann is the president and co-founder of Flygirls, an organization whose purpose is to help women to get into the field of fly fishing. The club was founded in 1996 and continues in its purpose to teach women to fly fish as well as provide fly-fishing and fly-tying outings around the state. More information on Flygirls can be found at <http://flygirls.ws>.

We look forward to Ann's presentation and hope you will, too. ♦

50th anniversary spring banquet speaker Ann Miller



was writing her own bimonthly column, *Natural Settings*, for the magazine.

Ann's most recent project stemmed from her love of fly fishing and teaching. While teaching beginning and intermediate fly-fishing schools, she became frustrated with the lack of comprehensive Midwest information on insect hatches, taxonomy, behavior, and flies to match them. An aquatic biologist, she decided to tackle the world of bugs head on, and the result is *Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams*.



January walleye dinner to feature fly fishing in Alaska

by Jac Ford, chapter president

The upcoming January walleye dinner is one you don't want to miss. This year, Steve Fraley and John Karakashian are coming to mesmerize us with breathtaking photos and yarns of their Bait and Tackle Alaska annual six-day fly-fishing trips.

Steve's been guiding in Alaska since 1995, when he spent an entire summer guiding there, followed by yearly trips back to his favorite Alaska addiction. On the 4th of July the following year, Steve and a couple others opened Baldwin Bait



and Tackle fly shop, in Baldwin, Michigan, which now hosts the annual treks to Alaska.

John has been guiding on the Pere Marquette River since 2002, and is now partner in the shop. John is very

a knowledgeable fly-fishing guide and a good business partner—one that lives to fish, tie flies, and instruct fly fisher people.

The Walleye Dinner will be held on Monday, January 21st, at our usual location—the American Legion on Weiss in Saginaw. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to follow. Come and join us for the great dinner and program.

The program should be entertaining and informational relative to Alaska Fishing. Is it on your "Bucket List"? Who knows after the program, it may be on mine. No need to carry on about the program. Enjoy the pictures and we'll see you on the 21st. ♦



Your Mershon chapter is planning another series of fly-tying and fly-fishing classes for 2013. These inexpensive classes—which are designed for the novice fly fisherman—are similar to others taught by TU costing several hundred dollars.

Both five-week classes will be held from 7–9 p.m. at Swan Valley High School, beginning Monday, January 7th, for the fly-fishing class and Tuesday, January 8th, for the fly-tying class.

Youth, as well as adults, are invited to attend. There is a \$30 fee for each class, which includes all the

materials you will need. No extra charge for the bigger-than-life tales!

Again this year, the classes will be taught by Mershon chapter president Jac Ford, with the assistance of several other chapter members.

If you are interested in either of these classes, contact the Swan Valley Community Education office at 989-921-2471 or Jac Ford at 989-781-0997. ♦

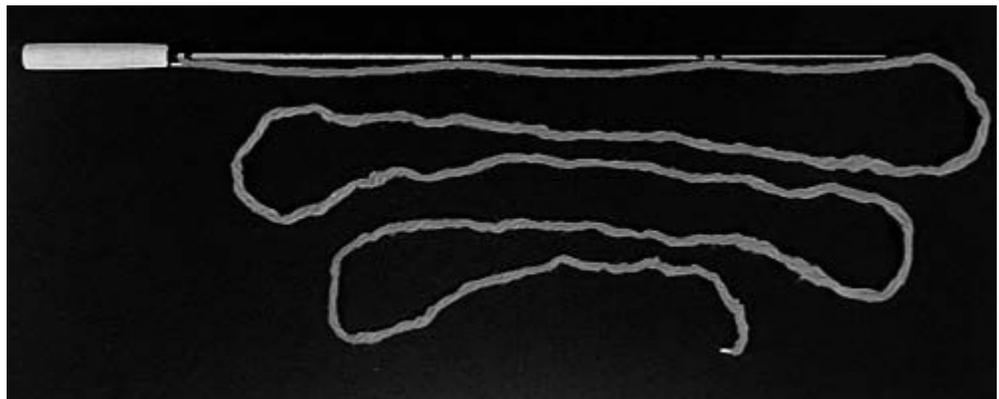
Fly-tying and fly-fishing classes starting soon

by Jac Ford, Mershon chapter president



Participants in our fly-tying class learn step-by-step fly-tying methods, using videos developed for the class, and receive individual instruction. When completed, participants will have been exposed to the basic techniques necessary to tie most flies successfully. Equipment, materials, and use of the flies are discussed, and of course, there are the usual fishing stories.

In our fly-fishing class, students first hone their skills with a fly-o (pictured right), then spend time in the school's gym casting with fly rods.



Don's Streamer Crunchie

by Jac Ford, chapter president

This fly is tied by Don Meyer, board member of our chapter. I am so proud of Don, after taking our chapter's fly-tying class twice several years ago, he has improved to the point of teaching others a few things. He is persistent in his pursuit of becoming a great tier. Don ties most every morning. He has been tying some flies for me, and ties hex flies for the Pere Marquette Lodge in Baldwin. Other shops are asking for his flies, too. His deer hair poppers are unbelievable.

Don has not only been tying, but he has fished many times in pursuit of the 20 PLUS trout with a streamer. In that venture, he has tried many streamers. This particular fly has worked on the Pere Marquette and the AuSable River on fish less than twenty inches and several over twenty. He has landed his first trout and many more with it, while he has come close to hooking up with big ones several times. It is only his ability to follow through with the fish committing to the fly and hooking it that has to improve. He has gotten a little excited, to say the least, when the toad is swimming behind the fly. Who knows where he is going tomorrow...

This fly is a piece of art, tied wonderfully. It takes many steps:

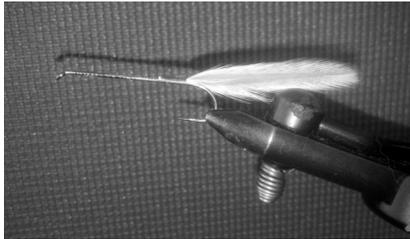
Materials List for Trailer Hook:

- One long shank, 2x long and strong hooks
- Hackle tips for the tail, brown
- Marabou, brown
- Cactus hackle chenille, white
- Yellow rabbit strips, cross cut
- Mallard feather dyed orange
- Articulate with white backing 20# and 5 beads

Materials List for Front Hook:

- Chain eyes, painted with finger nail polish
- Dot eyes with black dot
- Brown marabou
- Flashabou
- Cactus hackle chenille white
- A filler yarn
- Cross cut yellow rabbit hair
- Orange mallard feather
- Senyo laser dubbing

Tying Instructions:



Step one: on the trailer hook above the bend of the hook tie in the saddle hackles. Leave out about three inches behind the hook.



Step two: tie in the brown marabou



Step three: wind the shank of the hook with the end of the marabou and tie off.



Step four: tie in the white hackle chenille.



Step five: tie in and wrap and tie off the yellow cross-cut rabbit strip.



Step six: tie in the orange dyed mallard feather and finish head of fly off.

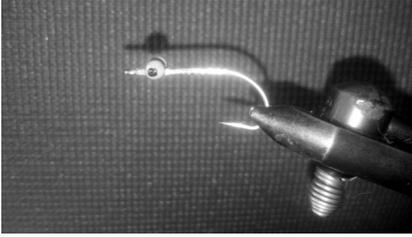
Articulate:



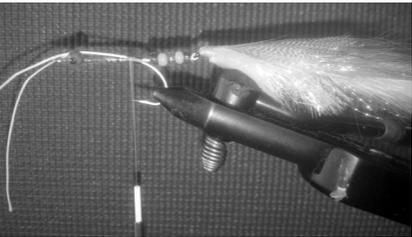
Step one: cut off backing and thread through eye twice and form a loop knot on eye of hook:



Step two: thread the two pieces of backing with five beads, Don uses three different colors: orange, brown and white.

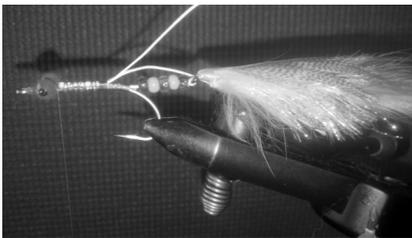


Step three: wrap the second hook with thread and tie in the backing above the barb of the hook leaving about 1/8 inch to the first bead.



Step four: tie in about one inch of the backing on the shank of the hook and wrap, bend the cut off end back about a 1/2 inch and tie over this, and then coat it with head cement.

First or Front Hook:



Put the hook in the vise and stall the eye and paint prior to tying. Don usually ties the chain eyes on and paints a dozen or so in advance.



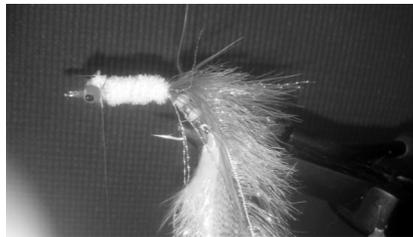
Step one: tie in the brown marabou leave enough out the back of the hook to go well over the eye of the back hook.



Step two: tie in some flashabou over the marabou; wrap the shank of the hook with the cut-off end and wind thread to front of hook.



Step three: tie in the white hackle chenille above the barb and wind to the front of the hook, just short of the eyes.



Step four: tie in some yarn and wind back and then foreword to the eye... tie and cut off.



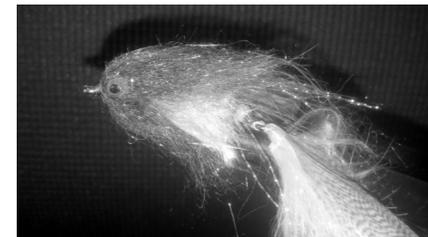
Step five: wind the chenille foreword and wind thread over the chenille before tying off to tilt it backward.



Step six: tie in the yellow cross – cut rabbit hair and wind around hook and tie and cut off.



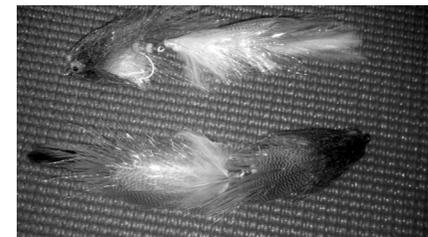
Step seven: tie in the mallard feather.



Step eight: tie in a clump of Senyo laser dubbing on each side and then the top with a couple clumps.



Step nine: wind the end of the hook with thread and finish off the fly with head cement.



An hour with Art Neumann

by Dale Hernden

In the mid 80's, Ed Nemanic, a former member and director of our Mershon chapter, and I were very close friends. We shared a passion for pheasant and grouse hunting and field trialing our bird dogs. Ed boarded his horse at my farm in Hemlock, and he came out almost daily to ride and care for her. I knew Ed was just as passionate about fly fishing and often disappeared in May and June for weeks at a time to pursue it.

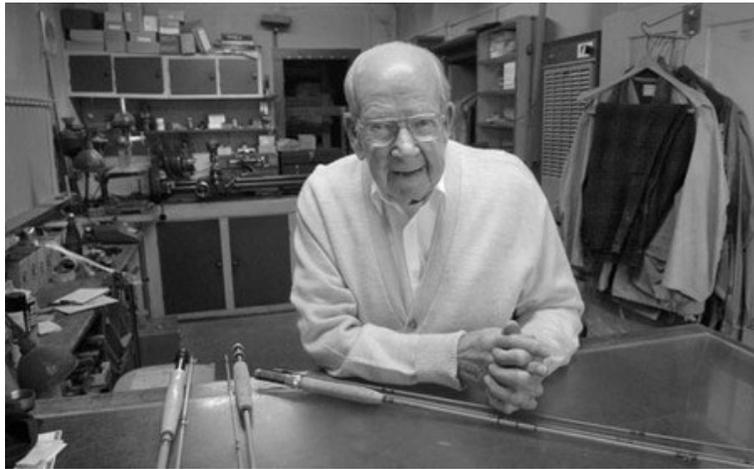
My father and I fished for bass and perch every summer, and I had always enjoyed it and our time together.

However, the wading, casting and pursuit of trout had always intrigued me more. One day while working in the barn, Ed and I began discussing his fishing experiences, and I asked if I might go along with him some time. I was a little taken aback when Ed hesitated. I imagine that he was balancing our friendship and the fact that a complete novice would probably ruin a day of his stalking a big brown.

Ed finally answered. He said he knew I'd love the sport, but if he were to take me, I'd need to prepare. He told me I'd need to sign up for the casting class he and Peter Jones were teaching at Delta College and that I'd have to take a trip with him to a fly shop on M-13. I immediately agreed to enroll in his class but wondered why we needed to go to a fly shop in southeastern Saginaw instead of one in Grayling

or Baldwin. Nonetheless, I agreed, and Ed said he'd pick me up at 9:00a.m. the following Saturday.

On our way that morning, we made small talk about fishing. I really had no idea where we were going and couldn't remember ever seeing a fly shop on M-13. Suddenly, Ed put his left turn signal on and made his way into a driveway of a home. He followed the driveway to the left and



Art Neumann in his beloved and historic Wanigas Fly Shop.

pulled up in front of a small building that appeared to me to be more of a shed or outbuilding than a fly shop. The sign said "WANIGAS FLY RODS," and I was surprised.



Upon entering, Ed introduced me to the proprietor, Art Neumann, and we browsed for a minute or two, when Ed suddenly turned on his heels and said, "I'll be back in 45 minutes to an hour to pick you up" and left. Art said, pull up that stool, sit down and we'll talk about fly fishing.

For the next 45 minutes, Art told me about Trout Unlimited, how he'd been its first executive director, how it was founded on the banks of the AuSable and how it had since grown into a national organization. He told me of his love for the river and his passionate desire to keep it pristine for future generations. He told me that a fly fisherman must have the highest of ethics and a keen appreciation for the fish and the river. He told me that, above all, we were the stewards of the sport and needed to contribute more to it than we took away.

At the end of his lesson, Art presented me with a Wanigas 8 1/2-ft. 5-weight that Ed had purchased for me and a plastic box of flies that I would probably be using when Ed took me to the main stream. When I opened the box, there were eight flies, each with a thin strip of paper thru the hook, and the name of the fly typewritten on it.

When Ed returned, I thanked him and Art for a really special time, their contribution to Trout Unlimited, and their obvious reverence for the fish and the river.

For some reason unknown to me, to this day I decided that I would never use the flies Art gave me. They somehow held a special meaning and represented a very special hour with Art Neuman. Those flies, still in the same plastic box, are sitting on the mantel of the fireplace at my cottage on the North Branch. I assume someday I'll donate them to our chapter or pass them on to my son. But, they'll never be used and will always represent the very best of TU. ♦

There is a quiet little meadow at Guides Rest. Tall pines ring it, and an old sandy wash of a trail leads you down the ridge into it. The little grassy place is so peaceful, so beautiful, that it calms your world worn nerves and steadies your hands. Steadies those hands of yours wrapped so lovingly around the cork grip of that favorite cane rod.

The river flows wide and smooth here, almost as if these pools and runs are a shrine, which indeed perhaps they are. Gnarled, bent old cedars lean out over the river like tired old veterans still on guard, ever faithful, ever watchful. Veterans they are, of many battles with cruel hard Michigan winters. And survivors they are, too, these old bent cedars, for they have survived the axes and saws of lumberjacks, canoe livery owners, and cabin builders. But, they stand there yet in this modern day on these soft September mornings, a remnant and a reminder of a bygone day.

In the meadow near the river's edge sits a little plank table. Simply a small rough wood table, nothing much to look at really. But, such a comfortable place to just sit and watch the river go by. Oh yes, there's a rock, too, near the river's edge—a big rock really, at least it is for these pine and sand hills of northern Michigan. A bronze plaque is set into the rock facing the river, and the words etched into it give this place its special meaning. "Guide's Rest In memory of Jim Wakley 1901-1959 and for all those who love this river as he did."

Somehow, you never can come here without sitting at the table, if only for a moment or two. And then it seems you always do the same thing...you step so softly into the river—his river and yours, too—and reach into your vest for a fly box, then look over your shoulder before

you select one fly, and read that plaque once again.

For you know that this is a special place; it is almost like a shrine, for these pools are full of memories. Memories of things that were, and memories of things that perhaps are yet to come. Thoughts of trout that have risen to your fly here and friends that you have shared these pools with float lightly through your mind even as you begin to cast.

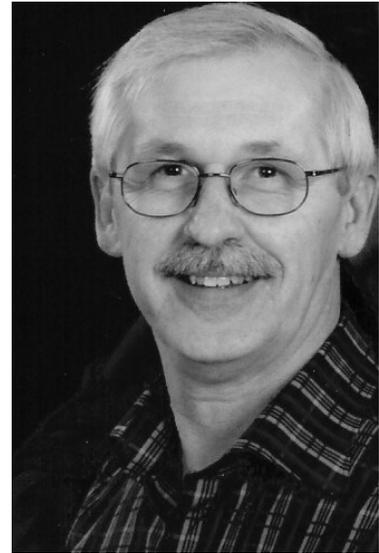
This late summer morning you have come here alone, but never lonely at Guide's Rest. Remembrances of trout and fishermen and casts that took trout and of so many casts that did not still linger here for you to see with your mind's eye. And when the morning mist hangs in the trees during that first hour after dawn like gray velvet, then you half expect to see a long sleek river boat come sliding so silently around the bend under those old sentinel cedar "sweepers."

But you don't see a river boat come out of the mist, a long low sleek little craft poled by a river wise old guide like Jim Wakely. No, you don't see one of those famous old boats because that sharp little tug makes you flick your wrist almost instinctively. A brook trout thrashing the current with your olive nymph in his jaw snaps you back to the here and now. And, you smile just a bit as you feel him bend that light Orvis rod. He isn't a big fish—maybe eight inches, maybe even ten—but your heart pumps a little faster anyway just seeing the beauty of him.

You do these things, I know you do, for I have done them, too – so many, many times before...and I pray so many times I will again. ♦

A Pool Full of Memories

by the late Craig Bublitz, long-time Mershon chapter director



Sentenced To The Front

by Matt Grajewski

My brothers and I have a rule on our favorite stretch of trout water. If two of us have caught a good fish on a trip, they reserve the right to sentence the third brother to the front of the boat. Sentencing ends when you catch a good fish. A “good fish” is usually any brown over 20”. Some trips that number gets raised. There are no other means of parole. You cannot voluntarily remove yourself from the front of the boat. The other two brothers will rotate between rowing duties and fishing from the back. It doesn’t matter if it takes days.

This particular stretch of water is not high on fish numbers. Its a trophy hunt. You have dinks, you have good fish, and you have giants. There are very few teeners. Big flies are the name of the game in this stretch—not because big trout only eat big flies, but to avoid the dinks. Nothing worse than coming up on a nice ledge, only to have a dink immediately grab your fly. Game over. Usually 6”-9” will be enough to deter them. As a result, you can easily go days without landing a trout, which is fine by us. It also means you can get

sentenced to the front of the boat for numerous days. It sounds good on the surface, but it means you are the only one that hasn’t caught a good fish yet.

We’ve all been sentenced.

The most recent sentencing came during very tough conditions. Its rare for it to last more than a day or two, but very low/clear water would result in the longest sentence we have dealt out. The first two days saw little to no action from any good fish. The big fish were buried in the wood, or at the bottom of the deepest hole they could find. It made fishing tougher than normal. We had only



planned to fish two days, but then the rain came. It rained hard all night, and we knew the water would come up. Rising water means a good stain. A good stain means big fish will hunt.

We made plans to do a quick float the next morning. It would be half the length of our normal floats. We had to give it a shot. About a 1/3 of the way into the float, a good fish grabs at the boat. The fish reacts like most boatside hookups. It spazzes out and throws the hook after a short battle. We stare in disbelief. Not much is said over the next hour or so. Reality is starting to set in. With each bend we round, we get closer to the takeout. With each good stretch of fishless water, we think ahead to the next spot that could hold a good fish. Those spots are running out. As the last piece of good water comes into view, no one says a word. The usual “this is the spot we caught...” isn’t said. Everyone stays quiet. Then it happens. Another boat side grab, but this time the fish makes it to the net.

It was only 21.5”, but I don’t think the three of us have ever been more excited for a trout that size. That one decent trout meant more than just a caught fish. There is bond between my brothers and me. We all want to

see each other succeed. The grief one brother felt by fishing from the front of the boat for three days, and the relief the other two brothers felt for him, went much beyond that of a trout. He had been paroled. ♦



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course, we will have information and celebration about our chapter, such as a timeline of events, Wanigas Rod Company display, and a Mershon exhibit. There will also be donated items from our past that are special. We are working on the development of a special logo for this celebration. Many items will have our 50th logo on them, as well as clothing. This is a one time celebration.

You will not only want to be part of it, but you will want to take home reminders of our chapter's successes.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Horizons Conference Center on April 13th.



WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

*All Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (*unless noted)
at 5:30 p.m. at Case Funeral Home on Mackinaw in Saginaw, Michigan.*

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
 Wednesday, February 6, 2013*
 Wednesday, March 6, 2013
 Wednesday, April 3, 2013
 Wednesday, May 1, 2013

**before the Grin and Grub at Los Cuatro Amigos*

No meetings during the summer months.

**We welcome you to attend any of the board meetings.
Your input is an invaluable resource in our efforts to serve the resources we enjoy.**

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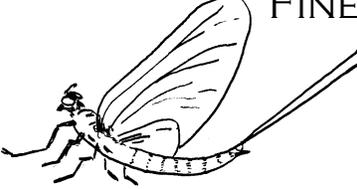
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Walleye Dinner
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Monday, January 21, 2013
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Wed., February 6, 2013
 Dinner/Drinks 6:30-7:15 pm; program by Bo Brines

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Monday, March 4, 2013

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Saturday, April 13, 2013

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 —No meetings during summer months—
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 (except February 6th, prior to Grin and Grub @ Los Cuatro Amigo)

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