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AMERICA'S LEADING NONPROFIT  
COLDWATER FISHERIES  
CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

THE MERSHON  
**MUDDLER**

◆ *Newsletter of the William B. Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited* ◆

**Meanders**  
A few thoughts from  
the president

**M**any exciting things are taking shape for the Mershon chapter this year. There are two entirely new chapter events planned for January and March; the January and February fish dinners are moving to a new location; we are set to hear how our chapter's \$10,000 donation is helping restore the South Branch of the Au Sable; the Cedars For The Au Sable program had another successful year; the DNR and DEQ are responding to our chapter's drive to have the data from our Rifle River study analyzed and used to improve the river; and TU National has just announced a new-member membership fee of \$17.50.



*Christopher Radke, president*

The first new chapter event is the *European pheasant hunt* to be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Rooster Ranch. This chapter fundraiser/social costs only \$225 each for breakfast, eight pheasants per person European style hunt, a pig roast lunch, walk-up hunt in the afternoon, and social/raffle time afterward. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m., so don't be late. A \$50 deposit should be received in the chapter P.O. box by January 5, 2004. Hunter orange, gun, shells, and eye & ear protection are required. No magnum loads—#6 shot or smaller required. Check out the Rooster Ranch web site at: [www.roosterranchhuntclub.com](http://www.roosterranchhuntclub.com). If you've never experienced one of these hunts before, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! Questions can be directed to Brian Frost at 781-7731, Jo Neuhalphen at 642-5946, or Chris Radke at 249-6420.

The second new chapter event is a *fishing equipment swap*, scheduled to take place in March at a place yet to be determined. For years now, the Mershon board has

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**Calendar of Events**

MERSHON CHAPTER PHEASANT SHOOT  
FUNDRAISER  
**Saturday, January 10, 2004**  
*Rooster Ranch*



FISH & CHIPS DINNER  
*NEW LOCATION*  
**Monday, January 19, 2004**  
*Pulaski Hall*

FLY TYING CLASSES  
**Tuesdays, January 27–February 17**  
*Swan Valley High School*



FLY TYING CLASSES  
**Wednesdays, January 28–February 18**  
*Swan Valley High School*



FISH & CHIPS DINNER  
*NEW LOCATION*  
**Monday, February 23, 2004**  
*Pulaski Hall*

MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO  
**Saturday & Sunday, March 13 & 14**  
*Macomb Community College  
Warren, MI (NEW LOCATION)*



*William B. Mershon Chapter of TU*  
SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2004**  
*Candlelite Banquet Center, Bridgeport*

## **Mershon chapter fly fishing and fly tying classes begin in January**

**F**or over 25 years, the Mershon chapter has offered fly tying and fly fishing classes. These inexpensive classes—which are designed for the novice fly-fisherman—are similar to others taught by TU costing several hundred dollars.

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

Participants in the fly tying class learn step-by-step fly tying methods using videos developed for the class, as well as individual instruction. When you have completed the class, you will have been exposed to the basic techniques necessary to tie most flies successfully.

Participants tie the following flies: Green Caddis Pupa, Hares-Ear nymph, Comparadun, Elk Hair Caddis, Roberts Yellow Drake, parachute and standard Adams, Egg-Suckin-Leech, floating mayfly emerger, and a poly-wing mayfly spinner. Equipment, materials, and use of the flies are discussed. And,

of course, there are the usual fishing lies.

The fly fishing class is a basic class for people who have little or no knowledge of fly fishing or casting. The class teaches the concept of fly fishing and casting; how to use a rod, reel, backing, line, tippet, and flies; what the fish sees below and above the water; how to read and fish a river; and trout food (emergence chart for Michigan) and hatches. Students first hone their skills with a fly-o, then spend time in the school's gym casting with fly rods.

Both 4-week classes will be held at Swan Valley High School beginning Tuesday, January 27, for the fly tying class and Wednesday, January 28, for the fly fishing class.

Youth, as well as adults, are invited to attend. There is a \$30 fee for the class. If you are interested in either of these classes, contact the Swan Valley Community Education office at 921-2471, or Jac Ford at 517-781-0997. ♦

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## **Casting For Recovery Retreat in Michigan**

*by Judy McCann  
Mershon chapter advisor*

**C**asting for Recovery's eighth retreat in seven years in Michigan was held the last weekend of September, with twelve participants and a staff of seven. The weather was damp and cold, but the spirits of the breast cancer survivors was anything but cold. Thanks to the donation of the Mershon chapter and seven other TU chapters in Michigan, plus funding from the National CFR, we were able to host this weekend at Ranch Rudolf.

Our next retreat is scheduled for September 10-12, 2004, again at Ranch Rudolf. If anyone wants to

make a donation, or if you know of a TU chapter that was not involved this year that would like to donate funds, please contact Judy McCann at 989-652-9869 or [jmccann113@aol.com](mailto:jmccann113@aol.com).

Casting For Recovery is a nationally-renowned not-for-profit program which provides an opportunity for women with breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in a natural setting. ♦



William B. Mershon Chapter  
Trout Unlimited  
*invites you to their*  
All You Can Eat  
**FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

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*Featured Program:* **Matt Supinski**— author of *Steelhead Dreams*  
and the *Orvis Guide to Great Lakes Salmon and Steelhead*, and  
owner of Gray Drake Outfitters on the Muskegon

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*Date:* Monday, January 19, 2004

*Time:* Cocktails/Social Hour— 5:00 PM  
Dinner: 6:00 PM

*New Location:* Pulaski Hall  
6525 Weiss Street  
Saginaw, Michigan



*Cost:* \$12.00 per person prepaid  
\$15.00 per person at the door

*Card Raffles! Raffle Table! Drawings!*  
*Lots of great stuff... Maybe you can win some of it!*

*Please send your reservations in early so we can make sure we have enough fish to feed everyone!*

Prepaid arrangements are available by sending a check payable to William B. Mershon Chapter Trout Unlimited to:

**Rick Kemerer, Treasurer**  
William B. Mershon Chapter Trout Unlimited  
P.O. Box 1555  
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*For more information, please contact Dave Case at (989) 793-9700.*

Non-Reserved Tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Please return this completed form with your check*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mershon chapter accepts award nominations**

**T**he Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited has always been a grass-roots organization powered by the hard work of dedicated volunteers. In an attempt to recognize the contributions of our members, the awards committee has commended worthy chapter members over the past few years.

The awards committee is asking for your help in recognizing the efforts of our members. If you know of a member who has given outstanding service, please nominate that person by contacting Craig Bublitz at 810-688-3963 or [Bublitz@cardina.net](mailto:Bublitz@cardina.net).

The following is a brief description of the awards that our chapter presents:

*The Art Neumann General Membership Award* is given to a member not currently serving on the board of directors.

*The Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award* is given to member who has shown outstanding service during that year.

*The Howard Woolever Extended Service Award* is given to a member for many years of service to the Mershon chapter.

*The Reverend Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award* is given to a natural resources professional who has been an outstanding friend of Trout Unlimited.

Your suggestions and nominations will be greatly appreciated. ◆

### ***The Art Neumann General Membership Award***

1999~Bill Adams

2001~Jim Comment

### ***The Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award***

1999~Mark Neumeier

2002~Robb Smith

### ***The Howard Woolever Extended Service Award***

1999~Jac Ford

2000~Harold Kleinert

2002~Judy McCann

### ***The Rev. Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award***

2001~Steve Sendek

2002~Kelly Smith

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WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

*Note: All Board of Directors meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (unless noted) at 5:30 PM at Garber Buick, 5925 State Street, Saginaw, Michigan*

Wednesday, January 7, 2004  
Wednesday, February 4, 2004  
Wednesday, March 3, 2004

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

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## **Youth program offered again in 2004**

*by Jac Ford  
Mershon chapter advisor*

**O**ur chapter is once again hosting an innovative new program aimed at educating youth about issues relating to fish habitat and conservation. This five-week program will be taught to all St. Charles high school ninth graders during their regular science class on Mondays during the spring of 2004.

Each week four different classes are taught simultaneously. The students then rotate to a new class in subsequent weeks, covering all of the material by the end of four weeks. The fifth and final week is taught to all ninth graders in the gym. This class involves

demonstrations of fly-casting, giving those interested a brief moment to cast a fly-o.

This yearly program, which is taught by Carl Hubinger, Don Albrecht, Lou Albosta, Jac Ford, and others, has been extremely well received by students and administration alike. If you would like to become involved in this exciting program, please contact Jac Ford at 781-0997. ♦

I was getting tired of chuck and duck fishing for steelhead and salmon, so this fall I pledged I would give indicator nymph fishing a try.

The Muskegon river was the test site, below Croton dam. My intention was to fish Steelhead below the active Salmon beds in the slightly deeper water and faster runs.

The tackle needed was a 9- to 10-foot seven-weight fly rod, weight-forward floating fly line, and 12-foot fluorocarbon 1X leader. The terminal tackle was a two-fly rig with the egg on top and a small Pheasant Tail nymph on the dropper. (I like to use size 8 eggs and size 10 or 12 nymphs tied on 2457 TMC hooks. These guys are really sharp and hold the point well when bouncing off the bottom).

All I needed to complete the system was some strike indicators and small micro-shot. I prefer the rubber tentacle indicators that I can easily adjust to the depth at which I'm fishing.

The technique I used was a lot like dry fly fishing up stream. One does not fish long distances. Thirty feet is as far as you can properly control the outfit.

I positioned myself along the side of the run or hole and cast up stream, lifting the rod to keeping as much line off the water as possible as it freely drifted down to me. When the



*This Garden River, Ontario, chinook salmon was caught using the methods described in the accompanying article.*

indicator was across from me, I put a slight mend in the line to get it above the indicator then lowered the rod slowly, always maintaining a drag-free float.

I used a shotgun approach to cover the run, starting out close, then placing each successive cast 6 inches further across the run.

I learned several things on this expedition: the indicator needs to be one-and-a-half to two times the water depth. If the indicator hesitates, stops, or goes up stream, set the hook. Just like dry fly fishing, a slow strike will result in missed fish

The amount of split shot also must be adjusted for water depth and current speed. You just want to tick bottom slightly, maybe once every 10 casts.

I was surprised at the number of fish taken legally with this method! Salmon, steelhead, and an occasional brown trout kept me occupied all day.

I have a feeling the old chuck and duck outfit will be collecting dust in the closet unless I'm fishing some really deep pools. ♦

## Strike-Indicator Nymphing for Steelhead and Salmon

*By John Van Dalen,  
Leon Martuch chapter past-president*

## Rifle River survey results

Our thanks to those of you who responded to the Mershon chapter's Rifle River survey last summer. The following is a compilation of those responses.

- How long have you fished the Rifle or its tributaries?

*Average: 23 years    Response ranged from 2 years to 65 years.*

- How would you rate the fishery today?

*Good: 9 (30%)    Fair: 18 (60%)    Poor: 3 (10%)*

- Where do you fish mostly?

*Upper: 24    Lower: 5*

- What tackle do you use?

*Fly: 26    Spin: 4*

- What tackle do you prefer?

- What trout specie do you prefer to fish for?

- About how many hours per year do you fish the Rifle?

*55.2 Hours/year Average    Responses ranged from 4 to 360*

- Would you like to have a "No Kill" special regulation area (like the "Holy Water" of the Au Sable) on the Rifle?

*Yes: 23 (76%)    No: 7*

- If so, where?

*Upper*

- Should the season be year round?

*Yes: 17 (58%)    No: 12*

- Should some of the tributaries be set aside as nurseries?

*Yes: 24 (89%)    No: 3*

- Should more sub-legal size trout be planted?

*Yes: 16 (70%)    No: 7*

- Do you think floaters (canoes, etc.) should be limited in numbers, times and locations?

*Yes: 23 (79%)    No: 6*

### **Additional Comments:**

*This is a great project-Congratulations*

*Quality of river has greatly improved*

*What Happened to Bugs?*

*No more lampricide*

*Too many canoes*

*No canoes above Sage Lake Road*

*Canoes only below Greenwood Road*

*Canoes are out of control*

*Floaters trash is awful, should be patrolled*

*Floaters must be better supervised*

**O**n Saturday, October 04, 2003, the Mershon Chapter completed the final chapter of a two-year project, surveying stream characteristics and benthic invertebrates at 38 sites located in the Upper Rifle River Basin of Ogemaw County. It was our mission to monitor these stream and river locations and establish a base line of data for a multitude of criteria, ranging from nitrate levels to insect varieties. With the successful completion of the survey, all that remains now is the compilation of the collected data and our final reports to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. In time we may see the fruits of our labor, but for now we have accomplished the goals of our project.

So, is that all there is? Is what we accomplished just a lot of numbers and descriptions on a lot of forms and spreadsheets? At the conclusion of a project like this that may be the feeling, but in retrospect we have accomplished and learned much by taking on this project. I would like to share with you my thoughts on what we really did in this two-year period:

- We learned how to write a successful grant request, succeeded in obtaining that grant, and most importantly and by far the most difficult task, we learned to administer and obtain funds from that grant. Thanks to the tireless and dogged persistence of Bob Spence, we have had a favorable experience.
- We have learned a great deal about the identification of macro-invertebrates. In that process, those who participated learned that it was possible to identify a “healthy” stream site by the type and quantity of insects discovered therein. It

also became very clear that bank erosion and storm water run-off are the real enemies of the Rifle River stream and river system!

- We were able to develop a team of 60 volunteers who worked as a unit over a 2-year period with devotion to the mission and pride in the quality of the data they produced. During this exercise of team work, we all enjoyed meeting and working with new and old friends alike. This project was good for our chapter in that almost 20% of the chapter members participated in some manner and will give us the confidence to work on even bigger projects in the future.

Finally, on behalf of the committee, we would like to thank all of those who have given of their time and effort, in good and intemperate weather alike, to make this a successful venture. It is the Mershon chapter’s intent to develop and continue to participate in projects that will enhance the water quality of the Rifle River system. Thank you all for a job well done. ◆

## **Upper Rifle River stream testing project completed**

*by Robb Smith,  
Mershon chapter director*

# Nevada

by Joseph Heywood,

*author of several popular and critically acclaimed novels, including The Snowfly and the Woods Cop series (Ice Hunter, Blue Wolf in Green Fire, and Chasing a Blond Moon.) The reading of the following poems, which he gave at the Mershon spring fundraising banquet, resonated with many of us, and Joe has kindly granted permission for us to print them here, so that those of you who were unable to attend the banquet might enjoy them, too.*

We stare at the Sierras topped with spring snow,  
the high desert the color of British khaki, something  
made by mud daubers.

We come to bury Dillon Thomas, a poet's name,  
he was only five, trapped in an unforgiving body  
requiring an adult coffin.  
He lies in a Victorian house, dark and compressed,  
cluttered with cowboy regalia, a saddle and sidearm.  
A bamboo flyrod and wicker creel stand in the corner,  
things the boy will never use to catch trout or words to  
make into poems.

God does not practice catch-and-release.

Male California quail strut between brush piles,  
puffing their electric blue breasts across the street  
from a Latino biker bar while magpies flit from tree to tree  
yacking anxiously, black and white, life adjacent to death.  
A biker by the curb sees me, uses his beer bottle  
to make the sign of the cross.

The priest stands in the walled children's section of the graveyard,  
announces when he goes Home he will reside in a row  
of priests, pointing with his hand. My brother Jim, the park ranger says,  
"Yeah, right next to the kids."

Back in my room in the Atlantis  
I stare at the bedspread and curtains,  
orange and blue fish on pink,  
the color of Pepto-Bismol beyond expiration.  
Bad taste on a bad day.

I am dogged by fish I can't catch,  
funerals I can't prevent.



WILLIAM B. MERSON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
**PHEASANT SHOOT FUNDRAISER**

at  
*Rooster Ranch*  
*7480 Germania Road*  
*Ubly, Michigan*  
*989-658-2332*

**Saturday, January 10, 2004**  
*\$225 per person*

**Breakfast, European hunting in the morning, pig roast lunch, walk-up hunt in the afternoon, cocktails in the lodge.**

*Contact Jo Nehalfen or Brian Frost for more information.*

Steelhead Special Forces infiltrate  
among autumn salmon,  
winter in the river, on duty as advance guards.

The remainder of the troops  
arrive en masse in spring,  
moving to the front at night  
to avoid predation from above,  
not worrying about eating  
or stretched out supply lines.

They pause in deep pools to prepare for action,  
their forward staging areas.  
persnickety females  
inspecting gravel, trying to find  
beds to make "just right,"  
while males, jaws made rigid  
with fishtosterone  
wrestle and chase each other,  
nerved up with anticipation,  
ready to get it on, brother.

Meanwhile, we sit in the boat  
in sleet soup, 32 degrees  
pushed by ripping, horizontal wind,  
sipping shots of Jack and butterscotch brandy  
to warm our resolve,  
not anglers yet,  
we are reduced to voyeurism,

studying the edges of beds  
shivering with hypothermic anticipation.

Moody steelhead below,  
frigid cementheads above:  
I sense an algorithm for frustration  
in what some call sport.

Our guide insists we are on plan,  
that he is cautiously optimistic,  
knowing the plan will change  
at first contact.

When finally the female  
floats onto the bed,  
Eager males in tow,  
my beloved says, They're having sex.  
The guide says, it's a war down there.  
I say: enough damn philosophy, let's fish.

## **Steelhead & Weather & Sex & War**

*by Joseph Heywood*

## *Meanders*

*(cont. from page 1)*

heard continuous complaints from two groups of fisherpersons. The first group complains that they have too much fishing gear from all of the banquets and raffles that they attend or from well-intentioned, but misguided, gift givers. The other group complains that they do not have enough equipment or are missing the one or two items that would make them a world-class trout fisherperson.

Well, the fishing equipment swap should help both groups of fisherpersons. There will be a very minimal entrance fee for prospective buyers. Sellers will be able to rent table space and price their sale items as they see fit. Sellers may choose to price their items higher if their motive is to make more money. However, items may be priced lower if the seller's desire is to quickly find a good home for their unused gear. Fisherperson widows/widowers may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to price items low in order to: (1) get the rec-room back into productive non-fishing equipment-storage use, (2) to get your spouse back for forgetting your anniversary and the kids names because he is always out fishing ,or tying flies, or visiting the Orvis shop, or (3) to raise just enough money so you can buy your spouse that one piece of equipment you know he really wanted for Christmas. Details will be provided in the next copy of the Muddler.

The Fish Dinners are being moved to the Pulaski Hall, which is located at the West end of Weiss Road near the intersection of Weiss and Midland Road. Pulaski Hall has more area and gives the chapter the opportunity to have more attendees and to raise more money for the resource without raising our ticket prices.

The January fish dinner is scheduled for Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The speaker is author, guide, and conservationist Matt Supinski. We wish to acknowledge the gracious price and cooking assistance that the chapter is receiving from our friends at the Huron Fish Company. We are looking for member volunteers to help with cooking, setup, and/or raffle sales assistance—this is a great opportunity for chapter members to get to know the board and for the board to get to know chapter members. Volunteers or persons with questions should call Dave Case at 642-5286, Bill Adams at 652-8328, or Dan Keane at 790-2663.

The February fish dinner will also be held at the Pulaski Hall, but on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The speaker has not yet been determined, however those members wishing to help out with this event should call Bill Adams at 652-8328 or Chris Thompson at 642-3283.

One possible speaker for the February fish dinner would be someone involved in the Grayling South Branch Restoration Project. This speaker would inform the chapter membership how the \$5,000 we donated, plus the \$5,000 donation we directed from the Nelson-Wickes family, helped leverage an additional \$10,000 from a third donor. Further, this speaker would provide us with the environmental and engineering analysis showing exactly how the \$20,000 leveraged by the Merston chapter truly improved the South Branch of the Au Sable River.

A month rarely goes by that one of our board members does not hear of the great work being done by the Cedars For the Au Sable volunteers. A large portion of the budget for this program comes from our chapter. This program began in

1997 to assure that the benefit of native cedar trees continues along the banks of the Au Sable River. Thus far over 7,000 seedlings have been planted. Just as importantly, the program assists in protecting the seedlings from deer, competing vegetation and other problems by providing appropriately sized enclosures for the trees as they grow. This year the program volunteers are working with the DNR to have chapters 'adopt' portions of the riverbank along the Mason Tract of the South Branch of the Au Sable. Additional information can be found at the program web site: [www.cedarsfortheausable.org](http://www.cedarsfortheausable.org).

The chapter just wrapped up its two-year study of the Rifle River macro invertebrates and water quality. The data has been submitted to the DEQ, however the organizers were somewhat disheartened to hear that the data was to be parked on a shelf and not immediately analyzed or used by the DEQ. In response to this news, the program organizers set up an all day meeting with personnel from the DNR. The meeting included a morning meeting with personnel from the Rifle River Watershed Restoration Committee, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin Coordinator, and chapter representatives; this was followed by all of the morning participants touring successful restoration sites on the river, a lunch, and then an all-afternoon meeting with four personnel from the DNR, Rich Bowman from the State Council, and seven Mershon chapter representatives.

The discussion was direct. The chapter was encouraged by the attitude of Tammy Newcombe, the ranking DNR representative and Lake Huron Basin Coordinator, and by some of her assistants. The DNR personnel agreed to come up with an

action plan for the river and expressed a strong desire to use/analyze and discuss the macro invertebrate and water quality data gathered by the Mershon chapter volunteers. It is very encouraging to help the State's 'right hand' (the DNR) use/analyze data collected by the State's 'left hand' (the DEQ) for the betterment of the resource. It was also encouraging to see the enthusiasm and scientific expertise of the DNR personnel at work and directed toward this precious resource.

Finally, Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization centered on the love of fishing for quality native trout. Trout Unlimited is about conserving, restoring, and protecting the resource in order to allow quality native trout to thrive. This objective is reached through education, use of scientific analysis, hands on projects, fundraising for such projects, political awareness, and through positive and proactive interaction with others. These objectives are achieved through every one of our members. Every member contributes to the cause in some way—whether it is through his membership fees, through implementing the knowledge the member learns from our magazines, fish dinners, or conservation projects, or through sharing our knowledge and love of the resource with others.

It follows that, for our organization to be even more effective, we need new and more members. This is why we are implementing a "new membership" program. If you know of someone who should be a TU member, get them to sign up for membership online. The correct web site to use in order for our chapter to get appropriate rebates is: [www.tu.org/intro](http://www.tu.org/intro). MAKE SURE THAT THE NEW

MEMBER ENTERS OUR CHAPTER CODE/# which is **020**. The cost is \$17.50. Remember that a membership is a great gift, and includes: a one-year subscription to Trout, Michigan Trout, and the Muddler; a TU calendar; TU return address stickers, and a TU decal.

I look forward to being the chapter president for the next two years. I know how privileged I am to have the chapter membership, board, advisors, and officers that the Mershon chapter enjoys, and I hope to grow the chapter's great tradition, camaraderie, and benefits to our cold-water watersheds during my tenure. Thank you.

—Chris Radke

## Committee Chairpersons & Officers

One of the great things about the Mershon chapter is the many volunteers who take responsibility for the chapter's very diverse and demanding projects. This year's committee chairs and officers are:

Communications:	Bo Brines & Pat Zaplitny
Membership:	Dave Case
Resource Issues:	Jo Neuhalfen
Grants:	Dan Keane
Nominating:	Dan Keane
Banquet:	Robb & Chrissy Smith
Funding:	Jo Neuhalfen
Awards:	Craig Bublitz
January Fish Dinner:	Dave Case, Mike Meyer, Judy McCann, Dan Keane
February Fish Dinner:	Bill Adams, Chris Thompson, Rich Kemerer, Bob Spence, Pat Zaplitny
Pheasant Hunt:	Brian Frost & Jo Neuhalfen
Cedars For the Au Sable:	Howard Johnson
Muddler:	Bo Brines & Teri Skidmore
Fishing Equipment Swap:	Chris Radke & Bill Adams
Rifle River:	Bob Spence, Mike Meyer, Robb Smith
Au Sable River:	Howard Johnson, Robb Smith
Treasurer:	Rich Kemerer
Secretary:	Bob Spence
Vice President:	Robb Smith
President:	Chris Radke
Past President:	Bo Brines

Please feel free to approach any or all of these individuals should you have questions, comments, offers of assistance, or information.



**TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER**  
**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2002–AUGUST 30, 2003**

<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b> 5/1/2003	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>(CREDIT)</b>	<b>BALANCE</b> 8/30/2003
Citizens Bank Money Maker	\$ 24,113.59	\$ 40.83	\$ (10,000.00)	\$14,154.42
Citizens Bank	<u>\$ 15,454.82</u>	<u>\$ 1,193.89</u>	<u>\$ (2,391.16)</u>	<u>\$14,257.55</u>
<b>August 30, 2003 TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 39,568.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,234.72</b>	<b>\$ (12,391.16)</b>	<b>\$28,411.97</b>

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

CHAPTER: 020 WILLIAM B. MERSHON - PO BOX 1555, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48605-1555

TREASURER: Rich Kemerer - PHONE: (989) 776-7597

	<u>10/01/02- 8/30/2003 FYTD</u>
<b>CASH INFLOWS</b>	
<b>LOCAL SOURCES</b>	
Raffles	
Special Events	\$ 5,771.28
Banquet Revenue	\$13,749.00
Local Donations	\$ 1,725.00
Investment or Interest	\$ 182.89
Sales of Merchandise	\$ 95.00
<b>TU ORGANIZATION (National, Funding or Rebates from</b>	\$ 247.00
<b>OTHER</b>	
Membership fees/in	\$ 10.00
MCTU Coin Canisters	
Misc.	\$ 2,711.29
Grant Income	
<b>TOTAL - CASH INFLOWS</b>	<u><b>\$ 30,491.46</b></u>
<b>CASH OUTFLOWS</b>	
Newsletters/Mailings/	\$ 3,053.72
Chapter Meetings (Room,	\$ 3,830.97
Cost of Merchandise	\$ 227.27
Habitat Projects	\$19,657.63
Banquets-	
Prize Purchases-	\$ 2,539.23
Prize Purchases-other	\$ 3,428.27
Promotion/printing	\$ 801.01
Meals, Entertainment	\$ 3,124.82
Other- Speaker, Hall,	\$ 2,593.30
Raffles	\$ 935.18
Special Events	\$ 256.17
Other	\$ 1,157.38
Memberships in Transition	\$ 525.00
MCTU Coin Canisters	
<b>TOTAL - CASH OUTFLOWS</b>	<u><b>\$36,129.95</b></u>
<b>August 30, 2003 NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW)</b>	<u><u><b>(\$5,638.49)</b></u></u>

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- Conservator contributor (250)\*
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- Family Life (\$1,100) (*Husband and Wife*)\*
- Senior (62 and over) membership (\$20)
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- Business membership (\$200)

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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Michigan Council - Code 5449  
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