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OCTOBER MEETING INFO

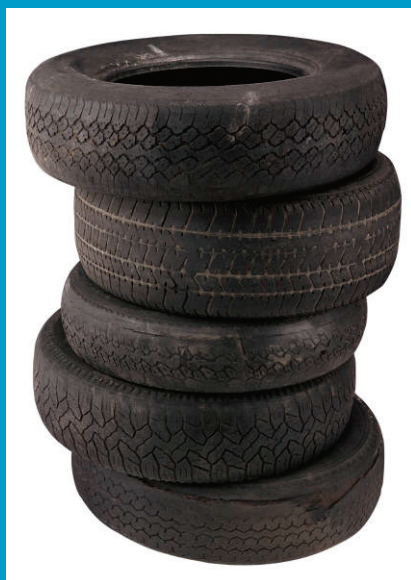
No definite plans have been made for the Chapter's October meeting. Make sure to check the website, www.kiaptuwish.org, to get any updated info. One thing for sure is that it will take place at Bob Smith's Sports Club in Hudson, on Wednesday, October 5th. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM, and the meeting will commence at 7:00 PM. See you there!

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2010

Help the Wisconsin DNR clean up tires on the Trimbelle River

- Saturday October 8th •
- Meet at 570th St. •
- For more info check the website •

www.kiaptuwish.org



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Not having a whole lot of time to fish this summer, I haven't had many opportunities to create great fishing memories. There was one instance, though, that will stick with me for a long time. It wasn't an enormous trout slurping in my size 18 Blue Winged Olive thorax dry fly that will be burned in my memory, and it wasn't a fantastic trip to some far-off mountainous region that was teeming with wild fish, either. It wasn't even a big smallmouth bass smacking my Clouser Minnow on a hot summer day. No, this memorable experience didn't even happen on a river. Instead, I was basking in the sweltering mid-day sun in the middle of August, on a concrete fishing pier that sits along the edge of a murky man-made lake somewhere in western Wisconsin. On one side of me was a tangled bird's nest of 30-year-old monofilament fishing line, an old yellow Eagle Claw spinning rod I inherited from my grandpa, and a blue tub of earthworms that I bought at the local convenience store, and on the other side of me was my beautiful 2-year-old daughter, Chelsea, who was more interested in watching the wriggling worms than she was in watching her bobber floating on the water. I knew not to expect much from this first fishing trip with my little girl, which, all told, only lasted about a half hour or 45 minutes. And, actually, I was about ready to call it quits and head back to our campsite, but then something happened. Chelsea's bobber went under, and she reeled in her very first fish - a bluegill of about 4 or 5 inches. We got a couple photos, Chelsea hid behind me when the fishy started to flop around, and then we threw it back in the dark water and watched it swim away. Then we reeled in and went to tell mommy all about it. I don't know if Chelsea will grow up and love to fish like her daddy does, but I'll always have this memory of her very first fish.

COMING UP: THE HOLIDAY BANQUET

BY MICHAEL ALWIN

Readers will be happy to know that the Banquet Committee is already hard at work to make sure that this year's party is the highlight of your social season and profitable for the Chapter. The date of this year's party is Thursday, December 8th at Tartan Park in Lake Elmo. Our social hour will start at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:30 and the program starting at 8:30. While under new management Tartan Park is delivering the goods as far as the menu is concerned. This year our guests will dine on top round of beef, champagne chicken and an array of salads and vegetables. As for the program, while we have a number of options available we're trying to get Ted Turner to come in from Montana and talk about his conservation work. You will receive all this for a mere \$35.

The Holiday Conservation Banquet is our bread and butter fund raiser for the year and we hope that our membership and guests will take this fund raising work seriously. Of course we will have our annual silent auction with the tables groaning under the weight of rare books, art work, tackle, folderol and perhaps an exquisite dessert or two. And that's not to mention our premium offerings which will be highlighted at this event. There will be ample opportunity to have a good time and help K-TU achieve its conservation goals for another year.

Besides spending liberally there are two other ways you can help make this year's party a success. First, you can dig into your stash of treasures and find one or two that would give someone else pleasure and donate them to the silent auction. Second, you can volunteer a few hours of your time to the banquet committee to help facilitate this event. We need help planning, setting up, taking down and managing closing. To volunteer you may talk to any of our Committee Members: Jonathan Jacobs, Deb Olmstead, Emily Wemlinger, Greg Dietl, Tom Henderson or Michael Alwin.



KIAP-TU-WISH MISSION

BY TOM HENDERSON

The mission of the Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to protect, reconnect, and restore the coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in Polk, Pierce, and St. Croix Counties of Wisconsin, and to ensure access to fishable coldwater streams.

Protection includes preventing the harm that often accompanies thoughtless development. It may involve legislation, land acquisition, conservation easements, and other actions by our partners. Groundwater and streams must both be protected.

Reconnection of fragmented waters includes the redesign or removal of dams, perched culverts, and other obstacles that limit the movement of fish and other aquatic life up and down a stream.

Restoration of coldwater streams involves aquatic habitat improvement. It includes reversing the effects of erosion: current ongoing erosion as well as the dramatic erosion that was caused by unfortunate logging and farming practices decades ago. It may include restoring the temperature regime and the water chemistry required by coldwater species. Access includes the legal right for a fisher to be on the bank or in the stream, usually involving easements or ownership. It also may involve special fishing piers with wheelchair or walker access, paths within stream corridors, and safe parking areas.

In order to carry out the mission, our chapter must work with various partners such as the Wisconsin DNR; the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust; townships, cities, and counties; and the various sportsmen's clubs within our area. We must leverage our available funds to achieve maximum impact. We must advocate for appropriate legislation at the state and national levels. As Red Green says, "We're all in this together."

**BELOW-
ACCESS GRANTED**



**LEFT- PERCHED CULVERTS CAN PREVENT MOVEMENT OF
FISH, INSECTS, AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE**



**RIGHT- SOME CULVERTS ALLOW
EXCELLENT PASSAGE**





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WWW.KIAPTUWISH.ORG



DON'T MISS THE OCTOBER MEETING!!!

October Meeting

Wednesday, October 5th

Dinner at 6PM

Meeting at 7PM

The deadline to make submissions for the
November issue is Wednesday, October 19th.
Thank you!

