



## The Drift: Words from our President.

**Amery Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter Meeting:** A chapter meeting is set for Monday, October 10th. It is going to be at the Farm Table Restaurant, 110 Keller Ave. N in Amery. Michelle Carlisle with the WDNR is going to talk about habitat conservation efforts near Parker Creek. We'll also review plans and fundraising to replace the perched culvert on Parker Creek.

**Trout in the Classroom:** Last year Kiap-TU-Wish sponsored three *Trout in the Classroom* (TIC) projects. The same three classes plan to continue the program this year: Steve Scheiffer's Amery High School class, Jeremiah Fisk's Amery Elementary fifth-grade class and John Mueller's fifth-grade class at River Crest Elementary in Hudson. Kiap-TU-Wish member Greg Olson does an excellent job working with each of the teachers and navigating the administrative duties required to raise trout and then release them into the Willow River. Last year's program was enhanced with the addition of a *Bugs In the Classroom* session sponsored by Dean Hanson. Students were able to view and handle mayfly, caddis, stonefly and dragonfly larvae. As students handled the bugs it was fun to see the reaction change from "I don't want to touch them" to "this is cool." As TU's website notes, the benefit of TIC is that it brings nature into the classroom and allows students to develop a personal bond and conservation ethic that are core to TU's mission.

**Conservation Banquet:** Plans are underway for this year's banquet. The venue is the popular Lake Elmo Event Center. The date is Thursday, December 8th. Please reserve the date and plan on attending.

HELLO  
My name is. . .

*Hotshot Volunteer*

(Or top-notch, crackerjack, ace, no-slouch, capable, no-dummy, big-cheese, big-deal, star. Whatever term you like, we could use your volunteer power.)

interesting people and get satisfaction from helping others, please e-mail or call me and we'll put you on our hotshot volunteer list. I can be reached by e-mail at [thschnad@hotmail.com](mailto:thschnad@hotmail.com) or via phone at 651-245-5163.

**Volunteers Wanted:** It is interesting to me how many last-minute requests Kiap-TU-Wish receives for volunteers. Requests can be for activities like *Trout in the Classroom* or habitat work such as seeding and mulching. This spring a core group of men and women were always able to dedicate time to help out. If you have a flexible schedule, enjoy meeting and working with

~Tom Schnadt

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Please join us at our October 5th chapter meeting in River Falls. Dave Norling, Jr. will be speaking: Stories from a Bamboo Rod Builder.

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### FRONT PAGE PHOTO:

The photo above was taken on one of our local streams. Kids who participated in Dean Hanson's *Bugs in the Classroom* session—as part of the TIC program—got a first-hand look at caddis like those pictured above, as well other aquatic insects. Get your name on the volunteer list to help with this fun session.

### DON'T FORGET:

- Visit the K-TU website & Facebook page for news, announcements & updates.
- The next RipRap deadline is Friday, October 14th.
- Send info to: [manion.maria@gmail.com](mailto:manion.maria@gmail.com)

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## KIAP in AMERY

A Kiap-TU-Wish chapter meeting will be held on October 10th in Amery. Michele Carlisle from the WDNR will be speaking about plans for the Parker Creek Fishery Area near Amery. Please join us.

What: Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter Meeting  
 When: Monday, October 10th  
 6:00pm dinner (your dime)  
 7:00pm program  
 Where: Farm Table Restaurant  
 110 Keller Ave North in Amery

*Parking can be found along Keller Ave.  
 or in a lot behind the restaurant.*

## RF DAM UPDATE



The City of River Falls selected the firm Short, Elliot, Hendrickson (SEH) as the consultant on the Kinnickinnic River Corridor Project. This project spans three years and will include a decision to keep or remove one or both of the City's hydroelectric dams. Subcontractors include:

- Inter-Fluve for river assessment and restoration
- IMO Consulting Group for water resource engineering
- TRC who specialize in hydroelectric regulatory issues

The City will form a Corridor Planning Committee made up of a wide range of interested groups and individuals. A comprehensive community engagement plan is also in development and will kick off with an open house this fall followed by smaller meetings, surveys and a variety of other means to gather input.

~Gary Horvath



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## Mark Your Calendar Kiap-TU-Wish 2016 Holiday Banquet

The banquet committee\* is underway, planning what they know will be a wonderful "holiday banquet and silent auction" evening! The date for this year's banquet will be Thursday, December 8th.

All details pertaining to the banquet will appear in the next edition of RipRap. So, mark your calendar NOW, and stay tuned for related information next month!

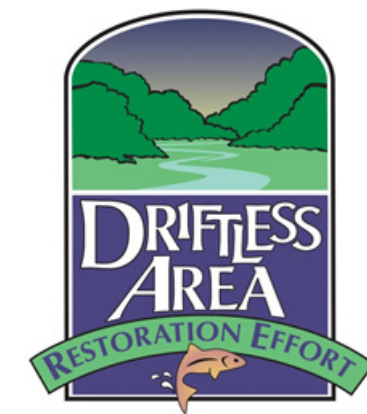
\*Banquet committee members: Tom Schnadt, Allison Jacobs, Laurie Ashworth, Greg Dietl, Bob Diesch, Scott Wagner, Mike Alwin, and Deb Alwin



## Driftless Dinner on October 15

Come celebrate and support ten years of DARE's Driftless Area trout stream restoration! Join us for a fun evening at the first-ever Driftless Dinner, Saturday October 15 at the Driftless Café in Viroqua, Wisconsin. We'll toast the end of the Wisconsin and Minnesota inland trout seasons and enjoy a first-rate dinner served by award-winning chef Luke Zahm and his crew.

The dinner is a benefit for the Driftless Area Restoration Effort (DARE), which works to fund and support coldwater habitat restoration projects across four states of the Driftless Area: Iowa,



Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. DARE has been named the nation's outstanding wild trout restoration program by the Wild Trout Symposium. Sponsorships for the dinner are \$250 (including two dinner tickets), and dinner tickets are \$50 apiece. Cocktails, appetizers and music at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Seating is limited. Reserve your tickets and sponsorships now with [dwelter@tu.org](mailto:dwelter@tu.org) or call 715-579-7538.





## A Letter To the Editor

BACK IN THE '80s, Tom Pero was the editor of Trout magazine, the national organization's glossy magazine. Pero was a good editor and his magazine looked it; I seem to remember that the articles were interesting and the photography was stunning. But Pero was also adventurous, once publishing a large article on spin fishing for trout. That seemed to be his undoing, because the level of vitriol unleashed in letters to the editor in the next issue was stunning and he was soon not the editor anymore.

I mention this as background for something I read in Grady McAbee's article about his experiences in the 2016 TU Youth Camp. That camp offered tips on trout fishing with flies, spinners and bait. When the kids went fishing they had a choice of live bait, spinners or flies, and the casting contests were for both spin and fly casting.

So, the first of my two comments is that Trout Unlimited is NOT a fly fishing club. Our organization accepts anyone as a member, regardless of their preferred method of fishing, if they are interested in conserving, preserving and enhancing cold water fisheries. My second comment regards something I read in Jonathan Jacob's article, *Considerations & Responsibility*. Jonathan correctly identifies TU as a conservation organization dedicated to coldwater resources. True that, but Trout Unlimited is the ONLY such organization dedicated to cold water fisheries.

One one/millionth of the earth's surface water flows in a trout stream and there are just a few thousand of us trying to protect them...so we don't care how you fish, only that you help.

Michael Alwin

## From the Editor

The nature journal entries of North Hudson fifth-graders who participated in last year's *Trout in the Classroom* program, got me thinking about fishing journals. They're a good way to learn more about our surroundings because writing or sketching forces one to pay attention. I took a field biology course a few years back that required us to include photos or video or sketches in a nature journal. I limited myself to sketches, assuming I'd have to concentrate more on what I saw in order to recreate it by hand. It was tiring sometimes, to take so much time to sketch and annotate, but looking back, I'm glad I did. In some of those nature journal entries, I can almost recreate the smells and sounds of the day.

Well, in last month's issue of RipRap I promised to share one of my fishing journal entries. See below.

I first fell in love with fishing journals when coming across a copy of *Muriel Foster's Fishing Diary*. Muriel Foster, the eldest child in a Victorian upper-middle-class family, made entries in a fishing journal from 1913 to 1949. They included her catch, type of fish, location, date, and gorgeous watercolor sketches of the fish, insects, flies, landscape, etc. The journal is beautiful and inspiring.

Upon mentioning the journal to other anglers, I learned that many people keep fishing journals of their own. The formats vary; some are prose description in wire-bound school notebooks, some are scribbles and annotated pencil drawings in hardback sketchbooks, and some are a record of weather and water conditions on journals made specifically for such observations. One angler I met keeps what appears to be an accountant's ledger of dates and numbers, supplemented by a stack of school-portfolio-size photos of fish—fish mug shots.

If you don't already keep a fishing journal, you might consider doing so. For me, it's a useful record of information but also a remembrance of beautiful days and places.

~Maria Manion

If you're new or old to fishing journals, please consider sharing an entry with RipRap. We promise to obscure names of secret spots.



Detail from Muriel Foster's Fishing Diary.

**August 20 @ Kinni: Maria & Cricket** | Was a hot day - which we haven't had a lot of. Drove to Swinging Gate. A family was at the main landing, playing in the water. Cricket and I walked upstream, jumped in and started wading. I was wet wading. Felt great. We got to the first small island and just upstream caught a 10" brown on a nymph - bright lime green with bead. I intended to keep one for dinner but let this one go out of respect/good fortune/whatever. We kept wading up and at run along bank I hooked another. This time on a prince nymph but lost it before getting it to hand. Once at falls I tried to find out where the fish were stacked in the pool. No luck. Can't seem to find them. Kept wading upstream to where it's canopied and flat but plenty of fish lying in the sand and rock shadows. Cricket and I found a rock and sat down for lunch. Came to a house on a bend and along outside curve where lawn met water a couple fish were rising. I put on a sulphur-yellow body, white collar hackle and CDC parachute. On first or second drift a trout snatched it; it popped off just at my feet. So we kept wading. About 4:30 we headed back downstream. Got to the falls. I was determined to find fish. Lost nymph and streamer from Joel. While opening my nymph box I saw fish rising to mayflies in the riffle. Tied on the sulphur again. On first cast a trout took it and we had dinner. Didn't catch anymore. Was a great day with Cricket. Great.

# Loopy Thinking

by Jonathan Jacobs

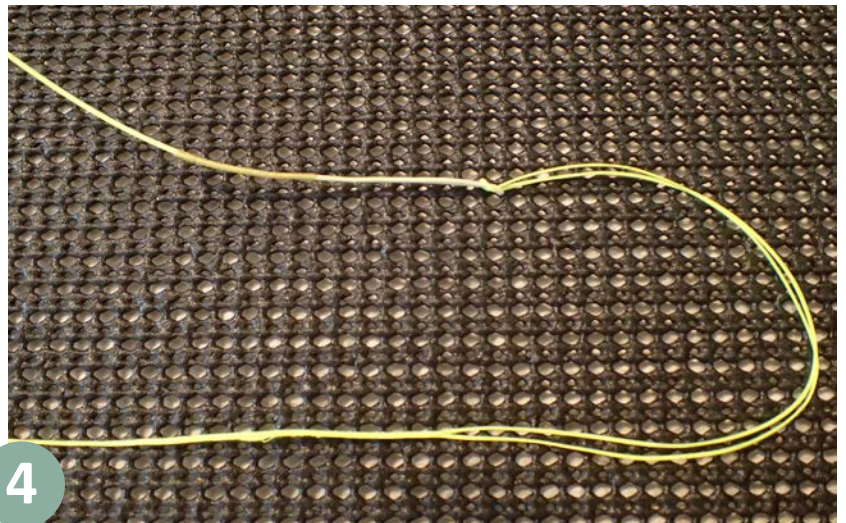
NEARLY ALL NEW FLY LINES on the market today come equipped with a formed loop on the front of the line at the very least and many are equipped with loops at both ends. I imagine that there is a subset of fly anglers who mutter indecorously at the sight of those loops before cutting them off and needle or nail-knotting a leader to a new line, but I welcome the presence of those loops. Loop-to-loop connections are one of the slickest parts of fly equipment rigging and can be used throughout the system and not just at the line to leader transition. They allow for quick change-out of component parts and generally run through the guides smoothly. At the tippet to fly connection loops allow a fly to swing freely and exhibit a more natural action. The challenge lies in learning to create and maintain these loops. If you view the sport of fly fishing as a process in which one continually improves one's skill set by mastering more elements of it and in doing so honors the craft of it, I suggest that mastering rigging of all kinds is a necessary thing. Two excellent resources to guide you along are *Terminal Tactics for Fly Fishing* by George Anderson, a CD-ROM video, and the book/DVD set *Fishing Knots: Proven to Work for Light Tackle and Fly Fishing* by Lefty Kreh. Both works go into amazing detail. Along with good, clear instructions for things like the classic Bimini Twist, Slim Beauty, Albright Knot and other esoterica, there are discussions aplenty on various uses of loops and how to build them. For example, Anderson shows how to build a loop into the front end of a line that did not have one, or replaces a worn-out factory welded loop on one that did, while also showing how to use rod-winding thread to create a smooth running loop at the back end. Anderson also shows how to create seamless loops in fly line backing by using a slick little Gudebrod/Cortland tool. Kreh covers nearly every kind of knot that any angler anywhere ever thought to use and a few they didn't. Both of these works are indispensable for anyone with a desire to master yet another facet of the sport. 🪁

**Photo 1:** A flyline with a hand-built front loop attached to a leader with a perfection loop

**Photo 2:** A homemade rear flyline loop attached to a seamless backing loop

**Photo 3 & 4:** A seamless loop in backing

**Photo 5:** An improved Homer Rhode Loop Knot







by Mike Alwin

## Was That Wrong?

I USED TO FISH THE LOWER Kinni semi regularly. This was in the days before the plastic hatch when the only folks on the river were anglers, hikers and a few students from UW-RF. After Cliff Jacobson started taking his canoe classes from the Science Museum of Minnesota down there, the Lower Kinni got a little crowded with aluminum and polyethylene canoes on the weekends. The paddlers weren't very good but they were smart enough not to take their Kevlar or cedar strip canoes down the river; an awful lot of rocks sported the telltale signs of aluminum scraped from the bottoms of the hulls.

In those days there was something called the Canoe Posse, a band of adventurers who used to canoe the river in March during run-off. These folks went merrily cruising down-river chain sawing every sweeper, limb and deadhead they found along the way. The idea was to open the channel to make it easier for the recreational boaters when they came out in earnest. Their efforts didn't prevent canoeists from getting themselves into trouble, oh no, but it did prevent them from being swamped by a sweeper or knocked out of the canoe by a low hanging limb.

One August evening many years ago, Jonathan and I hiked upstream from County Road F to see if we could find

the remnants of an *Isonychia* emergence. As we were gearing up in the state park parking lot two cars, one with a canoe on top, roared into the lot. One guy jumped out of his car and hopped into the car carrying the canoe and they sped away. Jon and I watched this drama and then started hiking upstream. About two or three crossings and a half hour later we started fishing. About an hour after that these same two guys came flying down the river in their canoe. I mean to tell

of sight, coming my way. Now when I say I became aware, I mean that I heard it. That couple must have hit every obstruction they could find, and when they finally beached their unfortunate craft on a gravel bar directly opposite me they had sonically battered every trout in the run I was preparing to fish. But I was not seething and endeavored to keep a civil tongue in my head when, several minutes later, after they had caught their breath, the man in the stern looked right

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you, these guys were really good; they covered that eight river miles in about an hour and a half, and I'm betting they didn't leave aluminum streaks on the rocks.

And so it was a few years later when Edgerly and I fished the Lower Kinni one lovely Sunday afternoon early in summer. We fished here and there before separating, he to fish a long pool down below and I to fish a steep run. As I sat on the bank retying my leader, I became aware of a canoe, still upstream and out

at me and said, "Oh well, I guess it's not a canoeing river." Apparently my response displeased him. He and his wife shoved off immediately and Edgerly told me later that he was still cursing me when he paddled past him. And what exactly was my offense? Remember, he directed his comment right at me. It would have been rude not to answer, so I said, "Oh, you can canoe it all right, if you know what you're doing." Was that wrong? 🐾



Left: New anglers Ariana Kadlec and Alanis Viana  
Right: Volunteer Linda Radimecky giving casting instruction to Ariana



## Scouts & Trouts

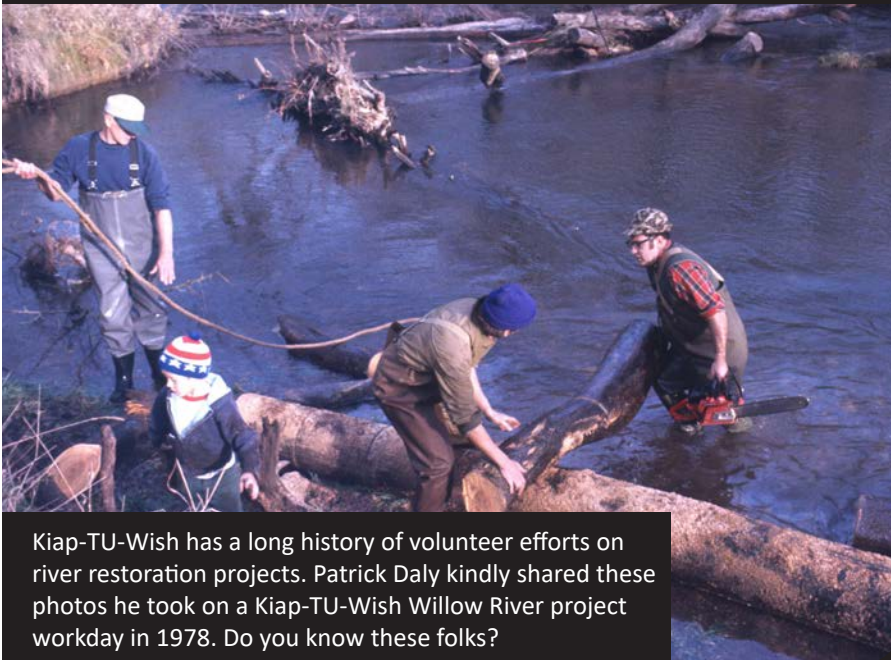
Last spring, nine women from Kiap-TU-Wish, Fly Fishing Women of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota spent the morning with a group of Girl Scout Juniors in Menomonie. The volunteers taught the girls about coldwater streams, fly fishing and conservation. On September 3rd, two of those volunteers met with Girl Scout Juniors Ariana Kadlec and Alanis Viana for a fly fishing outing on the Rush River. The outing had been canceled twice due to weather, but happily the Saturday of Labor Day weekend was clear for fishing.

The girls suited up in waders, sunglasses and hats and practiced casting on the lawn—first with yarn rods and then with the real thing. After a few words about safety, scouts and parents and volunteers walked to the river to fish.

The girls cast soft hackles into riffle-y water amongst rising fish, even mending the line now and again. Finally, success! Alanis found herself with a brown trout at the end of the line, which was as exciting for those who weren't fishing as it was for the angler herself. Thank you Scouts! Seeing an angler catching her first trout is fun experience to re-live.

~Maria Manion

## From the Field: in 1978



Kiap-TU-Wish has a long history of volunteer efforts on river restoration projects. Patrick Daly kindly shared these photos he took on a Kiap-TU-Wish Willow River project workday in 1978. Do you know these folks?





## FLY TIER'S CORNER: Clown Shoe Caddis

Recipe & Instructions: Brian Smolinski



### Recipe

Hook ::	Daiichi 1130
Thread ::	UTC 140 Denier – olive
Abdomen ::	Clear round vinyl rib over olive thread
Post ::	Cerise McFly Foam
Wing ::	Natural deer hair
Thorax ::	Hare's Ear Plus Dubbing – Dark Natural
Hackle ::	Dun or grizzly saddle hackle

### Questions?

Stop in at Lund's Fly Shop or email Brian at [brian@lunds-flyshop.com](mailto:brian@lunds-flyshop.com)

### Instructions

- [1] Tie in thread at the center of the hook and wrap back around the bend.
- [2] Tie in vinyl rib.
- [3] Wrap thread back to the center of the hook shank, wrap vinyl rib back to the center of the hook shank and tie off.
- [4] Stack a pinch of deer hair and tie in at the center. Keep the length of the hair about the length of the shank. Trim the butts and tie the ends down.
- [5] Divide the McFly Foam in thirds. Tie in a post.
- [6] Tie in hackle behind the post.
- [7] Dub behind and in front of the post. Wrap hackle forward with three wraps behind post and two in front of post.
- [8] Tie off hackle, whip finish and add head cement. Trim bottom of the hackle flush.

**Notes:** Jay Zimmerman from Boulder Colorado came up with this cool caddis pattern. With the bright post it easily serves double duty when a dropper is tied to the bend of the hook. The color of the thread will dictate the color of the abdomen. A colored vinyl rib can be used instead of clear or throw some flash material under the rib to change things up.

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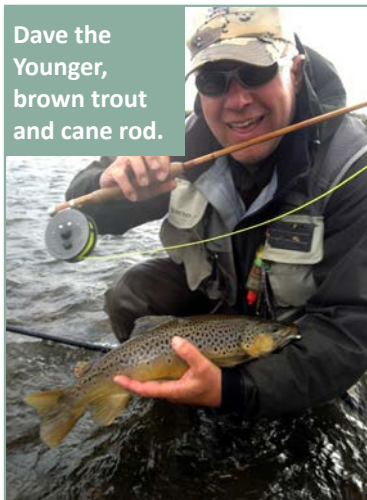
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## "Stories From a Bamboo Rod Builder"

Dave the  
Younger,  
brown trout  
and cane rod.



Please join us on October 5th  
when Dave Norling, Jr.—of  
Norling Fine Cane Rods—will  
be telling stories about his  
adventures.

You don't want to miss it.

**October 5th!**