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## SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

BY GREG DIETL

**J**oin us for the first meeting of the year September 2, 2009 at Bob Smith's Sports Club, downtown Hudson; 6 PM for dinner and 7 for the meeting. There will not be a speaker at the September meeting.

Catch up with friends and chapter events over the summer.  
See you in September.

**Bob Smith's  
Sports Club,  
downtown  
Hudson.**

**Wednesday,  
May 6  
6 PM dinner  
7 PM meet-  
ing.**



## KIAP-TU-WISH CHAPTER



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**Editor's Note-Chapter member Cole Madden's high school was erroneously listed as Stillwater H.S. in the May '09 RipRap. He actually graduated from Hudson H.S. last spring. The Editor apologizes for any grief that Cole might have endured because of this error.**



# VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES

BY GREG DIETL

**W**elcome back! Once again summer seems to be slipping away. In my mind this cool summer felt like a long spring without the benefits of spring rains. Most of our trout waters are low and many of the warm water rivers are very low. The cool weather has been a blessing given the lack of rain.



## PARKER CREEK PROJECT

Chapter volunteers were very busy on the Parker Creek project this summer. The Tuesday work nights were only cancelled once because of heat when the heat index hit 100+ plus degrees, very unusual this summer. The DNR and volunteers worked from the crossing at County J downstream to Pleasant Avenue, about one mile of stream. We averaged 12 volunteers per night. Approximately 40 structures were built and placed, many box elders were removed; a lot of seeding and mulching of stream banks had to be done by hand because of the meanders and some steep hill sides. Randy's renovated mulcher continued to work without a hitch. The project finished right under the June 30th deadline. Thank you to the very steady crew of volunteers who showed up and worked at Parker Creek last winter and through the spring and summer.

## PINE CREEK

The DNR moved to Pine Creek in early July. Volunteer work began on Tuesday, August 4th and will continue on Tuesday afternoons until the project is finished. Fairmount Minerals volunteers were in full force and provided substantial help at the first work day. Directions to Pine Creek project: WI 35 to County A just south of Maiden Rock; follow County A east to the work site and parking. Volunteers usually start work around 4 PM; bring boots, gloves and water. Keep an eye on the weather and web site for updates and changes.

## BANQUET PLANNING

We're in the banquet planning mode. This year's banquet will be Thursday, December 3, at Tartan Park. We could use some planning help as well as help soliciting donations. If you want to get involved, contact Mike Alwin, Jon Jacobs, Deb Olmstead or me.

## FILL THE FLY BOX CHALLENGE

Chad Borenz has filled the fly box. Many of you answered Chad's challenge. We're working on plans to raffle the fly box and its contents. This raffle will be one of the chapter's major fund raising activities this year. The box is full of great flies of all sizes and types. Thanks to Chad for the idea and for pursuing this challenge for the last almost 2 years! You will all hear about the plans when we're ready to roll.

## WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Jacob Cunningham   Nelson French   Gregg Hadley   Steven Means   Thomas Johnson  
Daniel Wilkening

## SEWTU WINS NATIONAL TU CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

National TU has recognized the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter as the Chapter of the Year Golden Trout award winner. Congratulations to SEWTU! For more information go to their web site at [www.sewtu.org](http://www.sewtu.org)

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

I'm still working on a speaker for the October meeting. In November, Chris Silver and Joe Paatalo will bring their Fishing with Joe show to the meeting: poetry, song, essays.... Check them out at [www.fishingwithjoe.com](http://www.fishingwithjoe.com). Andy Roth will give a presentation on winter fishing at the January meeting. You can find Andy at [www.greygoatflyfishing.com](http://www.greygoatflyfishing.com)



**Y**ou probably have noticed that this is a very sparse edition of RipRap. There are several reasons for this. First and foremost, I haven't been fishing all that much this summer, so I don't have much to say about our beloved trout or the local streams. Secondly, there have been very few article submissions from you, the reader, this summer, which greatly affects the size of the issue. Thirdly, I didn't start working on this issue until a day or two before the deadline, so I didn't have much time to think about what I could write. And, finally, unless you were living under a rock last spring and missed out on previous issues of RipRap, you should know that my wife and I had a baby girl in March, so any free time I once had is now taken up with baby-related things. I am happy to say that Chelsea, who is now 5 months old, is doing wonderfully, although she has recently decided to wake up, ready to start her day, at between 3 AM & 5 AM each and every morning. So now my wife, Connie, and I are even more sleep deprived than we were when Chelsea was a newborn. Hopefully this is just a phase she is going through. I don't think I will be able to handle it if this lasts until she moves out at the age of 18. Please, if you know the secret of how to get a 5-month-old to sleep through the night, let me know as soon as possible!

I would love to hear from you even if you don't have a secret remedy for a wide-awake baby. If you have an article idea, some nice photos of your fishing excursions this summer, or anything else you'd like to submit, please feel free to contact me. You can email me at [scott@yes-tech.com](mailto:scott@yes-tech.com), call me at (651) 343-6837, or hand your submission to me at the monthly meeting. Believe me, you don't have to be a professional writer or photographer to submit something. I am happy to get anything you want to send me! Next month's RipRap will be the normal length of 8 pages, so send in your submissions and keep 'em coming. See you next month!

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## AN ANT FOR ALL SEASONS

BY JAMES R. HUMPHREY

**I**f rising trout won't take an imitation of the insects that are emerging, try this trick: Tie on a black ant pattern that is smaller than the insects that the trout are eating. Cast upstream and fish the ant on a dead drift. Trout that reject exact imitations will often take small ant patterns, even during late winter and early spring when no real ants can be found. The trick of using a fly that's smaller than the natural works with other patterns too.

When matching a hatch with a dry fly it's usually better to use a size smaller than you think you should. Why? First, we overestimate the size of insects in the air. Second, the hackle of a dry fly makes it look larger than a natural with the same length body and wing.







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## **DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!**

There will be no speaker at the September meeting, but come and catch up with friends and find out what's been going on in your chapter. Wednesday

September 2, 2009 at  
Bob Smith's Sports Club.

Dinner starts at 6PM  
Meeting begins at 7PM

See you there!



Deadline for the October issue of RipRap is  
Wednesday, September 23, 2009.  
See you at the September meeting!

