



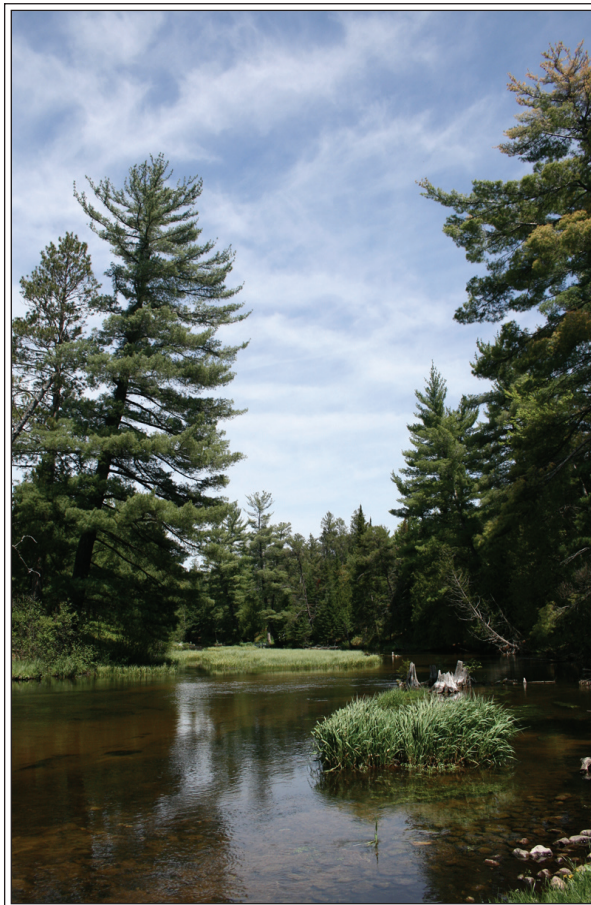
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SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

BY SCOTT HANSON

No concrete plans have been set for the September meeting, but no matter what is decided on, it will be a good time to get back in touch with old friends, and find out what's been happening on our local trout streams. See you on Wednesday, September 1st!

**Bob Smith's
Sports Club,
downtown
Hudson,
Wednesday Sep-
tember 1st,
6 PM for dinner,
7 PM for
meeting and
presentation.**



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**We hope you've had a
great summer! Welcome
back to a new year of
RipRap!**



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great summer and some good fishing, especially since the devastating rains wreaked havoc with our favorite streams. The DNR is currently assessing damage and there may be specific projects directed towards stream repair/cleanup.

Our first monthly meeting is scheduled for September 1st at the Sport's Club in downtown Hudson, and while we are still deciding on a format, we hope to see you all there.

Welcome new members; Christopher Adams, Hudson; Tom Mara, New Richmond; Lori Moilanen, Hudson; Robert Teets, Durand; and John Welch, Durand.

Hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

“HERITAGE” BROOK TROUT?

The following is an email sent from Tim Meyer, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to the volunteers that helped find what may be a unique strain of Brook Trout - The Editor

Thanks to all who showed up last night at Trout Creek. Dr. Mike Bessert, with help from students and DNR crew, collected the first samples of brook trout from Trout Creek. Dr. Bessert will analyze this data, compare the data to other known strains of brook trout in Wisconsin and around the country (world?), and attempt to find a “heritage” strain of Wisconsin brook trout. “If you’ve seen one brook trout you’ve seen them all” was immediately proven flawed when John Sours pointed out that the coloration of the brook trout in Trout Creek was very unique. Anyone who has caught a number of trout realizes that the color and arrangement of markings can vary from stream to stream, from one type of substrate to another, and even from shallow to deep holes in the same stream. I don’t believe anyone at the sampling had ever witnessed these particular type of very distinctive markings on two and three year old brook trout that were similar to the “parr marks” on young fish. As indicated below, parr marks on brook trout are supposed to be “vague or irregular, not well defined”.

*Brook trout, **Salvelinus fontinalis***

Caudal fin nearly square or slightly forked, (may be deeply forked in freshwater populations in eastern Canada) without dark wavy lines on dorsal and caudal fins; lower fins with pure white leading edges, but not usually followed by black; sides with creamy, pink, or reddish spots, not extending onto fins; parr marks vague or irregular, not well defined.....

“After several weeks a series of dark vertical bands called parr marks appear along the sides of the young trout and they are now referred to as parr. The Brook Trout lose these marks as they grow, eventually becoming juveniles, then adults.”

All the results of finding a “heritage” strain is not known at this time but one could imagine 1) an attempt to nurture and protect this strain through habitat improvement, 2) try to insure that it is not lost due to natural or man-made disturbances in the watershed, and 3) initiate an attempt to populate other local streams, either to replace existing known strains of stocked brook trout, or introduce the “heritage” strain in such numbers as to eventually dominate the genetic makeup of the trout in a population. One would have to assume that the genetic makeup of an undisturbed brook trout population in this area has had about 10000 years (give or take a few K years) since the Wisconsin glaciation to figure out exactly what genes and traits are best for survival. However it turns out, it was kind of exciting to be on hand to witness this potentially high impact sample collection.



SCOTT'S SCOOP

BY SCOTT HANSON, EDITOR

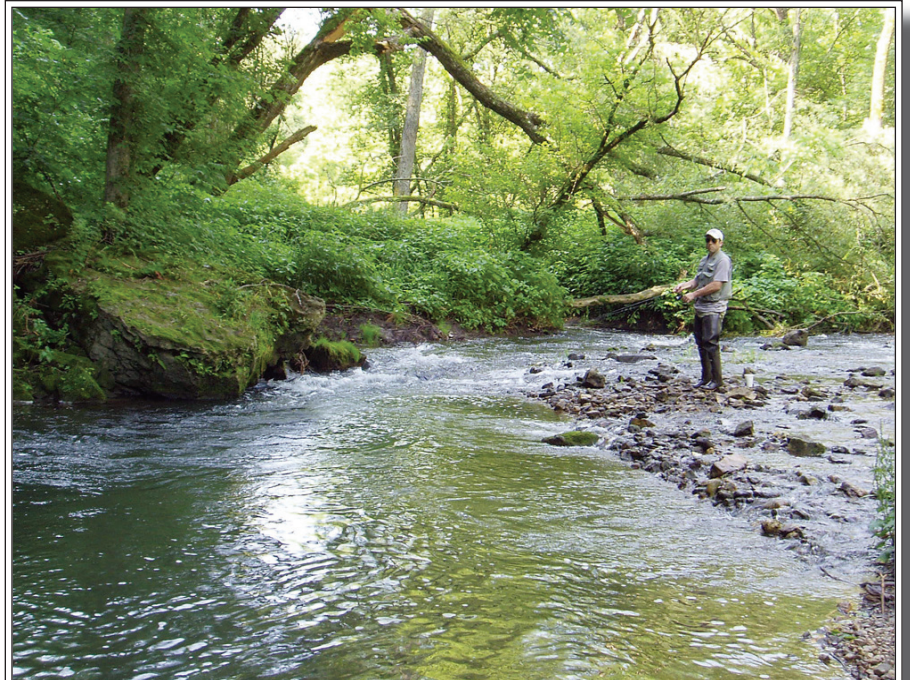
Boy, did this summer go fast! I can't believe that August is almost over already. Soon we'll be shoveling the snow off of our driveways and scraping the ice off our windshields. But before that happens, I'm going to try to get out once or twice and catch a few more fish. I say a few more, because I've only caught a few so far. The small number of fish that I've caught is understandable, since I've only been out fishing twice. And the fact that I've only been out twice is understandable, since my wife and I welcomed our son into the world in early July. Yup, in the wee hours of July 3rd, Nathaniel Eldon Hanson was born, and life has only gotten busier since then. We now have two kids in the house under the age of 17 months, so it will be a miracle if I get through the year without pulling all my hair out. If that happens, at least maybe I can use my hair for dubbing. I'll have to see how well it spins on the thread.

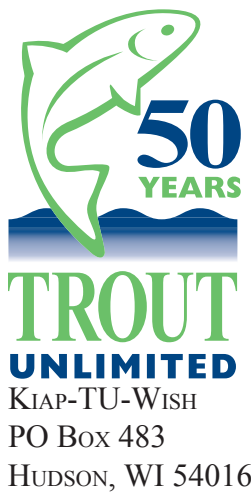
You may have noticed that this issue of RipRap is a bit sparse. Now that I have two children to tend to, I especially need more contributions from readers like you in order to make RipRap full of useful information, like it should be. PLEASE send any and all articles, photos, flies, or anything else trout and/or conservation-related that you can think of to me for inclusion in an upcoming issue of RipRap. Anything and everything will be gladly accepted with open arms by yours truly.

I'm sure a lot of you took a fishing vacation this summer, or at least were able to get out occasionally and wet a line. If you have a fun story or some nice photos you would like to share with other chapter members, send them to me and I'll get them in a future issue of RipRap. Send whatever you've got to scott@yes-tech.com. The deadline for submissions for the October issue is Wednesday, September 22nd, but fun fishing photos are welcome all winter long, so send them in any time. See ya next month!

Above: The newest member of the Hanson household, Nathaniel, at 7 weeks.

Right: Fishing a lovely stream at dusk.





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DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!

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