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**Next meeting is Thursday,
 August 4, 2016**

**5:30 p.m. Dinner
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7:00 p.m. Meeting

NW Works

**3085 Shawnee Drive
 Winchester**

Next Redbud workday is Saturday, Aug 6th

Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, August 10th

See you at the meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2016
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Bud on the Run: Update on the July Workday at Redbud Run article by Bud Nagelvoort, photos by Bill Prokopchak

Next Workday is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th at 8:00 a.m.

On July 9th, despite no July meeting, a particularly intelligent crew recognized the benefits of working in and about a stream with water temperature of 61° to finish off the construction of two stream enhancement devices among other remarkable efforts.

Initially, Terry, Robert, Bill, Rick Stanford, and Bud finished off the logging operation on the large ash that had succumbed to the borer -- and already provided two 12-ft. logs for bank protection at Seipel Site #4 dedicated to Dave VanBenschoten.

Terry fuels his "Husky" for the day's labors. He cut the final 12-ft. section from a dead ash tree that Winchester TU has been using for stream restoration work.



The remnant 12-ft. stump log was separated from an upper decayed 8-ft. segment and chain-dragged by Tacoma to our present work site about a 10th of a mile away. Its final disposition remains to be determined, but a mental struggle anticipating the physical struggle to get it into a logical place is currently underway.

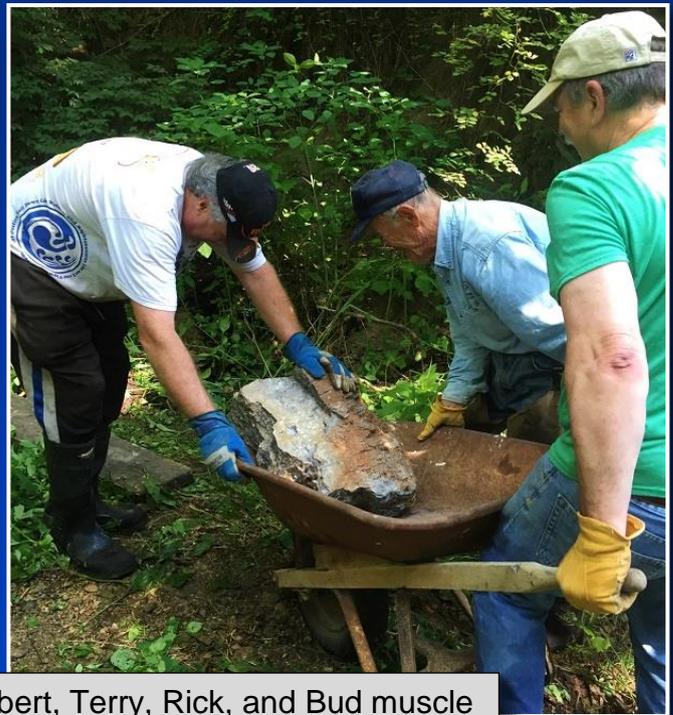
After polishing up the log structure installed in June by nailing and trimming boards followed by filling in the bankside of the stream with old wood for insect habitat, the regular rock layer was applied to top off the structure. Apparently, only Terry managed to brush up against poison ivy in that operation.

Bud's Redbud Run update continues on the next page.

Bud on the Run: Redbud Run Update -- continued

by Bud Nagelvoort

Then the work began. Over several months, a large supply of big, medium, and small rocks had been secured from Dave's neighbors, the Coopers, for use in blocking extra-high stream flows from further gouging out the stream bank at Site #4. These pics indicate the size and quantity of rock utilized in this operation along with the techniques involved in moving the big stuff. What it does not do is describe the challenges in moving the bigger limestone into the proper place. It took much huffing and puffing.



Robert, Terry, Rick, and Bud muscle a 150 pounder into place at Redbud restoration Site #4.



While all of the above has been important, there is news of such extra importance that I hesitate to bring it up without 4th of July-type fireworks: Perry Engineering. Perry Engineering owns the rock/concrete disposal area at the intersection of Sulphur Spring Road and Route 50 where we have secured maybe 100 tons of limestone rock over the past 20 years, with initial (and just now continued) permission of PE in 1996.

On July 20, I had occasion to travel on Route 11 north of Winchester and just past Webber's greenhouses noticed a major Perry Engineering construction project under way with piles of freshly excavated limestone. Lightbulb flashing! So after stopping at Redbud to measure for an inverted V to install at the August 6th work session, I stopped at the Perry Engineering office on Route 50 just south of Sulphur Spring Road.

As it turned out, Charlie, the guy at PE who gave me permission in 1996 to use their Sulphur Spring Road rock, is at the same office he was then, and we conversed. Bottom line: On the week of July 25th, he will have a truckload of rock dropped off at our work site at Seipel's! And I'm thinking more can be coming as it is available and we can make use of it! I know, you all think I have rocks in my head – and it's true!

Bud's Redbud Run update continues on the next page.

Bud on the Run: Redbud Run Update -- continued

by Bud Nagelvoort

I also have two nice segments of black locust, shortly to be cut at my place to fit for the inverted V that we'll be installing on August 6th as we dedicate this Site #4 area to Dave. The inverted V location will be at the upstream end of the fallen log which isolates Boyer's Bog. Any Winch TU member knows exactly where that is, of course.

In any event, August 6th at Redbud at 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. to take advantage of the cool of the morning and allow knocking off at 11:00 a.m. for the formal dedication of Site #4 to Dave. We will need to secure a case of Dave's favorite to toast his memory and properly christen the plaque to be placed at the site. We hope even those members who can't join the work session will be able to slip away from lawn mowing and Christmas shopping long enough to join the work crew for this event.

As usual, please advise me by 7:00 p.m. August 5th by tele at (540) 277-7629 or e-mail at BudMary2257@gmail.com if you will be participating at both/either of the events on August 6th.



Here is a pic of the crew indicating the intellect and attractive humanity carrying out this effort.

Keep in mind that at least one of these individuals had to be the photographer.

Guess which one and you get a free soda if you show up at the next work session on August 6th.

Bud



Winchester TU volunteers needed.

Please contact Gene Lewis if you can help with this fly-fishing clinic. He will need about six volunteers.

Second Annual Cool Spring Campus Fly-Fishing Clinic

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Partnership: Shenandoah University and Winchester Trout Unlimited
by Gene Lewis
 Manager of the Shenandoah University Cool Spring Property

I have a date set for the Second Annual Shenandoah University fly-fishing clinic here at Cool Spring. The clinic will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as it was last year.

This will once again be geared toward the SU students, faculty, staff, and those affiliated with the Winchester TU chapter.

Attendance is limited to 15 participants. There will be no charge.

We are hoping to secure the services of a "celebrity" instructor as we did last year, too.





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PHW Update

PHW needs your gently used fly reels.

by Paul Wilson, PHW Program Leader,
Martinsburg VAMC

Our PHW Project needs your gently used fly reels:

We can use some more reels as some of the donated reels are quite old and barely usable.

We need gently used

- reels with or without line for our “student” 5/6-wt rods;
- some donated rods that are 4/5-wt, 5/6-wt, 6/7wt, 8/9wt; and
- a couple of 3-wt rods.

PLEASE DONATE!!

Social Media: Please remember to send pictures to Charlie and Kenny for our Chapter and PHW program websites. And please “like” us on Facebook, use the calendar on our TU site, and, of course, all suggestions and additional content are much appreciated.

And as always, if you are available to volunteer for any of our Project Healing Waters fly-fishing events or classes, please contact me and I will add you to my email list.

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Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Event Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly “BarFly” at Escutcheon Brewery.

The brewery and tasting room are located at 142 W. Commercial St. in Winchester. No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports TU.



Photo by Gene Lewis



Poet's Corner

Selection from "Eben Holden's Last Day A-Fishing"

by Irving Bacheller, 1907

Series creator: Bud Nagelvoort

As we entered the cool woods and came where we could hear the song of the brook, Uncle Eb cautioned me in a whisper, just as he used to do: "Now go careful."

I found a rock at the head of a likely stretch of rapids on which he could sit comfortably as he fished. I prepared his tackle and baited his hook for him, and stood by as it went plunking into smooth water. Sitting there, he seemed to forget his feebleness, and his voice and figure were full of animation. His hair, as white as snow, was like the crown of glory of which David sings.

He kept hauling and giving out. Now and then, as he felt a nibble, he addressed the fish: "How d' do? Come ag'in," he said, as he continued to work his line. "Tut, tut! You're another!" he exclaimed, with a sharp twitch.

The trout was a large one, and Uncle Eb, with a six-ounce rod, had not been able to lift and swing him ashore in the old fashion. He held on with jiggling hands and a look of great animation as the fish took line in half a dozen quick rushes.

"You're tryin' to jerk me out o' my boots" -- the words were emphasized and broken here and there by the struggle. The rod's vibration had got into his voice and all the upper part of his body. "Stop that, ye scalawag!" he went on. "Consarn ye, come here to me!"

He seized the line, flung his rod on the shore, and began to haul vigorously hand over hand. When the splendid fish lay gasping at his feet, Uncle Eb turned to me and shook his head. He sat breathing hard, as if the exertion had wearied him. Soon he took out his jack-knife, a serious look on his face.

"You go cut me an alder pole," said he, with decision. "That thing ain't no better'n a spear o' grass."

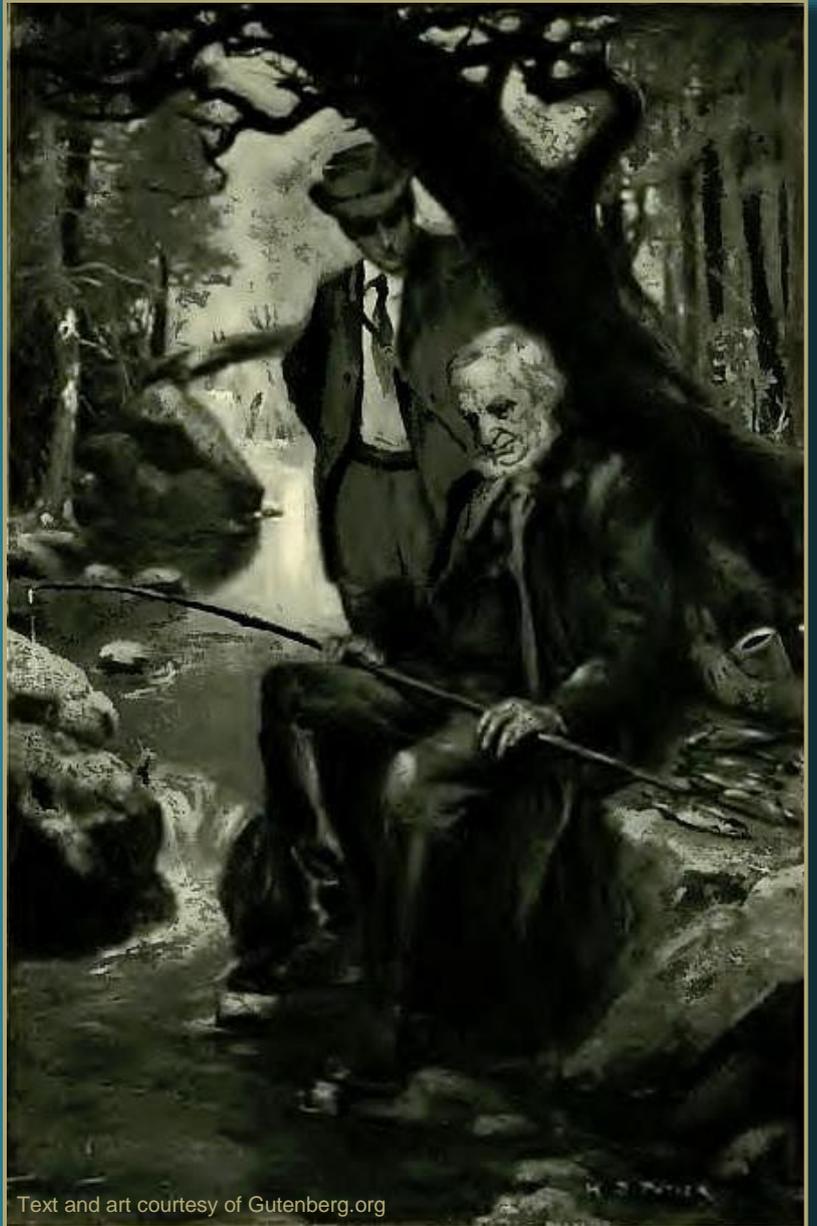
I ran up the shore, glad of the chance he had given me to conceal my laughter. I cut a long, stout pole among the bushes, and returned, trimming it as I ran.

"Willie, hurry up!" said he, with an eager look on his face, as if it were one again.

"There," said he, trying the pole, "that's a reg'lar stun-lifter. I can sass 'em back now. Put on the hook an' line."

In a moment, he gave his bait a fling, and assumed that alert and eager attitude so familiar to me.

"Tut, tut!" said he, with a lively twitch. "I dare ye to do it ag'in."



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Becoming a Monarch
Photo by Bill Prokopchak



Two More Reasons to Go Fishin'

July Mayfly
Photo by Bill Prokopchak



The Well-Schooled Angler

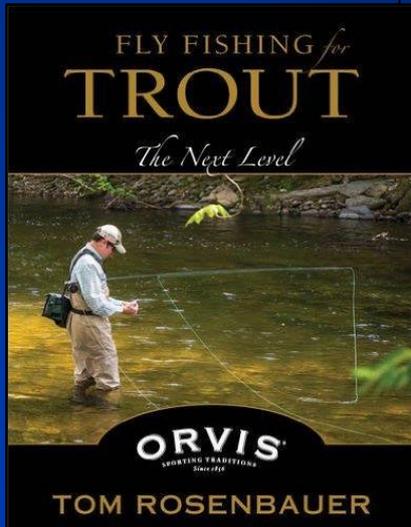
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Fly Fishing for Trout: The Next Level

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"How can I take my fly fishing to the next level?" is a question Tom Rosenbauer is often asked and now expertly answers in *Fly Fishing for Trout*.

With forty years in the business, this lifetime fly fisher and fly tier, well-known Orvis marketing manager, and award-winning author knows that fly fishing is a sport, a pastime, and a passion that demands constant learning and that fly fishers thrive on making discoveries, solving puzzles, and improving, all while they're out there on the stream, enjoying the anticipation and thrill of taking a trout.



Whether you're new to the sport with perhaps one season under your belt or have been fly fishing for a lot longer, whatever your level of experience, you know and appreciate that there's always something more to learn. With Rosenbauer as guide, you'll learn how to understand what's going on in a trout's world, what makes them feed or not, and how to feel and be more proficient at this addicting pastime.

Fly Fishing for Trout answers top questions asked by anglers looking to take the next step, including

- what trout eat and why,
- what time of day is best to fish trout, and
- where to find the biggest fish

Fly Fishing for Trout:

- delivers advice on casting and rigging techniques that are beyond the basic level taught in fly-fishing schools but are essential if you want to be more successful
- gives new cues on what to look for in the confusing array of currents in the river, how the game changes with the seasons, how to develop a philosophy of fly selection, and what to do when you first hit the river
- provides hundreds of photos and videos of teaching tips in action

Tom Rosenbauer has been a fly fisher for over 35 years and was a commercial fly tier by age 14. He has been with the Orvis Company for 25 years.

Tom has fished extensively across North America and has eight fly fishing books in print. He has also been published in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Fly Fisherman*, and many others. Tom lectures on fly fishing from Maine to California and lives in southern Vermont on the banks of a small trout stream.

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Fly-Fishing Soft-Hackles

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A thorough exploration of contemporary use of soft-hackle flies -- including nymphs, emergers, and dry flies -- that pushes the boundaries of how these types of flies can be used.

- Over 900 soft-hackled flies with photos and recipes
- Covers tying techniques, strategy, and presentation
- Learn how to imitate a full spectrum of trout stream aquatic lifeforms with soft-hackled flies

Allen McGee is an author, fly designer, photographer, and fly angler who's been fly fishing for nearly twenty-five years.

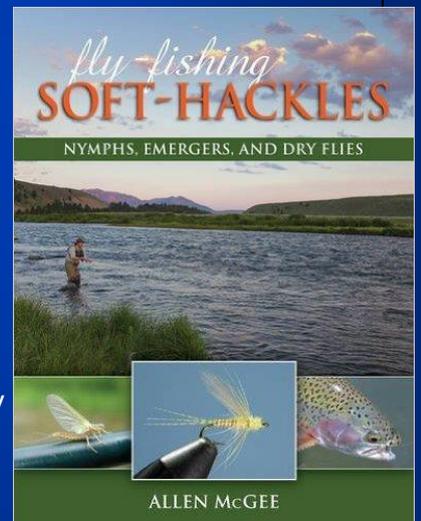
He specializes in both traditional and progressive soft-hackle flies and fishing methods.

Allen is interested in innovative fly patterns and designs flies for Montana Fly Company.

His articles and photography have appeared in many popular fly-fishing magazines. Allen lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and fishes extensively on the trout streams of southern Appalachia, throughout the East Coast and also frequents the Rocky Mountain West on a regular basis.

Allen can be found presenting and demonstration tying at many fly-fishing events and clubs throughout the year.

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On the Fly: The Foam Ant

article, flies, and photos by Carl A. Rettenberger

Editor's Note: This article is excerpted from a longer article on terrestrials that appeared in the June 2012 edition of *Lateral Lines*. We have brought it back because my fishing buddy, Grover, and I managed to get ourselves drenched during a couple of passing showers a couple of weeks ago. After the rain, we noticed fish after fish rising to take something off the surface. Ants! The downpours had washed thousands of ants off the leaves of trees overhanging the water. Feeding time for the fish.



Foam Ant Materials

Hook:	TMC 100 size 12, 14, 16, & 18
Thread:	Uni-thread size 8/0, color: to match body
Body:	Black, cinnamon, or red hobby craft foam 1.5 to 2 mm in thickness.
Legs:	Small round or flat rubber leg material, color to match body
Strike Indicator:	Color of choice I like bright yellow or orange hobby craft foam 1.5 to 2 mm in thickness.
Wings:	(Optional) White "Poly Yarn".
Antennae:	3/0 thread for size 12 & 14 hooks and 6/0 thread for size 16 & 18 hooks, color to match body



Foam Ant Tying Instructions

1. Wrap the hook shank with tight booking thread wraps from the eye, down to the "bend" (opposite the "barb" is about right).
2. For our purposes, the ant's body will be divided into five segments all of which will be formed from one continuous strip of hobby craft foam. You'll need to start by cutting the appropriate colored foam into strips of the proper width for the given hook size. I mark the foam sheet to the desired width then cut it using a safety razor and straight edge. Here is what I've come up with for the body thickness and width by hook size:
 - For a size-12 hook, use the 2-mm thick sheet of foam and cut the strip so that it is 3 mm wide.
 - For a size-14 hook, use the 2-mm thick sheet of foam and cut the strip so that it is 2 mm wide.
 - For a size-16 & size-18 hook, use the 1.5-mm thick sheet of foam and cut the strip so that it is 1.5 mm wide.

The first body segment that we will tie in is the "gaster or abdomen". To do this, start by trimming the wide side of the foam strip to a rounded point by cutting both sides to a triangular point then snipping off the tip of the point. Without stretching the foam, which will tend to break down its structure, place the foam strip on top of the hook shank at the bend with the rounded point projecting beyond the bend some two to four mm (depending on the size of the hook).

Tie it in with five "snug" thread wraps being careful to keep the foam in place on top of the hook shank and the thread wraps one on top of the other and perpendicular to the hook shank and body material. You can cut the foam with the thread if you apply too much pressure so don't overdo it when you "snug" down the thread wraps.

3. The next body segment to create is the "node" also called the "petiole". To tie it in, lift the strip of body foam straight up and bring the thread in front of it then advance the thread three booking wraps towards the eye of the hook from the tie-in point of the "gaster". Lay the foam back down and take five snug thread wraps around the foam strip, again being careful to keep the foam in place on top of the hook shank and the thread wraps one on top of the other and perpendicular to the hook shank and body material.

If tied in correctly the "node" will appear to be a small rounded body segment. Next, lift the strip of body material straight up and bring the thread in front of it, take one thread wrap around the hook shank and park it there. To keep the body from moving as you continue tying, first make sure the body is setting properly on top of the hook shank, then rotate the fly in the vise so that the underside is up, and apply a very small drop of super glue to the thread wraps at the tie-in points of the "gaster and node".

**Carl's Recipe for
"The Foam Ant"
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4. Now for the legs. Ants have three pairs of legs. The first two pairs of legs will be tied in at the “propodeum” (the hind part of the “alitrunk”) and the last pair at the “thorax” (the front part of the “alitrunk”). To begin this task cut three pieces from your round or flat rubber leg material. Don’t be cheap, cut them long enough to allow you to be able to work with them, each strip should be at least two inches long. To form the rear pair of legs, take one strip of rubber leg material and bend it in half around the thread, which should be parked at the beginning of the “propodeum”. Lift the strip of body material up and while holding the folded leg material between the index finger and thumb of your left hand bring the thread over the top of the hook shank.



With the thread on the far side of the hook shank, pull it straight down so that the folded leg material will come down with it and rest on the top of the hook shank, snug against the body material that you have folded back.

While still holding the leg material straight up, take two or three snug thread wraps around the hook shank immediately in front of the leg material. As with the body foam you can cut the rubber leg material if you apply too much tension to the thread while tying in the legs, so be careful.

Now, release the leg material from the fingers of your left hand and tie it in with several snug figure eight thread wraps.

The rear legs need to face down and towards the rear of your Ant’s body. To get them to do this, pull both pieces of the leg material down and back behind the bend of the hook. While stretching them “slightly” take several thread wraps over the stretched material tying it down at the “propodeum.” When you do this correctly, a little bump of leg material will appear at the tie-in point. Take a thread wrap in front of the bump and park it there. While being careful not to stretch the leg material too much, which will cause it to break, manipulate the legs so that they are both pointing down evenly behind the body.

5. Next, we need to tie in the middle set of legs. To do this, follow the same procedure as described above for the rear legs. The middle legs should be tied in at the end of the bump nearest the eye of the hook, which was created when you tied down the rear legs. The middle legs should project down and be perpendicular to the body and hook shank. When you finish tying in the middle pair of legs, park the thread two wraps in front of the tie-in point.

6. With your rear and middle pair of legs in place, fold down the strip of body foam. Take three snug wraps around the foam strip, again being careful to keep the foam in place on top of the hook shank and the thread wraps one on top of the other and perpendicular to the hook shank and body material.

7. When you have completed tying down the propodeum, it’s time to tie in either the strike indicator or wing material. I like the strike indicator material to be no wider than the width of the body, so keep this in mind when trimming a strip of strike indicator material from the foam sheet.

Before tying in the strike indicator material, pinch down a millimeter of material on one end of the strip to flatten it, then cut it to a triangular point.

**Remember to
give them a
break
and bend down
your barbs !!**

Place the strike indicator strip on top of the body at the tie down point of the “propodeum” with the triangular point projecting towards the eye of the hook. Tie it in with four or five snug thread wraps such that about a millimeter of material is left projecting towards the eye of the hook from the thread wraps. Trim off the strip of strike indicator material that is projecting towards the bend of the hook to your liking. I usually cut it off about five mm from the tie-in, then trim it to a point and place a small drop of super glue on the thread wraps at the tie-in point.

If you are going to create a “Flying Ant,” you can omit the strike indicator. The wing for the Flying Ant is tied in at the same point you would tie in the strike indicator. Begin this step by cutting off a piece of white “poly yarn” from the shank. I would suggest that the strip of yarn be no shorter than two inches long.

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You are going to fold this material in half and mount it the same way as you did the rubber legs, so you will need to thin it down some so that it doesn't create too much bulk. After you have finished tying it in, bring the thread back behind and immediately adjacent to the middle set of leg, take one thread wrap, and park it there.

Now, gather the wing material between the thumb and index finger of your left hand and fold it back and down over the propodeum. While keeping the wing material taught, tie it down with four or five snug thread wraps, one on top of the other. Trim off the end of the wing material so that it extends about two mils or so beyond the posterior end of the gaster and shape it as best you can to a rounded point. Advance the thread to the original wing tie in point and park it there. At this point, you can apply a small drop of super glue to the thread wraps on top of the wing at the tie-in points.

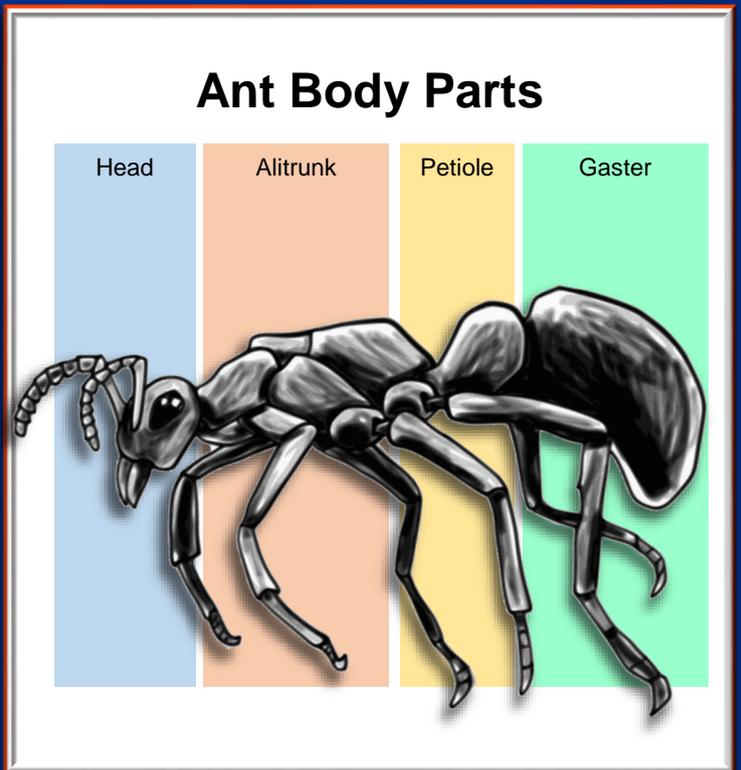
8. To create the thorax (alitrunk), lift the strip of body foam material straight up and take two thread wraps around the hook shank in front of the elevated strip. The next step is to tie in the front legs following the same procedure used for the other two pairs of legs. When completed the front legs should slant down and towards the eye of the hook. To get them in this position advance the thread so that it is about two mils behind the eye of the hook, fold the strip of body foam down over the front legs while encouraging them to slant down and forward. Take five snug wraps of thread around the body material making sure that the thread wraps stay one on top of the other.

9. Next, you need to trim off the strip of body foam material to create the head of the Ant. Begin by trimming it off about five mm from the eye of the hook. When you have completed this step, you can whip finish and trim off the thread. Before proceeding any further, I usually turn the bottom of the fly up and apply a small drop of super glue to the remaining thread wraps.

10. To create the antennae use as fine a needle as possible with the appropriate size and color of thread. I would suggest you use at least four inches of thread so that you can manage it after it is mounted. Now push the needle through the head material about a millimeter or so from the tie-in point such that it bisects the material and comes out perpendicular to the head at the opposite side. Remove the needle, center the thread, put a drop of super glue on the thread, and pull the thread into the head so that the superglue is within the material. When the glue has dried, you need to tie half of an overhand knot in the thread on both sides of the head, about three millimeters from the head. You may need to use a pair of tweezers to accomplish this task. To stiffen the Antennae apply a coat of varnish to the thread and then encourage the thread to bend up and forward at the knot while staying pretty much perpendicular to the head behind the knot. Apply a couple more coats of varnish to the antennae and you're done.

11. Now, shape the head to a rounded point the same way as you did the gaster and trim off the legs. To trim the legs bring a pair together between the index finger and thumb of your left hand and without stretching them, trim them off evenly below your fingers with a clean swipe of your scissors.

That's it. Now, it's time to take your Foam Ants to your favorite Trout stream and give them a go!!



Gregory D. Wiens, PhD, Scheduled to address Winchester TU and Shenandoah Audubon Society on October 6th.



Greg Wiens of the USDA facility in Kearneysville, WV, will address a joint meeting of these two influential conservation organizations at a joint meeting at Lord Fairfax Community College at 7:00 p.m. on October 6th.

He is an expert in the endemic and emerging diseases that limit cold-water aquaculture. He works in collaboration with other scientists focusing on host resistance mechanisms, microbial genomics, and analysis of host-pathogen interactions.

Save the date on your calendar to hear about his important research.



ANGLER REFLECTIONS



A Fish Tale, Three Flies, and a Trout

article by Grover Czech, Winchester TU V.P.

It was late August a few years ago, and I was visiting my daughter, who lives near where I grew up in the town of Pleasant Valley, near Poughkeepsie, New York. I decided to take a short ride to look at one of my favorite spots in my home stream, the Wappingers Creek, which runs into the Hudson River several miles downstream.

This particular spot was known as the "Boy Scout Pool" because, cleverly named, it was near the entrance to the Boy Scout camp. Even though it was August, the stream always had enough cold water to sustain stocked trout year around, and I was hoping to see some rises. I picked this spot because it was relatively easy to get down to from the road and when I pushed through the bushes along the stream, there was one fish consistently rising near the end of the bend of the pool.



I quickly went back up to the car and got into my waders and gear and strung up my 5 weight, all the time hoping the fish, (didn't know for sure if it was a trout) would keep rising. I had to cross the stream to get a good cast and had to go upstream a ways so I wouldn't disturb the fish.

When I finally got in a good position to cast, I could not see what he was rising for so I put on a size 16 parachute adams with a 6X tippet and eased into the stream, all the time hoping he would keep rising.

My very first cast ended up in a tree behind me. I did not want to get out of the water to get it and possibly disturb the fish, so I broke off and hurriedly tied on another size 16 parachute adams, all the time hoping he would keep rising.

My second cast ended up in a bush on the other side of the creek, so I had to break off again. You could imagine my anxiety at this time. I was really getting worried now that he would quit rising, and I would miss my chance to hook him, so I again hurriedly tied on another size 16 parachute adams.

Fortunately, I had a bunch of them in my fly box. My next and third cast ended up perfectly just, above where he was rising; he came up, and I hooked him. After a nice fight, I landed a 15" beautifully colored Brown Trout, nice golden belly and big red spots on his side, likely a holdover from prior years stocking.

Since he was the only fish rising, I got out of the water very satisfied that I was able to catch him. I then retrieved my first fly from the bush where it was stuck and went home. A good day overall.

I miss my home stream; it's a 6-hour drive from Winchester; too far to visit very often.



2016 Calendar of Events Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See the complete calendar
of Winchester TU events at

<http://winchestertu.org/>

August 2016

- ✓ Thursday 4 August 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 August 2016 -- 8:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 August 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly event at Escutcheon Brewery, Winchester

September 2016

- ✓ Thursday 1 September 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 3 September 2016 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Saturday 24 September 2016 -- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Shenandoah University Fly-Fishing Clinic

October 2016

- ✓ Thursday 6 October 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - Joint TU and Shenandoah Audubon Society meeting at Lord Fairfax Community College - Featured speaker is Gregory D. Wiens, PhD, of the USDA fisheries research facility in Kearneysville, WV
- ✓ Saturday 8 October 2016 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Sunday 30 October through Saturday 5 November 2016 -- Steelhead trip to Erie

November 2016

- ✓ Thursday 3 November 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 5 November 2016 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Dates to be determined November 2016 -- Chapter Steelhead Trip to Erie

December 2016

- ✓ Thursday 1 December 2016 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 3 December 2016 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

January 2017

- ✓ Thursday 5 January 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 7 January 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

February 2017

- ✓ Thursday 2 February 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 February 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

March 2017

- ✓ Thursday 2 March 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 March 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

April 2017

- ✓ Thursday 1 April 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 3 April 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road



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