

Riffles



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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Bring Back Don Quixote

I suppose we should know better than to believe in panaceas, elixirs and other things that are pitched to us as being cure-alls or as having amazing powers that will solve our problems. We have all seen skits involving country bumpkins who are gullible to shady sales pitches and we even have an idiom from the middle ages that describes it – buying a pig in a poke.

But for some reason we are always confident that we will never be taken in by overly inflated claims. Particularly supposedly scientific claims.

Ethanol came along and we cheered. Now corn ethanol has caused food prices to soar, it creates more carbon than it saves, it uses large amounts of water, it is unprofitable except with large government subsidies and it has been found to cause damage in some engines .

We are now being told that solar power and windmills will solve our energy problems. But is there really a pig in that poke? After a hacker recently pulled aside the wizard's curtains and left the high priests of the global warming cult looking suspiciously like Frank Morgan in his green shrouded work place, I wonder.

According to Field & Stream magazine, a study by the Nature Conservancy compared the land required to produce power equivalent to a small power plant and found the following: coal, 3.74 sq. mi.; photovoltaic solar power, 14.2 sq. mi.; and wind, 27.8 sq mi.

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When: December 9 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

December's Show

A Touch of Nature

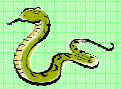


The wonders of nature are but a touch away when you are introduced to the world of animals by Jerry, Laura, Michael or Chris Zalenka. While blending excitement and surprise with care and understanding, the Zalenkas help their audiences to develop an appreciation for all living things – from the ordinary to the exotic!



During this hour-long show the audience is encouraged to touch and pet a variety of animals including birds, tarantulas, lizards, snakes and alligators!

Give your children and grand children a treat and bring them to this year's meeting.



There will be treats for the children.

RIP Jim Cohoon

Jim Cohoon, a Vice President and Conservation Committee Chairman during a very active time with EJTU died on November 28. He was Environmental Commissioner of Glen Rock, served in the Army in Korea and worked on components for the Apollo lunar landings and the Martian Viking landings.

EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia of changes to calendar events (E) at remqcp@optonline.net or 973-304-0789.

Ed Higgins (easyvedh@gmail.com) plans fishing trips (F) to a number of locations. Let Ed know if you are interested in these trips well in advance because in many cases openings are limited and reservations for a firm number of participants must be made. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place. Please consult EJTU's web site's "Upcoming Events" for the most up-to-date details.

2009

December 9 – Membership Mtng; Jerry Zalenka and animals (bring children) 2010

January 13 - Membership Mtng; Capt. Paul Eidman, Marine Fish Conservation and Fishing 2010

February 10 - Membership Mtng; Ken Tutalo, Baxter House Guide, Roscoe, NY

March 10 - Membership Mtng; Tom Gilmore, Fly Fishing Delaware Shad March/April - (Dates TBA) (E) Spring trout stocking

April 14 – Membership Mtng; Craig Hull, Troutgetter Flies and Guide on finding big fish

April (Date TBA) - (E) Hooked on the Hudson

April 30/May 2 - (F) Frost Valley (Clareville, NY) on East Branch of Neversink River

May 8 - (F) Shad fishing on the Delaware River

May 16/22 - (F) overnight fishing trip to either Penns Creek or Big Pine Creek in Central PA

May 29 - (E) Mahwah Fishing Derby

June 5/6 - (F) Picnic/fishing at Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,

33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to www.eastjerseytu.org

For East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit our website at <http://www.tu.org>.

Go to chapter number 091 and you will get the latest information about our chapter.

Riffles is your publication so we invite and encourage every member to contribute articles, tips, and stories. The articles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in general or conservation but all articles are published at the discretion of the editors and should meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment and the merits of 'catch and release' techniques. Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be informed of the name of the member who writes the article. Email to raycapp@optonline.net

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June 12 – (E) Ramapo
River day

June (Date TBA) - (F)
Twin Maples, Block Island, RI



EJ TU 2010 Board of Directors

Elections for positions on the EJ TU Board of Directors will be held in January. If you would like to become a member of the board contact Doug Penna, who is chairman of the search committee, or any board member.

Sitting as a volunteer on the board is a rewarding experience and will also give you the opportunity to decide what our Chapter of TU will do in the coming year.

**Essex County Environmental Center
2010 Programs**

The Essex County Environmental Center (621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068; Tel: 973-228-8776) offers programs for adults and children throughout the year. Some are free while others require a small fee for attendance. Almost all of the programs require advance registration. Some of the winter, adult programs of interest are listed below.

Audubon Society free morning field trips;

Thursdays: December 3 and 17, January 14 and 28 and February 11 and 25; the two to three hour trips begin at 9AM at a variety of locations.

Saturdays: December 12, January 16 and February 13; also two or three hours long and at three locations.

Animal Tracking, Saturday, December 19, Noon to 1:30: Learn to identify animal tracks. Participants will make plaster casts of tracks. Child \$5, Adult \$7, Family \$9. The Audubon Society will offer a similar program from 10:30AM until Noon of Saturday, January 9; members \$5, Non-members \$7

Close Up and Macro Photography: 7PM until 9PM Wednesday, February 3. Taught by a professional nature photographer.

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Ken Lockwood Gorge Trip

East Jersey was well represented with a minimum of 20 members on our chapter trip to Ken Lockwood Gorge on November 8. Surprisingly, we had a gorgeous day - no rain or even clouds.

Many of us even caught some fish! Thank you to all who brought the bagels and cream cheese, biscotti, coffee and donuts.

It was a great day!

Ed Higgins

The EJ TU Library Exhibit

Doug Penna is once again flitting from library to library with our EJ TU exhibit. This month the exhibit will be in the Lodi Library and then in January Doug will move it to the Fairlawn Library. Stop in to one of these locations and see what a good job Doug does.

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Cold Frame Gardening: 9AM until Noon, Saturday, February 20. Taught by Rutgers cooperative Extension Staff and Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County. Adult \$7.

3-Day Short Course in Beekeeping: 9AM until 4PM, Saturday, February 27, Saturday, March 6 and a field trip on a date to be announced. Taught by Essex County Beekeepers Society. Fee \$90 per person. For further information visit www.njbeekeepers.org

GeesePeace Training Session: 9AM until 11AM or 7PM until 9PM, Wednesday, March 24. Assist municipalities and property owners in geese management by learning how to addle goose eggs. Free program.

New Jersey Woodturners: Meets monthly in Garibaldi Hall. Learn to turn found pieces of wood with the NJ Woodturners Association. Topics vary month to month. Fee \$7 (free to NJWA members)

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

~Henry David Thoreau



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Welcome to October and November's New Members

Charles Barhorst, Jr.	Hawthorne
Elizabeth Deyo	Englewood
Thomas Dillon	Hoboken
James P. DiGuaglifero	Hasbrouck Hts
Kathy Edel	Clifton
Eric Fisk	Saddle River
Joe Frino	Bergenfield
Joe Lisciandrello	Lodi
Rebecca Morrison	Galloway
Karen Osborne	Ringwood
David Pucilowski	Cedar Grove
Angelo Ragusa	Hawthorne
Mathew Yarmey	Hoboken
Richard Zink	Fort Lee

Last month we published an article about one of New Jersey's endangered species, the Red Shouldered Hawk. This month we have information about one of our smaller but more important endangered species, the honey bee. The following article was published by the New Jersey Beekeepers Association.

Why Are There Fewer & Fewer Honey Bees?

Beekeepers and scientists agree that the health of honey bees has been in decline for years, and the rate of decline appears to be accelerating. A 2007 survey estimated a loss of about 1/3 of US honey bee colonies during the winter of 2006 - 2007.

In the 1980's, two parasitic mites were introduced into the United States. They spread throughout North America and have eliminated many wild or feral honey bee colonies. Plus, the increasing use of pesticides has greatly affected the health of bees. Pesticides are major killers of bees.

Loss of suitable habitat affects honey bees also. What many humans consider the perfect yard – low maintenance evergreens dotting perfectly mulched islands in a sea of lawn – is a desert for the bee.

Bees prefer meadows of weedy wildflowers, and nectar-bearing

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trees and shrubs such as black locust, linden or basswood, tulip poplar, Russian and autumn olive, sumac, and others. If you are interested in planting for honey bees, consult the New Jersey Beekeepers Association (www.njbeekeepers.org) and other internet web resources for beefriendly plants.



Because of these and other factors, the natural ability of honey bees to fight off disease organisms has been greatly diminished, allowing new diseases to take their toll.

It is therefore becoming rare that one sees honey bees in the garden or in the field unless there is a beekeeper within a couple of miles.

By most accounts, 70% of U.S. commercial crops - including a great variety of fruits, vegetables and even nuts - depend on pollination by honey bees. In fact, the only major food group that is not insect-pollinated is grains such as corn, wheat and rice. In recent years, beekeepers have been hard pressed to keep up with the task.

www.njbeekeepers.org

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In order to be commercially successful localities will need acres of photovoltaic cells or armies of windmills marching across hilltops. Because a means of bringing the electricity to end users will be necessary, cables will have to be either strung between new towers or buried along the transmission route.

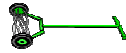


What will be the effect on wildlife? How will the migratory routes of birds and animals be affected? And how will the necessary construction affect the quality of nearby streams?

Conservationists now wonder if producers of new age power arrays will even permit outdoorsmen, hunters, fishermen and hikers to come near the equipment.

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.

~Chuck Clark



Fly of the Month

December - The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. Maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.



Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, and turn them in at the next meeting. You



will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly,

you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you're not into tying tiny flies, we will accept any pattern you care to tie. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

From EJTU's Past

The following article appeared on page four of the January 1976 issue of Riffles.

Keeping Your Flies In Shape

If you tie your own flies like I do, you most likely collect any small type of plastic containers to store your finished flies in. Well, I have found another use for the plastic pill container, and I'll pass it along to you. Maybe you'll find it as handy as I did.

How many times have you changed flies in midstream and attached them to the small patch of fleece wool on your vest? Later in the day you might go back to it, only to find that the hackles have been crushed on the bottom. It's disturbing, because you do not always have time during a hatch to bring a fly back to its

original shape. Well, this is how I solved the problem.

Take a modest size plastic pill container (the type with a snap top works best, and drill small holes all over it for ventilation. Using CRAZY GLUE, which will not harm plastic, attach a short piece of monofilament from the cap to the container. This will prevent you from losing the cap when you are in the stream. Using the glue again, attach a safety pin to the side of the container so it can be attached to your vest. The end result is a container that will dry your flies and not mash the hackles. A small container will store up to six flies easily.

Charles M. Fisher

For Sale

100 year old deacons bench - \$250.

- Creel lamp - \$25

- Fishermen's coat rack - \$40.

- Two decoys - \$50 each.

- Three Bob Todd pen and ink pictures framed by Don Layton) Two with mounted flies are \$85 each and the other is \$50.

For further information, call John Roetman: Home 201-445-5317, Cell 201-888-3841 or Work 201-261-5000 ext 139

