

# Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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September is upon us so we can expect traffic to increase as the vacation period ends and children return to school. Perhaps we can also expect an increase in autumn rainfall if the rains of late August are an omen of things to come. Throughout the summer we have complained about heat and humidity but the last six months, with flooding in spring followed by arid conditions in summer, will probably go in the books as having an average amount of rain. Averages are an easy shorthand but they can be deceiving.

We tried a pair of new events in August and both turned out well. The first was a small-scale test of "Boulder Propping", a technique of improving fish habitat that we had written about in a past Riffles. A few sweating volunteers rooted around in the Ramapo and moved large stones to upright positions and then held them in place with smaller stones. Now we have to see how fast flowing deep water, ice and winter heaving will treat our efforts. If at least a majority of our "propped" stones remain good cover for fish we might ask a larger group to join us in the river for some neolithing.

Our second event, the recent clean-up along and in the Saddle River and Ho-Ho-Kus Brook, was of larger scale. We had assistance from the Bergen County Parks Department, the Park Police, Bergen County Clean Communities, Belmar Spring Water and volunteers from EJTU and the surrounding towns of Fair Lawn, Glen Rock and Paramus. To record our activities

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**When:** September 8 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, NJ

### September's Speaker

Craig Hull, owner of Troutgetter Flies will be our September speaker. Craig will talk about "Finding Big Fish."

Craig is also a guide so his program will really be an advanced class on reading water and understanding the biological requirements of big trout.

Prior to his presentation Craig will demonstrate tying a few of his flies. Hopefully, one will be his well known "Troutgetter" after which he named his company.

Come to the meeting early because he may tie a few flies before our regular meeting start time.

### Welcome to August's New Members

Robert Ash	Montvale
Thomas Berg	Cliffside Park
James Coraci	Hoboken
Ray Hyman	Bayonne
Kenneth Junta	Midland Park
George Katzman	Norwood
Jeffrey Malwitz	River Edge
Patrick McNerney	Jersey City
Baz Preston	Hoboken
George Serafin	Clifton
Gordon Sinclair	Hoboken
Tim Wuerfel	Hoboken

### EJTU Calendar

Advise Rich Malizia of changes to calendar events (E) at 973-304-0789 or [remqcp@optonline.net](mailto:remqcp@optonline.net); let Ed Higgins ([easyedh@gmail.com](mailto:easyedh@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in fishing trips (F) well in advance because openings are limited and reservations must be made in advance. Get your money in as soon as possible or someone else will take your place.

**Please consult "Upcoming Events" on EJTU's web site for the most up-to-date details.**

**Sep 8** - Members Meeting, Craig Hull, Troutgetter Flies & Guide; program on finding big fish

**Sep 24/26** - Housatonic Meadows State Park Campground trip

**Oct 13** - Members Meeting, George Petersen, Brown Trout Fishing in Ireland's County Meath

**Nov 10** - Members Meeting, John Shaner, Hardy Rep,

**Dec 8** - Members Meeting, Animal talk by Jerry Zalenka or his daughter; bring the kids!

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**Apr. 30, 2011** – Hooked on the Hudson

**May 28, 2011** – Mahwah Fishing Derby

**June 11, 2011** – Ramapo River Day

### The Library Display

Doug Penna has installed EJTU's travelling display in the Lodi Library this month.

Stop by the library and take a look at it—and, if your local library would like to host the display, tell Doug and he will do the rest.



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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](http://www.eastjerseytu.org)  
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we had a reporter/photographer from the Glen Rock Gazette and a representative of Outdoor Life Magazine who also brought one of the magazine's photographers to the event.

The Gazette printed a very nice story about EJTU's efforts and Outdoor Life expects to have something on their web site soon. Outdoor Life also has a relationship with Field and Stream Magazine so that publication may also tell people about our clean-up.

As the volunteers dragged bottles, tires, bags, a shopping cart and all manner of trash to the Park's paved



*Bruce Seiden, "Pat", and Al Morel taking a break during the clean-up*

path, a pleasant Parks Department worker named Pat (sorry Pat, I never got your last name) put it into a dump truck and hauled it to a dumpster. Pat filled one dumpster with 125 cubic feet of trash and half filled another by the end of the morning.

Of course, none of the organizations and volunteers just happened to get together in the park to move trash around. A lot of planning caused them to help at the event. And the prime mover was our ever busy Rich Malizia who was making lists, calling people, sending emails and letters, and doing a lot of worrying for weeks in advance.

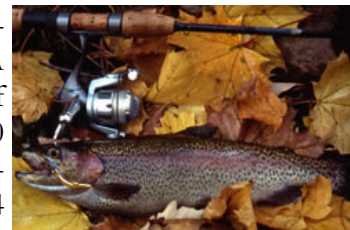
Kudos, hip-hip-hooray, whatever it takes! Rich did a great job and made everyone in EJTU look good.



## Fall Trout Stocking

This year NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife starts fall stocking on Tuesday, October 5 and continues through Wednesday, October 13. A total of 21,000 fish averaging 14 to 16 inches (1½ - 2 lbs) and 1,000 brood-stock fish measuring 17 to 24 inches (3 - 8 lbs) will be distributed in 16 streams and 16 lakes/ponds.

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## Fish the Housatonic in September

EJTU's next fishing trip will be a camping/fishing trip to Housatonic Meadows State Park at Sharon/Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut from Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26

If you want to spend the weekend at the Housatonic Meadows Campground you should make a reservation (Campground office – 860-672-6772) as soon as possible as they are in demand on weekends.

A non-resident, Connecticut, three-day fishing license (cost \$22) may be purchased at <https://ct.outdoorcentral.net/internetsales/licensesale.aspx>.

The local fly shop (open 9AM to 5PM) is the Housatonic River Outfitters; telephone – 860-672-1010 or <http://www.dryflies.com>. Follow their link for fishing reports.

For maps of the river and of the campsite as well as more information go to EJTU's web site [www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org) and click on Upcoming Events. Then go down the list to "Housatonic Trip".

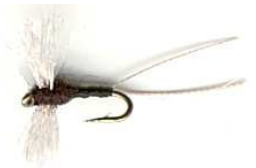
### Fly of the Month

Now that the dog days of summer are behind us, the weather is starting to cool and the fishing should improve!

Early in the month we should still see Tricos in the morning and have plenty of action on Terrestrials. Isonychias and a few different Blue Wing Olives should also be around.

This month's Fly of the Month will be TRICOS, any style. Whether you prefer your Trico spinners with poly wings, hackle wings or wonder wings, or have a special dun pattern that works before the spinners start to fall.

Tie up one of these, or any other pattern, 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.

The chapter's fly inventory is still quite lean, and we need your help in getting it rebuilt. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

### Didymo and Montana Fishing

Early in August, EJTU member Mike Sebetich and his wife were out West. When he returned Mike commented on a recent Didymo (Rock Snot) report and then decided to make us jealous by adding a short report on his fishing. Here is Mike's email:

I think that a ban on felt soles may slow the spread of Didymo, but will not prevent it. Other parts of boots and waders, along with landing nets and other materials can sustain the algae and cause it to be transferred among streams.

But, we should do what we can to minimize transfer.

Two weeks ago I fished in Montana (near Dillon) and caught about 30 trout per day for four days. Almost all caught on nymphs. I was on a drift boat three days (Beaverhead and Big-hole Rivers), and waded one day on the Ruby River.

Then Linda and I drove to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. We returned this past Sunday.

A memorable trip.

Mike

You must lose a fly to catch a trout.

~George Herbert

### Fly tying Classes Start in 4 Weeks

Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie trout flies. Patterns include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. Students learn the basics needed to tie flies that will catch fish. Intermediate students learn additional techniques and patterns to advance your understanding of the basic materials and techniques learned in the beginner's course.



Beginners will be supplied with tools, materials and a course syllabus. Beginners' material fee is \$20.00 payable at the first class. Intermediates must supply their own materials.

Instructors are EJTU volunteers with many years of experience in fly tying.

Classes are divided into small groups of two to four persons per instructor

All classes are in the Westbrook Middle School Cafeteria (Roosevelt Boulevard, Paramus) from 7 PM to 10 PM

10 sessions Tuesday Sep. 28 - Nov. 30

10 sessions Tuesday Jan. 4 - Mar. 15  
(No Class Feb. 22)

### The Web Site

Have you visited EJTU's updated web site?

It still has schedules for our many activities, links to sites of interest and information about the chapter and its officers but, among the many enhancements, the photo gallery has been reorganized to make it easier to find photos.

It's easy to get to!

[www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org)

### America's Great Outdoors

Interior Secretary Salazar, USDA Secretary Vilsack and others in the Federal administration are developing a plan for the America's Great Outdoors Initiative (AGO). They have held numerous listening sessions around the nation to get input from citizens on what they want done and they plan on holding more.

You can help shape the outcome of this project.

TU National is asking the Administration to ensure that AGO places a high priority on protecting, reconnecting

and restoring our country's aquatic systems and sustaining the nation's engagement in aquatic conservation by enhancing water-based recreation and access and by improving youth education opportunities.

The TU website, <http://www.tu.org/>, has a letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar explaining TU's general mission and listing a number of environmental projects our organization supports. TU is asking member to sign the letter and send it either by e-mail or hard copy



**M**onksville Reservoir, known for its trophy size muskellunge, walleye, bass and trout, sits atop the defunct community of Monksville, New Jersey. The lake is used by anglers, sporting clubs and the US Sailing Association. Easily accessible from either the north or the south boat ramp, the area is open 24/7.

The lake is in Long Pond Ironworks State Park, which is located in the community of Hewitt, in West Milford, New Jersey. The park is known for its old stone walls, furnaces and other remnants of a once industrious ironworking community that now sits next to the swiftly flowing Wanaque River..

Construction of the reservoir was started in 1985. Land was cleared and gravel was crushed on site and stockpiled. Approximately 15 residences, mostly owned by the Rhinesmith and Vreeland families, were purchased with NJ Green Acres funding and their owners relocated. Two homes of historic significance were moved, the others were demolished.

August's Riffles carried a quote from the July 1977 Riffles which described some pertinent aspects of the metric system and ended with this quote, "We may as well get used to it now, it's coming".

In response to this, one of EJTU's purveyors of collegiate knowledge (George Petersen) sent the following:

### **Somewhat Random Thoughts and Factoids on the Metric System:**

It is base ten, so beloved by humans who possess ten fingers and ten toes. Consider the Imperial System wherein 12 (inches) = 1 (foot and 3 (feet) = 1

## **Local Fishing Areas Monksville Reservoir**



One business, Duramic, was relocated and its building demolished. Stonetown Road was realigned to run over the dam. A small [bailey bridge] that was put in place in 1977 was dismantled to be used again elsewhere. The Monksville dam is approximately .4 miles in length. A portion of Greenwood Lake Turnpike was realigned to higher ground.

The dam impounds water from the Wanaque River flowing down from Greenwood Lake. A spillway was constructed to allow water to flow into the Wanaque Reservoir below. During times of low flow, water from the Monksville Reservoir is released into the Wanaque Reservoir below via the intake tower which mixes water

from various levels of the Monksville. The dam was constructed with rollcrete. Dirt and gravel from on-site were mixed with cement. A dry mix of this material was laid down by large spreader trucks. A water truck would sprinkle the mix every 30 minutes

around the clock to cure the mix. The face of the dam on the water side was faced with concrete, the other side was earthen. In 2007 the earthen side was refaced with concrete.

Building of the dam started in March 1987 and was completed in August 1987. The reservoir filled quickly and was completely full by October 1987.

The Monksville Reservoir is largely located in Ringwood NJ with a western portion in West Milford NJ.

Monksville has a maximum length of 3 miles and 505 acres of surface area. Its maximum depth is 90 feet and it contains 5 million gallons of water.

*The above description of Monksville Reservoir is primarily from the web site Wikipedia.*

## **The Dekka, Hecto, Kilo System**

(yard) and we have to deal in fractions like 1/64 and 5/16.

Everyone who joins the U.S. Armed Forces learns the metric system. A



soldier's combat pack weighs 30 kilos (66 lbs.) and they judge distances by meters and "klics (a.k.a. kilometers).

Even sleazy drug dealers understand

when they ship their wares in kilo-packs.

The U.S. is one of only three countries in the entire world which did not convert (the others are Liberia and Myanmar – not exactly heavy hitters on the international scene).

We already purchase soda in two liter bottles and don't bother converting to ounces, pints and quarts.

By code, a doorknob should be 39 inches from the floor ... that's one meter.

Maybe it's time to "run with the big dogs" and ditch one of the last vestiges of British Colonial Rule.