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Irene

I don't know who in the National Weather Service names the years' hurricanes but this year they made a big mistake when they added Irene to the list. In Greek mythology Irene was one of the goddesses (the Horae) who represented the seasons. Irene, though, was assigned two responsibilities; in addition to representing Spring, she also had another important job – she was the goddess peace. This year she not only came too late in the year, she was certainly not peaceful. One can only say, "Goddess damn!"

It's difficult to write about the effects of hurricane Irene because, no matter how dramatic the photos that are passed around, you cannot just shudder at the destruction they portray because guilty thoughts lurk nearby: "shouldn't I be doing something", "what can I do to help?" But, so far those questions hang unanswered in the dank air.

The unanswered questions that trouble individuals also cast their shadows over associations. Trout Unlimited is a cold water conservation organization, meaning that we should protect cold water streams in our area. But it's too late for any efforts at "protection" now. Protective efforts will have to stand aside while repair crews do their work.

While we wait for the water to recede, so we can see if we can assist with stream restoration in future months, we should find ways to help the people who have suffered most from Irene. Streams are nice, forests are

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When: September 14 at 7:30 PM

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

September Speaker

Aaron Jasper

Aaron Jasper has been fly fishing since the age of seven. He is a third grade teacher, owner of Fly Fishing Evolution guide service, published author, and the co-founder of www.troutpredator.com.

He fishes over 200 days per year and his true passion in life is sharing all the information he gathers with the fly fishermen of the world. He has spent the last three years gathering every tiny bit of information on European Nymphing techniques he could get his hands on.

Welcome to August's New Members



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| Bruce Brenner | Hillsdale |
| Kenneth Bruhns | Paramus |
| Robert Claus | Ridgefield Pk |
| Tim Culhane | Hawthorne |
| Stephen Gregory | Hoboken |
| Harold Jekowsky | Glen Rock |
| Edwin Martin | Totowa |
| John Moore | Secaucus |
| Maurice Nelson | Galloway |
| Bruce Seibel | Woodland Pk |
| John Stewart | Jersey City |
| Robert Tuck | Teaneck |

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Sep 10 [Sat.] Flat Brook (see pg. 4)

Sep 14 [Wed] Member Mtg, Aaron Jasper

Sep 23/25 [Weekend] Housatonic

Oct. 8 [Sat] Esopus Creek

Oct 12 [Wed] Member Mtg, Ben Turpin

Oct 19 [Wed] Pequest

Oct 26 [Wed] TIC egg deliveries

Nov 5 [Sat] Ken Lockwood Gorge

Nov 9 [Wed] Member Mtg, Tom Gilmore

Nov 23 [Wed] Ramapo

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

Raffle Winner

During the August EJTU meeting we chose the winner of the fishing trip for two guided by Steve Tiffinger.



The winner, Ron Mattesich, was on vacation at the time but he was notified and we expect that he will soon be out on Long Island Sound enjoying the fall fishing.

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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



*Volunteers
remove trash from
New Jersey's
Saddle River.*

The above photo is on page 26 of the September issue of Outdoor Life magazine. There is no mention of East Jersey TU but it sure looks like our members in their volunteer tee shirts working on our Dunkerhook clean-up.

Egg Drop

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) begins in the fall of the year when trout eggs are delivered to participating schools and continues until the following spring when fingerlings are released into local streams.

New Jersey's Trout Unlimited Chapters assist schools in their vicinities by delivering the eggs that the Pequest Trout Hatchery produces and then



by providing any support needed by the participating schools. Here in northeastern New Jersey EJTU has eighteen participating schools in its area of responsibility and we will soon be delivering fertilized trout eggs to them.

On the day that we deliver the eggs to the schools, our EJTU volunteers assemble in the parking lot of the Willowbrook Mall

while, George Petersen, the TIC coordinator goes to the hatchery to pick up the eggs. When George returns from the hatchery he gives the eggs and trout food to the volunteers who will deliver them. The volunteers, usually

two to a vehicle, then proceed to the schools, deliver the eggs and go home. In most cases the process is over by noon.

This is an enjoyable project because the children in the schools look forward to getting the eggs. Moreover, it takes only a few hours and is carried out in our locality.

This year we will deliver to eighteen schools on Wednesday, October 26. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer for this activity please contact George Petersen at grpetersen44@verizon.net

Fly Tying Classes

Learn to tie your own flies – classes will be held at 2 Locations:

Monday Nights 7-9:30 PM

Preakness School, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ

Classes Begin: Monday, October 3rd

Fee: \$65 – Advanced registration is required

Contact: Wayne Community Programs – (973)

968-74278



Tuesday Nights 7-10 PM

Westbrook Middle School, Paramus, NJ

Classes Begin: Tuesday, September 27th

Fee: \$70 – Advanced registration is required

Contact: Paramus Community School – (201) 261-7800 Ext: 3038

Register On-line at: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/>



Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie flies. Patterns will include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. You will gain the basic understanding needed to tie flies that will catch fish. Beginners are supplied with all tools, materials and an EJTU Fly Tying manual. A \$20 materials fee will be collected at the first class.

Intermediate tiers will learn additional techniques and patterns to advance their understanding of the basic materials and techniques learned in the beginners course. Intermediate tiers will be expected to have their own equipment and materials.



All instructors are volunteers from East Jersey Trout Unlimited with many years of experience in the art of fly tying. The classes will be divided into small groups of 2 to 4 students per instructor.

For additional information, contact Doug Penna (201) 288-4409

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wonderful and nature is grand but we are human beings and we should help each other.

In my town some streets are bordered with piles of rugs, wallboard, stuffed garbage bags, appliances and other ruined possessions of residents who were inundated. I know of a family with young children who left the town in which they lived and for the next seven months or so will live with in-laws because their home was destroyed. Newspapers carry photos of forlorn people staring helplessly at damaged homes in front of which are piles of articles that once represented lives but are now trash. These are not unusual situations in northeastern New Jersey but I have not found a way to offer help.

People need food, clothing, toys, furniture and every-day things that many of us have in attics and cellars and do not use. If you know of organizations that can get such items to those in need, let me know and we will try to publicize it. raycapp@optonline.net

Housatonic trip—September 23/25

Do you enjoy sitting around a campfire with friends, recounting the days catch and lamenting the one that got away . Fishing a storied river that holds giant browns and acrobatic rainbows. . . well then the East Jersey Trout Unlimited camping/fishing trip to the Housatonic river in Sharon Connecticut is for you.

This three day trip will take place September 23rd through 25th. We will be camping at the beautiful Housatonic Meadows State Park campgrounds. We will pre-plan campsites to combine tent locations and save members money. The three-day inland non-resident fishing license cost is \$22.00.



For more information, visit the East Jersey Trout Unlimited website, or contact trip coordinator Ken Barile at: (phone) 201 316-6965 (email) ken-barile@optonline.net



Food tastes better around a campfire after a day of fishing, and you'll sleep like a baby in the woods nestled amidst the fir trees. Come spend an inexpensive and memorable weekend with us.

Ken Barile
Trip Coordinator

The Library Display



Doug has put the EJTU display into the Montvale Library.

Why don't you drop by – 13 Mercedes Drive, Montvale - and check it out?

Want the latest information on EJTU's planned fishing trips? Need links to stream-flow web sites? Or old issues of Riffles? Or links to dozens of fishing and other "out doorsey" sites?

The easiest way to get all of this is to



Visit the East Jersey TU web site

www.eastjerseytu.org

November Speaker Tom Gilmore

Tom Gilmore will present his Big Apple Sampler the author's favorite Tri-state Trout Streams at our November 9 meeting. This is a trout stream tour of the tri-states top trout streams from his January 2011 book "Flyfishers Guide to the Big Apple."

We will take an in-depth look at, New Jersey's Flatbrook, Pequest, Musconetcong, Pequannock, and South Branch of the Raritan River. Then tour the Catskill's "Charmed Circle" which includes the Beaverkill, Willowemoc, Neversink., Esopus and the Schoharie as well as the lesser know wild trout gems, the Roundout, Rochester, Callicoon and Katterskill.

Next we will move west to the "world class" Upper Delaware River System, the West Branch, East Branch and Mainstem of the Delaware.

Then we are off to Pennsylvania's Pocono and "Endless" Mountains, to fish the Brodhead, Big Bushkill, Pocono, McMichaels, Bowmans and Fishing Creek.

A Day Trip to the Flatbrook, Saturday Sept.10

On Saturday, Sept 10, Ed Higgins will coordinate a trip to the Flat Brook. Everyone is welcome...there is no need to be a member of EJTU to make the trip. If you know of anyone who might be interested in making the trip, invite them and let Ed know their email address; he will add them to his list for future trips.

With any luck, the River should be back to acceptable levels after Hurricane Irene. If you plan on making the trip, please let Ede know by email or phone so he has an idea of how much coffee and donuts to bring.

If you need a ride, let Ed know, and he'll arrange for a ride or a carpool. A carpool is a good way to make new friends among East Jersey TU...and to save gas!

If you are new to trout or fly fishing, let Ed know and someone will spend some time with you and give you some pointers.

Contact Ed at: easyedh@gmail.com or 973-697-0722.



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