

SEPTEMBER MEETING



DETAILS

September 7, 2017
6:45 p.m. Fly tying demonstration
6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Merit Badge group
7:30 p.m. Chapter meeting

WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna.

GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Tommy Lawhorne
Improving public fisheries

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

2: FWAM Trip to Rapidan at Graves Mill (VA)
7: Members Meeting
14: Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax
30: FWAM Trip to Big Spring; Self-Guided

WHAT'S COMING OFF

Improving the Quality of Public Fisheries

Tommy Lawhorne is the Co-Owner of the South River Fly Shop in downtown Waynesboro and the President of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Tommy began his fly-fishing career on his home water of Stoney Creek near Wintergreen



Tommy Lawhorne on the South River.

Virginia. He began guiding and teaching fly fishing while working at Stoney Creek Tackle Company from 1989-1991 and has been guiding, tying flies and teaching fly fishing and fly tying since that time. In 1992 Tommy moved from Nelson County to Waynesboro and the South River became his

home water.

Tommy has served as the Chapter President of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter from 2005 to 2012 and was re-elected President of the chapter last fall. Over the past years he has worked to install habitat structures, remove dams,

and increase public access on the South River. As a shop owner, fly fishing guide, and avid conservationist, Tommy believes that improving the quality of public fisheries and the availability of quality waters for public access is one of the most important items for the future of fly-fishing.

Honoring New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

Steven Ashworth, Vienna, VA
Mark Atherton, Vienna, VA
Bob Barbour, Fairfax, VA
David Barbour, Alexandria, VA
Samuel Bischak, Alexandria, VA
Ben Bosmary, Mechelen
Emily Bowman, Arlington, VA
Trevor Campbell, Alexandria, VA
Michael Cannon, Herndon, VA
Jeffrey Fry, Woodbridge, VA
Nick Halle, Arlington, VA
Nicholas Harrigan, Arlington, VA

Leighton Hasell, Alexandria, VA
Michael Holland, Burke, VA
Pat Macdonald, Ashburn, VA
Jim McKinney, Alexandria, VA
PJ Morelle, Falls Church, VA
Jan Pickrel, Alexandria, VA
Jim Preuss, Oakton, VA
Scott Pohlman, Oakton, VA
Andrew Ransom, Arlington, VA
Susan Reckitt, Arlington, VA
David Schultz, Vienna, VA
Jake Silvis, Ashburn, VA

TRIP 1

Lower Rapidan River

VIRGINIA

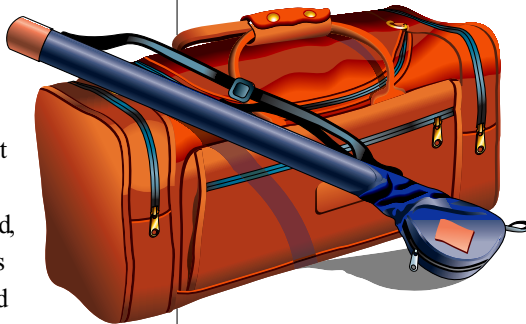
When: September 2, 2017
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: Whenever
Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

This trip will be to where the Rapidan exits the park at Graves Mill. Water levels are generally low so we can expect to find smallmouth, sunfish, fallfish and a few trout. The park service biologist has asked us to remove any brown trout and report it to them. I can forward those reports to him. Hippers or waist high waders are useful given water

depth. Wet wading will keep you a lot cooler.

You can almost always get away with a short fly rod, but when there is room to cast (and mend line) a longer rod is a significant advantage.

As to flies, nothing beats the action of a wiggle tail. On the list of streamers is a Zonker and then a Clouser Minnow. The latter is perhaps the classic modern smallmouth pattern. Take something to imitate a hellgrammite, either a realistic pattern or a black Woolly Bugger.



These can also attract brown trout.

A damselfly imitation (Zug bugs work well) is a great small fly to use in clear water when fish are spooky. Also take something to imitate a crayfish. There are other species of fish in the river. Rock bass are one of my favorite panfish. When you find them, you can often pick up a fish on

every cast. They have saved more than one fishing trip for me. They will hit smallmouth patterns (and just about anything else!).

The second thing is how you retrieve your streamers. Most of us just pitch them across and let them swing down. When the streamer gets directly below you (on the dangle) you retrieve it. To fish streamers well you must assume there are fish in the water and vary your retrieve until you catch them. Make sure you are near the bottom at least some of the time regardless of what technique you use."

– George Paine
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SEPTEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY



Foam Ant



John Hadley will demonstrate tying the Foam Ant. This is a sure winner for brookies in the Shenandoah National Parks streams. It also catches sunfish and other fish in lakes and streams as ants are an abundant food source just about everywhere. John also will show several ant patterns that you can try.

Originator:

Unknown for most patterns but the

first John saw was the cork plug/yellow calf tail ant tied by Harry Murray from Edinburg, VA.

Pattern

Hook: TMC 100 # 12 or 14
Thread: Black 6/0
Wing Tip: Optional White Z-Lon, any color yarn, hackle tips, pink craft fur or Yellow Calfis Tail
Body: Rainy Ant Foam, 3/8" strip of black, brown or red foam, dubbing, or painted cork plugs

(drink a bottle of good wine and save the cork)

Legs: Black, grizzly or brown hackle

Fishing Tip:

Dead float once then dead float with occasional twitching; best fished in summer and fall. A large cork body fly with a yellow calf tail wing can be used as an indicator for a small nymph.

2017 TU Tri-State Camp

The 2017 TU Tri-State Camp is our 13th year! It was another great success. We had 17 campers from all over the Tri-State area, and a few who came from as far away as Maine. As always, the campers received a one-year TU membership as part of their attendance. Locally this means four new members for the Rapidan Chapter (three from Rappahannock County and one from Leesburg), and four new members for the Northern Virginia Chapter (two from Reston, one from Falls Church and one from Alexandria).

This year, the campers worked on a long term data collection project in cooperation with the National Park Service and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We formalized our water quality and fish population data surveys with the idea of maintaining long term data for the Rose River. In addition, lots of fish were caught, lots of new friends were made, and we introduced many young people to the joys of trout and the wonders of fly-fishing and fly tying.

As always, the Camp owes a debt of gratitude to the Rapidan and Northern Virginia Chapters for their unwavering support, providing us with skilled volunteers and financial help for camper sponsorships. These two chapters join those in Maryland,



the District of Columbia, West Virginia and even Maine in making the camp possible year by year. We

are most grateful for this support. If you'd like to learn more about the Camp or become a volunteer

leader, please contact Paul Kearney or George Gaines through our website, www.tucamp.org.

Western Maryland Fall Trip Scheduled for October 3-11

This fall's popular western Maryland Trip will run for nine days, eight nights from Tuesday, October 3, to Wednesday, October 11. Western Maryland has four great rivers, terrific brook trout streams, and a variety of angling opportunities. You can stay for as few as two nights or for as many as eight.

Since the fall of 2010, we have been staying on Deep Creek Lake at the house of chapter member Bob Parker and his wife Nancy.

Accommodations are upscale – seven bedrooms with king and queen sized beds, six and one-half baths, a full kitchen and laundry, and a hot tub looking out on the lake. Linens and towels are included. Check out where we stay at <http://rentals.deepcreek.com/rental/alpine-dreaming>.

This trip has become special over the years. The Parkers are gracious hosts, and there is a wonderful camaraderie among the anglers. We'll do our best to help you learn

about the area's streams and how to fish them if you're not familiar with the area. If you're traveling alone, we'll try to pair you with other anglers that you'll enjoy fishing with. We'll dine out three or four evenings and chip in for communal dinners the other evenings. You'll love the local Italian sausages when we grill them.

The price is \$40 per person per night, minimum two-night stay, payment in advance. More details and forms for registering are

available on the chapter website (<http://www.nvatu.org/new>) and will also be e-mailed to members.

Bob Bidwell (bobbidwell@yahoo.com or 703-471-9287) coordinates this trip. If you have not been on the trip before, please call Bob before mailing any forms or check. You can talk with him about the trip, decide if it's appropriate for you and something you want to do, and make sure that space is available on the nights you want to stay.

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Use this QR Code to sign up or use the following URL link to sign up online for a special offer:

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>

Will quickly link to the national www.TU.org website to become a member for **\$17.50 for your first year.**

In the pull-down menu select 360-Northern Virginia and Introductory Rate.

CONSERVATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5:** Members Meeting
- 7:** FWAM Trip to White Oak (VA)
- 12:** Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax
- 28:** FWAM Trip to Morgan Run; Self-Guided

DECEMBER

- 2:** FWAM Trip to Little Stony (VA) **(final trip for the year)**
- 7:** Members Meeting
- 14:** Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax

NOVEMBER

- 2:** Members Meeting
- 4:** FWAM Trip to Rose (VA)
- 9:** Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax
- 25:** FWAM Trip to Gunpowder; Self-Guided

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 5: Jim Cummins will talk about fishing the North branch of the Potomac.

NOTE: SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Deep Creek's #1 vacation rental provider offers Alpine Dreaming and other fine homes! RMLV and Alpine Dreaming are proud sponsors of the NVATU Bi-Annual Western Maryland Fly-fishing trip! RMLV info: <http://rentals.deepcreek.com> (866) 544-3223



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MEMBER ALBUM



Stream restoration: Jay Lovering at the Conewago workday.



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