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Quick Bites & Short Strikes.....

At the June 10th membership meeting, Jim Habera, Fisheries Biologists, TWRA, gave a superb presentation regarding the status of wild trout in Northeast Tennessee. Jim highlighted recent wild trout creel surveys. If you would like to review TWRA's 2003 Wild Trout Report or if you would like to participate in this year's sampling, visit their website at: <http://www.homestead.com/twra4streams/ANNREP03.pdf> or for the 2004 schedule <http://www.homestead.com/twra4streams/schedule.html>.

Our speaker at the July meeting will be from TU National. Kim Ryals is the Southeast Regional Coordinator for the Back-The-Brookie (BTB) campaign, a 6 state initiative to restore and protect the Southern Appalachian Brook Trout, one of the few native species to our area. Kim will outline the entire program and how it dovetails with local efforts and how we can be a part of this exciting initiative. Kim will bring several items with the BTB logo. She will bring Tee Shirts, caps, travel mugs and sweat shirts. Bring your checkbooks and DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

The River/Stream (R/S) Watch continues to expand by establishing Watch committees. If you know someone who would like to learn more about their favorite streams, please contact the R/S Leaders who are listed in previous Newscasters. Some ways Leaders can expand their committees is by contacting Jim Habera, TWRA (800-332-0900) regarding a stream shocking outing and contact Dave Lane at State Hatchery (743-4842) concerning trout stocking. Plan an outing to learn more about your stream. Committee opportunities exist on Stoney Creek (leader and committee) and committee members on Doe Creek, Watauga Tailwater, Rocky Fork, North and South Indian Creeks and Laurel Fork Creeks.

South Holston Lake and River Cleanup is planned for August 14th. Last year's cleanup involved over 1200 volunteers who collected 57 tons of trash. The tailwater headquarters will be staffed at the South Holston Weir from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Chapter members from noon until 3 p.m.). Chapter members are encouraged to participate in the cleanup and join the Lake cleanup participants from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Observation Knob for a wonderful celebration event with live music and great food. Let's do our part to make this 12th Annual Cleanup another successful event.

Todd Bureson Memorial Cleanup is planned for September 18th in the Roan Mountain Community for Doe River and its tributaries. The 10th Annual cleanup headquarters will be more centrally located within the community (exact location is being finalized). Chapter members will be speaking at the Roan Mountain Citizens Club to encourage additional community involvement. Mark your calendars and come out to honor Todd as our friend and fishing partner.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO VACATIONS, THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING.

Welcome New Members:

Collier Jordan, John Tolejko,
William Kauffman and David
Harris

**Membership Meeting July 8th at Cams Catering,
203 Highpoint Drive, Johnson City - - Buffet dinner
at 6PM.**

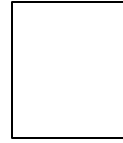
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**Members and Guests
attended the June Meeting**

July Meeting Program

The July Membership Meeting program will feature Kim Ryals, Southeast Regional Coordinator for the Back-The-Brookie (BTB) campaign. Don't miss it! We look forward to seeing you.

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River Quote

"You could not step twice into the same rivers; for other waters are ever flowing on to you." **Heraclitus of Ephesus**



OMTU Membership Nr. is 492

New members can join for \$17.50 by mail or on the web @ www.tu.org/intro. In order for OMTU to receive a rebate of \$15, the new member must include the Overmountain Chapter number (**492**) on the application.

Upcoming events:

August 14..South Holston Tailwater and Lake Cleanup

September 18..Todd Burselson Memorial Stream Cleanup at Roan Mountain

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