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Quick Bites & Short Strikes.....

At the April membership meeting, Eddie Wyatt, Owner of **Fly Shop of Tennessee**, gave a very informative presentation on "What's New in Fly Fishing Equipment". Eddie is very knowledgeable on fishing our tailwaters and mountain streams. Stop by his shop near Winged Deer Park on the Bristol/Johnson City Highway and say thanks. The shop's phone number is 928-2007.

The Fort Patrick Henry Tailwater cleanup was conducted on April 24th. Thanks to Charles Gibson for his leadership in having 22 attendees (13 from TU) pick up 40 bags of trash and lots of metal. The area was the cleanest it has been in three years. The cleanup was in support of Earth Day Celebrations in partnership with Keep Kingsport Beautiful.

On April 10th, Chapter members Rick Currie, Bob Sherrill and Bob Viers along with 5 others picked up 28 bags of trash and a trailer full of wire, pipe, appliance parts, carpet, awning and gutters along with various other household items that found their way in to and alongside the banks of Whitetop Laurel in VA.

On April 21st and 22nd, work crews from the Northeast Correction Center, a group of nine inmates and their overseer, Tom Gentry performed a cleanup, along with help from Chapter members Ron Harrington, Bob Sherrill and Bill Bezell on Beaverdam Creek. They picked up about 2,500 pounds of trash. Thanks to Ron for his leadership in organizing this.

Gary Barrigar and Ken Chase participated in the 25th Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors' Path State Park by conducting a stream ecology seminar and a creek walk. The 27 participants received an overview of local watersheds and hands on experience in conducting water quality chemical sampling and collection and identification of stream aquatic life.

The River/Stream Watch program needs your support. Check out the April *News Caster* for a list of leaders and volunteer your time and effort to ensure our streams are protected.

The Buffalo Creek Embrace-a-Stream project is completed in Elizabethton at Lions Field. Stop by and take a look at the streambank stabilization, habitat improvement and tree planting. Thanks to the City of Elizabethton, Elizabethton High School and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to info@omtu.org or call Ken Chase at 975-0357. The deadline for the June issue is **May 21st**.

Welcome New Members :

Howard Walker, Barbara Treadway,
Andy Cherry, Eddy Bazan, Greg
Erdmann and Phil Tipton.

**Membership Meeting May 13th at Cams Catering,
203 Highpoint Drive, Johnson City - Cookout begins
at 5 PM.... Note this is a change in meeting time for
this month only!!**

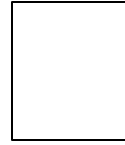
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**Members and Guests
attended the April Meeting**

May Meeting Program

The May Membership Meeting program will be a Trout Fishing Skills Clinic & Fly Shop Displays. Fly tying, knots&leaders, insect identification & much more will be open to the public. Don't miss it! We look forward to seeing you.

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River Quote

"I started out thinking of America as highways and state lines. As I got to know it better, I began to think of it as rivers." **Charles Kuralt**

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:

May 15th ... 16th Annual Watauga River Cleanup

May 22nd ... 2nd Annual Youth Fly Fishing Clinic at Elizabethton High School