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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

New ACTU Chapter Logo



Managing Streams for Future Generations

The Officers and Board of ACTU is proud to present the Chapter logo. The logo and tag line were selected from a pool of ideas submitted. Chapter member, Bill Caldwell, finalized the concept and we have worked with JAMCO (owners Jeff and Michele Cramer) to produce the final print-ready version of the logo.

In addition to the actual logo, we are working with JAMCO to offer a variety of chapter logo products, including: shirts, mugs, and more. Stay tuned for more information on the logo products and *Thank You* to everyone who has helped to select and finalize our chapter logo.

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you can now make a donation to ACTU every time you shop through Amazon Smile. There is no additional cost to you and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to ACTU. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2222233> for more information.

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STRAIGHT TALK By: Dave Swope

FINAL CALL. Hello TUer's, Of all my "Straight TALK" messages this last one is the hardest to write. As many of you may know, December will end my term as President of ACTU. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank everyone who has made it such a rewarding and wonderful experience.

I have been lucky to work with some of the smartest, kindest, dedicated and most good hearted people. From my venture with over 20 years in ACTU, in particular, one guy that stands above that group is Rick James. Rick will always have a special place when I reflect on ACTU. Remember those days on "Terry Trails" and rolling all those rocks along the streams. I really need to extend a special thanks to Rick, he has truly supported and mentored me throughout the processes and I cannot thank him enough. I hope Rick is enjoying his retirement. Other guys, like Terry, Bob, Dan, Curt, Dean, John, Joe, Dave, Mike, Ed, and Andy. All you guys made the President's job look easy. Also I would like to remember those ladies, Jetsy, Peg, Mona, Sue and especially April for putting up with my involvement, passion and all those chapter banquets.

Time has finally caught up to me in ACTU. It is time to pass the leadership on according to the chapters by-laws. I would like to give my best wishes and thanks to all the staff that served with me during those eight years as Chapter President. We have come along way toward getting this chapter back on track and I feel proud to have been part of that experience. God directed me in the right direction for ACTU.

Over the years, we have raised money for restoration work, chapter education activities like the eleven schools enrolled in Trout in the Classroom program, starting in November, with one being HACC College. The chapter's

treasury is stable after hosting our 33rd banquet. ACTU has been recognized for their restoration, educational, and dedicated efforts over the years while carrying on their mission to protect, conserve and restore our coldwater fishery. Oh, by the way, let me set the record straight, the Conewago Creek is not a dead stream and never has been as far as I'm concerned or my passion to restore would have stopped long ago. The chapter has continued to send local youths to conservation schools. We had some good times playing and working, and in general have made a difference in what others take for granted. We have touched our youth through "Rods and Reels".

From the beginning, we had become great teachers in conservation and along the way made connections and partnerships with people across the commonwealth and in other states. Individuals from the House and Senate, many Pa. Fish and Boat people, Cooperative Nursery Managers, Federation of Sportsmen members and staff both local and state, news & sports editors, Trout Unlimited people across the state and others, Conservation district people, Sportsmen clubs, and my list goes on and on. I'm proud to say one email or phone call will bring answers to all different types of issues when I need answers or when they need an answer or help from Adams County- I was there. The new chapter officers in 2016 are: President: Dean Stum, Vice President: Richard Lewis, Secretary: Amy Stum, Treasurer: Becky Plesic. I feel with the guidance and enthusiasm of these members there can only be exceptional times ahead.

Merry Christmas to All. Remember you have a friend in ACTU. See you on the stream.



In recognition of his many years of dedicated service to ACTU and Adams County, incoming Vice President, Richard Lewis, presented President Dave Swope with a framed "Leaping Brook Trout" print.

Thank you Dave for your many years of commitment as ACTU President and your continued service as Board Chairman.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Update

This year, the PA Council was busy packing over 280 boxes of eggs to be shipped out to schools on November 3, 2015. With the arrival of the Brook Trout eggs, the TIC year has officially begun! Some of the Brook Trout had already hatched, depending on water temperatures; the rest of the eggs hatched by the end of this week. Below is a new video created by PA Council of Trout Unlimited and PA Fish and Boat Commission to showcase the alevin/sac fry and button-up/swim-up fry life stages. Enjoy!!

ALEVIN/SAC FRY VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/0VfuBYoeb8g>.

Shannon Harvey, HACC Gettysburg Campus Vice President, and Bill Hartzell, HACC Biology instructor, attended the October monthly meeting to thank the Chapter for supporting their new TIC program at the Gettysburg Campus. HACC is the first college TIC program in Adams County. In her comments, Ms. Harvey noted that 80% of the Gettysburg HACC students work and remain in Adams County.

Pictured in the Photo: left, Bill Hartzell (HACC); center, Dave Swope (ACTU); and right, Shannon Harvey (HACC).



ACTU Wins 2015 PA Council Newsletter Award

PA State Council presented the Samuel Slaymaker 2015 Newsletter Award to Adams County Trout Unlimited. This award is presented to the chapter with the best newsletter in 2015.

In presenting the award, PA Council noted the newsletter contains great quality content with interesting feature articles, wonderful layout/design, and it does a great job in detailing the chapter's projects. It displays the history of the chapter and contains monthly updates of activities and times and dates of their ongoing activities. It portrays all youth educational programs ranging from TIC programs, conservation efforts, partnerships, teen summit, Rivers Conservation school and much more.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter. Your contributions helped make the newsletter the best in the state!

Photo (right): Dave Swope and Amy Stum display the award banner at the October 2015 monthly meeting.





January Guest Speaker Rod Rohrbach

Usually, the guest speaker announcement is not announced until the month of the meeting they will be attending. This guest speaker was booked back in November 2014 and we had to wait until January 2016 to get on his calendar! I doubt that you will see this gentleman back at our Chapter anytime in the near future, so I want to give everyone a chance to get this on your calendar now as a “don’t miss”!! Rod Rohrbach will be our guest speaker on January 19, 2016.

After 30 years as a banker, Rod converted a historic springhouse on the banks of the Little Lehigh to a fly shop. For fifteen years, he studied this famous limestone’s ecosystem while giving hundreds of fly tying and fly fishing lessons, as well as speaking at fishing and social clubs throughout the Mid-Atlantic area.

Rod has fished, tied and learned from renowned fly-fishing personalities such as Gary Borger, Lefty Kreh, Gary LaFontaine, Ed Koch, Ed Schenk and others. Since retiring, Rod spends most of his time camping and fishing around North America. His travels will serve as a back drop for his humorous and informative presentation “**Techniques for Tough Trout**”. The presentation will cover details such as: Fishing as a stealthy predator, Dyeing fly line, Fish hooking techniques, Line handling techniques, Mending, Line handling techniques, Leader design, Rise forms, Trout lies, Snells circle, and Entomology. Watch for Rod’s book “Thoughts and Observations and advice of a Trout Bum”



Short Casts

Newsletter Changes for 2016: At the November 11, 2015, Board Meeting, the Board approved a change in the newsletter schedule. Beginning in January 2016, the newsletter will be published on an every-other month basis. Continue to access the website and Facebook page for current event details.

Newsletter Submissions: Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to amystum@comcast.net in a Word document or email text. All submissions are due by the 1st of the month for that month’s newsletter.

Fishing Trips: Cumberland Valley TU has generously opened their trips to our chapter members. If you are interested in participating in an organized trip, please visit <http://cvtu.homestead.com/CalendarEvents.html> to see all the scheduled trips and contact Biff Healy (biffer1966@hotmail.com) or Dave Stone (dstone@stonelaw.net)

2015 Calendar

DECEMBER

December 15	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Gettysburg; Adams Co Conservation Bldg
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Meet Your Chapter Leadership

At the October monthly meeting, the new Officers and Board Members were voted in. The new leadership is:

President: Dean Stum
Vice President: Richard Lewis
Secretary: Amy Stum
Treasurer: Becky Plesic
Board Chairman: Dave Swope
Board Member: Chris Plesic
Board Member: Hank Rajotte
Board Member: Joe Whitmore (incumbent)

Chris Plesic and Hank Rajotte are new to the Board; please read their bio to learn more about them.

Chris Plesic

Chris joined ACTU in 2010 when his daughter participated in the Latimore Fish Derby. Having to leave early, they received a call from Jetsy Murray that Chloe had won the biggest fish for her age group. When Chris went to the Murray's to get Chloe's prize, they introduced him to ACTU. From that point on, he has been the backhoe operator on several stream restorations and helped with other events and projects; receiving the 2013 PA Fish and Boat Commission Adopt-A-Stream Award for his commitment to ACTU.

Chris currently lives in York Springs with his wife, Becky (our ACTU Treasurer) and 11 year old daughter, Chloe.



He is employed by Stewart & Tate, Inc. as a Utility Foreman and has been with the company for 15 years. In addition to his work with ACTU, Chris is an assistant leader for the College & Career Ministry Group and teaches Sunday school at Morning Hour Chapel (he's been known to give a few sermons over the years at

local congregations); he is a member of several clubs and organizations including: PA Fly Fishing Museum, Yellow Breeches Anglers, Life Member of the East Berlin VFW Post 8896, and many more. Chris has many hobbies, including: hunting, fly fishing, fly tying, ATVing, crabbing, gardening, wine making, traveling and helping with the neighbor's farm. He spends a good bit of his time at their camp in Centre County.

Hank Rajotte

Henry E. Rajotte, known as Hank, recently accepted the role of Youth Coordinator, in addition to his role as Board member. He was born and raised in Rhode Island; moved to Fairfield in 1976. Hank holds a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Rhode Island and an MBA from Mt. St. Mary's; retiring from the Biotech industry in 2003, after 39 years of service.

He was an ACTU member in 2004-2005 and reactivated in 2014. Hank's hobbies include: gardening (mostly helping my wife with our 10,000 sq ft garden); licensed amateur radio operator; fishing, and a little bit of hunting. Hank resides in Fairfield with his wife Carol and has three grown children, two grandchildren.

Conewago Workday

On October 15, members from the Adams County Conservation District received a hands-on experience of removing, repairing, and installing a mudsill. Special thanks for their commitment to better enhancing the water quality, restoring back the land from erosion, building fish habitat and repairing the stream riparian buffers. S & W construction was on hand with the heavy equipment to assist. As the project was well underway, the stream was replenished with a supplement of trout by ACTU members.



Pictured Above: Backhoe operator Terry Shank from S&W Construction



Above: Working on placing logs for the device.

Below: Attaching boards to the log

