

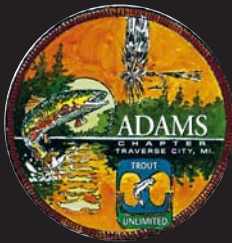
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Adams Chapter Update

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The Chapter is on track to complete its transition over from a paper newsletter to an electronic version by the end of 2010, a goal almost a year in the making. This is due to the ever increasing cost of postage, charges due to returned to sender newsletters and the Chapter's goal of reducing our footprint on the environment (saving paper and ink). We appreciate your willingness to make this transition with us and hope that you will continue to follow Adams Chapter activities, events and updates either at our website: www.adamschaptertu.org or through our email alerts. If you are not receiving our email alerts, please send your email address and name to Director Gabe Schneider at gabe.schneider@gmail.com. Thanks.

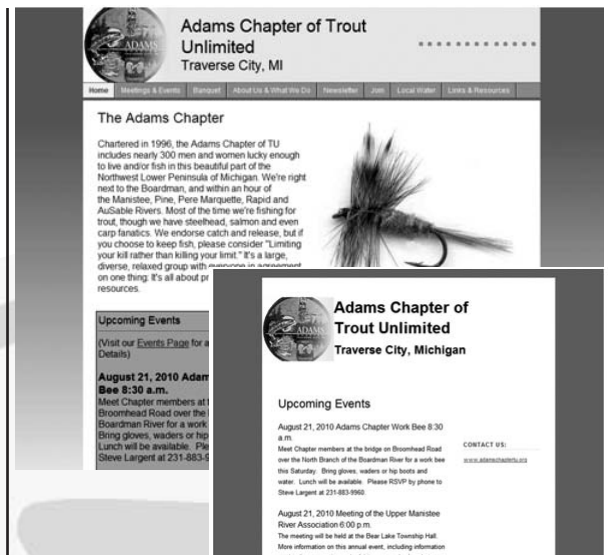
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a busy summer and there are a couple of events worth noting to the members.

The Chapter's first ever Adopt-A-Highway Program clean up event was held on July 24th, with 22 bags of garbage being collected along the Chapter's stretch of River Road (look for the signs next time you drive this way). We had a turnout of 12 volunteers and it took less than 2 hours to pick up our assigned section of road. Our next cleanup day is scheduled for October 2nd and you can contact Director Mark Andres for more information.

First Cast Program

August 25th was our most recent General Membership meeting held at Ranch Rudolf. Total membership attendance for the meeting was 14. Actually, we were outnumbered by the



graduates and their families for the First Cast program. Eleven boys and girls, ages 10 through 14, participated in 4 class programs during the month of August. Special thanks and recognition to Tim Smith and the Great Lakes Children Museum for their efforts in making this program possible. Dave Leonhard from Streamside Orvis also contributed the materials, tools, and their classroom for the fly tying class portion of the program. Chapter member, and fishing guide Ted Kraimer gave instructions on tying some useful patterns and advice on how to fish them. Brian Pitser, new owner of the Northern Angler contributed a nice variety of trout flies for each angler and a fly box, fly line, and gift certificate as raffle prizes. Chapter members that donated time for the fly tying class and as river guides for several hours were Dennis Taylor, Mark Andres, and Dave McCool. The chapter also contributed TU Stream Explorer memberships to all that completed the course.

The next General Membership meeting is in December. There will be elections for Officers



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and Directors. There will also be discussions and planning for events and activities for the upcoming year. As always, we'd ask your input on issues throughout the year:

Enjoy the Fall season –



As part of our new and exciting "writers series" local author, Mike Delp has provided this wonderfully lyrical piece for our final paper newsletter. ONE WATER was initially published in Traverse the Magazine. Thank you, Mike for allowing us to share your work with our membership.

Look forward to works from writers and anglers both within our own Adams Chapter and others across the country who share our kindred spirit . . .

One Water

I prowl water: in rivers, streams, creeks and rivulets. I hunt the water of thunderstorms and underground springs, and haunt the beds of rivers where water fulfills its promises. I spend whole days watching storm clouds, and then sit by the river's edge to watch run-off, high creeks, the mud-blood of water mixing and remixing into turbulence. My life catches in rifles, slows down in gravel beds, and lies down in deep pools. Imagine a day without water I say to myself each morning, thinking I would turn into a flesh-colored husk, a lost prayer flag rattling in the wind. When I look upriver I open my eyes first imagining the river coming to me, into me, through me. My water, I say. My water. And my neighbors on the river do the same, all of them rising in the morning to take it all in, as if in some unified prayer, some momentous acknowledgement that this water we have is ours. We share what sweeps, rushes and slows, our hearts hydrating under summer afternoons, a sky full of clouds scudding in from Lake Michigan.

The river runs into the air, and then comes back. We drink it in and we drink the sky, the deep blood of the ground. Imagine what it would be like to fly over Michigan and suddenly see all the big lakes turn luminous blue and then all the feeder creeks, tributaries, lakes, ponds wetlands, kettle holes and swamps all pulsing with one blue. From twenty miles up, Michigan would throb cerulean. But there is other water, those underground rivers only the wisest among us can find, and aquifers the size of whole towns, maybe counties, undulating under the surface of loam and jack pine, oak and aspen. Think now of flying over a state gone transparent and those aquifers showing that same cerulean blue. It would be like looking into the heart of a sapphire hundreds of miles long, the seep of aquifer water sliding up into tributaries, sinks, hummocks and feeder streams.

We tend to see water in measured doses...a lake vista, or a long, winding look upstream. We see a wide expanse the great lakes, and begin to understand the impossibility of having so much water all around us. But think if it turning luminous and we might begin to understand seriously how all of it is really one water.

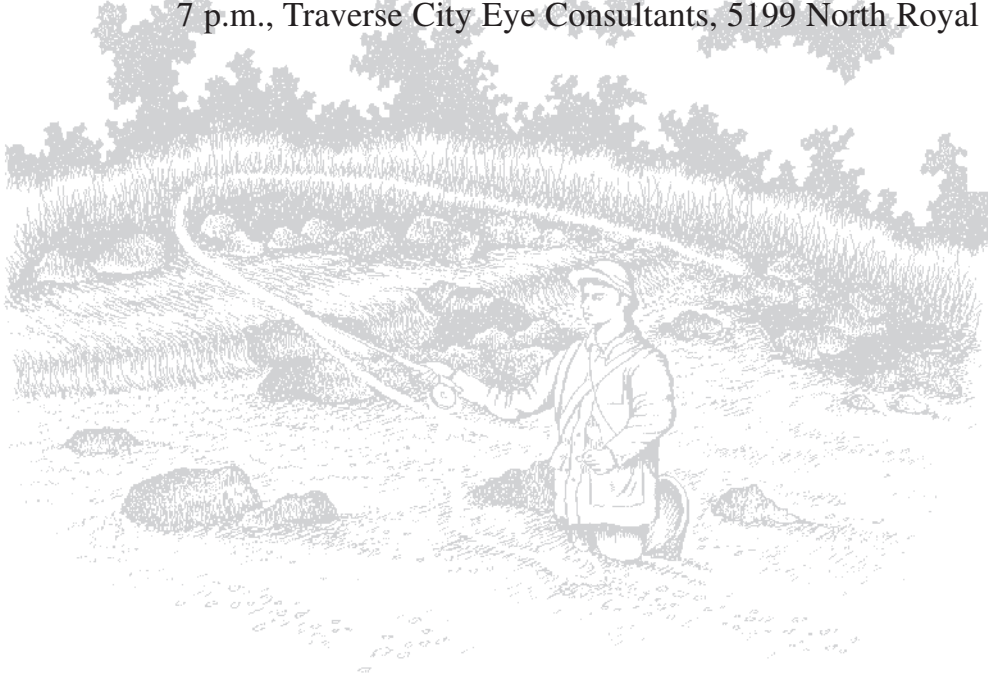
This isn't truly my water, though I'd like to think it is in front of my cabin: early morning, fish rising and me, a body made almost entirely out of water, casting towards dark shapes under the cedars. I feel possessive on these mornings, or late at night, fishing under a full moon when I look upriver and see an electric ribbon coming towards me, through me. But it's not mine at all. I borrow it, as all of us do. We borrow something made and re-made in thunderstorms, those long rains in August, and most importantly those immense underground aquifers which pump like giant hearts into our lives.

2010 CALENDAR

December 8

General Membership Meeting

7 p.m., Traverse City Eye Consultants, 5199 North Royal Drive, TC



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