



The Long Cast



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As everyone now knows we had to reschedule our January 26th meeting to February 2nd because of back-to-back snow storms. I realize that this may have inconvenienced some members. So I would like to thank everyone that attended the rescheduled dinner meeting, and of course all the volunteers that were willing to adjust their schedules on such short notice. As always, **Chris Metakos** and his staff, **Tom O'Connell**, **Al Manfredi**, and **Al Rosati** (who served as our unofficial food taster), did an excellent job preparing the meal. I would also like to thank my wife Gloria who once again made the deserts.

We had both members and guest demonstrators showing off their skills at the meeting. **Ed Lombardo** helped people improve their casting techniques and TU members **John McCall** and **Al Ball** showed their talents in fly tying. Thank you for contributing. A special thanks to UFTRI tyers **Deb Duran** and **Mike Miozza** for taking the time to come to our meeting, especially since there was a UFTRI meeting going on at the same time. John McCall and Ed Lombardo are both TU and UFTRI members, as is Al Ball. It

is sometimes difficult to take advantage of the special benefits of both organizations. We hope that we can get to do more together.

Incidentally, you may have seen some of Deb Duran's flies in print: they have been in national magazines and at least one fancy new book called "Guide Flies." **Jay Boyer's** demonstration on net making always attracts a crowd. I think he makes the nicest nets you can find anywhere. Sitting alongside Jay was **George Rainville** demonstrating how to make braided leaders and he also had on display some of the bamboo rods he has made. His are as exquisitely crafted and as finely functioning cane rods as can be found anywhere. Then there was **Jim Rubovits** with a table filled with tools and gadgets for fly fishing that he has invented, and as you could tell, he has quite the imagination. Even I had a table set-up with my rod building tools and I should add a thank you to **Angelo Mangili** for teaching me how to build rods.

The April 27, 2005 meeting has been rescheduled to April 20, 2005 because the week of the 27th is a religious holiday week and the church would not be

available.

We will be needing volunteers to help at Addieville Farms for the annual children's Fly tying/Fly Fishing Program in April.

We will also need volunteers on June 11, 2005 for the Healing Co-Op Inc. fly fishing clinic. The Healing Coop is a Rhode Island non-profit center dedicated to the support of women cancer survivors and their families. This fly fishing clinic will be held at the Deer Creek Farms in Foster. We will be working together with UFTRI and you may speak with Ed Lombardo about the organization and the staffing of this event.

Lawson Cary, Pres.

The TU Banquet

Once again, it is time to start thinking about the 2005 Banquet. We've already had a few donations: a full day of guide service for one with noted guide Marla Blair, and some framed flies from Dave Botelho.

Tickets should be available at and after the January Pasta/Demo meeting. Please buy your tickets early. The success of the banquet depends on large numbers of attendees

and it helps to get an early turnout estimate. Remember you will get one participation raffle ticket for each Banquet ticket you buy. If eight to ten of you want a reserved table, let me know the group size by the March 30, TU meeting. Bring family, friends, and customers.

As always, we will need all the donations we can get. Of course, fishing gear is a priority, but non-fishing items always generate interest and revenue. Remember there are many ways to donate that don't require the spending of money: guided fishing, a service like tackle repair, maintenance and building, and anything else you can think to do. Also gift certificates from stores, restaurants, and other businesses that you frequent are good advertising for them. A donor's name will reach 500 members.

Last but not least, we'll need volunteers for all aspects of the event. If you haven't volunteered in the past, and are willing to help this year, please contact me. If you are already on my list, I'll be in touch with you! People with kitchen skills are especially needed.

We will need someone to work with Ron Barstis on the keeping of auction and other records at the banquet. Can anyone out there offer to print the bucket raffle and silent auction title cards? Ditto for the list of auction items?

Any ideas, suggestions, or questions?
Contact me any time – 401-647-5384 or jrnohackle@aol.com

I'm looking forward to another great banquet with your help.

Jim Rubovits

Help Wanted!

No, this is not a classified ad! Just a little observation on the organization to which we all belong and enjoy.

Our President, Lawson Cary has been expanding the Chapter's traditional works. The coming Healing Coop clinic which Lawson and Ed Lombardo are spearheading is an important step in the outreach work we'd like to see continue.

And our Chapter has continued to distinguish itself with maintenance, stocking and other projects related to fishing and the environment.

Finally, our members have been involved in petitioning and testifying at regulations hearings and with meetings and discussions with DEM officials on its policies. In this last regard the club pursues the primary purpose of the national organization by making clear our concerns with management of our rivers for the future health of the water and the fish in it. That is the very reason for Trout Unlimited.

We have been lucky to have committed volunteers and board members to help us with all this work. Our chapter is rich in volunteers. Perhaps one of the current Board will be a future president as active and concerned as the one we have now. Or perhaps someone in our organization with ideas, conviction, and stamina will step forward to serve on our Board. *Please give this some thought!*

Without future leaders we will wither. If you are presently on the Board and can increase your work load, or if you are a member at large, and you feel you can offer your services to the Board, please make your presence known.

We can use the help. Now and later.

Burt Strom

Chapters and Councils

The Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited is Rhode Island's only TU Chapter. The national organization is composed of "Councils" one for each state. The bylaws specify that there must be at least two chapters in a state for there to be a state council. So Rhode Island's only TU Chapter is lumped with the several Massachusetts Chapters into the Mass/RI Council.

This has some financial ramifications, depriving us of some income we would receive if we were within a Rhode Island state Council. It also dilutes our efforts by merging our activities with those of Massachusetts. We could be more effective in our work if we could create a second state Chapter and thus create a Rhode Island state Council.

One way to do this is to create, say, a northern RI and a southern RI chapter. No details have yet evolved for accomplishing this. However, as a start we may draft a sign up sheet for those who wish to "secede" from the Narragansett chapter and meet and work on issues closer to their homes. For example, if your primary haunts and loves are the Blackstone River and the Foster area streams, perhaps you might wish to see yourself in another Chapter.

As there is no current campaign under way, if you are interested in this please communicate with us. You can do this by writing to the LongCast editor who will compile the list, or you can email him at flyfish@mtmfg.com, or else email our president, Lawson Cary at troutchaser@cox.net

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Meeting dates remaining:

02-23-2005
03-30-2005
04-20-2005 (**changed because of religious holiday**)
05-25-2005 Stream Side (**can't wait!**)

Executive Board meetings:

03-05-2005
04-02-2005
05-07-2005
The Executive Board meets at 9 am at Eva's Family Restaurant in Coventry on Rte. 117.

*Please make note of the following planned **float stockings**. If you can volunteer, the stockings begin at the route 165 check station at 8am
April 23
May 14
Sept. 17*

Summer float stockings will occur on Thursdays at the same location at 8am. They will occur from June to early Sept.

Roadside pickups have also been scheduled. We meet at the check station on pickup dates at 9am
March 19
May 21
Oct 15
Dec. 10

The Long Cast On Line

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Or, you can receive the LongCast directly by email. Here's how: Please contact our webmaster, Tom Moore. Tell him you'd like to receive the LongCast via email.

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FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

Fishing the Rangeley Lakes area of Maine

Since the 1800's the mountains of western Maine have been a destination for anglers. A few of the original camps and lodges are still in operation offering a glimpse of the history of the area. Wild brook trout and salmon in the Rapid, Kennebago, Magalloway and Cupsuptic rivers are still fished for with patterns made famous by Carrie Stevens who invented legendary streamers, including the Gray Ghost. Whether it's fishing well known pools like Steep Bank; or other locations including trout ponds, it's easy to see why the area has attracted anglers for generations. Enjoy the coming presentation and learn about the area and enjoy the humor of our guest presenters.

Gerry Crow and **Jim Norton** are licensed New Hampshire fishing guides who operate the New Hampshire Rivers Guide Service. Using a drift boat, Rangeley Guide Boat, canoes or wading staff Gerry and Jim guide rivers, lakes, ponds and streams throughout New Hampshire and Maine, specializing in fly fishing the larger rivers. With a combined experience of over 80 years fly fishing, they still bring a fresh perspective to the sport. Norton writes fishing columns for newspapers including the Manchester Union Leader, New Hampshire Wildlife Federation News, and the Hawkeye Hunting and Fishing News. Crow was formerly the national fly fishing webmaster for the Prodigy Internet service, has had photographs published in regional and national publications and operates a number of fly fishing web sites, including www.merrimacktu.org and www.nhriversguide.com. Both are active leaders in Trout Unlimited, and other conservation organizations including the Merrimack River Watershed Council, and the Merrimack Migratory Fish Alliance and both have extensive experience entertaining and informing their audiences.

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Enjoy! **Ed Lombardo**

The annual **Saltwater Edge Fly Tying Fair** is Saturday, February 19th. It is at the Hyatt Goat Island at Newport from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free as is parking. UFTRI will have a booth there as will many local guides and tyers including Ken Abrames, Alan Caolo, Deb Duran, Al Anderson, Armand Courchaine. Go to www.saltwateredge.com for more details.

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Narragansett Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month-September through May at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Oaklawn Ave. (Rte 5), Cranston, RI. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 23rd**

