



# The Long Cast



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## Presidents Message

I want to thank Jack Smola for his fine presentation on the rivers in western Massachusetts. Also, thanks to Ed Lombardo for making this and other presenter arrangements. Jack, as the best guides do, can teach most of us some new things about catching trout.

As the members could tell, right now I am having some health problems. I will try to continue my job as President of the chapter. But if I feel I am not doing my job the way I should then I will step down as your President. Presently I am going through some doctor visits and testing. I will keep you posted.

We started to do the stream continuity project again and Burt Strom and Al Jaffa will be organizing this project in my absence. The RC&D has hired an intern to work with them in the field and to catalogue our data over the next few months. Her name is Kathryn Zuromski (Kat for short.) If anyone would like to help on this project see either Burt or Al. I'm sure they can use the help.

I plan to meet with the DEM and see if we can line up some of the projects that we didn't get to do

last year.

Don't forget that April 6th is our Banquet /Fund raiser. We need your donations for the raffles and auctions. Please see that Jim Dewaele gets the items as soon as possible. And, of course, we need you and your friends and family to join us for a great meal as well as a good time. If for no other reason it's just great to see everyone at the banquet. Its always nice to see old friends.

So we don't forget - Please add to your list of saved dates (date will be listed as soon as possible) the Healing co-op event at Dr. Bob Buonanno's Deer creek Farm at 59 North road in Foster. We will need volunteers for fly tying as well as casting instructors. The tentative date is May 31st and will be firmed up soon.

**Lawson Cary**  
**President**

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## Important Dates

### E-Board Meetings

April-5-08  
May-3-08  
Sept..6-08

Oct. 4-08  
Nov.1-08  
Dec. 6-08

### General Meetings

Mar.-26-08  
April-30-08  
May-28-08  
Sept.-24-08  
Oct.29-08  
Nov.19-08  
Dec.17-08

### Adopt-A-Highway

May, 31-08  
Sept.27-08  
Dec.20-08  
Float Stocking  
April 26-08  
May-24-08  
Sept. 20-08

### Fly Casting at the Wood/ Pawcatuck Watershed Headquarters

4pm-6pm  
July 24, 2008  
July 31, 2008  
\$5 members \$10 non members

### Family Fun Fishing Days

For children aged 12 and under (Rods, tackle, worms, bottled water will be provided. Location to be announced.)  
\$5 for members \$10 non members  
10am-1pm  
July 11, 2008  
July 18, 2008

## September Presentation

**Ryan Sansoucy** is a local guide specializing in trout and salmon fishing in the Great Lakes region of New York State and the salt ponds of Rhode Island. "People look at me and they think I'm like some hooligan drug dealer," says the 26-year-old fishing guide. 'Actually, I'm just the opposite: a Bible-thumping Christian kid who's really conservative.' Sounds like an interesting character, but more important: someone with his own slants on fishing.

Check out Ryan's web site:  
[www.hushfishing.com](http://www.hushfishing.com)

Ryan may be a little controversial to some of our members but we welcome the opportunity to listen to his presentation and to interact with him during the question and answer session that always follows our presenters' talks.

**Ed Lombardo**

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### Stream Continuity

Last Thursday a young intern at NRCS, Kathryn Zuromski, and I continued gathering data (pictures, measurements, assessments) of stream crossings in the Pawcatuck River Watershed. This is a continuation of work several of us, led by the indefatigable Lawson Cary, have been doing in the various watersheds of the western half of Rhode Island (especially all the Wood River: itself and its tributary streams.)

A stream crossing is any

intersection between a stream and a road or path. The crossing is accomplished by bridge, pipe or culvert (or even, as we discovered in a couple of places, merely the path itself right across the stream!)

It is unfortunate that the crossings were designed to get the water to flow from "one side of the road to the other" without deep regard for the migration of fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects.



The NRCS is collecting all the information that our volunteers have been gathering and supplying the maps necessary to locate all the crossings, some of them quite off the beaten path. The hope is that some day the data will allow the addressing of the quality of these crossings from the point of view of mother nature: how can these crossings be improved so animal migration is restored?

The project has important implication for brook trout: their access to skinny water and ability to move about is necessary to improve their viability here, especially as development, global warming and other factors challenge them as well. Just replacing a cement pipe that has an outlet drop can provide upstream access that had been previously denied.



We have now done well over 400 stream crossings. They are very thoroughly catalogued and pictures and data for them is on file.

Our chapter is fulfilling much of its TU charter requirements currently via this long ongoing project. Please consider participating. You can see me at the meeting or at the banquet to discuss taking part.

More generally, please think about inviting young prospective members to our meetings. Afford them the opportunity to participate in environmental work and in return we will bring them into the world of fly fishing for trout. They shouldn't wait until they are as old as most of us !

**Burt Strom**

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## The Annual Banquet

***I would like to remind everyone about our upcoming annual banquet and auction on April 6th. Please let us know if you are attending so we can properly plan for the event.***

***The banquet is the chapter's primary fund raiser for the year. These funds, supported with volunteer help, underwrite the conservation and public awareness programs we undertake throughout the year.***

***Come and help us celebrate the Chapter's accomplishments and consider donating items which we may offer in the banquet's verbal and silent auctions. Items of all categories are welcomed! We expect to have an exciting auction and numerous raffles. Many nice items will be available including raffles for a 15 ft Lincoln canoe and Winston fly rod and auctions for guided trips on New England's most prized rivers and streams.***

***If you plan to attend and/or wish to donate, then please inform us by calling me or sending an e-mail to jimdewaele@cox.net. I can also be reached at 401-568-9708 or 781-929-6467. Or check with me at the March 26th meeting.***

***Your donations and volunteer help go a long way to the Chapter's conservation efforts. Come help celebrate the past year, enjoy good conversation, good food and fun! We have many plans for 2008 and need your help!***

**Jim DeWaele**

## Subsurface Amonite

By Alan Bithell

### Recipe

**Hook:** Grub/scud Hook  
**Thread:** Fine tan  
**Underbody:** Tan or yellow floss built up into nymph shape  
**Abdomen:** Clear Flexibody with brown marker pen mark along top of body  
**Parasol:** Floating poly yarn tied in a loop of Kevlar tying thread. Kevlar is furled together before tying in.  
**Thorax cover:** Clear Flexibody  
**Legs:** Partridge hackle  
**Thorax:** Hare's ear or any other spiky dubbing



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**OUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE ON March 26th**



Tuckerman's Ravine in the White Mountains by Benjamin Champney

