

Columbia-Greene

TROUT UNLIMITED

RIP VAN WINKLE CHAPTER 569

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TU...TO CONSERVE, PROTECT & RESTORE NORTH AMERICA'S COLD WATER FISHERIES & THEIR WATERSHEDS

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Dear new, renewed, and transferred members of TU:

WELCOME to the Columbia-Greene Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Whether you are a new, renewed or transferred member of TU it is a pleasure to welcome you to our chapter. **Our regularly scheduled meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building** (adjacent to Angelo Canna Park...Van Buren Drive off Mountain Avenue) **in Cairo, NY...the 3rd Tuesday of each month** (except July and August).

We are a small, informal and social group "dedicated to conservation and improved fisheries habitat" and you are invited to participate in our meetings. We often have a speaker or some type of entertainment, and those attending have a chance to win a free door prize. Listed below are the folks who have entertained and enlightened us during the past year:

John LaRocca conducted an amusing "old catalog" night, which consisted of browsing old catalogs and socializing.

Dave Rudloff and **Tom Poelker** introduced us to Utah's Green River with a picture and verbal tour of their fishing trip to that area.

Dan Zielinski, an Aquatic Biologist for the NYSDEC, gave our chapter a Power Point presentation on the continuing 27-year Catskill Creek research project.

Bamboo rods are the specialty of **Bobby Fisher** and **John Libruk**. They gave us a presentation that included a history, as well as a display, of some of these old sticks.

Tying balsa wood flies was an interesting hands-on demonstration by **Rick Bobrick**.

John Miller, former chapter member, now a noted fishing guide and photographer extraordinaire introduced a Power Point presentation of prolific hatches on the Delaware River.

Bob Novak and **John LaRocca** gave a Power Point presentation about the Tenmile Creek project that is currently underway in an effort to restore this flood-destroyed stream to its former self.

The "Reel Cowboy", **Bill Newcomb**, a well known Copake fly tyer, gave us a DVD show and verbal presentation of some old-time heavy hitters of the fly-fishing world at their time.

And, in order to do a little socializing and tell lies about the "missed big one", we also have had a few social nights of chatter and refreshment, which have proven to be quite popular.

These folks and others being lined up at this time provide us with quality presentations at our meetings. We encourage you to attend, get acquainted with other members, socialize, and exchange stories of the "big one that got away." No matter what your level of fishing expertise, you are encouraged to come and participate in all the meetings and social events that you can.

Our chapter writes a monthly newsletter, [The Current](#), from September to June. It appears in the "newsletter" section of the website. You will also have access to the archived newsletters. Since this is a new website, the process of adding the older editions will take some time. Check back often to see if newsletters have been added to the group already archived.

We hope to see you at our TU meetings.
Sincerely, Dick, Tomm and Hank