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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Corson's Inlet Meeting: Well I guess there were only seven of us who had not checked the weather reports for the shore on the evening of Sept.24th. When I got to Corson's Inlet it was a bright and sunny afternoon with high tide approaching. The parking lot was packed and I actually had to park in the "Boat Trailers Only" Section. Things looked really good until I opened the truck door. The wind almost removed it. There was a 30 mph constant wind with even stronger gusting. I thought "how could this be, the strong wind and a crowded parking lot?" You don't often see both of those together. I walked down to the waters edge and struck up a conversation with the two fishermen working the dock area. They enlightened me that the blue fish had been running strong the day before and that answered the crowd question. The wind had steadily grown throughout the day and was expected to get even worse. Shortly after sundown most of us decided to head home and get a bite to eat on the way. Cathy Mainardi was high hook with a small flounder and a sea robin. Way to go, Cathy.

October 29th Meeting: This month's meeting is somewhat special. We are having New Jersey Fly Fishing Guides Michael McAuliffe and John Collins present their new presentation entitled "Fly Fishing Ken Lockwood Gorge". This 50 slide presentation is based on several years of intensive research studying seine and stomach samples, insect behavior and trout feeding patterns. They even promised a small fly tying demo. Check out their website at http://www.riseformstudio.tv/fly_fishing_presentation.html.

By the time of the meeting I hope to have a report to share with the membership on "Project Healing Waters". This is an organization to help veterans adjust back into our world. The New Jersey Chapter of PHW is having a "Take a Vet Fishing" day at the Pequest Hatchery Education Pond sponsored by TU and FFF on Oct 26th. This is an endeavor to help a group of soldiers at the East Orange and Lyons Hospitals who have just returned from Afghanistan. Through my affiliation with FFF I am planning to attend and attempt to help out.

I also hope to have a positive report on the "Post Card Campaign". We have mailed out post cards to all of the TU members on the National TU assignment list. Many of them live quite close to us and hopefully they will respond by coming out to meetings.

I would like to thank Ken Odasz for stepping in and representing us with a fly tying demonstration at the Outdoor Heritage Day Sept. 13th at The Natural Resource Education Foundation of NJ in Waretown. There are two other people who should be thanked for their efforts: Steve Moody and Howard Brooks spent a day working on the Ridley Creek with the Delco-Manning Chapter planting streamside vegetation. Thanks to those three guys for making us, as a group look good.

Hope to see you at the October 29th meeting.

Bob Powell