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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT MAY 2009

April's Meeting: I would like to thank Rick Axt and Rich Thomas from the State Council for traveling south to help shed some light on what's happening in TU at the National level. We should now have a little better understanding of the National Trout Unlimited agenda for our future. Some of the topics spawned heated discussions and I thank the membership for being so open about the contested issues. Personally, I am concerned with National's trend to abandon the fly fishing aspect of their platform. It was my passion for fly fishing for trout that brought me to Trout Unlimited and then I became concerned about conservation. I sincerely doubt the general conservationist is singularly concerned with the welfare of trout and if National continues on this venue they will find themselves talking to an empty room. This has been a slow transition and hardly noticeable. The first sign I noticed was the dropping of the "Catch and Release" logo and then the decrease of fishing articles in the "Trout" magazine. Now the topic is barely discussed. Hopefully this trend will reverse. We as a chapter should continue to focus on fly fishing with an eye on conservation. I've been around too long to be trendy.

May 27th Meeting: Michael and John from Rise Form Studio TV are coming back to visit us. We scheduled them for a presentation last October but were scuttled by Game #6 of the World Series. They have agreed to return and they now have a newer modified version of their slide show. If you visit their website <http://www.riseformstudio.tv/> you can check out how thoroughly they have investigated fly fishing. Be sure to check out their videos. Their presentation has something for everyone from the basic novice to the advanced fly fisher.

Fly of the Month: Jerry Martina has donated a dozen San Juan worms tied with bug skin. These flies work very well in cloudy high water. They literally are the flies you save for a "Rainy Day".

Fly Fishing/Tying Demo: The Chapter has been invited to do a demonstration of fly tying and fishing at the Burlington County Earth Fair on June 14th. The Earth Fair is being held at the Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton. The hours are 10am to 4pm. Anyone wanting to help out please contact me.

Spring Fishing Trips: As time goes on the list is getting shorter. If you're thinking about joining in on a trip please contact the coordinator or me.

Date	Where	Coordinator
May 23 rd	White Clay Cr.	Carl Wyckoff
June 6 th	Ken Lockwood	Steve Moody

Activities Fees: The 2009 activities fees are due. We will be collecting the \$15.00 at the meeting or you may mail them directly to:

Bill Ceravolo
107 N. Monroe Ave.
Wenonah, NJ 08090

Checks should be made payable to **Trout Unlimited SJ Chapter**

Keep in mind you should also be a member of the National TU. The web address is:

<https://secure.tu.org/site/apps/ka/rq/register.asp?c=kkLRJ7MSKtH&b=3441435&en=9sJHJUMzE8LQK4OCi7KNJ1MNKsLWJOMKJnLV17NKKfLOK6MYF>

Concern for the future : As most of you are aware I am now finishing my third term as President of the Chapter. I believe it's been a good ride and I hope I've improved the Chapter. I want to thank all of the people that have supported my efforts. We will be looking for people to fill positions in our November elections. It's time for some "New Blood" to enter the picture. If you have a passion for fly fishing come out and join the fray. It doesn't take much effort to create an effect, the more people we have involved the better the outcome.

Hope to see you at the meeting May 27th.

Bob Powell

