



**Jim Boyle and Bill Bach with two Alaskan Kenai River Rainbows caught during the bead hatch – September's Fish of the Month**

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**Join us** before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

**Upcoming Events**

- September 19 Chapter General Meeting - "Fishing the Maine North Woods" with **Greg Cuda** – guest tier at 6:30 and featured speaker starts about 7:30pm – all are welcome – free of charge  
October 1 Battenkill Cleanup  
October 15 Trout Season Ends on Some Waters- check your guides

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## Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> and it starts at 6:30pm with a guest fly tier and the featured speaker starts at 7pm. This month's meeting will be "Fishing the Maine North Woods". We will be exploring the Maine North Woods and its fishing for wild salmon and brook trout. The fishing experience includes both still and river opportunities. After fly fishing for three decades, host **Greg Cuda** was taught by guide **Jeff Labree** several previously unknown techniques for catching fish in rivers. Also featured will be Maine's wildlife including moose, eagles, loons and more. At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

## Fish of the Month 2016 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr, Jim Boyle** and for 2015, **Paul Kalacs** winners in its first eight years.

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at [mrbrownie6@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrownie6@gmail.com) or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

This month's Fish of the Month is really Fishes of the Month as **Jim Boyle** and **Bill Bach** show their Alaskan success above. Congratulations.

## New York Trout Waters Youth Camp

Camps is over for the year – check out this link for more information about the camp: <http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/new-york-students-enjoy-trout-waters-youth-camp>

## A HORSES TALE

BY ED ANDREJKO

WHILE FLY FISHING WITH A FRIEND OF MINE ON THE BIG HORN RIVER NEAR FORT SMITH MONTANA, I EXPERIENCED AN UNUSUAL ENCOUNTER WITH A HORSE.

IN PAST FISHING TRIPS WE HAVE RUN INTO MOOSE, ELK, BUFFALO, DEER, BEAVERS, HERONS, EAGLES, FISHERS, GOATS, CATTLE, TURKEYS AND SNAKES. THIS TIME IT WAS DIFFERENT.

MY FRIEND AND I HAD WALKED UP THE TRAIL FROM THE THREE (3) MILE ACCESS AND WE STARTED FISHING. WE WERE WAITING FOR THE TRICO HATCH TO OCCUR. A LITTLE LATER I TOOK A BREAK, LEFT THE RIVER AND CLIMBED UP THE BANK, SAT ON THE TRUNK

OF A DOWNED COTTONWOOD TREE. AFTER EATING A SANDWICH AND HAVING A DRINK I HEARD A NOISE. I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE A HORSE COMING TOWARD ME. THE HORSE BELONGS TO THE CROW INDIANS AND MUST HAVE SMELLED MY FOOD, HE STUCK OUT HIS TONGUE AND WAS BEGGING TO BE FED. WHEN I DID NOT OFFER THE FOOD (AS I HAD NONE LEFT) HE STARTED PUSHING ME BACKWARDS TOWARD THE RIVER WITH HIS NOSE. WHEN I GOT TO THE EDGE I TURNED AND HE PUSHED ME INTO THE BUSHES AND STARTED NIPPING ME. I CALLED MY FRIEND TO COME TO MY AID. AS SOON AS HE CAME TO MY AID THE HORSE TURNED AND TROTTED OFF.

AND THAT IS THE END OF MY UNUSUAL ENCOUNTER .

INCIDENTLY, THE TRICO HATCH OCCURED AND WE CAUGHT OUR SHARE OF 20 INCH BROWNS AND RAINBOWS, THANKS TO BILL DONATO'S DOUBLE TRICO .

## **East Branch Cottage for Sale**

To all Chapter members: I have known Steve almost 15 years and at times, fished and socialized with him on the East Branch of the Delaware near Shinhopple. I know that giving up this property is a bit devastating to him and his wife Jen. Steve is offering the property of one acre, two livable cabins and a new barn. To the best of my knowledge this property on the river bank was not flooded by any of the past deluges affecting the river since Steve has owned it. See Steve's attached description and photos enclosed. Neither I nor Trout Unlimited has any stake or interest in this ad nor shares any of the proceeds of a future sale. I only make the trout fishing community, as I know it, aware of the availability as a favor to our friend Steve.

Best, Dave Plummer

Thanks for consenting to distribute the info on the river-front property we have for sale. We've been so torn about selling it but it's too much for us to manage from here in Deposit. It's really a magical place and we loved every minute we spent there over the last 13 years. Anyone interested can call us at (607)467-7555 or email us at [sugarpeople@yahoo.com](mailto:sugarpeople@yahoo.com) You'll find attached a "description" of the property and here's a link to the many photos of it – Steve Sugarman

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN34FtJu3TKvLgvjbkgD2AG-IPjZstdtVe7nChRQ2KbL91evktlQNjczuHU97LD8Q?key=ZVVIM0Vubm5XWS1EVW5IVFQtY2ZxcW16TU5jQ09R>

### **Property Description**

Two charming adjacent cottages bordering 275' of the pristine waters of the East Branch of the Delaware River. Only 7 miles below the Pepacton Reservoir, an incredible fishery itself. The properties are right in the middle of fly fishing heaven! At your back door, the East Branch, then only minutes away from the Beaverkill, the Willowemoc, the Neversink and the West Branch of the Delaware!

They are the last two properties on a dead end private road and have approximately 275 feet of river frontage. These are two of the very few riverfront properties that are totally above flood stage even during the 500 year flood of 2006. Each property is about ½ acre, and has separate deeds. Each cottage is approximately 750 sq ft, with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and a full kitchen. One has a beautiful covered porch overlooking the river and the other has an enclosed sun room and large open deck overlooking the river. In addition, there is a newly built 20 x 20 two story barn with the upstairs finished entirely in tongue and groove pine. A perfect studio space (or, for that matter, additional sleeping quarters). There's also a concrete block storage building, a sizable hemlock storage shed with sliding barn door, and a 12 x 20 covered wood shed between the two cottages that could easily be turned into an amazing screen room. There is a beautiful large fenced in organic garden, nurtured with many years worth of composted horse manure! The garden is loaded with perennial flowers and has plenty of room for growing vegetables. The entire acre has many mature specimen plantings including beech trees, fruit trees, star magnolias, tulip poplars, Bradford pears, cork trees and 100 feet of a 3 deep line of now 18 foot Norway spruce.

These properties have a magnificent view of the river and the steep slope of Eagle Mountain beyond. Watch a variety of wildlife, ospreys, and even bald eagles soaring at eye level. If fishing and nature watching aren't your cup of tea or stimulating enough, there's always high speed cable and DSL broadband readily available.



### **Fly of the Month: The Fatal Attractor**

I found this fly at Hatch Magazines website and thought it would be nice addition to your fly boxes especially with fall around the corner. It incorporates a split wing, although it could be a parachute, etc, and prism dubbing for a body which is a bit different from the normal animal fur bodies. Can be tied large, 8, to something smaller, say size 16 – this is a bunch of material to get on a hook, but for those out there with better eyesight than me have at it! Hook: 8 – 16 dry; Thread: black 6/0; Tail: red krystal flash; Body: olive prism dubbing; Wing: elk hair; Upright Wing: white calf or yarn; Hackle: grizzly. Start with mounting the hook and tying in the thread. Add the upright wing and then wind the thread back to the hook bend where a few fibers are added for the tail. Dub the body to just before the upright wing and add the elk hair like you would for a caddis. Add the grizzly and dub a few wraps before and after the upright wing. Tie off and good luck. Online instructions here: <http://www.hatchmag.com/articles/tying-fatal-attractor/7711832>





## **Battenkill Roadside Cleanup Schedule**

If you are unaware the Clearwater Chapter is in charge of cleaning up the Rt 313 roadside near the Battenkill.

We do it 4 times a year and DOT has a sign on the road with our name on it.

We meet at 9am at the Rt 313 rest area and it takes about an hour.

This is a great opportunity to get out and beautify the area plus it is a wonderful opportunity for younger folks to earn volunteer credit for Boy or Girl Scouts and college resumes.

October 1st is the next scheduled date.

See the picture below for other opportunities to get involved in the goings on around the Battenkill.

Hope to see you there.



**It's Your  
Battenkill,  
Explore It!**



## **Fall Foliage Events**

**September 25:** *Give Back by Taking Out Canoe Clean UP* - BVO, Route 313, 10:30am

**October 1:** **End of Season Fall Foliage Highway Clean Up** - State Line Rest Stop, Route 313, 9:30am

**October 22:** **Battenkill Corridor Connection Middle Falls Sign Celebration** - Route 29, Middle Falls, 1pm

**October 27:** **Annual Meeting - Speaker Series** - Village Hall Community Room, Village of Greenwich, 6pm

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