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The Last Supper By Dave Weaver

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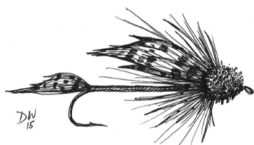
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This year in September, per long time tradition, the folks of Cumberland County Trout Unlimited met at Vince's Meadow to celebrate the end of the summer (what used to be the end of trout season in September). A good time was had: fine food and conversation were made better with fish stories, recipes, and flies. Even some frisbees and footballs were tossed around. As part of the Last Supper tradition, the Travelling Rod with its accompanying journal were passed on from the previous "owner" to a new member to take fishing over the next twelve months. Kudos to President John Leonard for pulling this event together.



The Last Supper, Sept. 2019.

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver



**35
Members
Attended the
Sept. Membership
Meeting**

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 16th at 7PM
Appalachian Brewing Company, Carlisle
Pike, Mechanicsburg**

Our October membership meeting will feature well known fly fishing author George Daniel.
Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to dweavflyart@yahoo.com, or you can call me at **338-1952**. The deadline for the next issue is the 22nd of each month. The primary distribution of *Tight Lines* is currently via Mail Chimp email system. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

If you move, change your phone number, or e-mail address, notify us by emailing CVTU at: cvtu052@gmail.com. I can change your info at TU National for you. TU also has a "Do Not E-Mail" option for members who do not want to receive TU reminders and solicitations via e-mail...they'll still get it through USPS. You will have to call TU's membership services to make that change.

John Leonard

Calendar of Events

2019

Oct 9th

CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Oct 16th

Members Meeting
Appalachian Brewing Co.
Mechanicsburg

Oct. 17th

Chapter Breakfast
Carlisle

~ If you're a senior citizen, you're entitled to a membership discount.

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A new handicapped fishing platform being built as part of an Eagle Scout project on Big Spring Creek near Nealy Rd. This project is in conjunction with the Big Spring Watershed Association and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver, Sept. 2019



CVTU Membership is Currently 595!

CVTU receives a \$15 rebate from the **special \$17.50 first-year membership dues** when the chapter code 052 is marked on the application. **New Members** may also join online at www.tu.org/intro. Be sure to select chapter 052, Cumberland Valley. You may renew your membership by mail or on the web at www.tu.org. You may also renew, or change your membership information by calling **TU Customer Service** at **1-800-834-2419**. For more information, contact **John Zazworsky**, Membership Chairman.



President's Message

From the President, John Leonard

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Mark Albano and Eric Naguski are the new co-chairmen of the Letort Restoration Committee. Jim Rainey has stepped down from that position and from the Board of Directors as he is now on the national Board of Directors of Project Healing Waters. I want to thank Jim for his service to CVTU. I also want to thank Neil Sunday for his leadership in organizing the F.I.T.S. crew who raked spawning beds on the Letort. I can tell you that this work and the postings on CVTU's Facebook page have attracted a number of new members who have joined CVTU to help us in our conservation efforts.

When you see someone you don't know at our membership meetings please go up and introduce yourself...that's why you wear nametags at the meetings. The primary reason new member doesn't return to a meeting is that nobody talked to them...be a welcoming person at every meeting.

The LeTort View will be the location of the Limestoner Fundraiser on March 14, 2020...so save the date! The Park Inn is for sale and cannot guarantee they can provide either the facility or service next year. While attendees will still have to go through security to get into the post, it will be easier than it used to be. We will soon be having our Limestoner planning meetings and we'll be looking for some new folks to help with the event.

We still haven't heard anything from DEP or the PA F & B regarding the penalties for the Letort fish kill...we'll keep you posted.

I don't know about you, but I try to stay engaged as to what's going on in PA and the U.S. environmentally every week. It's stuff that never makes the TV news or on-line newspapers. Nothing helps me more than receiving the e-mailed **free** PA Environment Digest every week. If you want to subscribe - <http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/signup/?varServiceID=2> - if you don't find it valuable to you, just unsubscribe. But be prepared, some of what you read will make your blood boil. For example, from this week's Digest: House Bill 1055 passed the House and it's onto the Senate for further action. The bill would enact an arbitrary requirement for state agencies to repeal two regulations for every new regulation a state agency wants to adopt. The bill would also create a new bureaucracy-- the Independent Office of the Repealer - which **would cost \$695,000** in the **first year** to identify regulations or statutes for change or repeal based on rules the Office would adopt without benefit of any public input. The rules the new Office would develop and adopt would judge whether regulations and statutes are "unreasonable, unduly burdensome, detrimental to the economic well-being, duplicative, onerous, defective or is in conflict with another statute or regulation" and "defying a common sense approach to government."

There's also good news...On September 24, the U.S. Senate Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee increased funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program next year from \$73 million to \$76 million. Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Bay program coordinates the science underpinning restoration efforts, provides grants to states to support the work, and funds projects that reduce pollution into the Bay. It is the glue that holds together the federal-state partnership to save the Bay and oversees individual states' clean-up programs. So, if you want to stay informed on what's going on nationally and state-wide check out the **PA Environment Digest**.

I hope to see you all at the October membership meeting. Our speaker this month is George Daniel...enough said. See you on the 16th. Come early and enjoy some dinner before the meeting.

You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.

Tight Lines,

John

RIVERS App **By John Leonard**

TU has introduced an app for smart phones...it's called RIVERS – **R**iver **I**nventory by **V**olunteers for **E**ffective **R**estoration. There a 45 minute training video here - <https://vimeo.com/349092194>. What the app allows us to do is to document via GPS location and with your photos an event such as the Letort fish kill, a badly eroded bank that needs some TLC, a run off from a field covered with manure, etc. The video shows a lot of examples. The app will show up as "Survey 123" on your smart phone. It's very easy to use. If you want to see some of the Letort fish kill photos taken by our member, Woody Anselmo with through this app, go to <https://arcg.is/1OWXev> - expand the map, find PA, find Carlisle, and click on the dot at the Letort. The attachments show five fish kill photos.

If you get stuck and can't seem to get the app onto your phone, etc., see one of the chapter leaders at a monthly meeting and we'll get you the help you need.

Winter Fly Tying Classes **By Ken Palmer**

Preparations are underway for the CVTU Winter Fly Tying Classes. Classes begin on Tuesday January 14 and end on Tuesday March 3, pending no weather related delays.

Volunteers are needed to be class leaders for the Advanced class. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. The class leader is asked to tie two patterns of your choice and share your techniques and experiences. The participants will be tying along with you. We are asking you to secure the required materials and hooks needed for your patterns and then get reimbursed by the chapter for your expenses. The participants will supply their own thread.

The actual class dates are as follows: January 14,21,28, February 4,11,18,25, and March 3. Please check your calendar and let us know if you can lead a class. If you signed up at the September chapter meeting you do not need to contact me. Please email me at kpalm2@embarqmail.com or call me at 717

249-8819 to let me know you can lead a class. Just another opportunity to volunteer for CVTU. Thank You.



In Memoriam: Jim Chesney **By CVTU**

James (Jim) J. Chestney, a former president of CVTU, passed away on September 26th. You can find Jim's obituary and notice of his services here -<https://www.since1853.com/obituary/james-chestney>

Jim's service to CVTU's members was outstanding. He had many accomplishments as a conservationist:

- 1994 received the CVTU Limestoner award.
- Received the Harrisburg Fly Fishers Order of the Hat in 2014.
- Tight Lines newsletter editor 1991 – 1993.
- Chapter president in 1989 following Bill Habacivich and preceding Dr. Jack Beck.
- Held the first National Trout Unlimited Conservation banquet in 1989.
- Was instrumental in organizing the national TU conference in Hershey in 1993.
- Elected Second Vice President of PA Trout Unlimited in 1993.
- Responsible for cataloging and inventory of the Jack Eschenmann estate – the largest privately held collection of fly fishing equipment and esoterica in the world – in 1993
- President of Thompson Tools maker of the famous Thompson A fly tying vise.
- Was a member of the original steering committee of the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. It was through Jim's efforts that the first keynote speaker, Robert Hunt came to the camp.
- Long time member of Carlisle Fish & Game Association.
- Was CVTU president when the first battle with Wal-Mart over Radio Square began. The battle lasted into Jack Beck's presidency.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Jim's family. Rest in peace, Jim. Thank you for your service to the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



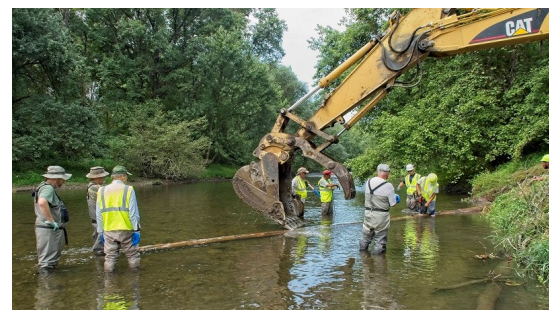
From Dave to Ed.



Last Supper. Photos Courtesy: D. Weaver



Chesney Image Courtesy: M. Klimkos



Stream Improvement Images Courtesy M. Albano

Fly Tier's Corner

Safet's Caddis

By Biff Healy

This fly is my take on a fly I first saw at The Fly Fishing Show in New Jersey a few years ago with Ken Palmer. As we perused the displays, I came across a gent tying a really realistic caddis. His name was Safet Nikocecic. Safet's vocation is as a finisher for Steinway Pianos in New York City.

Safet and I compared notes and swapped stories for awhile, and I asked him about how he tied those wonderful caddis flies. He told me, sold me a bottle of Softex and a fly. He then proceeded to demonstrate his technique for making the wing and also a couple ideas for the body. The big secret is about the material for the wing. Use Organdy Ribbon, Softex, and hen feathers with markings in the size desired size. Here is the basic technique: Cut a piece of 2" Organdy Ribbon about 10" long. Lay it out on a piece of newspaper (millennials won't get this!) and coat generously with Softex. Take several hen feathers prepped with the flue stripped and the feathers sized to the hook being used. Place the feathers on the coated organdy, spread apart in rows. Coat the feathers with the Softex and hang to let dry. I usually wait overnight. Then cut the feathers out of the organdy, leaving some excess material around the feather. I then use my thumbnail as a pattern to cut a wing shape out of the feather/organdy material. I fold the feather in half along the stem and cut out the ½ of the wing (Like making hearts out of construction paper when we were kids), and then cut a notch in the rear of the wing. This gives a nice Delta shape to the wing. Be sure to leave a little 'sprue' on the wing to tie in on the hook. (NOTE: Softex is an organic adhesive with a volatile vapor, use with caution and plenty of ventilation.)

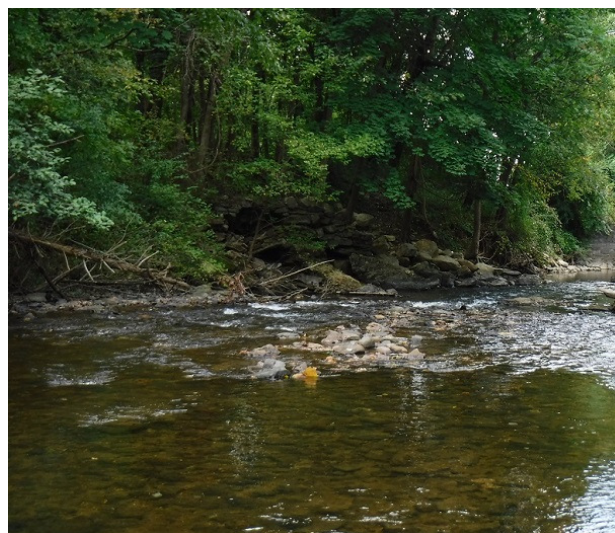
Tying the fly: debarb the hook (dry fly, size from 16 to 12) and place in the vise. Cut a piece of 1/8th inch craft foam the length of the hook shank, about 3/16th inch wide. Tie this in with a slit cut in the rear of the hook, at the bend. This allows you to make the body go around the hook slightly into the bend. Wrap the thread towards the eye in open spirals, giving the appearance of a

segmented body. When about two eye widths behind the eye, half hitch the thread and tie the wing to the top of the hook, keeping it close to the body when done.

Tie a suitably colored and sized dry fly hackle in at the front of the wing, and make at least three turns of hackle towards the eye. Whip finish and lacquer the head.

On a trip this past spring to Potter County, this fly saved the day with the fish of the day, a 12" Brook Trout in a beaver pond. It then accounted for a 16" Brown in the Breeches at Messiah later in the spring (during a TIC release day activity, I gave the fly to one of the chaperones fishing with a Tenkara rod).

Enjoy the fly. They look great in your fly box too!



Mountain Creek. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver