



## October 2019

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## From the President

October 2019

Greetings again.

Over the past month, I was out of town for a couple of weeks and then jet lagged for another. I was on a trip I won at a live auction held at the annual Colorado Trout Unlimited Gala 18 months ago. The trip I bought featured a seven-day safari in South Africa for two. My wife, Vonne and I had a wonderful time and saw many animals including the rare white rhinos and black rhinos and African wild dog. From there we went to Cape Town for a few extra days and enjoyed the culture and sights at the southern tip of the African continent. If you get a chance to bid on this trip, don't hesitate; it was well worth the money and CTU benefits.



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

Despite the fact I was gone, Chapter business proceeded as usual. Someone I worked with once said that he went on a trip and when he got back everything got done, perhaps even more efficiently. He wondered if he was needed or if he worked with a high performing group. Hmmm. Makes one wonder? I choose to say we have the best group of volunteer leaders I have ever worked with and their hard work makes us one of the best Chapters in the state.

We have several upcoming events this month that are highlighted below. We had a great start to our Social Fly Tying Event as 15 folks gathered at the Gilded Goat Brewery to tie a neat crawfish pattern. As usual, our own Marty Staab put together packages that included all materials to tie up a few flies. This will recur on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. I hope you all can attend the first annual RMF Family and Friends event at Mishawaka on October 6; see below for further information. We will also be sponsoring a new corporate event as a thank you to outside organizations who generously donated their time and



treasure with the Chapter so we could meet our mission. If you would like to help, contact [Ruth Ketola, Trustee at Large](#) for more information.

Finally, it was with heavy heart I learned from Dick Jefferies of the passing of Linda Jefferies, former Chapter Vice President, Membership Chair, VMS manager and passionate member of Rocky Mountain Flycasters. She fought a courageous cancer battle for two years and during that time she stayed heavily involved as a volunteer for the Chapter. She did as much as anyone could while going through myriad treatments that sapped her strength and energy. If we can't take strength from Linda's positive attitude and willingness to give back even under those circumstances, then something is wrong. I encourage all of you to pitch in where you can, thus honoring Linda's legacy.

Until next month,

[Mickey McGuire](#)  
President

[See our Calendar of Events](#)

## Events in October

**Membership Meeting:** [Wednesday October 16](#). Social hour 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Fort Collins Senior Center.

**RMF PicnicThe Mishakwaka.** As a celebration of the great fishing in the Poudre Canyon and to celebrate wrapping up of the 2019 Field Season, the Rocky Mountain Flycasters welcomes you to our 1st Annual Rocky Mountain Flycasters Fall Picnic at the Mishawaka on [October 6, 2019](#).

Things will kick off at 3:00 pm with food, fly fishing, and cold beers with friends new and old. Attendees will be able to fish sections of the Poudre around the Mishawaka usually off limits to the public so bring your rod, your family and a friend who's new to the chapter. Burgers and brats will be included along with non-alcoholic drinks and cash bar.

This event is open to the public but please RSVP so we have a head count on food. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. RSVP to [RMF Vice President Colin Glover](#) via email.



Board Meeting Trustees: October 9th, 6, PM at the Harmony office of the Group.



Monthly Membership Meeting,  
October 18 at 6:30 PM, Senior  
Center, Fort Collins

**Fly Swap:** The fly for October is a Blue Wing Olive (or Baetis) nymph, emerger or dry fly in size 16 to 22. Use your imagination and tie this little Spring and Fall Mayfly that is suitable for the fishing in the local waters in the Fall. Plan on bringing 8 identical flies unless you hear differently. Any extra flies will be donated to the raffle or returned to you.

Please email **Dave Morse** to let me know you will participate by the second Wednesday of September so we can determine how many flies to tie. As usual, include the recipe with your name on a “toe tag”. and bring your flies to the October General RMF meeting. You will receive one fly from each other participant and contribute one for the monthly raffle. We hope that this will be an educational and enjoyable experience this year.



## From Wil Huett, Our Community Outreach Coordinator

### A Lot of Water & Water Talk



Wil Huett, Past President

Summer turning to autumn is a busy time, hope you are planning some time on the water. You can do that a number of ways: our chapter has ‘boots on the ground’ projects in both the Big T and Poudre watersheds and there is the RMF Friends and Family Social at the famed **Mishawaka** amphitheatre. You can find details elsewhere in this newsletter, so I won’t repeat those, but remember working on a restoration project or fishing the ‘private’ water at the Mish would be excellent ways to introduce newcomers to the chapter and the important conservation work we do. Round up some folks and bring them along!

I recently travelled back into the midwest and was amazed at how much water was still flowing in some usually ‘low-by-this-time-of-the-year’ rivers and streams. The attached photo is a shot of the mighty “Father of Waters”, the Mississippi, just above Hannibal, MO. Heavy machinery was busily putting the Hannibal waterfront back together and carpenters were bustling in and out of the Hannibal Boat Club. One hotel we stopped at was still repairing mid-summer flood damage to it’s main floor. Glad the elevator was working.

If I saw a lot of water back east, I also saw some water-talk I thought you would be interested in:

This is an opinion piece, but there may be some info there you didn’t know: **OPINION In the City: Halligan project has been decades in the making**

On election day, November 5th, you’ll be asked to vote on Proposition DD. It touches on water issues and may be worth investing some research time to help you decide how to vote. Search for **Colorado Proposition DD** and you’ll find a wide variety of info sources. I also understand CTU will soon comment on the issue. Look for that.

**Mining waste contaminants suspected in Montana fish kill** - do we even need to mention “Pebble Mine” again?

Don't leave home without...a bodyguard? **Fly Fishing Community Stunned by Twin Slayings on Belize Saltwater Flat.** May be worthwhile checking those State Department travel advisories.

This article hits on a couple of success stories re conservation and restoration: **A rare, threatened trout species makes return to native habitat after nearly 100 years.** The writer doesn't mention it but TU and the Golden Gate chapter were part of the Paiute project. Maybe a future story will detail the success of native Greenbacks re-populating the area.

## Thomas Wurster's St. Peters Fishing

### Forecast or October



Fall has officially arrived in the front range bringing its cool air temperatures and some of the best fishing opportunities we can receive all year.

Summer left us with some of the largest run off we have seen in ages, allowing us to enjoy our local fishing that much more! On top of that we have seen plenty of reservoirs holding water which give us the opportunity to fish tailwaters more effectively throughout the winter.

Trout will be on the prowl for large meals considering that water levels and temperatures have stabilized. October offers some of the best streamer and dry fly fishing we can ask for. Stop by the shop on October 23rd 5:30 to 6:30pm for our Free Fall Fishing Presentation where you can learn some of the best techniques to carry us out of summer and into the primetime fishing of Fall that we've all been waiting for. Cool weather might be working its way

in here but some of the best saltwater destinations are just heating up. Enjoy a beer and come chat with Grant Houx at the Free Cuba Travel Presentation where he will be talking about some of the best unexplored fishing in Cuba. This is going down at Odell Brewing on October 12th 12-1:30pm.

Keep an eye out for some of the tying demos we will be hosting in the coming days and Feel free to stop by the shop on the evening of October 9th. RepYourWater will be in town with some new merchandise, their artist will be drawing an original piece, and any purchase will get you in the raffle to win a Grey Reef Trip or Garrison Doctor's Original Illustration. We Hope you are looking forward to fall just as much as we are here at the shop! Don't miss out on some of the best fishing this season has to offer. It's only beginning and we would love to get you excited and on the water. Fall is a juicy time to fish so come see us for the latest bugs and info on our local waters.

There is no doubt that January was a tough month to get through. With the snow, cold temps, and locked up water fishing was something that we could only dream of or drive several hours to tailwater to do.



## The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *High Country Angler* is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications are limited to TU members. The others, however, are for everyone.

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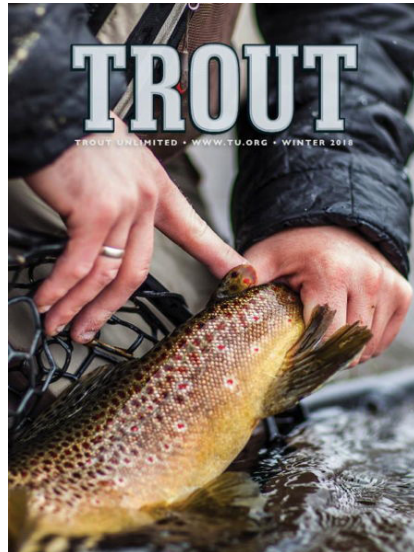
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### Hatch Magazine

HighCountry  
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**FlyFisher**

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## Let's Go Fishing with Mark Miller

### RMF 2019 Fishing Trip Listing



Here's wishing everyone some fly fishing fun for 2019.

Fall is here, water levels are good and crystal clear, and the fish are feeding – Get Out There!

If you are a new or beginner fly fisherman, we want you to join us for our trips – we love to help anyone get started in fly fishing, and to help people learn new skills or techniques.

Please contact **Mark Miller** by email to let him know if you are interested in any of these trips.

Wherever you decide to fish this year, good luck and tight lines!

Date(s)	Location	Host
Oct 14-16	Colorado River float: <b>Trip is Full</b> – Monday-Wednesday Fishing for browns in pre-spawn mode (hungry and aggressive mode) Camping on the river, or hotel in Kremmling – your choice.	Host: Mark Miller
Nov 1-3	Miracle Mile- weather permitting – Fri-Sun Browns in aggressive spawn mode, and rainbows after the eggs. Will most likely fish egg patterns and/or streamers. Fun trip if you like to swing streamers.	Host: Mark Miller

## Video of the Month



This month's video, "Five Flies for October", explores exciting October fishing on the Colorado River. Mark Miller and other members will be there October 14-16!

Please send me your suggestions for future videos of the month. It only takes a minute. Why not share something you enjoy?

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