



WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

FEBRUARY, 1983

QUARTERLY REPORT

STATE COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 5, 1983

The Nicolet/Marquette Room of the Union Center at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point will be the location of the Feb. 5, 1983 T.U. Wisconsin State Council meeting. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 AM.

Dr. Byron Shaw of the Soil and Water Science Dept., U.W. - Stevens Point will give a presentation on "Groundwater Pollution in Relation to Surface Water". With groundwater pollution becoming an ever increasing problem make it a point to attend and find out more about this issue. The meeting is open to all T.U. members as well as the general public.

As with all State Council meetings it is important that each chapter send a representative to create a link between chapter and State Council activities. There will be reports from chairpersons of Membership, Legislative, Legal, Water Resources, and Fund Raising. These as well as other committees need the input of individuals and chapters from throughout the state.

Agendas of the February meeting have been sent to chapter presidents and State Council representatives. If anyone wishes to have additional topics brought up at the State Council meeting they should contact any of the Council officers.

The State Council officers are:

Tom Flesch, (608) 635-2552, Chairman
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Wally Cooper (left) presenting Verlin Peckham with a copy of the print "Prairie River Solitude".

VERLIN PECKHAM HONORED IN OCTOBER

During 1982 a controversy developed concerning the fate of the Prairie Dells Dam on the Prairie River near Gleason, Wisconsin. Trout Unlimited would like to see the old and faltering Prairie Dells Dam breached. Other interest groups desire the dam restored and maintained as a retainer of a warm water flowage. At the October 23, 1982 State Council meeting T.U. Legal Chairman, Verlin Peckham was presented the second copy of the limited edition print "Prairie River Solitude". The print was awarded by the Northwoods Chapter for Verlin Peckham's efforts to enhance the Prairie River cold water fishery. A legal decision on the fate of the dam is pending.

Prior to the award, Jim Addis, Larry Claggett, and Ron Poff of the D.N.R. discussed the beaver problem in Wisconsin. They pointed out that

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN TOM FLESCH

"Incredible" - "fabulous" - "super" - "unbelievable" is the terminology used by T.U.'s Mid-West V.P., Tom Sopkovich to describe the membership growth and chapter expansion in Wisconsin. For years, Wi. T.U. has been referred to as the "Sleeping Giant". With the aggressive leadership and concerned statewide membership we will never again be referred to as "sleeping".

In Feb. of 1982 I addressed the membership of the So. Wi. Chapter and explained plans to split members from them to start a "Chapter Expansion Program". We literally "chewed-up" 50% of the active leadership to start the Aldo Leopold Chapter. So. Wi. struggled for a short period, pulled up their boot straps, and went to work. Four months later we started another Chapter - Blackhawk - in Janesville, again pulling more leaders and more members. The So. Wi. Chapter again has bounced back and is operating as well as ever, thanks to Doc Flader, the officers, and a great Board of Directors. My "hat is off" to the So. Wi. Chapter for its patience, endurance, cooperation, and hard work.

In every organization you may have groups that excel. Wisconsin is blessed with nineteen chapters which excel. I would like to tell you about the accomplishments of our Green Bay Chapter. The Green Bay Chapter has financially supported four new chapters this year - they donated \$225.00 to National for the Acid Rain Program, \$500.00 to help purchase a portable dredge (A SE Chapter Project), \$1,000 to State Council, \$2,000 to the DNR to study the Beaver Dam-trout relationship on the No. Branch of the Pemebonwon River. Green Bay funded scholarships for two youths to the MacKenzie Environmental Center. They also spent 645 man hours on stream improvement and monitoring projects.

Green Bay, in 1982, increased its membership by 163% (from 80 to 210) - highest in the state and one of the highest in the nation!!

Green Bay, you are an inspiration to us all.



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additional monies are in the process of being allocated for beaver control on Wisconsin trout waters. After the D.N.R. presentation the State Council voted to revise a previous resolution asking that trout stamp funds be used for the purpose of beaver dam removal on class I and class II trout streams when necessary.

T.U. member and D.N.R. Trout Biologist Bob Hunt gave a slide presentation on fish losses from released fish, especially from live bait caught fish. An estimated 400,000 trout are lost each year of which 65% could be saved through proper release techniques. Bob noted that about 2/3 of the deeply hooked fish would not die if the line was cut in order to release them.

Tom Mertens and Tom Flesch were elected by written ballot to 1 year terms as national directors at the October meeting. Their term began January 1, 1983.

Future State Council meeting dates have been established. They are:

April 30, 1983, (Location Open)

July 30, 1983, (Location Open)

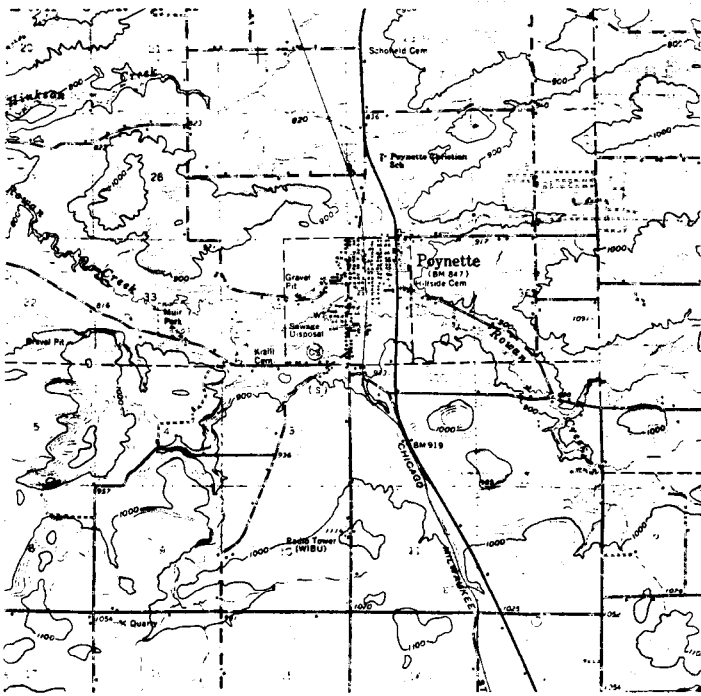
Should any individual or chapter have a suggestion as to a location suitable for a summer outing type meeting contact Tom Flesch.

ART PRINT AVAILABLE

In July 1982, Wisconsin State Council introduced a Limited Edition of a beautiful trout fishing scene painted by wildlife artist Tim Johnson of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The painting of a fisherman in the Prairie River measures 22x29 and each print is signed and numbered by the artist. These prints are currently available at a very reasonable price from your chapter. If you have not seen the print called "Prairie River Solitude" ask your chapter president as each chapter should have a print available.

Purchase of these prints is considered a tax-deductible contribution to Trout Unlimited.

WISCONSIN TROUT STREAMS — Rowan Creek (Columbia County)



Originating near Highway 22 in Columbia County, Rowan Creek flows 17 miles to Lake Wisconsin. The upper 12 miles of Rowan Creek are considered trout water, the first four miles listed as class I and the other 8 as class II.

Rowan Creek is a stream very typical of many of the coldwater fisheries of the populous southern part of the state. It is a cold, spring-fed stream supporting a high population of trout. Its history has been marred by periods of heavy degradation that have been reversed only recently.

In the mid-1800's, two flour mills were built along Rowan Creek. The resulting mill dams and their impoundments destroyed a sizable chunk of trout water. Pasturing and wintering of livestock between 1900 and 1940 caused more harm. The creekbed was trampled, vegetation was reduced, and runoff, soil erosion, and floods were the rule.

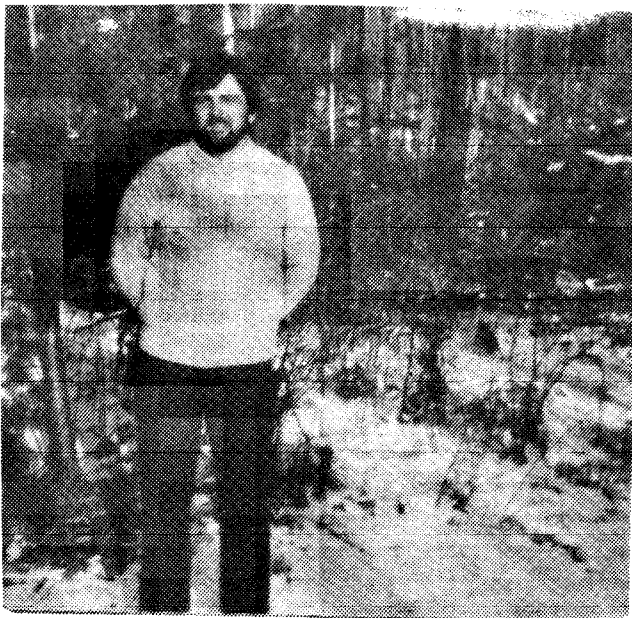
Beginning in the 1950's, the Wisconsin Conservation Department encouraged farmers to fence portions of the stream, and the Soil Conservation Service persuaded farmers to use better farming practices to improve water quality. Recent land acquisitions by the DNR along Rowan Creek have enabled the Department to undertake extensive stream rehabilitation projects. To

date, about 65% of the upper four miles of Rowan Creek is under state ownership. Stream improvement projects have gone on since 1972 and are continuing to date. Help has come not only from the DNR, but also from the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Columbia County Sportsmen's League, and the Columbia County Conservation Aids Fund. Work completed so far includes $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles of streambank tapering, construction of 55 boom covers within 5500 ft. of stream, and one parking area. Bank tapering has reduced erosion while the cover devices provide hiding space for larger trout. About 15 boom covers remain to be built on 1,500 ft. of stream.

Rowan Creek is primarily a brown trout fishery, though a few brook trout are occasionally taken. Since the stream lies in Columbia County, it is open from January 1 to Sept. 30 for angling. Mortality of trout in Rowan Creek is rated high due to the heavy fishing pressures it endures because of its proximity to large population centers. Yet, even with the heavy angling, Rowan Creek still produces alot of trout. The installation of boom covers and bank stabilizing structures has done much to increase the carrying capacity of the stream. Studies done by the DNR show that between 1975 and 1979, pounds per acre of trout increase from 7.4% in one section to 120% in another. Numbers of large fish, though, have not kept pace with the general overall increase. There is speculation that early season angling causes increased harvest of larger fish at a time of high vulnerability. This has occurred despite more restrictive creel limits that have been applied over the years.

Progress on restoration of Rowan Creek will continue. DNR land acquisitions are still going on, and more improvement is planned, including a cooperative work project between the Poynette School and the DNR that will restore 600 feet of stream that flows through the school property. With this type of continued care from state and private sources, Rowan Creek will continue to provide a quality fishery to a large segment of Wisconsin's angling population.

Trout Unlimited Profile - Tom Flesch



When Tom Flesch of Poynette, WI., was elected chairman of Wisconsin State Council Trout Unlimited in July, 1982, it marked another step in Tom's long and ardent devotion to the TU organization. Tom joined TU in 1976 and immediately became involved in chapter activities, first with the Southern WI. chapter, and now with the new Aldo Leopold chapter. Tom served on the board of directors of Southern WI., and also took care of public relations, awards, and editing the quarterly newsletter. He volunteered much time on projects such as the Evansville and Black Earth Creek cleanups, Bohn Creek, Tipperary Creek, Rocky Run and Rowan Creeks, and Jennings Creek. Plus, he helped as a fly-tying instructor for five years and participated in chapter-sponsored fishing seminars.

At the state level, Tom has continued to demonstrate enthusiasm and leadership. He served as state council secretary from 1978 to 1980 and as the Quarterly Report editor from 1978 to 1981. In July of 1981, he was elected as a National Director to the TU National Board. And, as mentioned before, he now chairs the Wisconsin State Council.

As State Council chairman, Tom is bringing new ideas and programs into place. His successful mass-mail membership drive in 1982 brought in over 140 new TU'ers to the Wisconsin chapters. That campaign will be repeated again this year. Looking ahead to other areas for Trout Unlimited, Tom says,

"Trout Unlimited has always been a leader in the defense, protection, and enhancement of our coldwater resources in Wisconsin. In the future, with our growing membership, chapter expansion, and aggressive leadership, we will be better able to handle resource issues on a statewide basis."

At the state level, Tom wants the TU executive council to be more active and visible. "The implementation of a WORKING State Council executive committee," he stresses, "will help set priorities, open lines of communication between chapters, give assistance to new chapters, and work more closely with the DNR and the National TU office. This can only work to benefit TU and the coldwater resource. TU is not yet recognized by all areas of state government as being an organization that should be part of the decision-making process when it comes to the trout resource in Wisconsin. In the next year we intend to become more visible in all our activities. We do a tremendous amount of work for the resource, and it's time we were recognized for it."

Despite all of Tom's activities (including work as production controller for Oscar Mayer in Madison), he does find time to enjoy life. He's a skilled bowhunter, grouse and woodcock fan, and an avid duck hunter. As expected, trout fishing ranks near the top of his hobbies. His son, Kevin, is also an accomplished angler, and Tom always relates the following tale with pride. "One day at work, I got two calls from Kevin within twenty minutes of one another. First, he told me he'd caught a 17" brown behind the house (Rowan Creek). Then, he called back, even more excited, to tell me he'd caught an 18 incher. The newspapers had a picture of him holding two fish half as big as he was. I told him, 'Now that's enough. Save some for the future. He agreed readily!'"

With an attitude of enthusiasm, hard-work, and dedication to the resource, Tom Flesch will provide continued superb leadership for Wisconsin TU. We look forward to the good things to come under his guidance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP—"The Gift of Life"

In the coming year, all Wisconsin Trout Unlimited members will receive their renewal notices from the National Office, with the bulk of the renewals coming between now and July. This letter is a special invitation to all renewing Wisconsin TU'ers to consider becoming LIFE MEMBERS in Trout Unlimited.

Life Membership in Trout Unlimited falls into three categories: Regular Life Membership (\$300.00); Family Life Membership (\$400.00); and Regular Life Membership on the installment plan (\$55.00 every six months for three years, \$330.00 total). The installment plan presents the opportunity for Life Membership to those who desire it but can't afford the \$300.00 all at once.

There are several advantages to Life Membership. Once your Life Member dues are paid, you're done with dues payments and renewal notices forever. You are also free of any increases in dues that might occur in the future. You will receive from TU National a special Life Member's pin, card, certificate, and patch. And, your Life Member dues will go into a special fund to aid the coldwater resource.

Listed below are the present Wisconsinites who have made a lifetime commitment to cleaner waters and better trout fishing by enrolling as Life Members in Trout Unlimited. Please consider joining their ranks when you renew. Thank you!

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DINGELL-JOHNSON EXPANSION DEFEATED

Efforts to expand the Dingell-Johnson (D-J) federal aid to fisheries died in a conference committee this past August. The legislation would have placed a 3% excise tax on boats and motors, plus expanded the tax to (5).

other equipment, in order to help close the \$134 million 1981 funding gap experienced by state fishery agencies. Some Congressmen intend to offer a \$50 million alternative that would divert motorboat fuel tax receipts into the D-J fund.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1983

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SPEAKING OF T.U.

A recent conversation with a duck-hunting buddy of mine had turned from feathered to finny critters. Naturally, the subject of "Trout Unlimited" popped up. For no real reason, I mentioned that Wisconsin TU had about 1500 members statewide. My pal was amazed. "You mean TU has ONLY 1500 members in Wisconsin?" he asked. "Gee, you hear so much about TU that I thought there were ten times that many members!"

Later, by the fireplace, I mentioned the conversation to a good friend of mine (Yukon Jack). At first we, too, thought it odd that such a relatively small organization could command such notoriety. But, as "Jack" and I got to know each other better, it didn't seem so odd after all. Why? Simple. There are three things that distinguish TU from other conservation clubs: action, dedication, and positive thinking. ACTION? What other organization has the likes of Central WI., Green Bay, Ojibseau, Klappan-TU-Wish, or Southern WI. (to name but a few) chapters who bust their butts each summer working to improve the quality of trout fishing in the state. DEDICATION?? The old-timers like Roger Fairbanks, Clint Byrnes, Tom Flesch, Denny Orgeman, Dick Wachowski, Tom Mertens, Gene West, "Doc" Flader, Cap Buettner, Wally Cooper, and Ron Ahner - put 'em alongside the newcomers like Dan Christopherson, Bob Obama, Dick Laycock, Bob Retko, Stu Brandes, Jim Beck, Neil Roberts, etc. If you know of a better bunch of people, show me. I'd like to meet them. POSITIVE THINKING?? How many "conservation" groups have you seen expend most of their energies baiting the DNR, calling people names, complaining and complaining, but doing nothing? Too many, I'm sure. But not TU. We've got too many important things to do - improve streams, teach angling methods and ethics, help handicapped kids. And when we don't see eyeball-to-eyeball with the DNR, we make sure we disagree in order to FIND A SOLUTION, not just to raise Cain!

That makes TU the class organization it is. And it's a damn fine feeling to be one of those 1500 (and growing). So, to all you TU'ers, here's a toast from me, Yukon Jack, my pals Jim Beam and Jack Daniels, to you: HAPPY NEW YEAR 1983!! Let's all make it another good one for Trout Unlimited and the coldwater resource we cherish so much!

Mitch Bent

INSURANCE COVERAGE EXPLAINED

By Ron Ahner

Each Chapter has asked or will ask the question, what does our insurance cover? What is the cost per chapter? Are we getting what we think in both coverage and at a fair price? Specific answers to these questions that have come up over the last several months can best be answered in the following manner:

The coverage for Wisconsin Trout Unlimited is currently with an excellent Wisconsin Company. It is a Best Rated A+ (excellent) company, known by many Wisconsinites as GENERAL CASUALTY COMPANY. For Bodily Injury we have \$300,000. for each occurrence and \$300,000. in aggregate. Property Damage is \$100,000. per occurrence and in aggregate. Coverage is also extended to include additional perils of Escalators, Independent Contractors, and all contractual agreements, with Products and Completed Operations included. There is an additional feature of Premises Medical Payments of \$1,000. per person and \$10,000. each accident for any third party as defined in the policy. This does not mean members of Trout Unlimited, but the persons we would work with or for. (The Public.)

The liability coverage is intended to cover negligence arising out of meetings, including serving food, as well as the wide range of activities that are normal to the activities of any Trout Unlimited Chapter.

The cost of the policy or the premium charged to the State Council is assessed to each chapter, and is determined by the number of members in each chapter. By rating this way, it is considerably less expensive to each chapter for as a member of the large group, minimum premiums are eliminated.

Each chapter could be charged the minimum of \$150. to \$200. Collectively the State Council purchases the insurance for all Chapters at less than \$600. per year.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Aldo Leopold

Columbia County Fish Manager Tim Larson is planning to conduct a tagging study on Rowan Creek. Tentative plans are for the tagging of up to 1000 trout from Loveland Rd. down to Hwy J, during the late winter of 1983. Drop boxes would be located at 10-15 access points. The Aldo Leopold Chapter is funding this study up to \$650. The Chapter has also constructed 22 tag drop boxes and installed the posts.

Green Bay

Green Bay has been working to prepare for its 1983 banquet. The banquet will be held Friday, April 8th, 1983. The cost is \$10. The location is Cliff and Ceil's Hall, Old Hwy. 141, Green Bay. The dinner is chicken and ribs. Order tickets from: Gary Stoychoff, 1326 - 14th Ave., Green Bay, WI 54304 (414) 499-5307

Harry Nohr

A project totalling \$10,000 was completed on Otter Creek on the public lands above Blackhawk Lake. A total of 1,800 feet of was stabilized with riprap. The Harry Nohr Chapter donated \$500 plus time and effort towards the project. Otter Cr. is located in Iowa Co.

For a proposed D.N.R. project on the Little Green River in Grant Co. the Chapter has voted to spend up to \$1,000 for machine hire.

Fox Valley

Plans for the spring banquet are underway. The date is set for March 12 at the Darboy Club just south of Kimberly. Tickets are priced at \$8.50 for all you can eat. For more information Contact: Lee Snyder 2240 Henry St. Neenah, WI 54956

Southern

A habitat project on Black Earth Cr. has been completed. In a cooperative effort with local landowners a cattle crossing, 22 full corners, 5 half corners and 1,911 feet of 4-strand barbed wire were installed.

Banquet plans are in the development stage.

Kiap-TU-Wish

This fall the Kiap-TU-Wish chapter float stocked 10,500 trout in the Willow River near Hudson, WI. The stocking is an annual event in cooperation with the D.N.R.

The chapter also logged 136 man-hours worth of habitat work on the Willow River.

Southeastern

On November 6th members of the chapter along with D.N.R. personnel worked on Paradise Spgs. Cr. near Eagle, WI. Installed was an instream overhead bank cover. Rock was also hauled for bank stabilization.

A banquet date of February 26th has been set. Robert L. Herbst will be the guest speaker. The location is the Red Carpet Inn, 4747 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee. Ticket prices are \$15. For more information consult the ad on page 7.

UW-EXTENSION OFFERS TROUT COURSE

This spring, a course of special interest to trout fans will be offered at the College of Natural Resources in Stevens Point. The course is an Introduction to Aquatic Insects and Basic Fly Tying Techniques for Fly Fishermen. This course provides a brief introduction to important aquatic insects and basic fly tying techniques.

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 5, 7, 12 and 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 312, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI

Instructors: Stanley Szczytko and Stewart Nelson Fee: \$19

Write or call: Diane Lueck, UW-Extension College of Natural Resources, Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715/346-3783)

To obtain information on other courses, especially in the Madison area, write or call: Doni Zintz, 1815 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706 (608/262-1377)

The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) has proposed increases in the Inland Trout Stamp and general fishing license fees as part of its budget request for the 1983-1985 biennium. If approved, the fee hikes would begin in 1984. Resident annual fishing licenses would increase from \$6.50 to \$9.00. The Inland Trout Stamp would go from \$2.50 to \$3.25. A resident husband & wife fishing license would rise from \$10.50 to \$15.50. Increases are also proposed for hunting and trapping licenses. The increases are needed, says the DNR, to offset projected fund deficits by 1985. The DNR Board has approved these increases. The Legislature and the Governor must also give approval before they take effect.

EARL TO SEEK NEW PHOSPHATE CONTROLS

Governor Anthony Earl has stated that one of his goals as Wisconsin's new governor is the reimposition of strict limits on the amounts of phosphates in detergents and laundry soaps sold in Wisconsin. The law requiring limits on such phosphates expired in July of 1982 when the Legislature refused to extend the law. Wisconsin is the only Great Lakes State not to have such a statute on the books.

NATIONAL FOREST LAND SALE "STUDY" PROPOSED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed, with the blessing of the Administration, studying for possible sale several million acres of National Forest Land, including up to 80% of the Nicolet and Chequamegon National Forests in Wisconsin. Spokesmen for the Administration deny that any vast acreages of public lands will be sold to private parties. Conservationists, though, are wary. Already, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the National Wildlife Federation have joined suit to block any sales, saying that no Environmental Impact Statement accompanies the sell-off plan. Presently, the U.S. Forest Service is releasing small parcels totalling 621 acres in Wisconsin for immediate sale, while studying the rest for possible sale at a later date. The alleged purpose of the study is to identify lands that may be sold to private interests in order to provide better management of lands and reduce the national debt (which is over ONE TRILLION DOLLARS).

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited welcomes its sixth new TU chapter formed in 1982 into the Wisconsin TU organization. The WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY chapter of Trout Unlimited got underway on December 2, 1982, at the Downtown Motel in Wausau, WI. Elected as officers to the fledgling chapter were (below, l-r):

Herb Hintze	-	Treasurer
Henry Kanemoto	-	Secretary
Harold Vonderheid	-	Vice-Pres.
James Beck	-	President

Serving on the board of directors are: Michael Deasy (Schofield), Gordon King (Merrill), and Lyle Ballschmieder (Wausau). Neil Roberts is the state council representative.

The new chapter will cover all of Marathon county, and parts of Lincoln and Taylor counties. Wisconsin Trout Unlimited wishes the Wisconsin River Valley chapter the best of success in its work to monitor and improve the coldwater resources of its area!



Insurance cont'd from page 8

Each member Chapter in the State is entitled to any number of insurance certificates for their functions that are going on throughout the year. A supply can be obtained by written request to Badger Insurance Associates, 6120 University Ave., Middleton, WI 53562, (10) Custodian of the policy.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As the year 1982 winds to a close, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited continues to make progress in membership numbers. This has been due to concerted efforts by some chapters like Southern WI., Southeastern WI, Green Bay, and Fox Valley to get suspended members renewed and recruit new members, and has also been due to the fine effort by TU State Council chairman Tom Flesch and his mass-mailing pitch which has brought in 23 new TU'ers since August, 1982. By the end of 1982, we expect being at about 1570 for membership, which will be close to a 46% increase. In 1983, Wisconsin TU intends to maintain a 30% MINIMUM increase in overall membership. With over 170,000 coldwater anglers in the state, we have alot of room to grow membership-wise.

Each TU member can help to create a bigger TU in Wisconsin by simply signing up one new member during 1983. Use the form below to sign up a fishing friend or someone who cares about the future of trout fishing in Wisconsin. TU membership includes 4 issues of TROUT magazine, 4 issues of ACTION LINE news tabloid, quarterly reports from your State Council, and chapter newsletters from the chapter you're affiliated with. Don't be shy about asking someone to join TU!! If they care about what's happening to our trout resource, they'll want to be members of the one organization devoted to the enhancement of that resource. All you have to do is ask them. If you don't, who will??

<u>CHAPTER</u>	Members (12/82)	Suspends (12/82)
Wolf River	18	3
Southern WI.	200	57
S. E. Wisc.	192	31
Green Bay	203	5
Central WI.	181	44
Fontinalis	17	1
Kiap-TU-Wish	100	17
Fox Valley	105	13
Ojibseau	61	8
Northwoods	72	18
Harry Nohr	33	8
Coulee Region	24	6
Antigo	96	20
Aldo Leopold	103	12
Shawpaca	53	0
Chequamegon	26	0
Oconto River	32	0
Blackhawk	20	2
Wis. River Valley	*	*
(* = not available)		
TOTALS	1536	245

A very special thanks goes here to Mark Kraft (Southern WI.), Bob Retko & Co. (S. E. Wisc.), and Cy Sendelbach of Aldo Leopold for the fine jobs done in 1982 for membership renewal and development. I look forward to working with them and other chapter membership chairpersons in helping Wisconsin TU to be #1!

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Mail to: Membership Services

Trout Unlimited

P.O. Box 1944

Washington, D. C. 20013

YES, I believe in the goals & objectives of Trout Unlimited, a national organization, and wish to be enrolled as a member. *Enclosed please find \$ _____

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ACID RAIN RESEARCH FUND SLASHED BY EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to slash by 80% funds to undertake a study of acid rain in the U. S. and methods to control it. This request by the Reagan Administration flies in the face of its previous statement that "more study" is needed to determine the causes of acid rain before control measures are put into place. According to TU Executive Director Robert Herbst, the rumor in Washington, D.C., on this matter is that EPA is afraid that studies would show that acid rain is indeed a severe problem AND that measures for control would not overburden consumers.

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EXXON PROPOSES WASTEWATER DISCHARGE -- INTO WOLF RIVER TRIBUTARY

Exxon USA has formulated a plan contained in the firm's forthcoming Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for putting wastewater from their proposed copper-zinc mine into Swamp Creek, a tributary to the Wolf River.

Robert Russell, Exxon's mine project manager, said that the report recommends piping some mine water, which will be combined with groundwater from the mine and treated mine wastewater, about 5 miles south of Little Sand Lake and the Mole Lake Chippewa Reservation into Swamp Creek. He said that the point where discharge into Swamp Creek is proposed is below the trout water area and is classified as warm water (non-trout) water.

Public Intervenor Peter Peshek said the diversion involves a number of complex environmental issues which include whether enough is known about the Swamp Creek fish populations during fall and spring spawning runs, which turn on the question of whether the creek is trout water or a warm water fishery.

Swamp Creek is rated as class II trout water near the mine itself.

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