



# Cross Currents

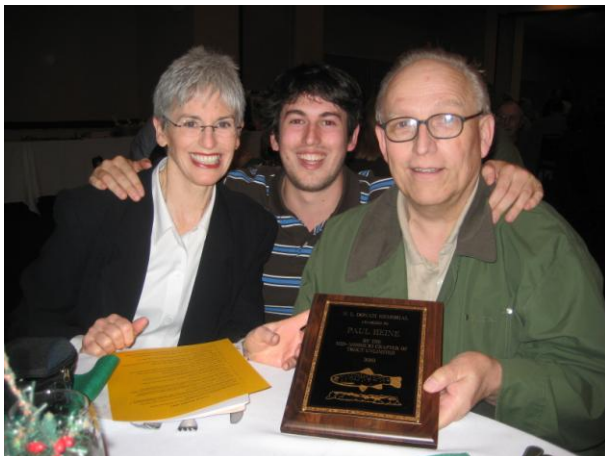
May 2011

## May Meeting at D Rowes May 3, 2011 7:00 pm

Mayor McDavid will speak to us about the Hinkson Creek and how the EPA mandate affects the City of Columbia.

## Paul Heine Receives the 2010 Donati Award

Paul Heine, long-time member of Mid Missouri Trout Unlimited, received the 2010 Donati Award in recognition of his long standing service to the chapter. He has drawn the cover art for the banquet folder for many years.



Paul and family following the award presentation.

## Upcoming Programs and Events

May 3, 2011: Mayor McDavid will speak to us about the Hinkson Creek and how the EPA mandate affects the City of Columbia.

May 9, 2011: Stream Team Survey on the Little Piney is scheduled for Monday May 9th (Rainout date Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>). Meet at the AC-Hwy 63 commuter lot at 7:30. Bring your own lunch, drinks, waders and rod.

May 14, 2011: Stream Team Introductory Level Workshop: Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-5, MDC Headquarters, Jefferson City. Register by Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

June 7, 2011: Hot Dog Burn at Bethel Park starting at 5:30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

No meetings or newsletters in July or August

August 22, 2011: Have your submissions for the September *Cross Currents* in to the editor

# The Call

By Curt Morgret

Teneyck squinted into the frozen snow pellets striking him and the small donkey as they stood in the saddle of the 5,000 meter pass looking down into the valley a long ways below. Teneyck, and probably the ass, too, was cold, hungry and tired but there was no doubt, no second thought, no turning back. Teneyck looked out over the valley and knew he was alive.

A short time ago, or maybe longer -- timekeeping was problematic and unimportant -- Teneyck got the phone call while he sat in the cubicle surrounded by sound-absorbing fiberboard, a white noise system, computer monitor and a phone flashing with probably a dozen messages. How he let it get to this point again he wasn't sure and he knew a phone call like the one now lighting up his phone would come. If not soon, eventually. It always found him and Teneyck embraced the calls like a life line thrown into a burning, collapsing building with fiery message lights, suffocating meetings and exploding emails that threatened his vital existence.

The voice, sometimes known and sometimes not, delivered hoarse, whispered messages at times shot through with details requiring rapid writing, and at other times vague with just a phone number or a letter box address. The latest message ended, ". . . and probably not fished since the British Raj." Teneyck hung up, reviewed his notes, pushed back in the statistically comfortable chair to absorb the swirl of thoughts circling his head, and then immediately declared lunchtime. This would require numerous trips to the library and consultation of detailed maps. The planning process was now begun.

No rules exist for planning these types of expeditions. Teneyck knew that to ignore certain details threatened results where happy endings do not exist, but to get buried in other details would only lead to frustration and abandonment of the essential flexibility needed to navigate cultures vastly different than the Protectorate of Corporations where he now resided. Teneyck required time, and this he was most impatient with since he must reside a little longer in his current citizenship, to acquire a working knowledge of the language, a bit of government structure and natural history.

Gathering equipment required no time. The basic items were always kept packed in the closet of the living room where most people would keep their trench coat, umbrellas and the ice scraper. No, his held the backpack stuffed with tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, stove, fuel, cook set, and the ten essentials to living somewhere more interesting than here. An additional duffel bag contained the ready-to-go fishing equipment including the two well-used and durable cane rods.

He owned nothing valuable, well; the cane rods might have had value if he hadn't refinished them a couple of times and on one rod the thread didn't match on two guides he replaced himself. Teneyck owned one newer reel because it was sturdy and one old Medalist because it was cheap. He owned the basic layers of Patagonia, wool, fleece and the good, orange rain shell that was duct-taped on the cuffs and over the right elbow.

Teneyck deliberately limited, eliminated and threw away the duff and debris of regular life knowing that he was always one phone call away from stepping out of the door and handing the keys to the landlord. *(to be continued next issue)*

## Didymo Alert

Missouri Department of Conservation has issued a Didymo alert. Didymo, short for *Didymosphenia geminata*, is an invasive alga, often referred to as “rock snot” for its ability to form thick mats on the bottom of streams. It smothers aquatic life vital to food chain that supports fish.

Didymo has been found just south of Missouri border in portions of the White River in Arkansas and North Fork of White River. Help prevent the spread by checking all equipment that comes into contact with water, especially felt soled wading boots, and cleaning them by one of the following methods. Completely soak soft gear, like felt-sole wader boots, for 20 minutes in a 2% solution of bleach ( 1/3 cup per gallon water), or with 5% saltwater solution ( 1 cup per gallon of water), or with dishwashing detergent. Scrub hard items thoroughly. Alternatively, completely dry the item by exposing to sunlight and leaving to dry for at least 48 hours. For more information see [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov)

## Current and Jack's Fork Rivers at Risk

(Provided by Brian Page)

The Ozark National Scenic Riverways needs your support. The Current and Jacks Fork Rivers are beautiful streams that are being impacted by heavy use from ATV's, motor boats, horseback riding, sedimentation from illegal roads, etc. Please look at <http://www.nps.gov/ozar/parkmgmt/general-management-plan-information.htm> and inform yourselves. Then share your concerns and wants for these amazing resources. The management plan wants to hear from us! Please contact the ONSR park superintendant with your view.

## TU to help with Improvement Project I Hickory Creek in Neosho

by John Wenzlick, Ozark Council Chairman

Hickory Creek is a White Ribbon Trout Area which means it is stocked several times per year with rainbow trout that can be caught with any tackle and a limit of 4 kept from March 1 until October 31, but from November through February it is C & R, flies only. The Trout Area runs 2.7 miles from the Highway 86 bridge to Shoal Creek. The upper 1.3 miles run through Neosho's Morse Park. It is a pretty stretch fed by the many springs that surface in Neosho with Big Spring which feeds the National Fish Hatchery emptying into it inside the park.

MDC has awarded a Community Stewardship Grant for \$25,000 to cover expenses of preparation of the project site, purchase of materials and plants, implementation expenses, and site maintenance. In March Ronda Headland, Community Conservation Planner from MDC's Springfield office held a meeting with a half dozen local organizations and me to organize administration of the grant which will improve three zones: one 15 acres of Grassland Zone including flowers along roads, 11 acres of Woodland Zone and 5 acres of Riparian Zone along Hickory Creek. Someone was needed to administer the grant and hire contractors to get the work started and MAKO (Mo.-Ark.- Ks.- Ok.) Fly Fishers from Joplin volunteered to take the lead. Volunteers will still be needed in the future to administer contacts and do inspections on work in the three zones. Trout Unlimited may provide any extra money needed for the project, we also want to help the local groups from Audubon, Stream Teams and the Shoal Creek Watershed Alliance with some of the tasks including a baseline stream survey over the next two years of the project. If you live in the area or you just want to get involved please contact me at [jdwenzlic@embarqmail.com](mailto:jdwenzlic@embarqmail.com) or your chapter president.

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