

BRMTU Chapter Meeting October 11, 2025

Held @ Faith Presbyterian Church

New Attendees

Tommy and Eve Morrison

Membership Report:

326 roster

2 Youth

4 New Members added

2 Transferred

79 Life members

14 Family members

8 Senior members

Carter Ott -

Tuckasegee River - DH

- covered up with fish

- Jackson County : Green to Webster along a road

12-14 inch fish - catch up picked up at noon

You can wade 2 miles

Do not take out at Webster Church - high bank

1hr 40 min

Red eye bass

Do a trip to the Tuck - maybe November?

Near Bryson City to Silva NC

Silver Nympts, Pats rubber legs, Streamers

30 people

Can also talk with Ben Bruce

60-65 temp and lower flow

600-800 Flow

Check the releases.

Toccoa River Tailwater

Tammen to Curtis Switch to Horseshoe Bend

Cleanup on Tailwater CS-HSB

A lot of tires, cans etc.

Releasing during lake turnover

Browns get active in the Fall

Presidents Report

Finished - September

Rivers Alive - 2,000+ lbs of trash

O T Farms 20 bags of trash

53 participants

Lake Blue Ridge 14 pieces of dock from the lake

Bubba Gibbs - wants us to come on the radio - local radio station

5 Rivers at North GA is up and running - Paul and Carl

Also UGA and Ga Tech

Both are very active - need tipit and leaders

State Council Meeting was 20th in Blue Ridge

December is Gainesville

May not have Trout Camp - transition is rough - no one is stepping up

A committee has formed to figure out what's next - Carl's a member

There will be three conservation projects in the Chattahoochee Forest

Annual Meeting Coming up in Montana

Regional Meeting coming up as well

DH stocking November 1, 10:30 AM - Sandy Bottom Canoe Launch

All are welcome bring a 5 gallon bucket

FF101 - Was a success

- 13 participants , 3 helpers

- Lunch at The Mill

- Thanks to Hulsey Fly School - David and Becky Hulsey

- Also thanks to Noontootla Creek Farms

Chimp or Treat

- Need volunteers

- October 25th and 26th

- 10 AM - 3 PM - join John Jenkins - contact info:

- Bring chair , water, snack

Trout Fest Update

- October 27th Chamber 2-4 PM

- We are downtown - confirmed

- We need a coordinator for Volunteers

- We need help for day of event power etc to help Bob Murrah

Treasurers Report

\$108 K Balance

- Earmarked \$15K Curtis Switch

- Donations of \$40K this week
- We need volunteer hours
- Use - hours to Paul Mailman

Category - expenses - storage , email marketing, food purchased

Michael Stark foundation - \$2500 from Honeywell

Chambers - Rivers Alive \$500, \$1500 Trout Fest 2026

Curtis Switch

- Update :
 - Add bathrooms
 - Add Another kayak launch
 - More parking
 - More egress
- TVA wants more detail on the plan
- Site plan , soil samples , septic report
- May need to make the plan smaller - helps us get things done
- Kayak launch and Bathroom requires all kinds of testing reports etc - critical path stuff
 - EPD is involved

New BRMTU Hats

- \$20

Ellijay Project

- 50 flood control dams - have no cold water feeds -
- Charles Hennigan trying to get the dams cold water flows
- Cartecay and Ellijay River high temps as the water flows off the top at 75 degrees F too hot for trout
- Goose Island - full of sediment

Calendar Review:

- Holiday party - Friday Night Dec
- looking for a location

TVA draw down affecting to tailwater hatchery (Ben Bruce)

- High temperature pulling into tailwater
 - We need to prove that trout reproduce in the tailwater
 - Then the TVA needs schedule maintenance when its colder water instead of when its 75 degrees
 - Killing the tailwater trout
 - GA DNR - James Miles jamesmiles@dnr.ga.gov. State DNR

- No wild browns - Thought is to Stock Browns in the tailwater and then prove that they spawn.
- We need a coordinated effort with GA DNR - to get "special regs" to elevate Trout Fisheries

Fishing Report

Bristol Bay Trip

- Pebble Mine - war to fight the mine. - discovered gold on site.
- 8 weight 9 ft rods
 - Articulated streamers
 - Eggs/beads for rainbow trout

Raffles

- stay tuned for very nice rods being auctioned or raffled

Next BRMTU meeting Nov 8, 9 AM at Faith Presbyterian