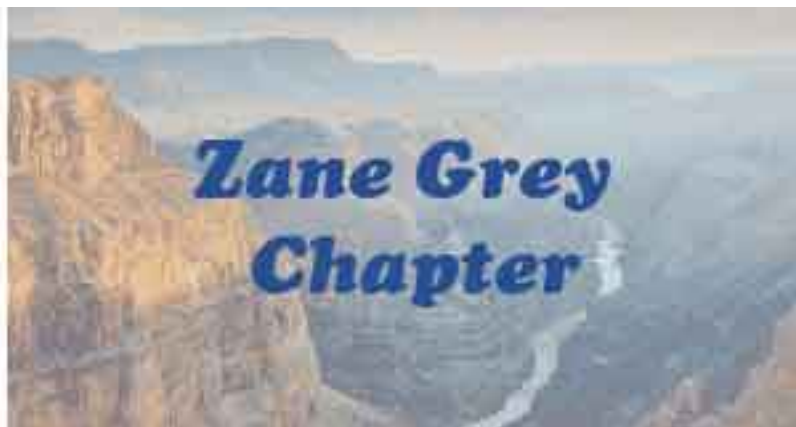


Hello John,

If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago.

- Zane Grey



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Message from the President



KEYSTONE, COLORADO. Welcome to the May newsletter; a number of us are attending the Trout Unlimited Western Regional Rendezvous. These rendezvous are great for recharging one's batteries, learning new skills, gaining a broader knowledge of issues affecting our cold-water fisheries, and sharing ideas and best practices.

We've met a number of new people, have learned a lot, and have a number of new ideas for improving your chapter.

We want your chapter to serve you. We want your input as to how we can improve our chapter, attract new people, and increase participation

in our events.

Look for additional events in the coming months. We are identifying some "boots-on-the-ground" types of conservation activities, and we'll let you know about these opportunities soon.

This month was busy with the 9th Annual Native and Wild Trout conference (NWTC), April 12, and the Western Regional Rendezvous in Keystone, Colorado, April 27-29. We saw a number of you at the Ninth Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference. Again, another successful conference. Read more about the NWTC below.

Be sure and join us for our monthly board meetings, 7 - 8:45PM, on the first Thursday of the month at [Bass Pro Shop in Mesa](#).

Tight lines,

Alan Davis

PS: My sincere apologies if you've emailed me and either received a bounce notice, or no response. We've changed email providers, and there been a bit of a SNAFU getting our systems working correctly. We believe we have this resolved now. Thank you for your patience.



9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference A Success

A record 156 registered to attend the 9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference held on April 12th at the Arizona Game and Fish headquarters, Phoenix.

As in prior years, the conference is co-sponsored by AZGFD and the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited. A total of 58 various governmental agencies and representatives from conservation organizations attended the event.

The presentations will be posted in June for viewing by those who could not attend or participate in the webinar that was available.



Lees Ferry: March 5th Public Meeting Held on Proposed Stocking

AZGFD plans to stock rainbow trout into the lower 3 mile walk-in section of Lees Ferry below Glen Canyon Dam were presented at a commission meeting on March 5th at Lees Ferry.

While attending a public meeting in Marble Canyon was not realistic for many anglers, several ZGTU representatives were in attendance along with approximately 40 other individuals .

The overall rainbow trout fishery at Lees Ferry has been in decline since early 2014. Accordingly, AZGFD creel survey results during recent years have shown a dramatic decrease in angler catch rates.

Although rainbow trout fishing during the past year seems to have recovered somewhat in the upper portion of the river with reports of large rainbow trout being captured, information and statistics shared showed that trout fishing in the walk-in area has not recovered as quickly as the Department had hoped.

The proposed stocking is intended to boost sport-fishing opportunities for rainbow trout at the walk-in portion.

The Department would plan to stock triploid rainbow trout at this portion of Lees Ferry as necessary throughout 2018.

More information on the announcement and how to support this proposal can be found at [AZGFD News](#), [Payson Roundup](#) and at [Support Lees Ferry](#).

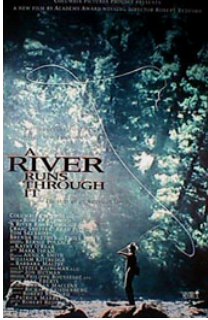


Stocking of Apache Trout to Resume

AZGFD has announced plans to schedule the stocking of Apache trout of a catchable size from its Silver Creek Hatchery from May through

September.

More information and to subscribe to the AZGFD fishing reports can be found at [Apache trout](#).



7 Things You Never Knew About "A River Runs Through It"!

"A River Runs Through It" premiered on October 9, 1992 - over 25 years ago. As it celebrated its 25-year anniversary, the movie continues to captivate viewers who resonate with its story of tragedy, family, the American West and fishing. It has had a significant affect on the sport of fly fishing.

See if there are any of the seven you may not have known at [little known facts](#).



Orvis Fly Fishing 101 Sessions Concluding in May

ZGTU volunteers are once again helping the Phoenix Orvis store staff with the Orvis Fly Fishing 101 sessions this year. Sessions are held on Saturday mornings at Desert Storm Park located on 16th Street and Georgia (Georgia dead ends into the park just east of 16th Street) in Phoenix.

Anyone interested in attending the free sessions to learn the basics of fly casting and fly fishing can contact the Phoenix store at 602-626-7558.

Sessions are concluding in May so contact the store quickly to register.



Conservation License Plate Supports TU Programs

The Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) license plate fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.

The Arizona TU Council and Chapters have received funds over the past seven years in support of the Annual Native and Wild Trout Conferences and the Trout-In-the-Classroom programs.

The next time your registration comes up for renewal, choose the conservation license plate option at [registration](#) to show your support for conservation and our projects.

Grey Reef Anglers Fly Fish Casper, WY May 25-28, Casper, Wyoming



Fred Johnson was the lucky winner of the Grey Reef Anglers fishing trip. Congratulations Fred!

Thanks to everyone who participated. We raised \$740 for Trout-In-the-

Classroom. For each school that participates, about 400 kids, administrators, volunteers, and parents learn why it is important to keep kids in touch with nature.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2 SPACES FOR THE TRIP HAVE OPENED UP. THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN IN THE FUN OF FISHING WYOMING!

Two spaces have opened up and if you are interest there is still time to sign up. Contact **John Doss at 623-229-8335** or visit [Grey Reef Anglers trip](#).

Upcoming Events!

May

Arizona Flycasters Club Monthly Meeting

**Robin Marsett, President of
Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited**



**Sunnyslope Community Center
802 E. Vogel, Phoenix**

**May 10th
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

Robin, current President of the Old Pueblo chapter of Trout Unlimited in Tucson, AZ, has been a key figure in conservation work and the development of Project Healing Waters in the southern the Arizona area, leading Tucson's chapter of Project Healing Waters as one of the highest rated in the country.

Robin spent many years working and fishing in Alaska and will be sharing those stories with us at our May Meeting.

Get Involved!

Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited



The Arizona TU Council and the Zane Grey TU Chapter have launched an Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited program. The Women's Initiative of TU is made up of women who care about our rivers and streams, are passionate about mentoring the next generation and enjoy getting out to fish as often as they can. Don't hesitate to reach out to us for help, advice or support!

[Click here](#)

to check past editions of the Women's Initiative newsletter.

[Join Us Online](#)

More than 800 TU members and leaders, anglers and others have joined our Facebook group for lively discussions and to share information, ideas and support.

Join us today:

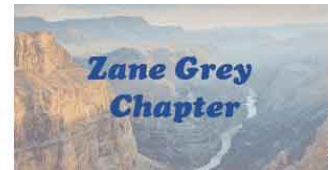
1. Go to www.facebook.com
2. Search for "Arizona Women of Trout Unlimited" or just click on this [ArizonaWomenofTroutUnlimited](#) link.
3. Click "Join" and start talking!

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Zane Grey Chapter Board Meetings



Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Bass Pro Shop, 1133 N. Dobson Road, Mesa in the second floor conference room.

Guests are always welcome to attend and get involved. For questions or more details, send your email to president@zanegreytu.org.

Plan to attend our next meeting to learn about our upcoming activities and to meet other volunteers.

Sign up for the TU Weekly Newsletter "THE RELEASE" Today!

Sign up at [THE RELEASE!](#)



Looking for a Fishing Opportunity?

Arizona Fly Fishing Portal

[Join Today](#)

Organizations

Below is a list of fishing organizations in Arizona. Feel free to join, explore, visit their websites or attend a meeting to find out more information:

ORGANIZATION	LINK TO WEBSITE	Contact
Arizona Flycasters Club Sunnyslope Community Center 802 E. Vogel Ave. Phoenix, AZ	http://www.azflycasters.com Fly Fishing Social Event night - 2nd Thursday of each month. Great speaker and awesome raffle. Donations support our Community outreach partners from Veterans to Youth activities. <u>Check website for specific schedule.</u>	Join Online
Desert Fly Casters Check website for details.	http://www.desertflycasters.com General meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month. There may be some exceptions so check website for details.	Contact
Payson Fly Casters	http://www.paysonflycasters.org	Contact
White Mountains Lake Foundation	http://wmlf.org	Contact
Northern Arizona Flycasters	http://www.nazflycasters.org General Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month.	Contact
Old Pueblo Chapter of TU	http://oldpueblo.tu.org	Contact
Gila Trout Chapter of TU	http://www.gilatroun.org/	Contact
Grand Canyon Chapter of TU	http://www.gctu.org	Contact
Arizona Women of Trout	Arizona Women of TroutUnlimited	Contact

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<http://azfishbook.com/calendar/>

Social Networking

AZFISHBOOK offers a variety of social activities. Listed below are some of the activities available.

Check out the AZFISHBOOK Groups at:
<http://facebook.com/groups/azfishbook>

Looking for buddy to fish with?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/azfishbookfishingbuddies/>

Signup for AZFishBook Newsletter:
<http://azfishbook.com/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/>

Opportunities

Committee Volunteers

As always, there are many opportunities to participate in the various activities and committees, make new friends and make a difference. For more information, visit our website at [ZGTU Committees](#), contact us at [Volunteer Interest Signup](#) or contact any [ZGTU Board member](#) for details.

Join Trout Unlimited Today!

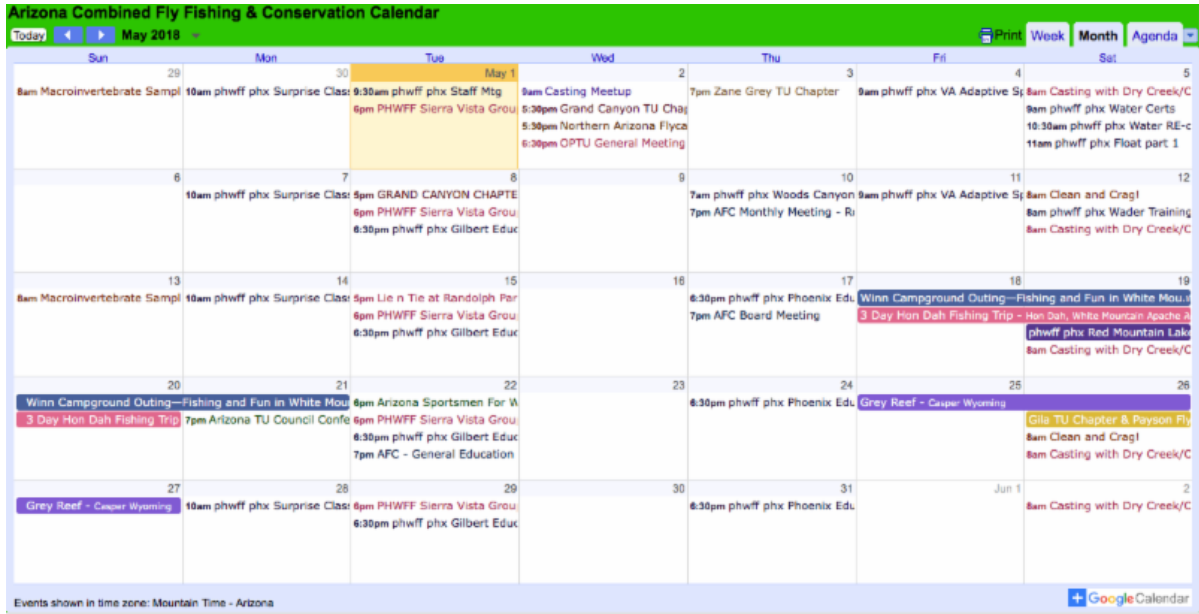
Not a member yet? Looking for a gift idea? Join today at [Trout Unlimited!](#)

Combined Calendar

AZ Trout Unlimited & Chapters, Arizona Flycasters Club and several

other area fishing and conservation calendars

If you want to print a view, you can do so by pressing the "Print" option and customize your printed copy.



Please give us your feedback on your interests.

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Have you visited us on our Zane Grey Chapter Facebook? If not, take a few minutes to check us out for more information on what is going on in Arizona.



STAY CONNECTED:



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