



The ROLLCAST



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Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited

CHAPTER NAME CHANGE

By unanimous consent of the Board & Membership, our Chapter has been officially re-named the **Frank "Bob" Perrin – Lansing, Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited.**

The name change honored a long-time member who has been active in chapter functions dating back to the early sixties. This change honored his commitment to coldwater fisheries, his dedicated leadership of our chapter, his promotion of fellowship, his character, outdoor ethics, and enthusiasm for trout habitat development.

Honoree Frank "Bob" Perrin and his wife, June, live on the banks of the Grand River in Lansing. They have been married 62 years and are the parents of two sons Ron, and Bob Jr. of Missoula, Montana and daughter Bonnie of Port Huron. Both sons gained recognition as educators and coaches in Missoula. Ron and Bob Jr. ***carried-on in their father's footsteps through hunting, fishing*** and instructing young people in wilderness conservation and hunting ethics. They are also the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. Both Bob and June are avid Michigan State University boosters.

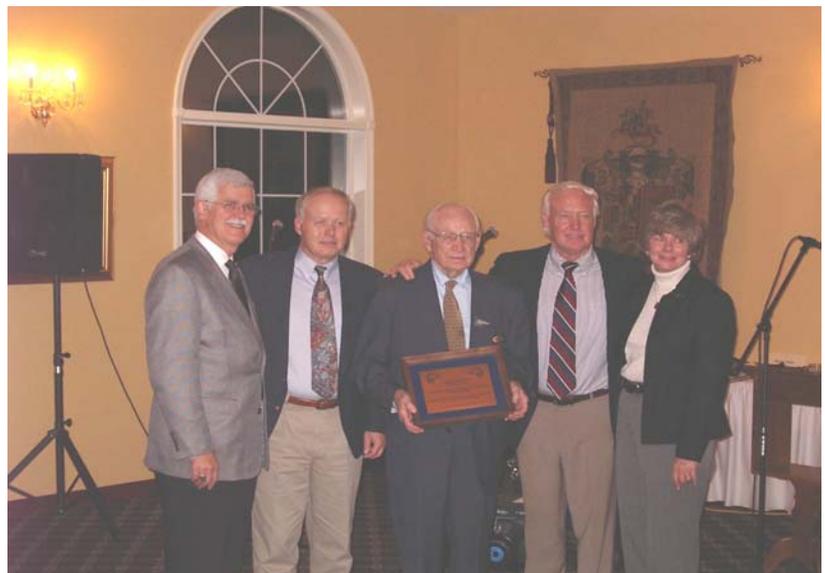
Bob was born in Sturgis, Michigan in 1918, and spent most of his growing years in the Black Hills of South Dakota

where his father was a postal inspector. His passion for trout fishing began when he and his dad began fishing Spearfish Creek. After graduating from Black Hills High School, he attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa where he received his BA Degree in Business Administration.

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Honoree – Bob Perrin



Bob, Family and friends

Perrin Chapter: Present and Future Activities

It happened on November 6, 2003, and its official. The Lansing Chapter TU has been renamed in honor of long-time member and conservation steward Frank "Bob" Perrin. See Dick Augustine's articles in this edition on how it happened.

As the Perrin chapter embarks on another operational year, plans are underway to get us involved in supporting TU's mission: To conserve, protect, and restore Michigan's trout and salmon watersheds. One way to support the mission is to educate our members and the public on important mission issues. At the December chapter meeting, we did just that. Our guest presenter, Tammy Newcomb, enlightened members on her work with MI-DNR Fisheries. Tammy is the Lake Huron Basin Coordinator of the DNR Fisheries Division. She is the state's east-side watershed coordinator, just as former chapter guest Jim Dexter is the state's west-side coordinator of the Lake Michigan Basin. The Lake Huron basin has two management units, the northern and the southern each with a unit manager, and overseen by Tammy. She considers herself as a member of the Michigan fisheries management team. Each unit is managed as an ecosystem team, considering the interests of water, forestry and parks. They consider input individuals and interest groups before developing an environmental objectives plan. Tammy is very knowledgeable, sincere, and a hard worker for Michigan fisheries. TU is blessed to have Tammy and her husband as new members of the Perrin Chapter. We thank Tammy for her interesting presentation.

Speaking of hard working individuals, how about your 2004 Perrin Chapter executive board. These individuals have donated their time for you the members of TU. Everyone please get involved and support their efforts. In alphabetical order, here is the e-board roster:

Stephen Arnoczky- Director, Trout Pond Volunteers 353-8964
Dick Augustine- Co-Treasurer- 668-3761
Jim Bedford- Director, Meeting Programs- 484-5178
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Bill Demmer- Director, Banquet Committee- 321-3600
Bob Flickinger- Co-Treasurer- 323-9572
Chet Kapusinski- Roll Cast Editor- 676-7179

Jim Kwasny- Director, Grants Committee- 321-1812
Tony Pagliei- Director, Other Programs- 324-9633
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I have included their phone numbers for your reference when you have a question or when you are

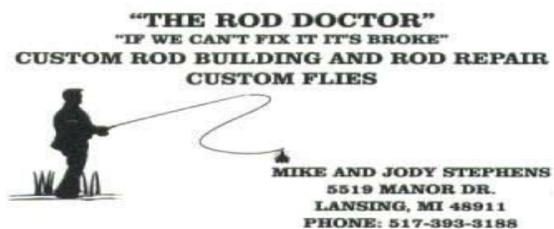
ready to volunteer.

Chapter business at our last e-board meeting included sub-mission of the 2004 proposed budget. Work will be completed at the January 27 chapter meeting. Also, the Grants Committee submitted a proposal for this year's awards. The committee, made up of Jim Kwasny (chair), Dick Augustine, and Jim Bedford worked hard at applying the application point system to yield its recommendations. The top-two applicants were the Cedars for the AuSable (44 pts), and the Coldwater River Watershed Council (41 pts). Work will be completed and awards mailed this month.

The Banquet Committee, led by Bill Demmer, is gathering for the second time this month on (January 20). The committee will meet at Demmer's Warehouse at 6:30pm. We are still looking for more volunteers to help Bill, Jim Pifer, Linda Chambers, Dick Augustine, Chet Kapusinski, Cathy Hicks, Bob Perrin, and Greg Bovee. There is a lot of planning and work to be done, *and this is a fun group*. Come join us. Many thanks to all the volunteers who are helping with chapter activities.

During the months of January and February 2004, check out the fly tying activities at M. Chance Orvis. Fellow chapter member Mel Comeau will be displaying his skills as a celebrity tyer. Keep up to date on Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited activities at our website at: www.lansing-tu.org.

All the Best and Good Fishing,
Greg Bovee



Bob answered the call to colors serving with the United States Navy as a cryptographer in Washington DC and Port of Spain, Trinidad B.W. After completing his Navy years, Bob spent the next thirty three years at Oldsmobile Division of G.M. where he was a labor relations/personnel manager.

During his business career Bob also gave back to the Lansing Community. He served on the Lansing City Council for over 12 years, was Mayor Pro Tem for a year, was an Ingham County Commissioner for 10 years, served on the Lansing Board of Water & Light, served on the Ingham County Jury Board for 16 years and retired as Chairman. ***Bob has been a faithful member of the Lansing-DeWitt Sunrise Rotary Club, having earned perfect attendance for eighteen straight years.***

Bob has been a real “Lansing, Michigan” activist for all hunters and fishermen. Bob has been an active member of our local Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasant’s Forever, Ducks Unlimited and of course in the Lansing TU Chapter. While a TU member, Bob has chaired many committees, banquets and projects. Bob was a chapter leader and organizer for many of the WaWa Sum project weekends. Bob’s leadership lead to a resurgence of our now annual TU fund raising banquet. Bob was active in the State of Michigan TU Organization’s effort to raise funds for a permanent State Director (the first in the Nation). Bob supported the cause with his time and financial contributions.

Bob’s work as a director on the Estes Palmer Foundation and the Hal and Jean Glasson Foundation has had a significant impact on mid Michigan youth. The foundations were established to promote understanding and appreciation of our great Michigan “out of doors” in our area’s young people. Through Bob’s tireless efforts many projects received significant funding support from the foundation. Projects that Bob and the foundation have supported include the white cedar plantings along the AuSable river, shooting range enhancements at Rose Lake, Capital Area Humane Society’s expansion, the establishment of a permanent foundation for the School of Fish and Game at MSU, the establishment of a permanent foundation for The MSU Veterinary School (grant monies for both foundations totaled several hundred

thousand dollars,) Ingham County Soil Conservation District received substantial support for a Center for Youth Education and support was granted for a Boy Scout effort



to build and install hen houses in the Maple River flood zones.

Your chapter’s board believes that by honoring this very dedicated chapter member and good citizen of the hunting and fishing world that we are also honoring ourselves. By honoring Bob’s contribution to our organization we bring a higher level of humanity to our cause and provide an inspirational role model for us in meeting the responsibilities of good citizenship, and *Fisherman & Conservationist* of tomorrow.

BOB PERRIN DINNER

On November 6, 2003, over 100 Chapter Members, friends & family celebrated the re-naming of our Chapter with a testimonial dinner held at the “*English Inn*”, Eaton Rapids, MI.

Bob Perrin was presented with a plaque from the Chapter recognizing the event and his contributions to Trout Unlimited. State Representative Sue Tabor presented a framed tribute signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Rep. Tabor, and State Rep. Dianne Byrum, recognizing Bob’s Civic involvement and Conservation efforts. Hats off to Rep. Byrum, Russ LaForte and all Rep. Byrum’s Staff for organizing the State tribute!

Members of many Conservation & Civic Organizations such as the *Lansing-DeWitt Sunrise Rotary*, the Hal & Jean Glassen Foundation, the Ruffed Grouse Society, also paid tribute to Bob’s life with sincere (and often amusing) stories. Also attending were TU Executive Director Rich Bowman, TU State Council Treasurer Belinda Burkett, and Land Towner of Missoula, MT. representing the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance.

Bob's wife June, Daughter Bonnie of Port Huron, Son Bob Jr., Son Ron & Daughter in-law Janet, and many of his Grandchildren attended. The Sons (who didn't fall far from the "tree") flew in from, where else, Montana!

While feasting on dinners of prime rib & salmon, everyone was entertained by local storyteller & bag-piper Terry Carroll (dressed out in full kilt regalia) as MC. The *(guests were)* also treated to a performance by the "**DOO-WOPS**", a Lansing area (formed to "**just have a good time**" and to volunteer their time for Civic functions) singing ensemble led by Chapter Board member Bill Demmer. *Conservation accomplishments aside*, everyone agreed that the Chapter does know how to throw a "heck of a party"!

Bob wishes to thank all of the volunteers whom through their hours of planning and financial contributions made the event possible. He also wishes to thank all of the Chapter's Members for this humbling honor.

p.s. Where was Bob recently seen? At the first planning session for the 2004 Chapter Fundraising Banquet! At 85 years of age, he's just getting started!



One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock Rock!
Bill Demmer and the Doo-Wops

TU Members & Friends – Please note the January and February meeting agenda

January 27 We will have a winter crafts night where fly tying, rod building (graphite & bamboo), spinner making, wader repair, and other tackle crafts will be informally demonstrated. Members are encouraged to bring their vises and rod turning racks and join in.

February 24th DNR biologist Jay Wesley will be our speaker. He is in charge of the Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit and acting chief for the whole Lake Michigan Basin. He will make a short informal presentation/update on the cold water fisheries in his areas and then have a question and answer session

Meeting Place: MUCC Headquarters, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing. 7pm

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Attention Trout Bums and Friends!

March is right around the corner and our chapter will again be staffing the Trout Pond at the Lansing Sportfishing Show. If you don't know by now, this event is one of our main fundraising activities.

Volunteers are still needed to staff the Trout Pond at the show which will be March 11-14. Please come out and help us raise money for our chapter's support of coldwater fisheries, and habitat restoration.

To Volunteer, (and get a free pass to the show), contact Steven Arnoczki at 517-353-8964 or at arnoczki@cvm.msu.edu



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