

**Pemigewasset Chapter  
Trout Unlimited**  
September 2014 Newsletter

**September Meeting – Tuesday, September 16**

7pm at The Common Man Inn, Rt. 3, Plymouth NH

Speaker: Colin Lawson, New England Culvert Project Coordinator for Trout Unlimited will talk about culverts and how they affect the passage of fish in cold water streams.

**October Meeting – Tuesday, October 21**

7pm at The Common Man Inn, Rt. 3, Plymouth NH

**Welcome New Members** joining since our last newsletter:

Joseph Bartlett (Ashland)    Amy Swift (Lincoln)

Paul Wilson (Plymouth)

**Our June Speaker** – Brigid O'Donnell, Assistant Professor of Developmental Biology at Plymouth State University, Gave us a great presentation about mayflies and other semi aquatic insects important to trout. Her current research focuses on the developmental biology of the large bodied and widespread mayfly, **Hexagenia Limbata**.

**We took the summer off** from meetings and newsletters, but we were busy – Since our June newsletter, Pemi TU members have volunteered on a lot of activities.

- On June 14th, Lyn Vignola, Phil McCuin, and Dave Pushee volunteered at the Lincoln-Woodstock Youth Fishing Derby. Photos from the event can be seen at [https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/LincolnWoodstockYouthFishingDerby?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCL\\_c3YvbivzgOQ&feat=directlink](https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/LincolnWoodstockYouthFishingDerby?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCL_c3YvbivzgOQ&feat=directlink)
- On 4 Saturdays in May and June, PemiTU members taught the FUNdamentals of Flyfishing at Waterville Valley. Roy Coughlin, Steve Hackett, Ray Kucharski, Mike Maxwell, Dave Pushee, and Lyn Vignola helped one or more days. Photos from the last day can be seen at <https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/FUNdamentalsOfFlyFishing?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCJuNrIaShv-h-wE&feat=directlink>

**Beebe River** – In late April, PemiTU learned that The Conservation Fund was purchasing 5,345 acres surrounding a stretch of the Beebe River and abutting the WMNF in Campton and Sandwich. A handful of PemiTU members attended a community forum about the purchase. In May, The Conservation Fund closed on the land purchase. In one way or another, PemiTU has been studying the area all summer:

- In late May and early June, Dave Pushee did some recon walks and a bit of fishing in the area.



- More photos from the Beebe River recon can be seen here: [https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/BeebeRiver?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCO Dtk\\_W0xZ3rRw&feat=directlink](https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/BeebeRiver?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCO Dtk_W0xZ3rRw&feat=directlink) The photos are all geotagged, so you can use the map feature of Picasa to see where they were taken.
- In July, PemiTU members and friends spent 5 days volunteering with NH Fish & Game doing stream surveys on the Beebe and its tributaries. Members and friends of PemiTU who spent one or more days on this were: Shawn Allen, Lucy Bartley, Laurie Beeson, Evlyn Cutting, Ken Cutting, Rachelle Lyons, Dick McGrath, Dave Pushee, Wayne Pushee, and probably a few that I missed. A bunch of photos from the stream surveys are here: [https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/BeebeRiverStreamSurveys?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCN\\_YsZ3I09uzhQE&feat=directlink](https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/BeebeRiverStreamSurveys?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCN_YsZ3I09uzhQE&feat=directlink)



- On August 22, Rob Alexander, Ken Cutting, and Dave Pushee went back to the Beebe to help Ben Nugent survey the stream crossings (bridges and culverts). There are more than a half dozen of these, many of which pose an impediment to fish migration. During the winter, we will be discussing our findings to see whether there is a project for PemiTU on the Beebe. We found that all of the tributaries and the River had experienced flood conditions on 8/13. A Sandwich resident later reported 6 inches of rain that day. The crossing photos are here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/BeebeRiverTributaryCrossings?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNaoycP4jpHKrQE&feat=directlink>

**Nash Stream** – On September 4, PemiTU members Lucy Bartley, Mike Maxwell, and Dave Pushee (along with PemiTU friend Milan Krainchich) helped NH Fish & Game and a bunch of other volunteers on Johnson Brook (a tributary to Nash Stream). NH F&G has a multi-year study in process here that includes taking scale samples and implanting microchips in many of the fish before returning them to the exact (within a meter or 2) location of catch. Some photos from this day are here:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/107745597177496996553/NashStreamJohnsonBrook?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCOCGr5D03auhTg&feat=directlink>

