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REEL NEWS

September 2026

New Members Meeting Format

5:30-6:30 pm Social Hour
6:30-7:00 pm

- Welcome First Timers
- Board Updates (Ethan or Joe)
- Banquet Updates (Rick Hall)
- Mill Creek Updates
- Call for volunteers (when needed)
- Tales from the Crypt (Fish Stories)

7:00 pm Presentation, Q&A
Closing: 40/40/20 Raffle

Upcoming

Wed, Sep 9th

Begins at 5:30pm

John Buszkiewicz
DNR Fisheries Biologist

- DNR-AATU Brown Trout Project Agreement
- Smallmouth Fishing the Huron River

The Kitchen @ Jolly Pumpkin

October 3rd Meeting - Mill Creek Electroshock

- Tania Evans
- Mike Mouradian

- Date: Saturday October 3 (rain date Sunday October 4)
- This event takes place in lieu of the regular monthly meeting
- Kristin Thomas, Stream Restoration Director, Michigan Trout Unlimited

New Activities

Tales from the Crypt aka Fish Stories

- 2-3 attendees (names drawn from interested attendees)
- 5-8 minutes to tell a fish tale, based on a personal experience, which has to be mostly true
- Story tellers get to draw a ticket for 40% of the raffle stakes (below)

40/40/20 Raffle

- $2/ticket
- 3 tickets for $5.00
- 40% to lucky winner
- 40% to lucky story teller
- 20% to AATU

MEETING TOPICS AND DATES

- **October 2026: Annual Fish Electroshocking**
  - **Date: Saturday October 3 (rain date Sunday October 4)**
  - **This event takes place in lieu of the regular monthly meeting**
  - **Kristin Thomas, Stream Restoration Director, Michigan Trout Unlimited**
  - **AATU Leads**
    - **Tania Evans**
    - **Mike Mouradian**

- **November 12: Legacy Land Conservancy Staff**
  - **Legacy Land Conservancy has protected over 11,000 acres within a tri-county area since 1971. Conservation through non-profits like Legacy falls into two main categories: preserves and easements. A Legacy staff member will discuss what makes a property valuable and the various issues that landowners and the Conservancy must consider.**
  - **AATU Host: Tania Evans**

- **December 10: There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays - Home Waters**
  - **A panel of experienced AATU members will present short presentations on fishing their favorite Michigan water**
  - **Their mission: Be as specific as possible: Where, when, how, tackle, strategies**
  - **Raffle winner(s) get exact GPS coordinates and a personal consultation with the presenter**
  - **Option: Continue the annual gear swap?**
  - **AATU Host: John Shaheen**

- **January 14: Guide Night with Cameron Cipponeri, Gates Au Sable Lodge**
  - **Topic: Fly Fishing for Atlantic Salmon & Steelhead on the Au Sable River, Michigan.**
  - **Cam brings over 20 years of professional guiding experience to Michigan's top fishing and hunting destinations. His trips are designed for anglers and hunters of all skill levels, ensuring a fun, educational, and rewarding outdoor experience.**
  - **AATU Host: Robert Schultz**

- **February 11: TBD**
  - **Topic: TBD**
  - **AATU Host: TBD**

- **March 11: Mill Creek Team: Update and Report on AATU work on Mill Creek**
  - **Presenters: Tania Evans, Terry Sharik, and Collaborators**
  - **AATU Host: Ethan Cramer**

- **April 2027: AATU Conservation Fundraiser**
  - **Date and Venue TBD**
  - **AATU Lead: Rick Hall, Fundraising Chair**

- **May 13, 2027 (Tentative Date):**
  - **Mike Mouradian, Education Chair - Casting Tune-up**
    - **Venue: Gallup Park**
    - **Fly tying, casting, and fishing**
    - **Open to families**

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