

## April 2014 “Faces in the Stream” Interview with Rick Kinkade



**So Rick, tell me a bit about yourself and how you got into fly fishing:**

I grew up in Nashville and went to college at the University of Tennessee School of Architecture and graduated in '78. Then I lived in Ithaca, New York from 1986 to 1995 and I started fly fishing when I lived there. I had always used a spinning rod, but a friend at work encouraged me to try a fly rod. He helped me purchase my first fly rod outfit and gave me a few lessons on the beautiful trout streams around Ithaca.

**Upstate New York is a beautiful area. Have you got some favorite spots around GA?**

My favorite fishing trips involve backpacking for a few miles up into the Smoky Mountains in North Carolina, and fishing dry's for Brownies. My favorite spot is Hazel Creek. Just simply gorgeous.

**Do you have a story about “the one that got away”?**

There have been many, but the one I keep thinking of occurred up on Hazel a few years ago. At the time I was nymphing, and using a little weight to fish a deep pool. Never saw what it was, but it pulled pretty hard and snapped my line.

**So Rick, why did you join TU and what do you enjoy most about it?**

I joined UCCTU about 9 years ago and have really enjoyed being part of the organization. I guess the biggest reason I got involved was to learn more, and hopefully to fish more. I have been involved in stream workdays in helping to build structures, and in a few of the fund raising activities. I was responsible for selling tickets to the Fly Fishing Film tour evening that the Chapter put on last Fall, and helped with the rod raffle last Spring. I enjoy being involved with TU because we all have a similar passion for the sport and the things that are associated with it, including protecting our environment.

**What sorts of activities do you enjoy outside of fly fishing and TU?**

I enjoy spending time with my family. I run, not a lot, maybe 3-4 times a week, 3-6 miles at a time. Would love to find time to train for another half. I organize a couple of charity runs thru work for cancer research. Cancer has touched all of us.