

## Rendezvous Wrap Up

Hello to everyone. Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rendezvous is over for another year. Thanks to all of you who helped out and contributed items to raise funds. Also a big thanks to all who bought rod raffle tickets. Our winner this year was John Lohberg. Congratulations John. The end of the Rendezvous is always the voice auction of flies tied by our members. It's always amazing to see how many talented individuals live right here among the rest of us. Thanks to all the tiers and bidders.

Attendance was poor, again. I'm at a loss to understand why. We have 231 members and only 20 to 25 participate in this activity. Even less participate in any other activities. One member in attendance made the statement "the problem is you have the meeting in a place like Monticello.....in the middle of nowhere." Perhaps this is the problem but then again that would just about describe any other place we could meet. With our spread out Chapter finding a fantastic site is just a real problem. If you have a great meeting site let us know.

While I am on the subject of poor attendance I should say that the purchase of raffle tickets for our one and only fund raiser for the year are embarrassingly poor. Of 231 mailings sent to members we received responses from only 38. Why? In the future to hold down costs we will be using e-mail to contact members and will e-mail raffle tickets that way. Eventually we will try to eliminate regular mailings to members as it is becoming very cost prohibitive.

The 2012 Rendezvous date hasn't been set yet. If the facility is available it will again be held at the Berndes Center in Monticello.

One item of business for this year is stream work. There will be a couple of work days scheduled and our Chapter may be making a financial contribution. The stream receiving the work is South Canoe Creek. If you have a GPS the coordinates are N 43 22.939 W 91 48.224. Please watch the web site for further details. Also it is important for you to contact national TU to update your e-mail address as this is how we can notify you of work days and other Chapter activities.

We are always looking for opportunities to improve trout fishing in Iowa. If you have any suggestions please contact us.

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