**Speakers Biography: A - F**

**Ron Barch**

Ron Barch is the editor and publisher of “The Planing Form”, an international newsletter for split bamboo rod enthusiasts. Ron also conducts rod making schools and seminars and has successfully instructed dozens of angler/craftsmen in the art of split cane rod making.

Ron was instrumental in establishing the first Rod Makers School at the Catskills Fly Fishing Center in Livingston Manor, New York. His list of credits include: skilled woodworker, rod maker, angler, author, publisher, and dedicated environmentalist.

Over the past 27 years Ron has received awards and recognition from both Trout Unlimited and the Rod Making community. Receiving the A.P. Bellinger award in 2011 for his contributions to rod making is one of Ron's proudest accomplishments.

Ron has designed and crafted split bamboo fly rods for American, Canadians, Europeans, as well as groups such as Trout Unlimited. He understands what a fly rod should accomplish and how to make one that meets the angler’s expectations.

Ron shares a home with his wife Carole in rural Hastings, Michigan. When he is not in the shop or at his desk, he chases trout and grouse and sometimes his grand kids, Lily and Aiden.

**Cameron Cipponeri**

Cam is a fly fishing guide at Frying Pan Anglers in Basalt, Colorado. He been guiding for 8 years on a variety of rivers from the Frying Pan, Roaring Fork to the Colorado River. As an experienced guide, he enjoys fishing with clients of all skill types and people with all interests – from dry fly fishing to Nymphing. He actively works to train new guides on the waters in the Roaring Fork Valley.

He has been honored to have had the experience to fish with different non-profits such as St. Jude’s and Wounded Warriors. He very much enjoys fishing and teaching fly fishing to children. In addition to guiding he teaches fly tying and does presentations on the gold medal water in our area. On a personal note he has a wife and a 5 year old daughter. He also enjoy fishing, hunting and playing outdoors with his English setter and black lab.

**Jamie Clous**

Jamie Clous grew up in Cadillac MI fishing many of the local streams and rivers. He later went to college at Northern Michigan University where he earned a degree in business all the while honing his skills on the trout of the U.P. It is also where he started what would become his full time career as a guide. Moving back to the Cadillac area after 6 year in the U.P. he had “a real job” long enough to realize it was not what he wanted to do forever. With the support of his wife and family Jamie started guiding on the Au Sable and Manistee rivers. He currently guides at Old Au Sable Fly Shop in Grayling MI where he brings a life time of local knowledge and 12+ years of guide expertise to the table.
**Kirk Evenson**

Kirk cut his teeth fishing the small streams and rivers of Colorado. Finding the front-range too crowded in the 70s, he headed to Montana in 1980, and never left. Making his home in Great Falls for over a quarter century, Kirk fishes the Missouri River as often as possible. Kirk has dedicated many years to cold water conservation organizations. A member of the Board of Directors of Montana Trout Unlimited for over 2 decades, he served as Chairman for 4 years. He also did a stint on the Board of Directors of national Trout Unlimited. In 2014, furthering his fishy addiction, Kirk and Mike Bushly opened "Trout Montana", a preeminent fly shop and lodging facility on the banks of the Missouri, in Cascade, Montana.

**Kevin Feenstra**

Since he was quite young, Kevin Feenstra has fished west Michigan streams. In his early 20's he began guiding as an alternative to graduate school. Now 16 years later, he has never looked back. Kevin's passion is swinging flies for Midwestern steelhead, but he loves to fly fish for any predator that swims.

He now resides in Newaygo, Michigan, guiding 180-200 days/year on the Muskegon River System (and fishing whenever he can). His flies have been published in books, magazines, and online and he has written articles for international, national, and regional fly fishing magazines. He is featured in a handful of DVDs for steelhead and smallmouth bass.

In addition to fly fishing, Kevin has developed a passion for outdoor photography, which is a good hobby for someone out on the river all the time.

Web sites are: [http://www.feenstraguideservice.com](http://www.feenstraguideservice.com), [http://www.swingabigfly.com](http://www.swingabigfly.com)

Photography at: [http://www.kevinfeenstra.smugmug.com](http://www.kevinfeenstra.smugmug.com)