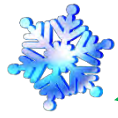


Keelhauler's Ka-news



JANUARY, 2015

Have a safe and Happy New Year!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl Nelson



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We had our Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 10th. Once upon a time I lived in New Orleans. The directions for the potluck were to bring some dish representative of our forefathers heritage. We brought Danish meatballs. They went well with the Swedish meatballs and the Norwegian meatballs. The vegetarians were SOL—no desserts either. Fortunately, the kayakers brought something good to eat. Those that attended had an enjoyable time sitting around—and with enough pudding shots, we could almost feel the warmth from the summer campfires.

The last Christmas cards are in the mail, so it is time to make resolutions for 2015. Like I resolve that I will be able to zip my PFD when I put it on next spring. Like I resolve to make it to a roll session or two—weather permitting. Like I resolve to paddle a new river to two this year.

We will not have a scheduled club meeting in January or February. If you attend a roll session, go out for a bite afterwards and tell lies about last summer on the river.

The KHCC Board is working towards having an Introduction to Kayaking class in a pool in late winter. We hope the graduates will be able to attend the Slip Clinic and Turkey Bash. Stay tuned.

Karl Nelson [OC1 R Fun]

Trip Schedule Information

By April Hollis

I have put together the KeelHaulers trip schedule for 2015 and wanted to give a big thank you to everyone who organized trips this past year and those who have agreed to organize a trip in 2015!!

The schedule is a very important part of attracting and keeping members. When I was deciding between kayaking clubs several years ago, I chose the KeelHaulers over clubs closer to where I live because I was impressed with the full and varied trip schedule.

We have a great group of people that regularly organizes trips but **we need more people to step up!** Please let me know if there is any river and any date that you would be able to organize next year. Thanks! April, apstylehollis@gmail.com or 703-915-6382.

I also have a list of some specific trips that could use an organizer:

early April North Branch Potomac release

July 25, 26 New River

Aug. 15 Upper Yough

Aug. 28, 29 Upper Yough

Sept. 25 Upper Yough

Oct. 3, 4 Upper & Lower Gauley

2015 Preliminary Keel-Haulers Trip Schedule

January				
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
1/03	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Dave Roush	440-623-9035
1/3-10	Costa Rica Week of Rivers, 7 day all-inclusive \$1650 10 or more Reduced to \$1485 See Joe's Information For more information, see Costa Rica Rios		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/4,11,18,25	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/17,24	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

Boater Humor...donated by John Kobak

Someone asked an anonymous boater about his c/ass IV comfort level and he answered something along the lines of I'm comfortable that I can usually find an eddy to swim to." Thus, the interviewer was inspired to offer this International Scale of River Difficulty:

Class I: Easy

Fast moving water with ripples and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. A nice break from paddling. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

Class II: Novice

Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies requires moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub induced lacerations. Paddles travel great distance downstream requiring lengthy walk. Something unimportant is missing. Boat hits submerged rock leaving visible dent on frame or new gash in plastic.

Class III: Intermediate

Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are ground repeatedly against sharp, pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

Class IV: Advanced

Water is generally lots colder than Class III. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure permanently removes waterproof box with all the really important stuff. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at boat which is finally pinned by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves inverted tree. One of those spring loaded pins that attaches watch to wristband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

Class V: Expert

The water in this rapid is usually under 42 degrees f. Most gear is destroyed on rocks within minutes if not seconds. If the boat survives, it is in need of about three days of repair. There is no swimming, only frantic movements to keep from becoming one with the rocks and to get a breath from time to time. Terror and panic set in as you realize your paddle partners don't have a chance in hell of reaching you. You come to a true understanding of the terms maytagging and pinballing. That hole that looked like nothing when scouted has a hydraulic that holds you under the water until your lungs are close to bursting. You come out only to realize you still have 75% of the rapid left to swim. Swim to the eddy? What #%~&*#* eddy!? This rapid usually lasts a mile or more. Hydraulic pressure within the first few seconds removes everything that can come off your body. This includes gloves, shoes, neoprene socks, sunglasses, hats, and clothing. The rocks take care of your fingers, toes, and ears. That \$900.00 dry suit, well it might hold up to the rocks. Your paddle is trash. If there is a strainer, well, just hope it is old and rotten so it breaks. Paddle Partners on shore are frantically trying to run and keep up with you. Their horror is reflected in their faces as they stare at how you are being tossed around! They are hoping to remember how to do CPR. They also really hope the cooler with the beer is still intact. They are going to need a cold one by the time you get out! Climbing out of this happens after the rapid is over. You will probably need the help of a backboard, cervical collar and Z-rig. Even though you have broken bones, lacerations, puncture wounds, missing digits & ears, and a concussion, you won't feel much because you will have severe hypothermia. Enjoy your time in the hospital, with

the time you take recovering you won't get another vacation for 3 years.

Class VI:

World Class Not recommended for swimming.

Friendsville Parking Lot Update – Dec 22, 2014 by Jim Hunt

I took a drive down to Friendsville today to check on the parking lot construction.



Progress continues to be made as the parking area grows each time I visit. As of now, the paved entrance section by the road is done. There are bike racks and a bike path from the parking lot, behind the liquor store, and through the old parking lot to the river. The signage is also done. Drainage is done along the east fence from the church to the main road and down the middle of the field.



They are currently installing ground road base from the paved area all the way back to the church in the east half of the field. The west half of the field is untouched and there does not appear to be any plans to do anything with it now. Hopefully, we can still park in it next summer as the amount of parking area now developed will not be enough on busy days.

It's nice to see the project finally moving forward after all the delays.



Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report
1---Dec---2014
By Pam Poljak

CDs (3)	\$6,771.33
Checking	<u>\$8,297.71</u>
Total	<u>\$15,069.04</u>

Keelhaulers 2014 Year End Treasurer's Report
10/1/2013---9/30/2014
By Pam Poljak

INCOME

Deposit Refund	84
Membership Contributions	
Conservation	40
Dues	5,024
TOTAL Membership Contributions	5,064
Vermilion Race Income	
Donation	150
Insurance Refund	98
Refreshment Stand	11
Registration Fees	590
TOTAL Vermilion Race Income**	849
Yough Reservations Income	68
TOTAL INCOME	6,065

EXPENSES

Club Meeting Expense	
Facility Fees	550
TOTAL Club Meeting Expense	550
Conservation Expense	2,225
Internet	
Access	100
Website Domains	48
TOTAL Internet	148
Postage & Supplies	
Misc. Postage	20
New Checks	91
Supplies	90
TOTAL Postage & Supplies	201
Special Donations	75
Vermilion Race Expense	
Insurance	225
Postage	75
TOTAL Vermilion Race Expense	300
Yearbook Expense	
Bulk Mailing Permit & Handling	150
Postage	179
Printing	1,493
TOTAL Yearbook Expense	1,822
Yough Reservations Expense	240
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,561
OVERALL TOTAL	504

CD (3) value as of 9/30/14 6770

**Contains correction of -\$142.00 in Vermilion Race Income. \$142.00 of Membership Dues income was erroneously included in the Vermilion Race Registration Fees Income in the earlier report.

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the February issue of the newsletter is 1/22/15. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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How are those New Year's resolutions going for you? Have you worked off the Thanksgiving dinner and all the Christmas goodies or did you need to buy a new belt? Or more importantly when you go to the river in a couple of months, will you be able to zip that PFD?

The Board met on a cold winter night to discuss the upcoming year. Pam had a budget for us to consider. We had to purchase new medals for the Vermilion Race. Generally we re-load every three years or so in order to get the volume discount.

Dave Roush has been working at contacting various organizations that provide paddling instruction. He was pleasantly surprised to find there are a plethora of organizations that provide a wealth of instructional opportunities. These were primarily instruction for sea kayaking, rec kayaking and SUP. It is apparent that KHCC does not to create de novo an instructional program. We just need to be prepared to identify graduates of such programs and extend an invitation to them.

KHCC needs someone to:

1. Make the KHCC known to the various instruction programs (e.g., e-mail newsletter to instruction programs; personal contact with instruction programs to distribute brochure etc.);
2. Make the Slip Clinic / Turkey Bash know to those interested in whitewater instruction; and
3. Put these opportunities on the Instruction page of the KHCC website

John Kobak, our membership chair, reported that for the last 8 years our membership has stayed fairly constant at 305 ± 5 in December. We pick up about 60 new members each year and lose some members that have simply quit paddling, died or moved too far away. We also lose some because there are not any sea kayaking or flat-water trips on the trip schedule. The KHCC needs someone to organize sea kayaking or flat-water trips.

Bill Barrow (bill.barrow@yahoo.com) of the Early Settlers Association is looking for a few good canoeists to participate in this summer's celebration of Cleveland's birthday at Settlers' Landing. They want to stage a reenactment of Moses Cleaveland's surveying party coming ashore. He is looking for canoeists to help get the surveying party safely ashore.

Vermilion River Clean Up

By Jon Reising

March 15 2015

Meet at Schoepfle Gardens, Lorain County Metro Park in Birmingham Ohio at 10:00 and help with the clean-up of the Vermilion River for the canoe race the following weekend.

Trip leader Jon Reising 1-440-967-9507

47th Annual Vermilion River Race

March 22 2015

15 Classes will be available

Please call race chair Jon Reising to offer to help put on this annual race.

Just a few hours on Sunday will help the race be done well.

Trip leader Jon Reising 1-440-967-9507 Vermilion Race Website with all forms

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18---January---2015

By Pam Poljak

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<u>Checking</u>	<u>\$9,067.66</u>
Total	\$15,838.99

Keelhauler's Canoe Club, Proposed Budget FY 2015

By Pam Poljak

Category Description	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Budget
ASSETS		
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$ 5,312.46	\$ 5,906.02
CD (3) balance at start of FY	\$ 6,763.61	\$ 6,771.33
INCOME		
Conservation	\$ 40.00	\$ -
Dues	\$ 5,024.00	\$ 5,200.00
Reservations*	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00
Vermilion Race	\$ 849.00	\$ 900.00
Pool session deposit refund	\$ 84.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,065.00	\$ 6,168.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 18,141.07	\$ 18,845.35
LIABILITIES		
EXPENSE		
Conservation Donations	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 2,250.00
Internet Access	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Internet Domain	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
Marketing	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Library	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Meeting Hall	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -
Postage & Supply	\$ 201.00	\$ 250.00
Refreshments	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Vermilion Race**	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,720.00
Yearbook Expense	\$ 1,822.00	\$ 1,900.00
Yough Reservations	\$ 240.00	\$ -
Special Donation	\$ 75.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,561.00	\$ 7,418.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 12,580.07	\$ 11,427.35

* FY 2015 budget reservation income was recovered in 2014, but not submitted to Treasurer until after FY2014 Books closed.

**Includes expense for purchase of medals (\$1020.00) for the next three years.

CONSERVATION DONATIONS

	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Budget
American Whitewater	\$ 575.00	\$ 600.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
American Rivers	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
River Network	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Portage Park District	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Mountain Watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund	\$ -	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 2,250.00

Swimming Showers Rapid on the Stonycreek River By Matt Fredmonsky



I managed to drag my Karma large to an eddy but had to rely on the kindness of strangers to recover my paddle.

This blog lately has trended in pairs. I would write a post about a topic, and then the issue naturally expanded into a second post with time.

So when I wrote a post titled "[The Swim](#)" I should have known better what I was setting myself up for. Shortly after publishing that little gem I took a trip with some friends to make the last whitewater release from the Quemahoning Reservoir near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for some Class III+ action on the [Stonycreek River Canyon](#).

We piled in the van, hooked up the trailer and set out at zero-dark-thirty, or maybe it was 6:30 am. Whatever, it was dark when we started our three-hour journey east into the Appalachian foothills. Most of us hadn't been in our boats for a few months because we haven't had enough water for local paddling here in Northeast Ohio.

Feeling more than rusty, I squeezed into my [Kokatat Hydrus 3L](#) and hiked up from the "easy" put-in to the drop in just above Showers Rapid--the only Class III+ rapid we would experience that day.

The rest of our compatriots were running shuttle, and so about a dozen of us had ample time to run Showers a few times if we were feeling up to it. The rapid offers almost a half dozen points to scout it from, including a few rocks right on the river's edge mid-rapid. I remember thinking "piece of cake." Stale, moldy one-year-old freezer burnt wedding cake.

I put in with another long-boating friend, and we ferried across the river using some eddies to try and break free of two months worth of rust. I watched a few people line up, drop and disappear into the first tongue of the rapid. It looked easy enough. All I had to do was try and stay to the left and miss the muching hole topped by a curling cross wave at river right.

Just as I lined up to drop in I felt my 4 a.m. wake-up that morning and about two months worth of paddling rust seize my hips, shoulders and eyelids. I made the first drop easy enough but was pointing too far river left while moving way too much toward river right. I dropped into the second hole nearly sideways. It was too easy for that wave to spin me like a window shade. Instead of bracing, I thought "flip and roll." Splash! Upside down and my face freezing, I remember thinking "set up for your roll, dumbass." The frigid water, bulky dry suit and aforementioned oxidation laughed off my meager roll attempt, and I pulled the rip cord. I hadn't had to swim out of my boat in months.

Fortunately, my long-boating friend and his LiquidLogic road cone were parked in an eddy where I managed to swim, dragging my 103-gallon volume kayak behind me.

The rest of the paddle, for me at least, was seamless. More than a few paddlers told me that had Showers been in the middle of Stonycreek Canyon I would have cruised through it. Next time!

Algonquin Revisited: September 2014

By Lisa Brand

Prologue: July, 2014, five of us went to Algonquin Park, Ontario, on a canoe trip. (See previous trip report in Keelhaulers newsletter 11/2014.) Afterwards, some of us thought of nothing else but ... Come mid September, and two of us were off again!

Intrepid paddlers: Lisa Brand and Sue Taft



September 2014: The Park was quiet in the aftermath of a week of being blasted by cold and wind and rain. Did I say quiet? Well, not really. The squirrels were hard at work chattering and gathering pinecones for the winter. The otters were splashing and playing; the owls were hooting; the woodpeckers were pecking; the martens were racing through the trees barking their halloos; the moose were rutting; and the loons were calling to us. So of course, we had to return.

When we arrived the Park was alive with a cacophony of sounds, smells and color. And bears. When we checked in at the warden station we were warned to keep our campsite clear of any exposed food or garbage. Bears were on the prowl. This tweaked our anxiety but hardly worried the songbirds that were singing with full force and darting from tree to tree. Trees were displaying their most vibrant colors, the leaves a feast for our eyes: maroon, scarlet, orange, yellow and purple. The weather had warmed and it was a wonderful sunny day but the water was definitely nippy. I pulled on my knee-high neoprene NRS expedition boots. No wet feet for me! Sue, being a bit more rugged, grabbed her Keene sandals and a pair of wool socks.

We set out, each of us paddling solo in one of Sue's beautiful lightweight wood strip handmade canoes. We put in at Magnetawan Lake with two modest portages ahead of us to reach our destination: the sprawling Ralph Bice Lake. I was eager to use my new double bent shaft paddle. It takes a different sort of finesse to manage it compared to a straight shaft. Uh oh. Finesse. I really hadn't

quite acquired that just yet. It was slow going. So in frustration I finally abandoned it that first day, taking up my old trusty straight shaft for the sake of getting to our campsite before nightfall.

I did promise myself that I would practice every day thereafter with the double bent shaft until I was able to paddle with pride instead of apology. Sue's patience with me as I subsequently inched along was insurmountable, and her instruction was invaluable. Her excellent sense of direction came in handy too, as the 30 year old compass I had brought along simply fell apart from old age on the second day of our trip.

I managed a quick freezing cold swim that first day late in the afternoon, hoping to grab the last of the sun's rays for warmth when I emerged, shivering. The day was almost gone. But there was no shortage of magnificent night attractions. Every evening the night sky was surreal. The milky way splashed across it in all its pale ivory iridescent glory, and the sky was alive with thousands... millions... trillions of twinkling stars and shooting stars. The stars were mirrored in the lake, making us feel as if we were suspended, floating somewhere in between heaven and earth.

The crystal clear nights made for a quick drop in temperature so early every night we'd head for the warmth of our sleeping bags, and I, my thermal underwear. Sue, being much more hardy, settled for just her skivvies. But maybe that's too much information. Once we were settled in the tent, the meek mice that had played hide and seek with us, ducking behind rocks while we ate our dinner, emerged as bold Mighty Mouses. They scurried up one side of the tent then wheeeee!!! they slid down the other side as if they were at some nocturnal rodent rodeo.



Just before dawn the red squirrels went on the attack. They climbed the tallest trees and shook down pinecones, which fell on our tent by the dozens, sounding like gunshots when they hit the tent poles. Then at breakneck speed the squirrels came hurtling out of the trees, chattering their complaints and collecting the fallen pinecones. They quickly carried them off, the pinecones sticking straight out of their mouth like some big stogie, clenched between their sharp little teeth. They

scurried away, adding them to their secret hidden caches for winter. Then they promptly returned to collect more loot. Their little paws and silly scrunched up squirrely faces were comically blackened with pine pitch and dirt with bits of leaves and all sorts of woodsy debris glued to the pitch at odd angles and flapping about. They entertained us every morning, and every morning we had the urge to grab them and give them all a good scrubbing.

One day, just before the break of dawn, we had a rare acoustic experience. It was moose rutting season. The long, low but very loud, plaintive wailing of a cow moose echoed across the entire lake valley, attracting the frenzied response of a bull moose in love. Correction: a bull moose in lust. We heard him stamping and thrashing through the water, and subsequently we heard a few magnificent male moose grunts, which made it perfectly clear just what x-rated antics were taking place in mother nature's red light district down the road.

The next days were spent in blissful activity: collecting firewood; chopping, sawing and stacking wood; paddling; hiking; cooking over the campfire; reading; napping; and swimming- in numbing freezing water! And every day we watched loons with their young. The babies probably hatched in late summer and were unable to fly south with the rest of the mature flock so the mamas stayed behind to protect and supervise them, and more importantly, to regale us with their crazy, lovely loon songs.

Loons were not our only feathered friends. Our survey for the week included Canada geese, black-capped chickadees, spruce grouse, gulls, juncos, mergancers, red-breasted nuthatches, ospreys, barred owls, ravens, robins, sparrows, Swainson's thrushes and woodpeckers. (Sue is the bird aficionado. I am just a bird brain; in training.)

On our last day, as we paddled to the take-out, we heard martens screaming and barking. We caught a flash of their small dark weasel-like bodies as they raced across branches from tree to tree. Soon afterwards we observed three otters swimming, splashing, and playing on some rocks. They put on quite the show. Then we discovered the perfect "people rocks" where we stopped to swim, splash and play. Unlike the otters, our aquatic activities included biodegradable soap, which rendered us fit for civilization again. Not that we were eager. Nonetheless, thoroughly scrubbed and squeaky clean, we hopped back in our canoes. After a short paddle we approached the take-out and were soon loading the car. On the drive home we began planning our trip for next year.



Free KHCC 2015 Photo Wall Calendar & Schedule

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2015 Yearbook

The new 100 page Yearbook & Roster should be arriving soon. It comes by third class bulk mail which sometimes takes a while. If you don't get one, call or e-mail Michael Duvall who should have a few extra copies. MichaelDuvall66@att.net (216) 513-5921. Members can read the whole yearbook on-line at this link. You can print any pages you want.

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/KHCCYearbook2015.pdf>

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3/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
3/14-22	Southern Rivers - TN, NC	22-32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
3/15	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/15	(3) Cuyahoga River, Upper or Lower Gorge (OH) Water Level dependent	20-28	Needs organizer	
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3/22	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) - Alternate Date 3/29	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/28,29	WV Class V Creeking	>30	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	440-777-6077 724-272-6944

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Keelhauler's Ka-news



MARCH, 2015



Next Club Get-Together

is on March 10th at the Middleburg Heights Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd.

Doors open at 7:00p.m., Meeting is at 8:00p.m.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

Program: The Big Red Dog's Most Excellent European
Adventure-Ireland
By Cliff Wire

All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl Nelson



Just because it is well below zero, does not mean there are not signs of spring. Seed catalogs have been appearing in my mailbox since well before Christmas. The Bradford pears are in bloom. The redbuds will soon be making their appearance. After the leaves start to come out, the dogwoods will be blooming in the woods and the scent of honeysuckle will be drifting across the landscape. No wait—that is spring in the south. Around here spring is heralded by the musky scent of skunks and the appearance of bags of mulch at the gas station.

The club meetings at the Middleburg Heights Community Center will resume. Cliff Wire will present "The Big Red Dog's Most Excellent European Adventure—Ireland" or at least those portions that can be talked about in mixed company.

There are a number of events this spring. There is the **Vermilion River Cleanup** [15-March] and the **Vermilion River Race** [22-March]. Check the Trip Schedule as those dates appear for updates.

Then there is the **6th Annual Lorain County Metro Parks Kayaking Symposium**. [May 17th 11:00-3:00; Lakeview Park] The Lorain County Metroparks has started planning for their Kayaking Symposium 2015! This year the event will be held on May 17th, 11am-3pm at [Lakeview Park](#), Lorain. This will their 6th annual event. There are local liveries on the beach who provide paddling opportunities for the general public (Great Lakes Kayaking, West River Paddlesports, and LoCo Yaks). The Lorain County Metro Parks also teaches Smartstart Kayaking classes on the beach. Along with the paddle opps, there will be educational displays from local organizations near the Bath House, kid's activities, food vendors, and live music. For more information, contact Jannah Wilson, Senior Naturalist, Vermilion River Reservation, Lorain County Metro Parks, 51211 North Ridge Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089 (440) 967-7310 [jwilson@metroparks.cc]

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club

Treasurer's Report, 18-Feb-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,771.33
Checking	<u>\$7,379.25</u>
Total	<u><u>\$14,150.58</u></u>

2015 Class IV/V Releases Set For Southeast Submitted by Jim Hunt, from American Whitewater

AW is pleased to share the 2015 schedule of Class IV and V scheduled dam releases for Western North Carolina and North Georgia. American Whitewater and our partners negotiated these releases over the past two decades, and the result is 34 days of outstanding paddling opportunities for advanced paddlers on the Cheoah, Tallulah, Upper Nantahala, and West Fork of the Tuckasegee.

This year a few things will be a bit different. The 2015 summer Upper Nantahala releases will mostly be on Friday evenings to pair with other weekend paddling opportunities and to make the free outfitter shuttles possible (weekends are too busy for them). Also new for 2015 will be expanded parking at the West Fork Tuck put in and a beach. Yes that's right, after your run you'll now be able to catch some rays and take a dip at a new swimming beach across the road from the put in, on Glenville Reservoir.

.April

4/4,5 - Tallulah
4/11,12 - Cheoah, Tallulah
4/18,19 - West Fork Tuck
4/25,26 - Upper Nantahala, Cheoah

May

5/16,17,30,31 - Cheoah
5/23 - West Fork Tuck

June

6/19 - Upper Nantahala
6/20 - West Fork Tuck
6/27,28 - Cheoah

July

7/2,17 - Upper Nantahala
7/4 - West Fork Tuck

August

8/1,22 - West Fork Tuck
8/14 - Upper Nantahala

September

9/12 - Cheoah
9/26,27 - Upper Nantahala

October

10/3 - Cheoah

November

11/7 - Cheoah
11/7,8,14,15,21,22 - Tallulah

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Paddling Anyone?

By Lisa Brand

On the coldest weekend of the winter, in mid February, Deb Avallone, Jim Hunt, Eric Tucker and I met up at Jim's place in Markleysburg PA. We were laden with good food and drink, hiking boots, snowshoes, hats, mittens, neck warmers, and our very warmest long johns. On Saturday early afternoon we set out for McCune Trail. As we trudged through the woods deer prints were visible cross crossing our path from every angle. We think we also saw coyote prints.



We stopped along the way to explore an old artesian well dating back to the 1800s. The stonework was crumbling higher up the hill but we explored a stone shelter that was mostly intact, protecting the underground spring-fed well where it bubbled up into three stone cisterns. The water then overflowed into a holding pond. There was enough turbulence in the constant flowing water to keep the center of the pond from freezing. Jim claimed that the source was clean enough that we could safely drink the water, and maybe he was right, but given my medical background and therefore my well-trained and deep-seated aversion to waterborne diseases, I wasn't about to hazard a slurp. However, this wasn't the case with Deb's strawberry daiquiris that she offered up later that night.



The thermometer on Sunday morning bottomed out at a bone freezing minus 5 degrees. (More about bottoms later.) Eric cooked up some blueberry banana buckwheat pancakes that we all doused with Canadian maple syrup. After a hearty breakfast and a rise in temperature by a few degrees we set out for the Yough. We hiked the Great Gorge Trail from Fernwood to Cucumber Falls to the Slides.

The trail was quiet, haunting; a stark white ice and snow covered landscape that silhouetted the bare brown branches of trees and shrubs. Again, we saw plenty of deer prints. We think we also saw some bobcat prints but the kitty never made an appearance so we leave that up to speculation. The going was tough due to sheets of ice. When I suddenly stepped through a deceptively thin spot, camouflaged with heaps of snow, I watched my boot disappear into dark ice-chunky freezing cold water. Remembering that my foot was attached to that boot, though that was a purely academic thought by then since I couldn't feel it, I hastily stepped onto thicker ice and continued hiking. It was bitter cold. We were all in high spirits.

My new wool boxers were taking their maiden voyage and I can happily report that they passed the Tush Test with flying colors. And I do mean flying. On the slipperiest slopes I geared up my butt brakes and flew down on my bum. That was the safest and most efficient way to travel; entirely first class. I believe I accumulated some well-earned frequent flyer miles.



The waterfall feeding Cucumber Rapids was startling beautiful as if in a dance en pointe, with glittering white ice gracefully gliding in frozen arcs from top to bottom and back again. By comparison, the river was a slush of brown icy water in constant hip-hop- moves-and-funky-grooves motion. Had I been in my kayak I think I would have been frozen into my seat within seconds, reduced to a veritable wall flower, unable to move a muscle, much less roll ... or dance. Just the thought made me shiver. I can't wait to think back on this day in several months when I'm happily splashing down the Yough enjoying the summer sun with friends.



47th Annual Vermilion River Race
March 22, 2015
By Jon Reising

Spring is here and so is the 47 Annual Vermilion River Canoe and Kayak Race. Below is a link to the Keel Haulers Canoe Club web site to get a race application and rules for the race.

[Vermilion Race 2015](#)



Vermilion Race 2015

Keel-Haulers 2015 Vermilion River Race
March 22nd; 47th Annual Vermilion River
Race, OH This is the club's 47th annual
race, one of the ...

View on
[**www.keelhauler.org**](http://www.keelhauler.org)

Preview by Yahoo

Hope to see you there.
Jon Reising 1-440-967-9507

Keel Haulers 47th Annual Vermilion River Canoe/Kayak Race



15 Classes
Sunday March 22, 2015
10:30 a.m. Shoepfle Gardens
Birmingham, Ohio

Extra Roll Sessions Marcia Karchmer, Seakayak Chair

Indoor roll classes are available from 41 North Coastal Kayak Adventures.

Call 1-866-529-2541. This is in Rocky River, Ohio.

<http://www.kayak41north.com/eventList.aspx?SectionID=3&CategoryId=7>

Cleveland Metroparks is offering Kayaking 1 lessons on Feb. 19: 6-9 pm and Kayaking 2 classes (advanced paddle strokes and deep water re-entry rescue techniques), Feb. 26: 6-9 pm, both at Baldwin Wallace College 136 E. Bagley Rd. Berea for \$40-\$45. Cut-off to sign up is Feb. 18. Call Outdoor Recreation: 216-341-1704 or go to www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

March	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
3/7,8	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/7,14	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
3/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
3/14-22	Southern Rivers - TN, NC	22-32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
3/15	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/15	(3) Cuyahoga River, Upper or Lower Gorge (OH) Water Level dependent	20-28	Needs organizer	
3/21	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Dave Roush	440-623-9035
3/22	(1) Vermilion Race (OH)  Alternate Date 3/29	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/28,29	WV Class V Creeking	>30	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	440-777-6077 724-272-6944
April	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
4/4,5,18,19	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
4/11	(1) Grand River (OH)	SK/FW	Carl Kudrna	440-263-0451
4/11	(1) Little Beaver (OH)	SK/FW	Doug Lyons	740-317-7007
4/11,12	17th annual Webster WW Weekend (WV)		Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
4/11,12	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/11-19	(4) Southern Rivers Trip TN,NC,SC,GA Map - Detail map	22-32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
4/14	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
4/17	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/18	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
4/18	(1) Grand River Race - Alternate Date 4/25	SK/FW	Brian Davidson	800-669-9226
4/18,19	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
4/24	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/25	(3) Cuyahoga River, Lower Gorge (OH)	20	Chris Kiehl	330-869-6549
4/25,26	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Chuck McDowell	330-447-1086
4/26	(5) Cheat River Race Clinic (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541

2015 Club Officers

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Secretary:	Donna Homberg	440-236-8360
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Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, on the second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to
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Program: 2015 Costa Rica Kayak Trip Video
By Jim Hunt

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT **By Karl Nelson**



Ohio is trying to load spring, but the green loading bar seems to be stuck in February. But sooner or later it will be river time and with river time we need to think of safety.

Thanks to multiple GoPro cameras, there were two videos posted on the TRPC Facebook page of a rescue at Washing Machine Rapid on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River—one camera was

on the helmet of the "rescuer" [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI-LjPG7ltc&feature=youtu.be>] and the other camera was on the helmet of the swimmer who needed rescuing [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDDgOnDuDAE>]. It is not often you get to see two viewpoints of the same event.

Safety requires both a mind set and a skill set. The mind set involves thinking about the river in a different way—instead of what's the line on this rapid, think about what do we need to do if there is a bad experience on this rapid. A bad experience can happen to any paddler, on any rapid on any day. And sometimes you don't even need a rapid.

In the fall of 2008 I broke my leg walking along the shoreline on the beach below Railroad on the Lower Yough. Who would have thought of that. A dozen years ago, a paddler had an upside down experience at River's End. It took over four hours in order to evacuate her. There was a good outcome, but I have often wondered what would have happened if it had been late on a Sunday afternoon in October instead of a Saturday in mid-July. Last summer, Lisa had an upside down experience at the bottom of Dartmouth. We had to walk her out.

If you think your swiftwater rescue skills could use some enhancement, sign up for the Walbridge course later in June. The things you learn may save my life.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2015 at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center

Respectfully submitted by Donna Homberg

10 people in attendance

Unfinished Business

Budget Ratified for 2015

New Business

Vermilion Race Chairman is Jon Reising. River Cleanup on March 14. Race scheduled for March 22 and the alternative date is March 29th. Ice on the river is being watched. Water level will be monitored. Advertisement for the race is important so please spread the word. Refreshments again will be provided at the take out.

Future Southern River Trip planned.

Program is by Cliff Wire on his recent trip on the southern circuit of Ireland.

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 26-Mar-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4,393.50</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11,167.40</u></u>

Conservation donations totaling \$2250.00 were distributed as listed in the 2015 Budget.

Promote your Sport By Dave Roush

Keelhaulers has been investigating joining other organizations, schools, clubs, Meetup groups and outfitters in Northeast Ohio (NEO) to promote kayaking?

Executive Summary:

We are looking at forming a Sponsors Group: organizations, schools, clubs, Meetup groups, outfitters and others organizations to promote kayaking in NEO. We would connect (prospective) kayakers to those Sponsors providing:

- Introductory classes/instruction
- Equipment (rental and sales)
- Events
- Clubs, Meetup groups, and others that run trips (sea kayaking, paddle boarding and white water kayaking)

The Sponsors would share a Meetup website with a common calendar of events. The Sponsors website would have a description of each sponsor specifying which provide instruction, equipment, events and trips. Where ever possible there would be links to each sponsors website. In addition we would establish a Facebook page and twitter account for our shared Sponsor site. An example of this would be a similar organization formed around skiing (see <http://www.meetup.com/Cleveland-Metro-Ski-Council/>)

Each Sponsor would be expected to:

- Participate in regular monthly meetings for the Sponsors
- Provide the content describing themselves and specifically mentioning instruction, equipment provisioning if any, events, types of trips (i.e. sea kayaking, local moving water, whitewater, etc.)
- Provide links to your site (if available).
- List classes, events, trips on the shared schedule on the site
- Help defray the costs (expected to be less than \$100.00 per sponsor per year).

Sponsor invitations will be extended to the following. Please let us know if there are others that should be invited to join.

- 41 North Kayak Rentals
- American Red Cross
- Appalachian Outfitters
- Backpacker Shop
- CLE Kayaker Anglers Meetup
- Cleveland Metro Parks
- Cleveland State <http://www.csuohio.edu/services/recreationcenter/adventurerec/clinics.html>
- Friends of Crooked River
- Keelhaulers Canoe Club <http://keelhaulers.org/>
- Kent State <http://www.kent.edu/recservices/outdoor-rental-center>
- LoCo Yaks in Lorain
- Lorain County Metro Parks Adventure Club
- Mentor <http://cityofmentor.com/play/boating/rental/>
- Nalu Paddleboards
- North Coast Paddle Sports
- Northeast Ohio Adventures Meetup Group
- Northeast Ohio Kayakers (NEOK) Meetup Group
- Ocean Paddling Club Cleveland (formerly Cleveland Sea Kayakers Meetup).

- Orange High School
- Stark Park
- Tri-C
- University of Akron <http://www.uakron.edu/srws/outdoor-adventure-center/open-kayaking-times.dot>

Summary:

The goal is to make information on kayaking readily available to those who want to learn, and be active in the sport. If you would be interested in helping or if you have questions/suggestions please contact Dave Roush VP Keelhaulers rockyroush@gmail.com phone [440.623.9035](tel:440.623.9035) or Marcia Karchmer, seakayak chair Keelhaulers (karchmerm@yahoo.com) or by phone: [440-572-1837](tel:440-572-1837).

We expect to have a go/no go decision in March.

Water Injuries and Prevention

Hi There,

My name is Emma and I am contacting you regarding water safety. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are 359,000 unintentional drowning deaths worldwide, every year. As the summer approaches, it is especially important to educate children on proper behavior when playing in or near water.

I am a blogger and water sport enthusiast. I have teamed-up with a local attorney to promote water safety education. Please check out our website about [water injuries and prevention](#). If you find this information useful, please link to us from your site so we can better educate the online community on water safety.

Thanks for your time, and I hope you're having a great day!

Sincerely,

Emma Tucker, Emma@WaterAccidentInjury.com, Wateraccidentinjury.com

21st Annual Cheat River Festival



Saturday, May 2nd , 11:30 am - 11:00 pm

Albright, West Virginia

All festival proceeds benefit Friends of the Cheat

More Information at www.CheatFest.org

Time to check your PFD? Borrowed from Jennifer Brock. Coastal Ca-news Club....

On your lifejacket, check that the cloth is still strong. Pull on the straps. How is the stitching? Are the buckles still working properly? Once a good day shows up, the temptation to "make do" can be overwhelming.

While you're at it, how does it fit? What about your kids/grandkids? Do they still fit in last year's jacket? BoatUS has a good video on fitting a child's lifejacket. <http://www.boatus.org/life-jacket-loaner/fit-video.asp>, and much of it applies to adult jackets as well.

With a little searching, I found the following recommendations from the US Coast Guard:

1. Check the manufacturer's label to ensure that the life jacket is a proper fit for your size and weight.
2. Make sure the jacket is properly fastened.
3. Hold your arms straight up over your head.
4. Ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up.
5. Make sure there is no excess room above the openings and that the jacket does not ride up over your chin or face.

REI has a good article on choosing a lifejacket. Granted they want to sell you one but the advice is still good. Check it out at <http://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/personal-flotation-device.html>.

Be sure to **Try It On For Size**. Remember a lifejacket only works if you have it on and a comfortable lifejacket is more likely to be worn.

47th Annual Vermilion River Race March 22, 2015 By Jon Reising

The 47th Annual Vermilion River Race was held on March 22 2015 with dry but cold weather. Once again due to low water conditions the race was moved to the alternate course in downtown Vermilion. Everyone that raced showed much gratitude for continuing the race. There were a total of 34 people racing and 28 boats.

I would like to thank all of you that volunteered to help with all the jobs that it takes to put on the race both before with John Kobak updating the race application process and Pam Poljak for doing the pre-registration and scoring the day of the race. Hank, Carl and Dave at start. Marcia, Mary and Jo Ann at registration, Jim, Steve and Mary for doing finish line, Karen for safety, and a big thank you Bob Bair for doing refreshments. Also, Steve and Mary for doing the publicity. If there is someone I forgot please accept my apology. I am old and forgetful.

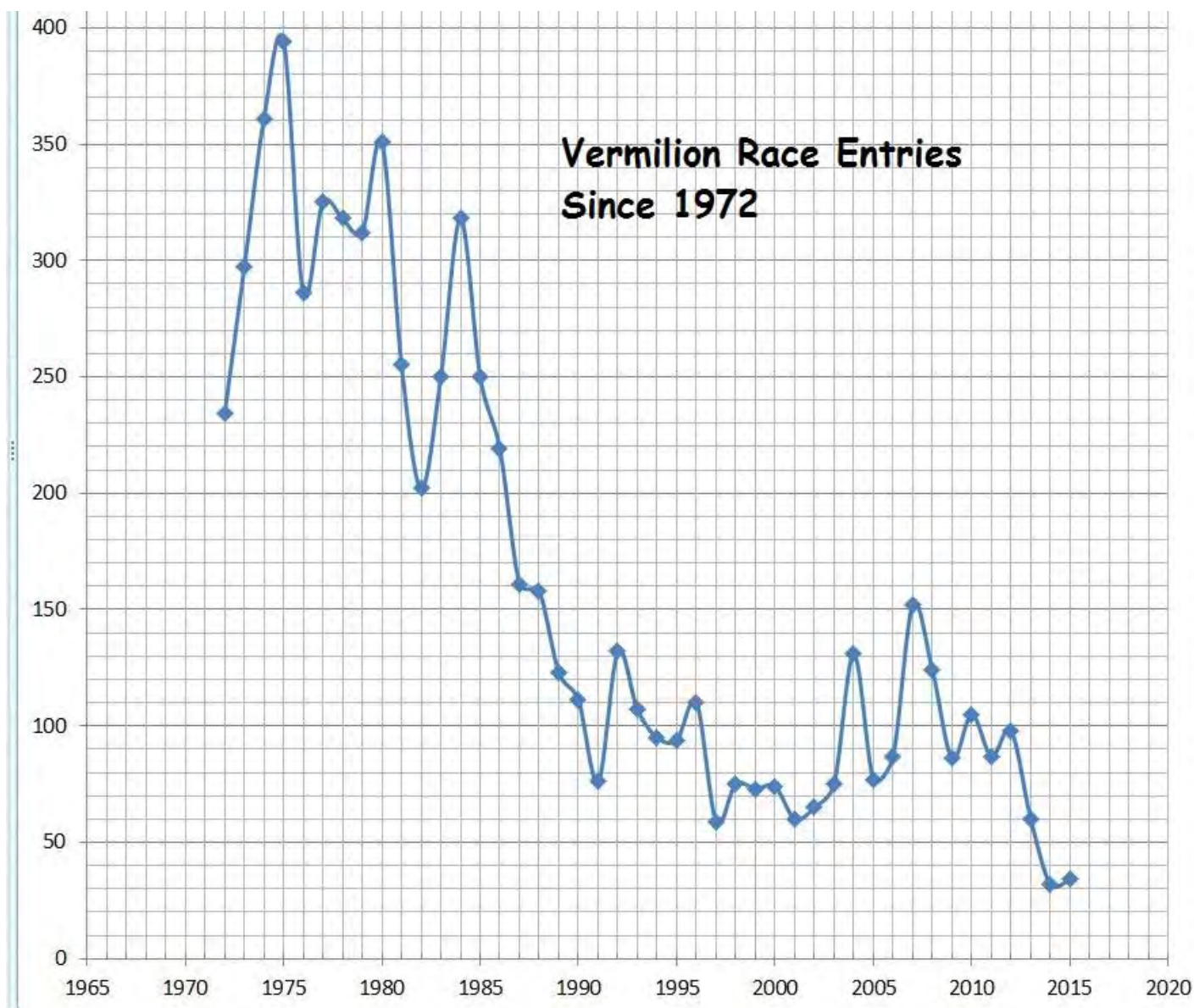
I hope to continue having the race with your help up though the 50th Annual Race.

See you next year if not before. Hopefully on the traditional section of the river.

Jon

Vermilion River Race Results

Class	Bib #	Elapsed Time	Name	2nd Racer Name	Start Time	Finish Time	Handi cap
1	C-2 Unrestricted Canoe						
	189	0:58:49	Hull, Thomas	Hawkins, Lynn	11:35:00	12:33:49	00:00:
	186	0:59:11	Oravec, Dave	Burt, Richard	10:32:00	11:31:11	00:00:
2	C-2 Mixed or Women Canoe						
	70	0:44:16	Masek, Dan	Masek, Sarah	11:19:00	12:03:16	00:00:
4	C-2 Senior > 49 yrs old						
	187	0:43:03	Streb, Ken	Brax, Debbie	10:30:00	11:14:33	01:30:
	63	0:47:56	Markwell, Walter	Williams, Al	10:48:00	11:39:26	03:30:
	191	0:50:41	Primuth, Gary	Wightman, Daniel	10:39:00	11:35:31	05:50:
6	C-1 One Person Canoe						
	67	0:41:57	Conant, Skip		10:50:00	11:31:57	00:00:
	72	0:45:36	Krizman, Joe		11:56:00	12:41:36	00:00:
8	K-1 Short Kayak < 11.5', Men						
	183	0:55:30	Stoll, Mike		10:36:00	11:31:30	00:00:
	68	1:01:11	Yakunovich, John		11:07:00	12:08:11	00:00:
10	K-1 Kayak < 14.4', Men						
	64	0:49:49	Herbert, Larry		10:42:00	11:31:49	00:00:
	184	0:53:36	Stoll, Mike		11:43:00	12:36:36	00:00:
	69	0:53:41	Anderson, James		10:58:00	11:51:41	00:00:
	196	0:58:37	Smith, Daniel		10:35:00	11:33:37	00:00:
11	K-1 Kayak > 11.5', Women						
	193	1:07:52	Keith, Joy		10:34:00	11:41:52	00:00:
	195	1:10:39	Smith, Megan		10:33:00	11:43:39	00:00:
12	K-1 Senior > 49 yrs old, < 14.5'						
	61	0:42:36	Foley, Mike		10:41:00	11:23:36	00:00:
	185	0:43:27	Widman, Richard		10:46:00	11:29:27	00:00:
	66	0:45:26	Wadsworth, Phillip		10:47:00	11:32:26	00:00:
	200	0:47:51	Kemp, Jim		10:44:00	11:31:51	00:00:
	192	0:49:31	Henwood, Gerard		10:43:00	11:32:31	00:00:
	188	1:02:25	Kaylor, Tom		10:45:00	11:47:25	00:00:
13	K-1 Long Kayak >14.5', Men						
	62	0:37:55	White, Joe		10:51:00	11:28:55	00:00:
14	K-1 Senior > 49 yrs old Long Kayak >						
	65	0:39:48	Leszek, Ed		10:49:00	11:28:48	00:00:
	198	0:45:57	McCrate, Kelley		10:38:00	11:23:57	00:00:
	194	0:52:21	Kernohan, Mark		10:40:00	11:32:21	00:00:
15	K-1 Senior Women >49 yrs old, >11.5'						
	197	0:51:45	Burkett, Jana		10:37:00	11:28:45	00:00:
	199	1:13:09	Homberg, Donna		10:31:00	11:44:09	00:00:



SWIFTWATER RESCUE CLINIC JUNE 27-28

by Joe Marksz

Swiftwater Rescue Clinic, Taught by Charlie Walbridge, June 27th & 28th 2015 :

For the 8th year in a row Charlie Walbridge will be conducting a Swiftwater Rescue Clinic exclusively for our Club members. This Clinic has trained nearly 120 of our members and I'm sure that has made a big difference within our boating community. Registration for this year's clinic is now open and will close when full. There's a limit of 10 members and the cost is \$90 plus \$5 ACA insurance if you are not an ACA member. This Clinic has always filled quickly and last year we even

added a second class. If we end up with any extra proceeds we'll donate to Friends of the Cheat as we have in past years. Camping is at Teter's in Albright. Dry land portion is held right there at the campground and on water portion is held on one of the nearby rivers depending on levels. Typically, the Cheat Narrows takeout. You can also go on Charlie's website to get more exact details on what's covered or contact me.

More Information or to sign up: Contact Joe Marksz joemarksz@gmail.com 216-533-0604

Phase I of the Friendsville Boaters Parking Lot – Complete by Jim Hunt

I checked out the progress on the 25th and Phase I appears the work is done. There is a drainage ditch with numerous retention basins along the east fence and a paved entry way from the road. About a quarter to a third of the field has been graded and covered in road base. It appears that there is paved-improved parking for about a quarter to a third of the normal number of cars there on Fridays and Saturdays. Normally there are 5 rows of parked cars for at least a quarter of the length of the field - the new paved-improved area will hold 2 rows of cars for about 2/3 the length of the field.

I assume we will still be able to park the rest of the cars on the grass as we did last summer. If not, there will again be a bunch of cars on the street again.



Drainage ditch along the east fence and paved access path to the liquor store.



Entry driveway and improved area in the background. Note the new ditch down the middle of the field.

Kayaking Classes

Marcia Karchmer, Seakayak Chair

Cleveland Metroparks: April 12: Kayaking I: Seven Hills RecCtr.; 9am-12 noon: \$45; also 4/16 at Baldwin Wallace, Lou Higgins building: 6-9pm. Call 216-341-1704 to register. Ages 14 and over with adult.

Kayaking 2: Supplemental Skills: deep water re-entry techniques and advanced paddling strokes. Prereq: Kayaking I; 4/19: 9am-12: Seven Hills Community Rec. Ctr. Call as above.

Marcia Karchmer, Seakayaking Chair

SOUTHERN RIVERS TRIP 2015 Michael Duvall

April 11, 2015 - April 17, 2015

Every Spring the club tries to head south for warmer weather in Tenn, NC and surrounding states. For many years John Kobak was the organizer and for over 10 years I went on his trip. John introduced me to rivers like Nolichucky, Tellico, and Chattooga. Last year I organized the trip and John went on my trip. So I was able to return the favor and introduce him to two rivers he had never run; Wilsons Creek and Cheoah.

This year we picked the week starting April 11 with the hope that there will be warm temps and water in all our favorite class III/IV rivers. This is a great way to start your paddling year. Contact me at MichaelDuvall66@att.net or 216-513-5921 for more information.

See pictures from last year's trip.



Carolyn DeVenney, Little River



Jeff Macklin, Wilson Creek



Michael Duvall, Wilson Creek



John Kobak, Wilson Creek

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4/4,5,18,19	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
4/11	(1) Grand River (OH)	SK/FW	Carl Kudrna	440-263-0451
4/11	(1) Little Beaver (OH)	SK/FW	Doug Lyons	740-317-7007
4/11,12	17th annual Webster WW Weekend (WV)		Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
4/11,12	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/11-19	(4) Southern Rivers Trip TN,NC,SC,GA Map - Detail map	22-32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
4/14	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
4/17	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/18	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
4/18	(1) Grand River Race - Alternate Date 4/25	SK/FW	Brian Davidson	800-669-9226
4/18,19	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
4/24	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/25	(3) Cuyahoga River, Lower Gorge (OH)	20	Chris Kiehl	330-869-6549
4/25,26	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Chuck McDowell	330-447-1086
4/26	(5) Cheat River Race Clinic (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541

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Keelhauler's Ka-news MAY, 2015



Next Club Meeting is Tuesday, May 12th

*at Middleburg Hts. Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd*

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

Program: River Rescue Video

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl Nelson



Certain events mark the changing of the seasons. The arrival of spring in some parts of the country is heralded by the flowering of the Bradford pear trees, followed by the redbud and dogwood accompanied by the fragrance of honeysuckle wafting through the open window. In other parts of

the country, moving a baseball came because of snow and the fragrance of skunks accompanies the buzzards returning to the neighborhood [where do they return from?]

Some people celebrate spring with a trip to the Cheat Fest or StoneyFest. Others celebrate spring with trying to fit into last years PFD—which for some reason is a just a tad tighter than last year. It also means roadtrips to the river. Please do not listen to the audiobook *Insane City* by Dave Barry on the way to river. It is hard to keep the vehicle between the lines when you are laughing so hard you pee your pants.

May will mark the end of the spring season of meetings at the Middleburg Heights Community Center. Last month I mentioned *Heads Up! River Rescue for River Runners*. We're going old school with VHS tape (copyright 1993) featuring safety gurus Les Bechdel, Glenn Carlson, Jim Segerstrom and Charlie Walbridge.

Remember that the club did not purchase permits for the June-July-August Lower Yough trips. You can get a season permit and reserve a launch time [Saturday at 10:00; Sunday at 9:00] now or you can wait until closer to the trip date and snag a permit then.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2015 at Middleburg Heights
Recreation Center
Respectfully submitted
by Donna Homberg

17 people in attendance

Unfinished Business

Thank you, Jon Reising and company for the superb management of the 47th Annual Vermilion Race. Sounds like next year the race will be on the River with enough water and faster times. Jon will be there and so will we!

Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 22-April-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4299.92</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11073.82</u></u>

New Ohiopyle Reservation Instructions By April Hollis

Ohiopyle - Lower Yough boating permit reservations

1. Go to: [Direct Link to Ohiopyle River Reservations](#)
2. Select "**Enter Date**" under Whitewater Hard Boating
3. Enter Date, Number of Tickets, Click Find Tour Times
4. Pick a **starting time** that is available & number of tickets
5. **Enter payment** information

John Kobak has changed all of the internal links on all of our Lower Yough trips on our schedule to these new instructions: <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/tripschedule.htm#Y>

Conservation By Jim Hunt

FROM AMERICAN WHITEWATER

Dear River Lovers,

Last week, we let you know that the Department of Energy is still pursuing its goal to double hydropower in the U.S. by 2030. Reaching this goal would require damming just about every last reach of freely flowing river, and the hydropower industry is eager to help meet it. We can meet our energy needs without damming another river, and we need your help to spread the word- #NoNewDams.

The list of river basins targeted for new hydropower projects is long, and includes treasured whitewater rivers across the country that we all love. Doubling hydropower production would require rolling back bedrock environmental laws that protect these rivers. Please help us spread the word that this is unacceptable.

How You Can Help

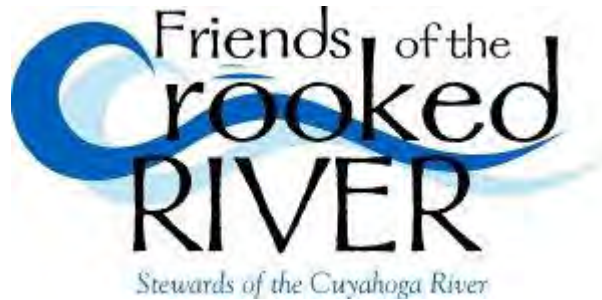
If you use social media, post photos of your favorite U.S. rivers with #NoNewDams and tagging @U.S. Department of Energy and @American Whitewater on Facebook, and @Energy and @AmerWhitewater on Twitter and Instagram. Name the river, the state it's in and include a message about keeping it freely flowing and what you love about it.

For more info on why doubling hydropower just doesn't make sense, click [here](#).

Let's stop a new era of dam-building in its tracks. Help us show the Department of Energy that rivers have value beyond hydropower, and that we will not stand for a vision of damming every river! #NoNewDams

Thanks for taking action!

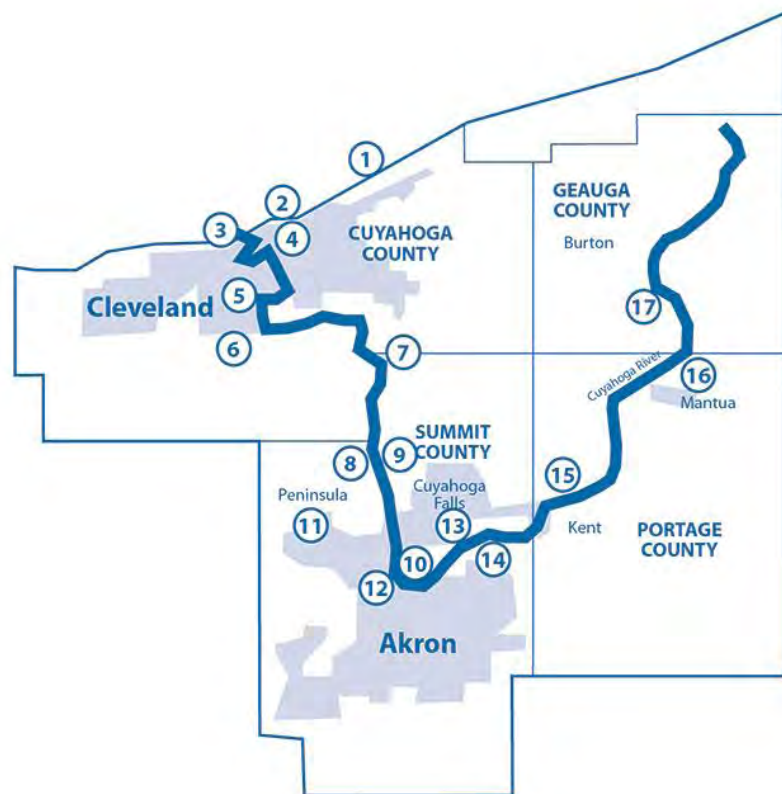
25th Annual River Day – May 16, 2015



Join Friends of the Crooked River for a day filled with river based activities. The celebration covers 4 northeast Ohio counties, the length of the Cuyahoga River, and most of the events are free. There are too many things to list, so see the following link or contact:

Elaine Marsh at ohgreenway@gmail.com.

<http://www.crookedriverday.org/events.html>



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Kayaking Tours and Classes By Marcia Karchmer

Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation Opportunities is offering a Cuyahoga River Tour--Kayak on May 9 and a Cuyahoga River Tour-Canoe on May 19. Also a LaDue Reservoir Kayak Tour on May 26. Boat, equipment included: all are \$40.

They will have Kayaking 1 & 2 lessons: Flat-water Fundamentals on June 27 at Hinckley Lake: \$75, boat and equipment included. Go to Cleveland Metroparks.com, or call 216-341-1704. Cut-off to register without a late fee is 8 days prior to the trip/lessons.

More Kayak trips: Lorain Co. Metropark: Contact Ruth at: ruthdnp@gmail.com.

5/20 Nimisila Reservoir Float: bring your own boat.

June: LCM Park:

6/13: Kent to Cuyahoga Falls: club led float on the upper Cuyahoga River.

6/30 Paddling Night at Findley Lake.

Slippery Rock Training Clinic June 6-7 By Joe Marks

Due to the cooperative relationship between Three Rivers and Keelhauler Clubs, members can participate in the Slippery Rock Training Clinic without having to become a member of both Clubs. Although it makes a lot of sense and many of us are.

There are adult classes for every ability level as well as separate classes for kids up to 16. There's also been classes for canoe the last number of years that have been quite popular. We camp at Breakneck Campground right there in the park. If you are at all interested in getting some good training and improving your skill level (aren't we all) then you should seriously take advantage of this. It's really a great time. If you are a high intermediate on up please consider signing up to assist in teaching. No experience necessary and you get a free dinner Saturday night. You can help an experienced instructor or just safety boat if you want. This weekend is really a lot of fun and you will come away with some new skills as well as some new paddling buddies.

You can read about the weekend and download the necessary forms at the link below. Just indicate that you are a paid member of Keelhaulers on your registration form. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: MAY 16

<http://threeriverspaddlingclub.org/club-events/>

Contact me if you have any questions about the registration process or Clinic. REMEMBER... DEADLINE IS MAY 16

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5/2,3,30,31	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
5/1	Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/2	Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV)	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
5/2,3	(4) Upper Big Sandy, Little Sandy, Cheat Narrows (WV)	18-23	Jerry Spence	614-561-3198
5/2,3	Cheat Fest Weekend (WV) 	18-26	Needs organizer	
5/3	(3) Cheat Narrows or (5) Canyon(WV)	18 or 26	Phil/Jen Raber	740-498-7063
5/9-10	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
5/9,10	(5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV)	26	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
5/9,10	(5) Cheat Canyon, Cranberry or Upper Meadow (WV) Be sure to contact Dave for river choice.	26	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
5/12	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
5/15	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
5/15-17	(4) Stonycreek Rendezvous (PA) 	21	Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
5/16	RiverDay 2015 Events Friends of the Crooked River (OH) 		Elaine Marsh	330-328-3909
5/16,17	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
5/23	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Ann Corey	330-858-4841
5/23	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
5/23,24	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/24,25	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
5/30	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	Sabine Iben	440-543-4969
5/30	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	April Hollis	703-915-6382

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May, 2015



Congrats Cade!



Keelhauler's Ka-news JUNE, 2015



Next Club Meeting Tuesday June 9th
at Wendy Park
Near Edgewater Park on Lake Erie

Program: No Program

Bring your kayak and paddle behind the breakwall to the mouth of the Cuyahoga and
upstream as far as you have time for.
Or just have a nice after work get-together

[Map to Wendy Park](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl Nelson



There are a lot of either or questions one faces in life:

Q: Ford or Chevy? Ans: Toyota

Q: Coke or Pepsi? Ans: I'd rather go thirsty than drink a Pepsi

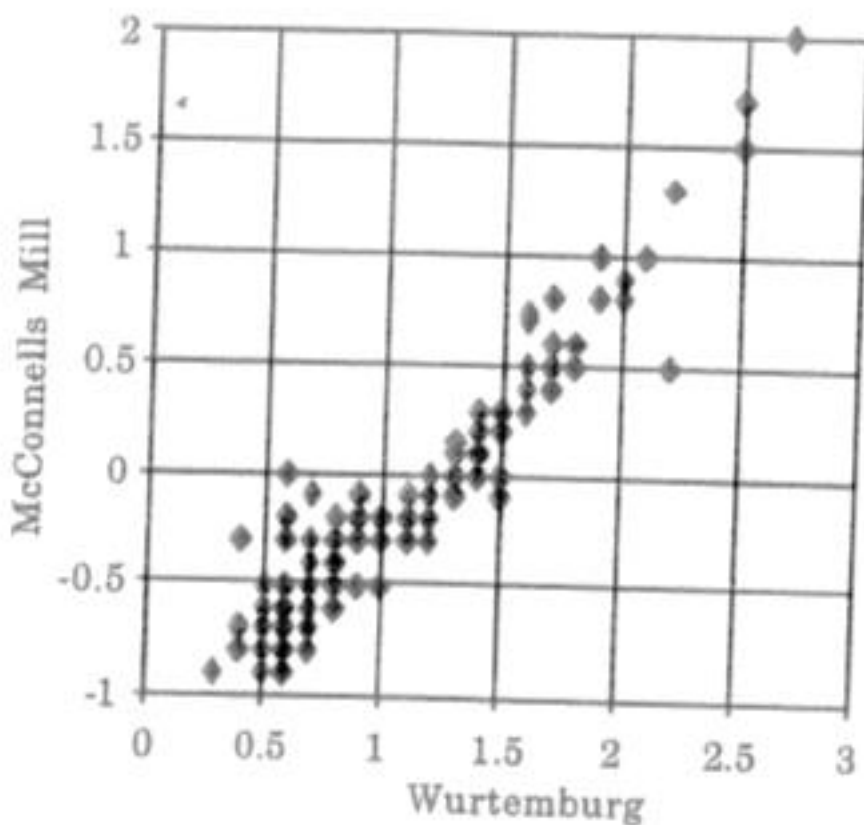
Q: OSU or Michigan? Ans: Who cares

Q: Creek boat or playboat? Ans: Open boat

Q: CFS or Feet? Ans: Depends

Actually, I didn't have to answer the CFS or Feet question until I started paddling around here. When I was much younger than I am now and was just starting paddling the Hiwassee, it was how many generators are releasing—one or two? And for the Coosa it was how many CFS—2000, 4000, 6000, 8000, 10000. It is a big wide river and you did have to watch out for bass boats coming up the rapids.

Before we had access to the USGS gauges on-line, we had to depend on someone driving over the bridge and looking at something painted on the bridge. Now we just look at the Keelhauler website for the river level and make our decision about whether to stay home or go paddling.



This figure is from the *Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia* (8th Ed, 1991). The USGS moved the gauge at Wurtemberg. That made the conversion to the height at the Mill all out of whack. Mark Russell and some of his compadres made comparisons of the flow at the Wurtemberg gauge and the height at the Mill. Mark used the relationship between CFS at Wurtemberg and the eyeballed height at the Mill to calculate a formula to predict the height at the Mill. The formula that is now on the Keelhauler website will give the height at the Mill—and 95% of the predictions should be within 2 inches of the height at the Mill. The paddling community owes them a large debt of gratitude.

Treasurer's Report and Vermilion Race Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 10-May-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4515.48</u>
Total	\$11289.38

2015 Vermilion Race Report

INCOME	
Refreshment stand	95
Registration fees	517
TOTAL INCOME	612
EXPENSES	
Awards*	1,042
Donation	100
Insurance	128
Membership	30
Miscellaneous	57
Postage	67
Refreshments	81
TOTAL EXPENSES	1504
OVERALL TOTAL	-892
*Adjustment (purchased 3 year's supply of awards)	695
ADJUSTED TOTAL	-197

**Slippery Rock
April 18, 2015
By Mark Spang**

Cold weather may not always keep Keelhaulers from the Slip, but warm weather sure brings them out. Dave Chapek and I arrived at Rose Point on Friday night on April 17 with plans to take a quick peek at the river and then set up camp at the Cheeseman farm campground. We began to chat on the bridge with some trout fisherman camping at Rose Point who were looking forward to the opening day of trout fishing the next morning.

I suggested that because they were such good fisherman they would likely have their limit of five trout before our little kayak group arrived to set up shuttle at 10 a.m. They laughed and we boaters and the trout fishermen agreed we'd try to stay out of each others' way.

While we were talking, two kayakers from the Pittsburgh area arrived to put in for a quick after-work run. When they offered to give one of us a ride back to the put-in if we wanted to make a run ourselves, Dave and I scrambled into our gear with a little more than an hour before sundown.

We estimated the level on Friday night to be about 1.5 to 2 feet. With little warm up, and it being one of my first runs of the season, the Slip welcomed me back by slapping my little Wavesport EZG50 around pretty good. A couple of enders, flips and (fortunately) rolls reminded me to work at keeping my weight forward. I even got to practice an eskimo rescue. (Thanks, Dave.)

It was exhilarating prelude to what promised to be a brighter and less rushed trip down the river on Saturday morning.

As trip organizer, I had a list of about a dozen strong paddlers, so it promised to be a great day. We had a new member, Fr. Gabriel Lavery, making his first Slip trip in his Sea Eagle inflatable and we had Matt Jackson coming with his GoPro camera gear.

Meanwhile, the weather report kept getting better and better. Early in the week we were supposed to be starting out with temps in the upper 50s, then it was raised into the mid-60s and by Saturday morning we were told to expect sun and temperatures in the mid-70s!

Texts and calls to my phone continued Friday night and Saturday morning as the group grew to 20 paddlers. Granted, we had to compete with fishermen for parking – and eddy – spaces, but the sunny day seemed to have everyone in a good mood. We even cheered on one angler as he landed a rainbow trout as we watched from the beach below Eckert Bridge.

With 20 paddlers, we stretched out along the river for quite a ways and a lunch break at the Mill looked a bit like a flash mob, but we certainly added to the excitement of a warm spring day at McConnell's Mill Park.



Mark Spang's Slippery Rock Group

New USGS to Slippery Rock Mill Gage Formula

Mark H. Russell — :{ Fiends Paddling Club}:— mill.gage@yahoo.com

New Keel-Hauler Slippery Rock Calculator

Abstract

Whitewater boaters use a conversion formula to estimate Slippery Rock Creek McConnell's Mill gage levels using USGS Wurtemburg, PA gage data. Due to a fall of 2013 USGS gage relocation; the formula no longer estimates the Mill gage. A new formula was developed statistically using matched Mill and USGS gage data.

Introduction

The whitewater community uses the Slippery Rock Creek (Slip) McConnell's Mill water level gage, called a staff gage, to check Slip water levels. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) water level gage readings, USGS' terms are gage height or stage, from Wurtemburg, PA are used to estimate the Mill gage using a conversion formula. One common formula is $\text{Mill gage} \approx (\text{USGS} \cdot 1.4) - 1.7$.

At the beginning of the 2014 whitewater season, it was apparent the formula no longer estimated Mill levels. Since there was no change to the Mill gage, this suggested a change to the USGS Wurttemberg gage. Mr. Clinton Hittle, Supervisory Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, PA WSC was contacted inquiring about changes. He emailed the following, "...The streamgage was moved upstream about 50' (at the bridge) last fall due to safety issues with accessing the old streamgage. The old gage intakes were located below a rock riffle and the current orifice is located above the rock riffle in line with the downstream bridge deck ... the water surface (gage height) is going to relate differently to your upstream staff gage. In order to utilize your staff gage you will need to establish a new relationship through time ... I find that the paddling community is some of the most avid supporters of the streamgage network and we value your feedback." Subsequent phone conversations with Mr. Hittle provided additional information on the complexities of USGS stream gaging.

The purpose of this project was to develop a new conversion formula using statistical methods to provide as accurate a formula as possible. The formula is intended for the general whitewater community; and to provide American Whitewater with a new formula to replace the outdated one used to calculate the Slip virtual gage provided on their web site.

USGS Stream Gaging

It is important to know several things about USGS' stream gaging to understand decisions made in developing the formula. USGS' web site provides both gage height and discharge. Discharge is USGS' term for flow, and gage height is also called stage. USGS' primary purpose is to provide the stream's flow, in cubic feet per second (cfs). Flow is more useful at describing conditions along the length of a stream than is gage height at a single location. The following is needed to calculate flow: velocity of the water, in feet per second (ft/s), and cross sectional area of the water in the stream channel, in square feet (ft²): $\text{ft/s} \times \text{ft}^2 = \text{ft}^3/\text{s}$ or cfs. Gage height is used to determine the cross sectional area at varying levels. USGS uses this data to convert gage height to discharge using graphical analysis to develop the stage-discharge relationship called a base rating, or just rating.

See: <http://help.waterdata.usgs.gov/faq/surface-water/how-to-interpret-gage-height-and-streamflow-values>

The relocated Wurttemberg gage is in a naturally occurring pool created by the above mentioned rock riffle. USGS refers to the rock riffle creating the pool as the control. Every whitewater boater knows rock riffles, streambeds and banks can change over time due to high water events and scouring, bank erosion, fallen trees, etc. A change to the control could change gage height without actually changing flow. This would also change the mathematical relationship between gage height and discharge, resulting in inaccurate discharge results.

USGS accounts for stream changes by re-measuring the velocity and contours of the streambed and banks at the gage location about every six weeks. The information is used to adjust; USGS' term is shift, the rating, thus providing accurate discharge data. When studying historical data, identical gage heights can sometimes result in different flows. Shifts to the rating can account for this.

See: <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/wwhelps/ratings.html>

One concern with the new gage location was the stability of the control over time. If the control proved to be unstable, the gage would have to be relocation yet again. A second relocation would compromise any formula based on data collected with the gage at the first relocation. New data would have to be collected if there were a second relocation. The control has now survived four seasons and some high water events, so is likely stable. Development of a formula

could then proceed with data from a stable gage location. This is why it has taken some time to develop a new formula.

An added benefit to the delay was 75% of USGS discharge data used was revised for accuracy, changing status from Provisional to Approved. This process takes USGS about six months. Though the revisions made little difference, the mean change was only 36 cfs. All were for less flow.

Methods

Mill gage levels, with times read, were collected 26 times from 6-22-2014 through 4-26-2015. To reduce measurement error, readings were taken in a prescribed manner by three individuals. The gage was observed from a position as low and in front of the gage as practical. Observations from the walkway above and to the side of the gage are surprisingly different from those taken as described above.

The Mill gage reads from 0 to 7.5 ft with only 0.25 ft divisions. It is also located in the downstream turbulent out wash of a dam, and has no stilling well. This poor location results in water pulsating on the gage about 2 inches at low levels and 0.75 ft or more at higher levels. This makes accurate observations challenging. The suggested method for this situation is to visually estimate an average between high and low observations, or use the lowest observed level.

No attempt was made to account for the time delay between the Mill and the downstream Wurtemberg gage location. This would have required timed dye testing that seemed unnecessary for a formula meant only for an approximation.

Mill reading times were used to obtain matching discharge data from USGS' web site (see Appendix II). Online linear regression calculators were used to provide statistical information using Mill level and discharge data pairs.

See: <http://onlinestatbook.com/2/regression/intro.html>

Results & Statistics

Two online calculators were used for statistical analysis, and can be found at:

http://vassarstats.net/corr_stats.html

<http://www.alcula.com/calculators/statistics/linear-regression/>

Statistical methods cannot provide good raw data. They can only interpret the data collected and help determine its quality. In this case, graph a scatterplot of the data, its regression line (See Appendix I), derive that line's mathematical formula, help identify bad data, called outliers, and show the strength of the correlation, or co-variance, between the two gages.

Appendix II shows the actual Mill levels read, the matching levels predicted by the new formula (Calc Mill) and the difference in inches between the two (Actual v Calc Error), these differences are also called residuals (see Appendix III). For 79% of the data, the predicted levels are an inch or less different from actual Mill levels, with a maximum error of 2.4 inches. The standard error of estimate (s_e) = 0.0903 ft or about 1.1 inch (see Appendix III); it is the amount of the typical error between an actual Mill level and a level predicted by the new formula.

The coefficient of determination (r^2) = 0.986 (see Appendix III); it describes the strength of the correlation between the two gages. It can only vary from 0 (no correlation) to 1 (perfect correlation). This means 98.6% of the predicted Mill level is due to the co-variance or linear

relationship between the two gages. Conversely, only 1.4% of a calculated Mill level is not due to the corresponding USGS discharge value.

Appendix II shows Mill levels are not perfectly consistent with USGS discharge values. There are several potential sources of error that include the time delay between gage locations, Provisional v Approved data, and, most likely, measurement error due to the crude Mill gage, and how observers interpreted that gage.

Because of the likelihood of measurement error, several methods were used to identify data outliers. These included high residual values, a residual plot, and multiple regression calculations with and without suspect data. For each regression calculation, increases and decreases to regression line slope, s_e and r^2 were evaluated. Criteria used to identify outliers were data with residuals greater than three times the mean of all residuals, in addition to actual v calculated error values over 4 inches. Four inches is enough to affect whitewater conditions on the Slip. ID# 19 and 26 were identified as mild outliers, excluded from data used to derive the formula and are ~~marked~~ in Appendix II.

Both the old and new formulas describe a linear relationship between the USGS and Mill gages. They take the classic form: $y = mx \pm b$.

Where: y = the dependent variable = Mill level in ft
 m = the slope of the regression line
 x = the independent variable = USGS discharge in cfs
 b = the y axis intercept of the regression line

Because of this linear relationship, the formula should work at both lower and higher levels than those used to derive the formula.

The derived conversion formula using USGS Wurtemberg, PA discharge in cfs is **Mill gage (ft) $\approx$ (cfs $\cdot$ 0.00247622079) – 0.7066612082**. Of course, rounding for a shorter formula will increase error. However, **Mill gage (ft) $\approx$ (cfs $\cdot$ 0.00248) – 0.71** only increases the mean error over using the entire formula by 0.0075 inch with a maximum increase of 0.08 inch, which is negligible. The shortest acceptable formula is **Mill gage (ft) $\approx$ (cfs $\cdot$ 0.0025) – 0.7**, increasing mean error 0.05 inch with a maximum error of 0.4 inch, which is little difference. Rounding “m” further, from 0.0025 to 0.002, giving Mill gage (ft) $\approx$ (cfs $\cdot$ 0.002) – 0.7 is not recommended. This increases mean error by 2.1 inches with an unacceptably high maximum increase of 6.5 inches.

Discussion

No claim is made this is an ideal formula. With higher quality raw data better estimates could be developed. It would be particularly helpful if the gage at the Mill were properly located in the pool above the dam. Experience will show if the formula is adequate for its intended purpose or should be adjusted.

Although, assuming the collected data is reasonably good, and considering a standard error of estimate of only 1.1 inch, with the linear correlation coefficient (see Appendix III) and coefficient of determination both close to their maximum value of one; this new conversion formula should be more than adequate for whitewater boaters to estimate the Mill gage.

Previous conversion formulas used USGS gage height in feet to estimate the Mill gage. There are two major benefits to using USGS discharge in cfs instead of gage height:

1st - As explained under USGS Stream Gaging above, discharge is corrected by shifts to the rating to account for changes in the stream. Therefore, a discharge-based formula provides a more accurate estimate of the Mill level.

2nd – More importantly: Providing consistent discharge data from the Wurtemberg location is USGS' primary goal. Therefore, as long as the Wurtemberg gage is not relocated radically, above or below a tributary, discharge will not change regardless of future gage relocation. Because of this, there will never again be a need to develop a new formula!

This conversion formula is available to anyone and sharing with all whitewater boaters and organizations is encouraged. It would be better to provide this entire paper, not just the formula, so the formula's development and limitations can be understood.

Distributed to: American Whitewater, Three River's Paddling Club, Keel Haulers, Ben's Creek, Erie Whitewater Paddlers, Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg, numerous individual boaters.

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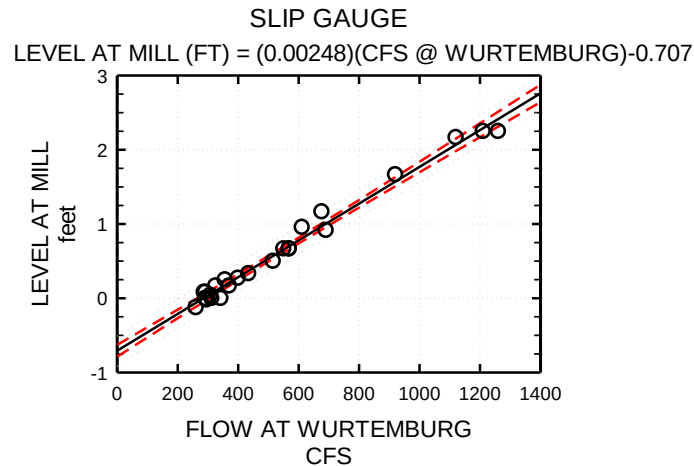
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mathematician & niece > For general & math editing, providing calculator and knowledge to use
it, reminding me of math not used for decades

Bruce McClellan & Charlie Brown > For help collecting Mill readings.



The black line is the regression line, i.e., a plot fit to the data.

The red dashed lines are the 95% confidence lines, i.e., if someone were to collect 100 data sets and calculate a regression line, 95 would be within the 95% confidence lines.

The blue dotted lines are the 95% prediction interval. This means that if the flow is 700 cfs, that 95% of the time the height at the Mill will be within about 2 inches of a foot.

Dangerous Flatwater by Matt Muir

Where I live now, there's no good whitewater really nearby. No Cuyahoga or Tinker's or anything like that. So to get my paddle jones satiated, I often hit up the local reservoir. It's got cool birds, I can get in half an hour or so before work, and it got me in shape for the Gauley Marathon last year. And sometimes it has its own unique hazards.

Recently, I went for a good 1.5-hour paddle before my weekend commitments intruded. Saw a cormorant, the first green heron of the year, and...and...

And I encountered Psycho Swan.

I got past the bridge into the little cove, where I've seen swans before. This guy came from, like, 50-100 feet away, to swim right next to me. His feathers were all fluffed out; I took all that as a sign of territorial aggression (doubtless protecting a nest). I kept paddling along, toward the next bridge.



Here he comes! (Cues *Jaws* music.)

When I hit some shallows and had to turn around, I gave him a *wide* berth. He changed direction to (sorta) cut me off at the pass. In that shallow water, he was swimming faster than I could paddle.

As I got to deeper water, I started pulling away. I heard some flapping, and the critter flew at me! He came within a foot or two of my head, and landed within a couple inches of the bow of my boat. Don't tell ME that's not an aggressive action.

I just kept paddling. What else could I do? He set up for another flying charge at me. I splashed him as hard as I could with my paddle. (I figured

that might anger him further, but I had precious few arrows up my sleeve, so to speak.) He backed off. I kept paddling. He gathered for another run at me; I splashed hard, and he backed off again. We were several hundred feet from his initial location by then, and he finally gave up the chase.

A few days later, on one of my pre-work runs, I saw the guy with the racing shell. He saw me heading for the bridge, and he warned me of the swan. Dude's got a reputation!

Swans are beautiful, and they look all peaceful, quietly swimming and minding their own business. However, they do have a reputation for being territorial and aggressive. I'm here to testify to that. I actually read an article about a paddler in a Chicago suburb, who flipped his boat when

attacked by a swan. He tried to swim to shore, but the swan kept attacking him, and he drowned. That's some scary stuff. Me? I'll keep paddling in that reservoir; but any time I'm fixin' to go past that bridge, I'm going to be on my guard.



Psycho Swan and his mate, in a happier time.

Paddle Skills Volunteers Needed by Mark Spang

Hi all,

I know about 30 middle school students who want to learn to paddle canoes, kayaks and SUP and I'm seeking some volunteer help. The classes are on three Mondays in June at Whiskey Island, June 15, 22 and 29. The program is [Spirit of America](#) sponsored by Bay Village Schools. It is a fun and rewarding experience to see kids, some who've never had a chance to paddle before, learn the basics. No professional teaching experience is necessary, though volunteers do need to be fingerprinted to protect the kids.

Think you can help? Right now I am in desperate need for help on the 29th, and need at least one more on the 22nd, please.

Give me a call at 440-522-0520. Mark Spang

Swiftwater Rescue Clinic Taught by Charlie Walbridge June 27th and 28th, 2015

For the 8th year in a row Charlie Walbridge will be conducting a Swiftwater Rescue Clinic exclusively for our Club members. This Clinic has trained nearly 120 of our members and I'm sure that has made a big difference within our boating community. Registration for this year's clinic is now open and will close when full or by the end of April. There's a limit of 10 members and the cost is \$90 plus \$5 ACA insurance if you are not an ACA member. If we end up with any extra proceeds we'll donate to Friends of the Cheat as we have in past years.

[More Information](#)

Contact Joe Marksz to sign up joemarksz@gmail.com 216-533-0604

June	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
6/4,11,18,25	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH) - 5:30-7:30PM but call Dennis first	20-28	Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
6/6	Shenango River Paddle Fest 2015 (PA) Information Poster		Hugh Clark	724-342-5453
6/6,7	TRPC Slippery Rock Clinic Information Membership in KHCC or TRPC REQUIRED	13-19	Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
6/9	Club Meeting - Wendy Park on Whiskey Island	SK/FW	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
6/13,14,27,28	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
6/13	(1) Cuyahoga River, Peninsula to Boston Mills (OH)	SK/FW	Ann Corey	330-858-4841
6/13	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
6/19,20	Upper Yough (MD) First Saturday Release	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
6/19 to 27	(4) Paddle Colorado - Arkansas Basin, Taylor, East, Roaring Fork (CO)	25-33	Jerry Spence	614-561-3198
6/20,21	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	April Hollis	703-915-6382
6/20	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Needs organizer	
6/26,27	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
6/27,28	Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Clinic (WV) More Information Limited to 10, Register early only \$90/person		Joe Marksz	216-533-0604

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **July issue of the newsletter is **6/23/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday July 14th

*at Silver Lake
between Akron & Kent, OH*

Program: Paddling & Pot Luck Picnic

Be sure to bring your boat and paddle around in the lake, kayaks can try roll practice. Bring your kids and bathing suits for the beach. Come any time after 5 PM. We will serve the picnic dinner from 7-7:30 pm. We can use the lake until about 8:30 pm.

Additionally, there will be our annual race around the island.

Try out someone else's boat or windsurfer.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

- **A-E**: Dessert or Fruit
- **F-L**: Potato or Macaroni Salad
- **M-R**: Salad, Vegetable or Baked beans
- **S-Z**: Chips or Appetizer

The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware, and soft drinks.

[Map to Silver Lake](#)

All meetings are open to guests.
Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl M. Nelson



Once upon a time in a land far, far away, there was a red Dagger Legend canoe in our living room. Little Brian, Little Meach, Little Sarah and I paddled it around the world. There were trips to Bulldog Bend; the Hiwassee and the Nantahala. There were camping trips at Wind Creek. For the past 20 years, the big red canoe has waited for another little boy; Gramps has waited for only a decade. Tuesday we both got our wish.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES [Need some river karma?]

KHCC SUMMER PICNIC

Check the KHCC website for up-to-date information about the picnic.

YOUGH INTRO WEEKEND [July 18-19]

Fran Hoven [zenelan@sbcglobal.net; 216-375-0604] is organizing the newbies and an armada of safety boaters for first descents of the Lower Yough. REMEMBER EVERY PADDLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THEIR OWN PERMITS FOR THE LOWER YOUGH.

<http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/unifSearchResults.do#>

- Click CHECK AVAILABILITY
- Click I HAVE EXPERIENCE
- Scroll down to Whitewater Hard Boating

After 15 years, I will be returning to the Middle Yough [Karl.Nelson@aultman.com; 330-497-2483]. Camping has been arranged at Tall Oaks Campground. We have reserved the area around the large pavilion—close to the flushies and the ice cream in the office. Keep an eye on the Message Board for information about meeting times.

The ODNR Division of Watercraft is hosting a **Paddle Palooza** at West Branch State Park in Ravenna on August 15 from 10am-4pm. It will be down by the beach front. This event is to allow vendors, paddle clubs and rental agencies to promote paddling of any kind; kayak canoe or SUP. If you are available to man a booth, let Karl Nelson [Karl.Nelson@aultman.com] know and he can provide additional information or contact Keith.Dasher@dnr.state.oh.us

The **Girl Scouts of NE Ohio** are looking for volunteers as a Canoeing Program Instructor or a Canoeing Program Facilitator. They have specific qualifications and time commitments. If you interested let Karl Nelson [Karl.Nelson@aultman.com] know and he can provide additional information or contact **Gina Gerhart**; Recruitment Specialist; **Girl Scouts of North East Ohio**; 330.983.0434/800.852.4474, ext. 0434; Cell: 234.817.1226; ggerhart@gsneo.org

Veterans Kayak Football HOF Challenge

I need a favor. I am looking for 4 to 8 kayakers to help me out on August 9th near Canton Ohio to act as referees for an event we're putting on for Veterans.

The Veterans consist of 8 teams from 6 states, all are part of Team River Runner. A number of them have some type of disability. The Northeast Ohio chapter will be there.

The majority of these guys are more in tune with white water type paddling and will be using white water kayaks for the tournament. Therefore I would like the guys who act as referees to have whitewater boats if possible. I'm hoping you can post something up on the Keelhauler's website.

I already know that nobody in the entire country has ever been a referee for kayak football because it doesn't exist. We are creating this from scratch. It's intended to be fun for all involved. They will need there on kayak gear to bring that day and food and drinks will be provided. It's going to be a fun way to honor Veterans and shed a spot light on adaptive paddling and how water sports can help a person recover.

If you want to come down and watch some of the tournament (or participate) let me know and I'll make sure you're on the list of people. All the teams coming are able to camp at Canal Fulton

Canoe Livery. No cost to participants and volunteers. It may be a lot of fun to hang out with 70 Kayak crazed Vets. The website is <http://kayakfootball.com> to get more information.

Ryan Pepper

Ohio State Director

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**Keelhauler Meeting Minutes from
By Donna Hamburg**

There were no minutes submitted.

**Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak**

**Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 21-June-2015**

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4554.00</u>
Total	\$11327.90

Ocoee River Whitewater Issue

Breaking News, April 16, 2015

Tennessee General Assembly Passes Resolution in Support of Ocoee Recreation

Thanks to the sponsors and the State legislature for recognizing the value of the Ocoee. Click on the headline above to read the resolution.

Why Ocoee River Whitewater Is at Risk

The Ocoee River is the nation's most popular whitewater river with nearly 250,000 visits annually for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking. TVA is insisting on \$1.8 million annually to return water to riverbed for recreation after the current contract for water releases expires in March 2019. Outfitters would actually have to obtain a \$9 million loan to secure water releases for five years, because TVA wants payment upfront. Interest and closing costs would drive the cost for water releases for five years to \$11 million or more, which would have to be paid by the public through rafting fees. There is no entity capable of obtaining a loan for this amount and the TVA knows it.

Reimbursing TVA for lost power when water is returned to the riverbed is not a viable strategy for the continuation of whitewater recreation on the Ocoee River. TVA wants these costs to be paid by the customers of outfitters, which account for about 200,000 visits currently. Participation would decline as demand is depressed by higher fees. Today, the Ocoee offers one of the most affordable, high quality whitewater experiences in the nation, which will be lost if TVA gets its way.

TVA normally diverts water around the riverbed through the nation's only wooden flume line used to generate hydroelectric power. Rafting and paddling would be eliminated by the fees required to pay TVA \$1.8 million or more annually for lost power at the Ocoee No. 2 project. The State of Tennessee and the county also expect to collect fees for management. The combined fee burden will devastate rafting on the river and send the recreation experience for everyone down the tubes.

What is at stake

- Loss of the nation's most popular whitewater river
- \$43 million in economic benefits within 60 miles of the river
- 622 full-time-job equivalents

Over 5 million people have enjoyed whitewater recreation on the Ocoee since 1980. 2 million in the last 10 years. The Ocoee cannot be replaced as an asset to the state and region. This should not be a debate about fees, but about preserving this one of kind recreation experience.

Why TVA Wants \$1.8 million annually to pay for water releases.

TVA insists that rafting customers of outfitters pay strict reimbursement for lost power to cover the costs of water releases. TVA is the only utility allowed to collect these kinds of fees, since projects licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are required to provide releases without reimbursement. For example, Progress Energy provides releases for 78 days annually on the Pigeon River in Cocke County, Tennessee.

How much power is lost?

Using TVA's grossly inflated costs for releases, the cost for recreational releases is less than 1/50th of 1% of TVA's annual revenues. The power benefits generated by the Ocoee No. 2 project are minor and not noticeable in TVA power rates. So, water releases for recreation for a relatively small portion of the overall annual power production at Ocoee No. 2 have no impact on power rates.

The Ocoee No. 2 project has a plate capacity of 23 megawatts or about 6/10,000 of the TVA system capacity. TVA admitted the benefits of the project were not noticeable in power rates in the 1979 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for reconstruction of the Ocoee No. 2 project. The Ocoee No. 3 project produces more power, but 34 days of releases there are still inconsequential to power rates.

Releases do not impact lake levels in Lake Blue Ridge, which is also revealed in the 1979 EIS.

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~Kelly Miller

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Men's Downhill Parabolic Skis in excellent condition: Dynastar Speed 63 Carve Autodrive with Marker M72 Bindings and Look Poles 9017 Limited Series. – \$90

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7/11,12,25,26	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
7/12	Canoe & Kayak Orienteering Race Walborn Reservoir - Alliance, OH	SK/FW	Bob Boltz	330-928-8635
7/14	Club Picnic at Silver Lake	SK/FW	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
7/17,18	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
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7/18,19	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit - Intro weekend	23	Fran Hoven	216-375-3718
7/18,19	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
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7/25,26	(5) New River (WV)	26	Needs organizer	
7/24-8/4	Ottawa River (Canada) A passport or card required An 8-10 day play boat trip-Water level dependent	27-32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
7/31, 8/1	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Doug Smith	419-823-1423

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Next Club Meeting Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 PM
at Tall Oaks Campground near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Picnic in PA

All Levels of Paddling on the weekend with a Saturday night picnic!

We'll be doing something different this month, instead of a Tuesday club meeting, the meeting will be Saturday, August 15. This is the same weekend as the club Yough trips but the Ohiopyle Falls Festival will be held 8/22/15. There will be an opportunity for all types kayaking and canoeing. Yough Lake for the flatwater paddlers, Middle, Lower & Upper Yough depending on your skill level for paddlers. There are also beautiful biking & hiking paths for those that choose not to paddle in the area. Saturday evening at 6:30 pm will be a Potluck Picnic Dinner at Tall Oaks campground for members, family and friends. You do not have to camp here to join the picnic.

The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware and soft drinks. Members should bring appetizers, salads, vegetables and desserts according to your last name.

- A-F - Potato/Pasta Salad
- G-L - Salad/vegetable/or baked beans
- M-S - Chips or Appetizer
- T-Z - Dessert or Fruit

[Jim Hunt](#) . . . 330-335-5203 is the Skip Work Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Thursday, 8/13
[Debbie Avallone](#) . . . 440-835-2547 is the Ladies Only Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Friday, 8/14
[Jim Hunt](#) . . . 330-335-5203 is the Upper Yough trip organizer for Friday & Saturday 8/14, 8/15
[Karl Nelson](#) . . . 330-497-2483 is the Lower Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/15, 8/16
[Mark Spang](#) . . . 216-999-4329 is the Middle Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/15, 8/16

More details to follow on our Message Board.

Meeting/Dinner Questions? - Call 330-497-2483 or e-mail - [Karl Nelson](#)

[Tall Oaks Information](#)
[Tall Oaks Directions via new Mon-Fayette Turnpike](#)

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**MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT
By Karl M. Nelson**



The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plains.

The rain in Maryland falls mainly on the Yough.

And that is why I'm not a poet.

The last time the Lower Yough was under 2 feet was on June 13th. There was a real possibility the Intro to the Lower Yough trip was not going to take place. However, the river gods smiled on us and we had another fun weekend.

Silver Lake

The club had its traditional summer picnic at Silver Lake. Bob Bair brought the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Kobak expertly grilled some hamburgers. Since he doesn't permit hot dogs on his grill, I scorched some hot dogs over the charcoal. There were a plethora of pasta salads for all to enjoy. And the rain gods stormed up until several hours before the picnic; but then the sun came out and everyone there had a good time catching up with old friends. A few brave souls ventured out onto the strange currents of Silver Lake.

Lower Yough Intro Trip/Middle Yough

Mid-July is the time for the newbies to be introduced to the Lower Yough. Anxious eyes followed every up and down of the Ohiopyle gauge. A few brave souls found their way to Tall Oaks campground. We had the area around the large pavilion near the flushies. There had been rain earlier in the week and the ground was squishy.

I was leading the Middle Yough trip. Bob Wondrak (K1), Sue Lan Ma (K1), Mary Ann Roberts (Rec K1) and I (OC-1) were joined by Fran Hoven (OC-1) in the Ferncliff parking lot after he launched his flotilla down the Lower Yough at 3.04 feet. After swapping boats around we headed over Sugarloaf Mountain to the Ramcat rapid. It had been 15 years since I had been there, but with a little help using Google Earth to scout out the route, we all made it to the put-in. After unloading the boats, we eventually started down the river. Mary Ann started smiling at Ramcat and didn't stop until Sunday afternoon.

We stopped for lunch at Victoria Falls. We sat in the Middle Yough equivalent of the Devil's Pool and watched the boats drifting by.





We may have created a monster. Mary Ann did great on the Middle Yough. She was then talked—and it didn't take much—into running the Loop in a ducky. At the Loop take out, she was talked—and it didn't take much—into finishing the river. She grinned all the way.

August Trips

There are a number of trips scheduled for August. There is the *Turkey Bash* on the 1st and 2nd. In mid-August, we have the *Lower Yough Four-Day Marathon*. There is the Slacker's Trip on

Thursday the 13th with Jim Hunt; Ladies Day on Friday the 14th with Nurse Debbie; and the Saturday and Sunday trip with yours truly. Camping reservations have been made at Tall Oaks at the large pavilion near the flushies. It is also close to the ice cream in the office. Watch the message board for meeting times.

On Saturday evening there will be potluck picnic at the large pavilion—think Silver Lake on steroids—with plenty of tables for food and eating. Check the web site for what to bring. We know Dave Roush will stop at Curt's for coconut cream pie for dessert. Get your slice of pie BEFORE you get your hamburger or hot dog.

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 25-July-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4849.34</u>
Total	\$11623.24

For Sale:

Men's Downhill Parabolic Skis in excellent condition: Dynastar Speed 63 Carve Autodrive with Marker M72 Bindings and Look Poles 9017 Limited Series. – \$90

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Both skis are sharpened, waxed, and ready to hit the snow.

Roger & Vivien Dennerll, vdennerll@roadrunner.com, or 419-734-4022.

KEELHAULER FEATURED in *AMERICAN WHITEWATER*

Some of you may wish to check out my article in the July/August issue of *American Whitewater*. It's titled "Learning to Handle a Polynesian Dugout Canoe" and is based on my decades of Pacific Islands research. In 2007-08, I spent nine months with people from Taumako, a remote island in the southeastern Solomons. My project was focused on inter-island voyaging and navigation. But I also spent a good deal of time learning about everyday activities, including fishing and local travel, as islanders moved about to visit relatives or work in their vegetable gardens. That required learning how to paddle, pole, and sail a wooden dugout canoe. Some of the skills I had developed over years of handling canoes and kayaks on North American lakes and rivers proved transferable, but in many ways I found myself in uncharted territory. The article compares the handling of dugouts with the plastic, fiberglass, and aluminum boats that are familiar to most of us. Thanks to KH webmaster, John Kobak, interested readers may access a PDF of the article at: <http://keelhauler.org/images/Handling%20a%20Dugout.pdf>. I'm indebted to *American Whitewater* and its editor, Ambrose Tuscano, for permission to share the article.

SYOTR,

Rick Feinberg

(Pictures all taken by Rick except for the first one)



Rick running Triple Drop on Slippery Rock Creek in July, 2014.
Photo by Tessa Ramsey.



Young boys demonstrating how it should be done.



Madlyn and Peter at the helm of a sailing canoe



Taunako canoes at sunset, spearfishing for garfish



Basil Tavake demonstrating Taumako's surf while fishing on the Reef in 2008.



Basil & Madlyn sailing dugout canoe

American Whitewater Hydroproject Request

Dear American Whitewater Affiliate Clubs,

The hydropower industry is behind two bills in Congress that are really bad news for rivers, and we need your help to stop them.

The "Hydropower Improvement Act" in the Senate (S. 1236) and the "Hydropower Modernization Act" in the House aim to take us back to the days of unchecked dam building, and open the door for hydropower companies to roll back almost 30 years of success in restoring flows to rivers impacted by hydropower dams.

The bills gut the tools of the Federal Power Act that American Whitewater and our partners have used to restore flows at hydropower projects across the country, like the Cheoah (NC), Tallulah (GA), Deerfield (MA), Yuba/Bear (CA), Chelan (WA), Bear River (ID) and countless others.

If your club enjoys restored recreation flows at hydropower projects or is concerned about the threats of new hydropower on your favorite rivers, you're in a good spot to help American Whitewater stop these bills.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

1) Contact your Senators and Representatives.

We've made this easy. Here's a sign-on letter opposing these bills that your club can join. Currently there are 95 organizations, clubs and businesses signed on (including a few AW Affiliate Clubs already...thanks!) Will you join us? Please let Megan Hooker know if yes. We'll take sign-ons until the bills go to mark-up, which hasn't been scheduled yet. If you need to get approval within your club, you've likely got time.

You can also always reach out to your Senators and Representatives on your own, which we encourage you to do either way.

2) Help spread the word!

We're looking for clubs to carry the message through op-eds and opinion pieces in your local and regional newspapers. We can help you craft your message. Contact Megan if you're interested.

You can also help us spread the word on social media. Keep an eye on AW's Facebook and Twitter feeds, and share!

These bills are some of the most dangerous pieces of legislation for rivers that we've seen in over 10 years. Thanks for signing onto the opposition letter, writing an op-ed, or both! Together, we can protect our rivers for many more great days out on the water!

*This email was sent by: American Whitewater, PO Box 1540 Cullowhee, NC 28723 USA
We respect your right to privacy - view our policy*

August	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
8/1,2	(4) TRPC Turkey Bash at Lower Yough Turkey Bash 2015 Info & Forms KHCC members same as TRPC	23	Joe Marks	216-281-1517 216-533-0604
8/6,13,20,27	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH)- 5:30-7:30PM but call Dennis first		Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
8/8	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
8/8,9,22,23	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
8/13	(4) Lower Yough - Skip Work Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
8/14,15	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
8/14	(4) Lower Yough - Ladies Only Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Debbie Avallone	440-835-2547
8/15	Club Meeting at Tall Oaks		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
8/15,16	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit Call before Thursday at noon.	23	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
8/15,16	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Mark Spang	216-999-4329
8/21,22	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
8/28,29	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **September issue of the newsletter is **8/23/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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August, 2015



Keelhauler's Ka-news SEPTEMBER, 2015



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, September 8th

*Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM
at the Middleburg Hts. Community Center, 16000 E. Bagley Rd.*

Program: Cliff Wire will do a presentation about his trip to the Grand Canyon.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl M. Nelson



During the course of the year, there are certain events that one looks forward to with eager anticipation. Dates when one gets to unwrap presents are especially anticipated. The August Lower Yough Four Day Marathon is one of those highly anticipated events. Even though I was only able to make 3 of the 4 days, it was a hoot—three days of bright sunshine, warm water, and a regular armada of old (as in long time but old is also an accurate description) friends and soon to be regular Lower Yough paddlers. It was nice that the Falls Race was not the same weekend.

Ladies Day saw 8 Ladies and one visiting “video boater.” Our video boater was Eric Marksz, Eric was home for only a few days before heading off to graduate school and decided to spend the time paddling with his mom. Ladies Day proved to be a long day with another river accident that resulted in a paddler having to be evacuated. A very apologetic kayaker came out from the blind eddy on river right at Bottle of Wine at the wrong time and caught one of the Lady kayakers right in her sternum. Jackie Blackwood was also in the river right eddy and recognized things were not as they were supposed to be. Nurse Debbie recognized Nurse Jackie had gone into Oh Shit Nurse mode and quickly paddled up to lend assistance. A guided raft trip came past and lent assistance. They radioed the Park Service for help and helped get Nancy and her boat to the biker trail on river left across from Jump Rock. Nancy’s family took her to Somerset Hospital where she spent the night being monitored for possible complications of a fractured sternum (breast bone). No kayaking for her for the rest of the season. Many thanks to the Wilderness Voyagers guides who lent assistance.

With a large group, there might have to be some discussion about who is going where. For people wanting to surf out of the blind river right eddy, it may be prudent to have traffic control in the eddy below the boof rock.

Sometime during the 2014 Tall Oaks picnic, Dave Roush reserved the large pavilion and surrounding sites at Tall Oaks for 2015. The picnic at Tall Oaks has turned into the Keelhaulers Family Reunion—but without the T-shirt. Despite my reputation at home of being able to turn raw meat into a hocky puck, I was entrusted with the position of Master Griller. Part of my success was due to the long line of hungry boaters who snatched meat from the grill well before it was long past well done. The motto for next year is: More Pies! Less Chips!

With respect to October elections, Sam Reynolds has agreed to be Treasurer. The following is the slate of officers for the next year. Thanks to everyone who has served!

President	Karl M. Nelson
Vice-President	Dave Roush
Treasurer	Sam Reynolds
Secretary	To Be Determined
Trustee 2016-2018	To Be Named

**Yough River August Marathon Weekend
And Keelhauler Meeting
by Jim Hunt**

For the past few years KHCC has held the August club meeting near Ohiopyle to give paddlers a chance to get together after a day of paddling. Each year the event has growing in scope and the number of paddlers.

This year the event spanned four day and involved over 50 paddlers. The weather was perfect and the water levels low but OK.

The weekend began on Thursday August 13th with the Skip Work/Slackers trip on the Lower Yough, organized by Jim Hunt. After getting off to a late start, 15 paddlers slowly worked their way down the Lower. Long stops were made for lunch and at swimmers. A few swims and one head knock but nothing else too exciting. Afterward, dinner at the Falls Pub.



Lunch stop on the Lower

Next up on Friday was the Ladies Trip on the Lower organized by Debbie Avallone and the Upper trip organized by Jim Hunt. Around 12 ladies paddled the Lower but only 5 showed up for the Upper. In addition, the guys had a Lower trip too - sort of organized by Dave Roush. The only big excitement was a medical evacuation from the Ladies trip.

Saturday had another 4 or 5 trips. The Lower had Karl Nelson as the leader, the Middle had Mark Spang, and the Upper had Michael Duvall. There were also a few extra Lower trips in addition to Karl's trip and an additional Upper trip. There was also the slalom race practice at Ramcat on the Middle attended by Jenn and Phil plus Steve Ingalls. It's hard to say how many people paddled Saturday but I would guess 50 or so based on the cookout attendance.

Saturday evening was the club cookout at Tall Oaks. Master chef Karl Nelson cooked away while all kinds of food and drinks were served. At least 50 people attended and most camped that night at Tall Oaks around the pavilion used for the cookout. The evening entertainment was "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" card game – it appears most paddlers are NOT.

Sunday brought Slalom Races at Ramcat, more Lower trips and another Middle trip.

It was a great weekend with lots of paddlers enjoying all the sections of the Yough and of course the annual club cookout. Planning for next summer's event is already underway.

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 23-August-2015

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$5,065.69</u>
Total	\$11,839.59

It's that time again.....

All club memberships expire on **October 1st**. As soon as you can, please mail a \$20 check for your 2016 membership dues. To:

**Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506**

Or pay \$20 using Paypal. Use this link to pay:

<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

You can review your current membership listing, using this link:

<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm>

User Name: "dir" and the current 2015 password found on pg 20 of our 2015 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail.

If you need to change any information use this form:

http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

To renew your membership you do not have to fill out an application, you only need to send your dues payment and any changes to your membership information.

Please encourage any of your non-member paddling friends to join/rejoin the club. The club offers a lot, to paddlers of all skill levels, at less than the price of a tank of gas to go paddling.

John Kobak

River Hydropower

Article donated by Jim Hunt

From: American Rivers

States, Tribes Lose Big In Federal Hydro 'Power Grab'

John Seebach

July 31st, 2015 | Dams & Dam Removal, Hydropower, River Restoration, Take Action

The hydropower industry is attempting a stunning power grab that would make it difficult— if not impossible— to ensure fish passage and other modern improvements to dams, and would eliminate the authority of states and tribes to negotiate for changes to dam licenses that benefit their communities and local waterways. These changes would upset nearly a century's worth of balance between the competing users of our nation's waterways.

Make no mistake: if the hydropower industry is successful, Congress will enact new legislation that would upend the balance that currently exists between dam owners and state and community stakeholders. Instead, hydropower dam owners get primacy over our nation's rivers. In addition, the legislation being considered by the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee would give tremendous new powers to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), a federal energy-permitting agency. In effect, Congress would take power away from state and local agencies that are directly accountable to the public, and give it to an agency that isn't.

States and tribes should take note. The legislation also creates loopholes that allow hydropower dam operators to avoid having to comply with the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, leaving downstream communities to bear the costs of resulting environmental damage, including pollution cleanup costs.

Our rivers and river communities will be hurt by this legislation, which would strip states of their power to hold dam owners accountable for pollution and damage to local rivers and economies.

Existing law allows states, natural resource agencies, and tribes to advocate for the needs of local communities and waterways during the dam relicensing process. This proposed legislation weakens or eliminates those authorities, which is why states from Maryland to California oppose it. The legislation is also opposed by the Association of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, which represents the interests of all 50 states.

Existing law requires FERC staff to follow strict rules when communicating with dam owners. This legislation would allow dam owners to have backroom, off-the-record conversations with FERC officials with minimal disclosure and public notice only after the conversation has taken place.

Existing law allows states and federal natural resource agencies to put license conditions on dams that protect local communities and wildlife. This legislation would allow dam owners to petition FERC to reopen licenses they've previously agreed to in order to retroactively alter or cancel conditions requested by states to protect local communities. It places FERC's judgment

about how to protect commercial fishing stocks ahead of that of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and it puts FERC's judgment about how to protect national parks ahead of that of the National Park Service. Local voices and the needs of local communities have been at the center of water resource decisions since Americans first started negotiating water rights centuries ago. This legislation upends nearly four centuries of water law and precedent by placing FERC's authority above local communities and states when it comes to protecting water quality.

Existing law is effective in promoting transparency and ensuring balance between stakeholders. In fact, the hydropower industry hasn't demonstrated or provided any evidence that changes to the law will do anything but consolidate power over the nation's rivers and streams into their hands, giving them priority over anglers, farmers, boaters, and the families and businesses that depend on healthy rivers and clean water.

Healthy rivers are essential to the health and well-being of our communities. Hydropower dams have major impacts on river health, clean water, and wildlife. For more than 90 years, we've been able to achieve balance between healthy rivers and hydropower production because local stakeholders, including states and tribes, have had seats at the decision-making table. The public's right to enjoy their rivers for recreation, drinking water, agriculture, and their natural beauty is absolutely compatible with responsible electricity production, but balance cannot be achieved unless states, tribes, natural resource agencies, and local communities keep their seats at the table. Congress should act on the bipartisan concerns of states across the nation, and join with the more than 100 conservation and recreation groups in opposing this reckless legislation.

<http://act.americanrivers.org/page/s/hydropower-grab>

Free Style Canoeing

Dear Fellow Paddler,

My name is Marc Ornstein. As a representative of the FreeStyle Committee of the American Canoe Association I'd like to introduce you and your organization to FreeStyle Canoeing. Attached is a brief brochure, explaining who we are, what we do and how we can be of benefit to you and your members. Also attached is a poster about our upcoming Pine Barrens Symposium.

I'd appreciate it if you would re-post this information on your website at meetings or anyplace else where you feel your members would see it.

I'd like to occasionally, keep you informed about other upcoming events.

Feel free to contact me for further information about FreeStyle Canoeing or to visit our website, www.freestylecanoeing.com.

Thanks for your time,
Marc Ornstein, Promotions and Publicity Chair, Freestyle Committee
American Canoe Association

FREESTYLE CANOEING

A NATIONAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Paddler,

Members of the FreeStyle community enjoy sharing-through competition, demonstrations and teaching-the basic skills used to efficiently and gracefully paddle both tandem and solo canoes.

FreeStylers refer to paddle skill development as *obedience training for the canoe*. With the development of proper paddle handling and placement, they promise that any canoe will learn to respond with precision and grace.

Freestyle Canoeing is an activity committee of the American Canoe Association. Each year members of the committee organize symposiums and workshops around the country. Each of these events include

- Paddling instruction for the Novice
- Tuning classes for the experienced
- Special skills development workshops
- Demonstrations and Competitions in both Solo and Tandem Canoeing

Classes are small, with no more than 5 students per instructor. Instructors are all ACA certified.

Coming up soon:

The Midwest Canoe Symposium

September 11-13, 2015

Camp Butler - Peninsula, Ohio

The Pine Barrens Functional FreeStyle Workshop

October 16-18, 2015

Camp Ockanickon, Medford, New Jersey

Full information about these events and about FreeStyle Canoeing can be found on our website:

www.freestylecanoeing.com

The Pine Barrens Functional FreeStyle PRECISION CANOEING



TAKING IT TO THE RIVER!

October 16 through 18
Camp Ockanickon in the
Pine Barrens of New Jersey

ODNR Short Notice for Grant Money and Reminder of Classes...



ODNR DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT

We Are Handing Out Grants To Boost Boating Safety Education OCTOBER 1, 2015 DEADLINE

Dear Ohio Boating Safety Partners,

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$30,000 to fund boater education programs that help reduce boating accidents in Ohio.

Applications for programs beginning in 2016 are due Thursday, October 1, 2015. For application instructions, eligibility, grant match requirements and more, go to:

watercraft.ohio.gov/grants or contact Craig Watson at (614) 265-6674 or craig.watson@dnr.state.oh.us

Grant Priorities:

**Courses that meet Ohio's mandatory boater education requirement
Boating skills development programs
Engaging nontraditional boaters through urban and adaptive boating initiatives
Programs encouraging wearing life jackets, small boat safety and sober boating**

**Until Our Courses Meet Again,
[ODNR Division of Watercraft](#)**

September	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
9/5,6,19,20	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
9/8	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
9/11	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
9/12	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
9/12,13	Upper Gauley (WV) - I will coordinate all Camping at Battle Run for Lower & Upper trips	27-33	John Kobak	440-554-1383
9/12,13	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Phil & Jen Raber	740-498-7063
9/12,13	(4) Lower Yough(PA) Get Permit	23	Needs organizer	
9/14	Greenville Kayak and Canoe Race (PA) Race Registration Form		Hugh Clark	
9/14-17	Upper Yough (MD) All week release	32	Needs organizer	
9/18-20	Upper Gauley (Festival Weekend) (WV)	33	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
9/18-20	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
9/25	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
9/26	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Justin Keesey	740-827-1208
9/27	(5)ASCI WW Course(MD) 11 am to 330 pm cost: \$24		Justin Keesey	740-827-1208
9/26,27	(5) Lower Gauley (WV) Camping at Battle Run, Bill will coordinate camping for both Upper & Lower paddlers.	27	Bill Miller	440-257-2970
9/26,27	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/2,3	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	Casey Brown	614-679-7999
10/3,4,17,18	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
10/3,4	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/10	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/10,11	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
10/13	Club Annual Election Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
10/17,18	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip Get Permit	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
November	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Pay Dues	
11/1	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
11/1	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
11/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/5	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
12/16	Club Holiday Party at Middleburg Hts Community Center		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

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Keelhauler's Ka-news

 **OCTOBER, 2015**



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 13th

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

at Middleburg Hts Community Center

16000 E. Bagley Rd

Program: In August, Cleveland Metroparks and Nalu Standup Paddle & Surf partnered to offer the 2nd Annual Whiskey Island Stand Up Paddleboard Race & Festival. Bill Cochrane [Nalu Standup Paddle and Surf] will speak to us about standup paddleboarding. "The Stand Up Paddle is the fastest growing water sport in the world," said Cochrane. "It appeals to people in so many ways. It's easy. The whole family can do it. We had an 86-year-old woman out here last week. It's the cheapest way to get out on the water. You don't need a dock. It doesn't require fuel. You can use it to stay fit. And it's fun."

Election: Be sure to attend the meeting so we can vote on this year's Officers. The Board has put together a slate:

President	Karl Nelson
Vice President	Dave Roush
Treasurer	Sam Reynolds
Secretary	Marcia Karchmer
Trustee	John Banach

If you cannot make the meeting please email Donna [dooda731@yahoo.com] with your vote.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl M. Nelson



The earth has made another circle around the sun, the color of the leaves are changing from green to autumn colors and it is time for changes in the Keelhauler Canoe Club. Several members of the Board have completed their terms of service. On behalf of myself and the membership, I would like to thank them for their service to the membership of this club. Donna Homburg has been Secretary for many years. During this time she has faithfully recorded the activities at club and Board meetings. Well, maybe not so faithfully, because her accounts were G-rated and the meetings weren't always G-rated. Pam Poljak has been Treasurer for two years. The demands of caring for elderly parents (and Mark) while continuing in a stressful job dictate that she relinquish her responsibilities as club Treasurer. She will be missed. Jim Hunt has been a Trustee for three years. His term has come to an end. However, he will continue to support the club as Yearbook Editor—a very valuable contribution to the longevity of the club. Y'all should give them a hearty thanks!

The club is blessed that other members have stepped forward to take over for them. Marcia Karchmer, long-time sea kayaking chair, has agreed to be Secretary. Sam Reynolds, an infrequent Lower Yough paddler but with a lengthy paddling resume has agreed to be Treasurer. Once upon a time (I was still paddling my Impulse), we were camping at the state campground when a large branch fell out of a tree and crashed onto my truck. When that happens, you go from deep asleep to wide awake in less than a heartbeat! John Banach, a relatively younger paddler who has been shepherding some even newer paddlers, has agreed to be one of the Trustees.

OCTOBER 13 ELECTION MEETING. Be sure to attend the meeting so we can vote on this year's Officers. The Board has put together a slate:

President	Karl Nelson
Vice President	Dave Roush
Treasurer	Sam Reynolds
Secretary	Marcia Karchmer
Trustee	John Banach

If you cannot make the meeting please email Donna [dooda731@yahoo.com] with your vote.

**Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak**

**Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 24-Sept-2015**

CD 0402	\$2,267.82
CD 1077	\$2,262.84
CD 4709	<u>\$2,243.24</u>
CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$5,401.67</u>
Total	<u><u>\$12,175.57</u></u>

**It's that time again.....
From John Kobak**

All club memberships expire on **October 1st**. As soon as you can, please mail a \$20 check for your 2016 membership dues. To:

**Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506**

Or pay \$20 using Paypal. Use this link to pay:
<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

You can review your current membership listing, using this link:
<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm>

User Name: "**dir**" and the current 2015 password found on pg 20 of our 2015 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail.

If you need to change any information use this form:
http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

To renew your membership you do not have to fill out an application, you only need to send your dues payment and any changes to your membership information.

Please encourage any of your non-member paddling friends to join/rejoin the club. The club offers a lot, to paddlers of all skill levels, at less than the price of a tank of gas to go paddling.

John Kobak

**Keelhaulers supports 1st Annual Veterans
Kayak Football Challenge
By Dave Roush**

Team River Runners held the 1st Annual Veterans Kayak Football Challenge in N. Canton on HoF weekend. Teams from 5+ states came to try their hand at a new sport, playing football in kayaks. The whole idea of the Challenge was to have an event that honored our veterans service to our country in a fun and unique way, and to introduce a whole new group of people to adaptive paddling and paddle sports.

There were vets there with obvious injuries including amputees and even a blind player. There were vets there with less obvious injuries including those who are dealing with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. There were vets there just showing support and many had their families with them. Our veterans showed the toughness, tenderness and teamwork.

The community of Willowdale couldn't have been more supportive. There are so many Willowdale residents that went over and above: including lining the road with flags, changing the front sign of the club, removing the goose poop, setting up all the tables, clearing the lake of the algae bloom, then manning a flotilla of platoon boats and cheering on the vets.

Keelhaulers played a minor role with Jackie and Alan Blackwood, Chuck McDowell and myself refereeing.

What I didn't expect was the profound effect spending time with these warriors had on me and, I believe, the entire community. Our vets have given our country so much. It is easy to take for granted our freedom and security. They did not take it for granted, they put their lives on the line for us. Now they are in the healing process. It was an honor to contribute in a small way.

Industrial Cleveland From a New Perspective By Lisa Brand

Twilight. Four of us schlepped our boats to the pier. One canoe and three kayaks. We put in to the thick green pea soup muddy water of the Cuyahoga River in the “Flats”, Cleveland’s industrial wasteland, named for the low lying topography on the banks of the Cuyahoga River in the heart of downtown Cleveland. My friends and I were heading out for an evening paddle with a twist. Instead of wilderness and wildlife we were hunting for a good view of downtown and industrial Cleveland.

There wasn’t much river traffic. That was our very good luck, as I’ve had the experience before of my heart jumping out of my chest, dodging freighters in the shipping lanes; freighters that could crush me without a thought, like I crush annoying gnats in the heat of summer. Instead, we had the river to ourselves, complete with the numerous bridges crisscrossing its banks; railroad trestles and tracks; freighters and tugs tied up to bulkheads; salt mines and salt mountains; cement boats from north of our borders; oil companys’ huge storage gas tanks; the small factories dotting the shores of the river, businesses that haven’t left yet for the third world, still trying to eke out an existence here; and the river fireboat, thankfully underemployed ever since the Cuyahoga River infamously burned decades ago. Oh yes, our trip was also complete with the reek of the odiferous perfume that all of the above entails. This was absolutely the stinkiest water I have ever paddled.

We were graced by the company of two sea gulls, one duck, four honking Canada geese and one very good sized dead fish, a bottom feeder, belly up and staring vacantly, doing its dead dance on the gently lapping waves as the last wan rays of sunlight twinkled on the gray green water. We gazed up at the bright lights of downtown Cleveland, the view of the skyline from our boats made all the more impressive by our low-lying position. The downtown lights lit up the night. Time for my headlight. I pulled out my flashlight and anchored it on deck under the rigging.

When we returned to the pier, built by the MetroParks system, we rewarded ourselves with a relaxed late night dinner on the patio of the new MetroParks’ Merwyn’s Wharf Restaurant, overlooking the river. As Cleveland industry pales, but still pollutes, on the shores of the Cuyahoga River, the public parks system is stepping in to reclaim and revitalize the land and water. Dinner was delicious. Safe on shore, after such a stinky and sobering paddle, we laughed our heads off, but I really can’t remember why.

What a change this was from paddling last month on my annual trek to Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, one of my favorite places in the world. One day I paddled with friends from Blue Mountain Lake to Eagle Lake to Utowana Lake and back. No portaging: over the years we have learned about

the “secret” inlets that take us from one lake to the next. We kept a wary eye on the weather but we beat the storm that was headed our way and we were all tucked up and dry in our cabins when the first drops of rain fell. Each year I look forward to the magic of the lakes and trails of the Adirondacks, and the change in pace from whitewater to flatwater. Paddling: it’s all good.

Thanks for helping a fellow paddler....

I don't know if our club has heard about a paddling accident by a former Keel-Hauler member, Tim Gill. He broke both his ankles doing a seal launch at the Green River Narrows.

Tim joined the club in 2010 and provided camping at his cabin near Section 3 of the Chattooga. We stayed with him and paddled with him on our Southern Trip a few years ago.

Tim Gill has been a fixture in the Northeast Georgia paddling community over at least the past decade. The paddling community is full of really good-hearted soulful people. Even in this generous community Tim stands out as a remarkable human being. Anyone who knows him will agree that he is one of the most selfless, generous, and big-hearted people we have ever known. Tim has helped countless paddlers in numerous ways: whether guiding them patiently down new runs in the Chattooga and Jocassee watersheds or applying his medical skills in desperate situations to injured paddlers in remote locations. I have personally seen Tim reset dislocated shoulders in the field on two different occasions - just on the Green River. And almost anyone who has paddled the Overflow over the past 5 years has almost certainly relied on Tim's visual beta at 7 am.

Now Tim needs our help. Tim recently suffered a heinous injury on the Green River Narrows several weeks ago resulting in two broken ankles -- right up there in the worst case scenario in any paddler's mind. He simply grit his teeth and paddled the rest of the run -- remarking along the way that maybe only one ankle was broken. Classic Tim. Tim has had one surgery and is likely facing several more. He is doing well but confined to his small cabin for the near future.

So let's help Tim out and get him a wheelchair that will give him maximum mobility and allow him to access the terrain around his cabin. Let's get him the most badass wheelchair made...let's get him The Freedom Chair! Designed by MIT, this thing is incredible - with a unique drivetrain and lever system it is more of a mountain bike than a wheelchair. The perfect design for a hand paddler. The cost with shipping is \$3195 door-to-door. If 107 people donate \$30 we can make sure that Tim's road to recovery can be an off-road adventure.

So they set up this Go Fund me site: <https://www.gofundme.com/ac4jbevk>

Wow - Thanks to everyone's support we made the \$3200 goal in less than 12 hours! We will be ordering the wheelchair today.

Tim is so touched and overwhelmed by everyone's kindness, love, and positive thoughts. Although we reached the goal, feel free to donate if you like and we can help Tim with medical bills and fresh produce. We will likely stop this fundraiser on Monday night, and will update this page with pics of Tim with his new whip.

Thanks everyone.

Jiri Vala

Vin Davis vindavis@juno.com

I believe this is Tim's e-mail when he was a member.
chattooga1967@yahoo.com

**West Virginia Film Festival
From Jim Hunt**



West Virginia Rivers Coalition is headed back to Morgantown on Oct. 22 for our 6th Annual Film Festival at the beautiful Metropolitan Theater.

Doors open and music with the Halftime String Band starts at 6:00 pm and films start at 7:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased for \$8.00 each in advance online.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$10.00, \$8.00 with a valid student ID.

Are you a filmmaker? We're looking for adventure and conservation films that showcase the wonder of West Virginia and the surrounding region. Preferred films are under 15 minutes, but longer films will be considered



**Friends of the Cheat
Adopt a Highway
Litter Clean Up**

Litter Sweep

Friends of the Cheat will be hosting an Adopt-a-Highway litter clean-up to join in the Day-to-Serve Initiative. We will meet on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 AM at the North Preston Kwik Stop in Albright. Our section of road extends from the Kwik Stop to the Cheat Fest grounds. We expect to be done by noon if we round up enough support. We will supply vests, gloves, trash bags, apple cider, and donuts. There will be a prize for the weirdest piece of trash collected. So come on down and have some fun!



Removal of the Gorge Dam on the Cuyahoga River

By Matt F.

Sent by Jim Hunt

For those who couldn't attend tonight's meeting in Cuyahoga Falls on the fate of the Gorge Dam, here's a quick summary. I have two quick notes. The full report is supposed to be published tomorrow morning on the Ohio EPA website, so you should be able to read in detail the proposals and estimates. And two, in my 10 years as a journalist of covering these types of meetings, the sentiment I got was that removal of the dam is going to happen sooner rather than later—it's just a matter of finalizing the details and getting the money, neither of which are insurmountable obstacles.

How to remove 800,000-plus cubic yards of sediment and the physical, concrete structure of the Gorge Dam—and what to do with it—were the subject of Thursday's meeting hosted by the Ohio EPA at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium.

The Ohio EPA's consultant, Tetra Tech, presented the options and associated costs for removing the sediment trapped behind the dam. The issues addressed Thursday as related to the proposed, and recommended, removal of the dam are how to remove the sediment and where its final disposal site will be. The same issues apply to the 60 foot tall by 420 foot wide dam itself. While the physical demolition of the dam is fairly straightforward, the actual removal and disposal of the concrete material is the primary challenge.

There are a few possibilities and therefore costs. The lowest cost estimate for removal and disposal of the sediment is \$57.4 million. The lowest cost estimate for removal and disposal of the dam rubble is \$12.3 million. That does not factor in ancillary and other costs, including necessary studies like the hydraulic modeling study (how the removal would impact river flow), which is the next step in the process.

Previous sediment analysis has determined all the sediment must go due to its uniform level of contamination, which means essentially the river would be very close to its natural channel once demolition was complete. Unlike removals like on the Elwha River in the PNW, no sediment would be left for the river to reclaim. It would be very near or at bedrock upon completion.

The time frame for demolition alone from start to finish is 40 months: that's 3.3 years. That time frame does not include applying for funds from sources like the Great Lakes Legacy Act, a federal funding source, and the actual design process.

These are the big points. In short, the EPA wants the dam removed to improve water quality. The Ohio EPA representative, I believe it was Bill Zawiski out of the Twinsburg office, stressed numerous times that no final decisions have been made. Nothing is certain at this point. WKSU, the Cuyahoga Falls Press and probably the Akron Beacon Journal were there, so look for their coverage Friday.

Damn that Dam! By Matt Muir

A public meeting was held last night, September 24th, re. the proposed removal of the 60-ft Gorge Dam, the biggest monstrosity on the Cuyahoga River. Removal would cost \$70 million dollars, likely to come from public grants. Removal of the 832,000 cubic yards of sediment would be the biggest component of the cost, tipping the scales at \$57.5 million bucks.

The planning would take at least 40 months before removal. A flow study still needs to be performed, in addition to the fact that someone would need to come up with a plan for pulling together the Big Bux required. Butt, I remember a public meeting 15 years or so ago, when I asked about the removal of the Gorge Dam. Akron's chief engineer dismissed my question in a patronizing and insulting way. Now, not only is removal not out of the question; it's clear to me that the question is not "if", butt "when". And "when" is likely within the next ten years—way sooner than I'd thought possible.

[Click here for the story in the BJ.](#)

<http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/documents/Gorge%20Dam%20Report.pdf>

October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/2,3	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
10/3,4,17,18	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
10/3,4	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/10	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/10,11	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/13	Club Annual Election Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
10/17,18	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip Get Permit	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
November	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Pay Dues	
11/1	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	John Banach	330-606-5032
11/1	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
11/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

2015 Club Officers

President:	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
VP:	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
Secretary:	Donna Homberg	440-236-8360
Treasurer:	Pam Poljak	440-268-9194

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to

Membership Chairman: **John Kobak, 440-871-1758**
1649 Allen Dr.
Westlake, OH 44145

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the November issue of the newsletter is 10/23/15. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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October, 2015



Keelhauler's Ka-news

 **NOVEMBER, 2015**



Next Club Meeting November 10th

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

at Middleburg Hts Community Center

16000 E. Bagley Rd

Program: To be announced

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl M. Nelson



October brings a change of seasons. For me, October means paddling on the Lower Yough—but only if the weather cooperates. The week before the Fall Colors trip found several Keelhauler groups on the Lower Yough. The weather was warm and the colors were almost to peak.

The week of the Fall Colors trip I stayed home because of the nasty weather.

The week after the Fall Colors trip found several other Keelhauler groups on the Lower Yough. The weather was warm. The colors were in their final glory. Every once in a while a bright beam of sunlight would penetrate a break in the clouds and set the hills ablaze with color. Against the dark gray skies, it was pretty dramatic.

John Banach escorted several relatively new paddlers down the Lower Yough. It seems like every time I see him at the Boaters Change House, he is dragging newer paddlers down to the river. They all appear to be eager to go. I look forward to seeing them on the river and around the campfire!

October brings a change in Keelhauler leadership. Sam Reynolds joins the Board as Treasurer. We are still looking for someone to help with an Audit. The usual suspects and several unusual suspects have declined, citing a heavy work load. Marcia is taking over as Secretary. John Banach is joining the Board as a Trustee. Dennis Dukeman is taking over as organizing the Trip Schedule. Notify him about any trips you want to organize. If you have organized trips in the past, let him know if you are willing and able to continue to do so. If life events make it difficult to continue to organize trips, let him know so we can find someone else to take over.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2015
Respectfully submitted
by Donna Homberg

14 people in attendance

No new members

Chair Reports

John Kobak - membership reported 298 paid members.

Jim Hunt - continues in Year Book Position.

Marcia Karchmer - sea kayaking

John Kobak - Webmaster

Bob Bair - Refreshments.

Unfinished Business:

The slate of officers voted and accepted by a quorum vote. Thank you to those members that have served as Officers & Trustees and are now passing the baton.

New Business: Discussion of the demolition and removal of sediments of the 57ft high dam in the Gorge Metro Park.

Trip Reports: Discussion of Gauley River take out at Brachus Branch that takes you down to the river. Woods Ferry is the other optional take out.

Program tonight was from Bill Cochran about the fastest growing water sport in the world, the Stand-Up Paddle Board. The paddle board can be enjoyed on flatwater lakes or on waves & surf on rivers and oceans. Bill answered questions about inflatable boards to performance boards made from laminated layers. He talked about the equipment, paddles, wetsuit and other accessories. For travel, the board can be packed into a bag and carried onto your next airline flight.

Meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Monthly Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds, Incoming Treasurer

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Treasurer's Report - October 22, 2015

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Year End Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak, Exiting Treasurer

INCOME

Membership Contributions	
Conservation	60
Dues	5,659
TOTAL Membership Contributions	5,719
NEO Paddlers Network Income	200
Vermilion Race Income	
Refreshment Stand	95
Registration Fees	517
TOTAL Vermilion Race Income**	612
Yough Reservations Income	88
TOTAL INCOME	6,619

EXPENSES

Club Meeting Expense	
Facility Fees	420
Multimedia Rental	200
Refreshments	104
Special Reservations	180
TOTAL Club Meeting Expense	904
Conservation Expense	2,250
Internet	
Access	117
Website Domain	33
TOTAL Internet	150
Special Donations	75
Vermilion Race Expense	
Awards	1042
Donation*	200
Insurance	128
Membership	30
Miscellaneous	57
Postage	67
Refreshments	81
TOTAL Vermilion Race Expense	1604
Yearbook Expense	
Bulk Mailing Permit & Handling	175
Postage	176
Printing	1493
TOTAL Yearbook Expense	1844
TOTAL EXPENSES	6828

OVERALL TOTAL	-208
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CD (3) value as of 9/30/15	6774
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*Contains donations to Vermilion Port Authority for 2014 & 2015 races.

**2016 Membership Dues are Overdue
From John Kobak**

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.
The club has almost 300 family memberships.
But only about half have renewed their membership so far.
So, if you haven't gotten around to it, **DO IT TODAY!**

I will be travelling and unable to receive your check after November 10th.

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link:
<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

OR

If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your

2016 Membership Dues

To:

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But remember if I don't get your check by 11/10/14 you may not be listed in the
2016 Yearbook & Roster.

To check whether or not I have received your renewal, check this updated file:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khint.pdf>

This file is password protected for your security.
User Name: "dir" and the current 2015 password found on page 20 of our yearbook
or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 5 and not
6, then you are not recorded as paid for 2016.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

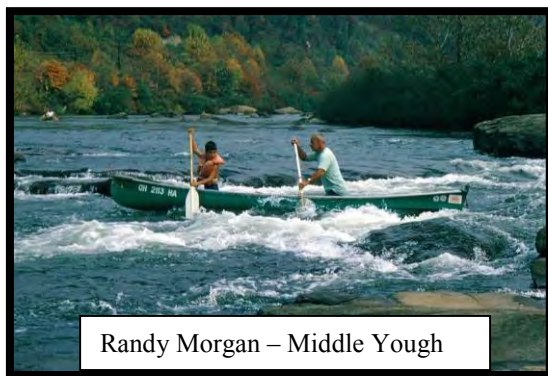
50 YEARS OF THE KEEL-HAULERS

In March 1967 a small group of outdoor people along with Reece Fabro of Ohio Canoe Adventures (Backpackers Shop) got together to found and name the club. This was the club's first logo.

The club's first president, Bill Conrad, was elected in October 1967. Meetings were held at the Elyria Red Cross building until 1976 when it was moved to Middleburg Hts which was a more central location for club members. [Past Club Officers](#).

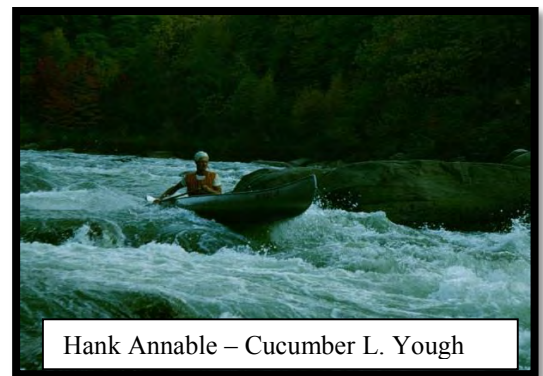


In 1968 the club published its first yearbook similar to our present one but all of 12 pages. Flatwater canoe trips on the Cuyahoga, Mohican, Vermilion, Kokosing, Clarion, French Creek and even the Youghiogheny Rivers. A 25 mi long race was held on Sandusky Bay. Many families with young kids joined and we had events at local lakes.



Randy Morgan – Middle Yough

The club quickly became proficient canoe paddlers and some were getting

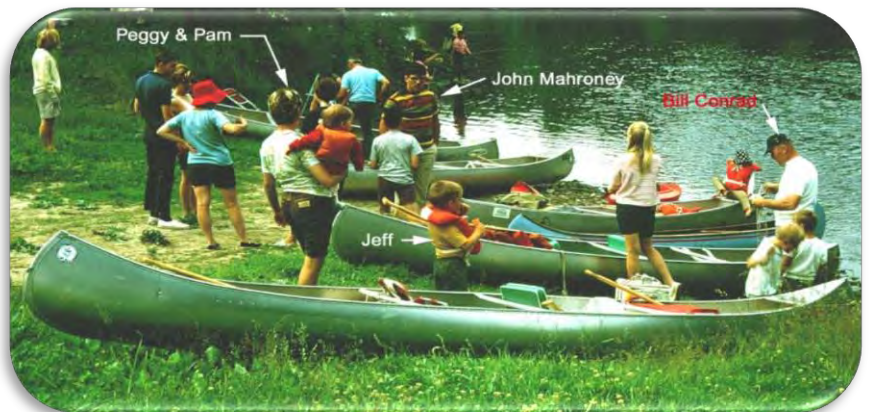


Hank Annable – Cucumber L. Yough

into the new craze of decked canoes and even kayaks when a small group from the East side of Cleveland including Jimi Snyder & Elliott Drysdale's fathers joined the club with their new kayaks.

Peggy & I joined in 1968 with our new Grumman canoe and introduced our two kids Jeff 4 & Pam 1 to the sport of paddling on the French Creek in PA.

We were hooked and looked forward to all the club had to offer. Peggy and I went to a whitewater school in PA and learned the techniques necessary to paddle a decked canoe.



Each year the club offered more & more advanced trips. In 1969 the club organized our first Annual Canoe race on the Vermilion River. We went up to the Pine River in MI where we met new members Chuck & Diane Singer and their two kids. In 1970 we got up to the Cattaraugus Creek in NY; See the pictures below with Hank and his daughter Reenie and a young Jimi Snyder in his new kayak. The Yough became the club's favorite river and in 1971 we did our first wilderness trip on the Spanish River in Canada taking a train to the put-in for a one week 100 mi paddle back to near Sudbury, ON.



Here is Chuck & I on the Spanish River and in 1971 I bought a kayak from England and learned to surf on the West Branch of the Rocky River. Paddling became a big part of my life. It was the first sport I was able to excel at.

There were very few kayaks to be had so Dick Priem & I decided to make kayaks from molds that we fabricated from a German kayak called the Lettman and a kid's kayak which was an Old Town kayak scaled down in all dimensions for kids up to 100 lbs. I built this one for Jeff when he was 8 years old.





There were so many kids in the club that wanted kayaks that we ended up building 15 kid's kayaks. In the meantime club members started cranking kayaks out of our molds building 20 in a month's time in my garage. The picture above shows the club's first trip in 1973 on the Chattooga River in SC/GA, made famous by the movie *Deliverance*.

We started to make our own paddles, spray shirts, wet suits, helmets and even PFD's. But paddlers wanted more and better gear so I started to buy/sell from companies like Seda, Perception, Extrasport, Cannon paddles and Body Glove wetsuits. It wasn't even a business, since I worked full time for NASA, but it kept growing as well as my family. I ran the business until 1985 when my son Jeff took it over full time.





The pictures are of Peggy and our kids paddling in the 70's and Jeff and me on the Spanish River in 1978.

The club started to have trips all over the USA, every spring a southern trip and each summer out to Colorado, to paddle and even backpack as shown in the last picture from 1980 near Buena Vista, CO.

I propose that each month under this same 50 year title, [Old time Club Members](#) or anyone else, post a story from the old days. Please send Kelly a story each month and keep this going until next spring.



Story & photos by John Kobak

For Sale:



Dodge Van Camper

\$11,500

1999 model B2500

80,800 miles

Conversion by
Sportsmobile
Austin, TX

Van located
Cleveland
west side

Propane heater and stove, microwave oven, electric refrigerator, Starcool AC in addition to Dodge AC, 10 gallon water tank (cold water) sink. 2 aux batteries, sleeps 4 (lower bed plus upper bunk), 14.9 mpg (50-70 mph)

deannorman01@gmail.com

Can park in
garage if door
is over 82"



Upcoming Roll Sessions

Orange High School Pool Roll Sessions - 2015-16

Four sessions are scheduled for this Winter, Saturday afternoons January 23, February 20, 27; March 12 - 4PM to 6PM

Pool time starts at 4:00pm and ends promptly at 6:00pm. We must shower and be out of the building by 6:15pm. A charge of \$6 per person per session (\$5 for Orange School District residents) covers the use of the pool. **All participants at Orange MUST complete a [registration form](#)** with emergency contact information prior to entering the pool area. So print one and fill it out before you arrive.

Directions to Orange High School Pool

The Orange High School Pool is on the south side of Chagrin Boulevard, between Lander and SOM Center Roads. It is two miles east of the Chagrin exit off I-271 (which is just north of the I-271 and I-480 interchange). From I-271 take the Chagrin boulevard exit and head east. At the Lander Road turning circle stay on Chagrin Boulevard by taking the second road right. The school will be about one-half mile on the right side of the road. [Map to Orange HS](#)

The pool is in the west end of the building. You can see it through the two-story-high windows. Park along the west end of the building. There is a very wide concrete pad leading to a double set of glass doors on the pool deck. If you arrive early, drop your boats on the concrete pad and go inside and wait until we are permitted to bring boats into the pool area.

Kayak Roll Sessions

Work on your Eskimo roll in the comfort of our heated pool so you will be ready for the river this spring. Participants must bring their own boats (clean boats only, please) and gear. **Helmets are required** for anyone entering the pool. There are experienced boaters on hand to give pointers to new kayakers. Enter the pool area through West pool deck doors starting at 3:50pm. Participants must fill out a registration form & pay before being allowed to enter the water. Please bring exact change each day.

Cancellation Policy

If winter driving conditions are bad, the session may be canceled. When Orange Community Education and Recreation is closed, information is typically on local television and radio stations. We will also try to post closings on the Hotline at 216-556-4659 and our [Message Board](#).

For more information contact Dave Roush rockyroush@gmail.com... 440-623-9035

Lakewood High School Roll Sessions-2015-16

Six sessions are scheduled this Winter, **January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27; March 5, 12 - 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

Saturday Pool time starts at 3:00 PM and ends promptly at 5:00 PM. Cannot enter the building until 2:50 PM. All must shower and be out of the building by 5:15pm. A charge of \$6 per person per session covers the use of the pool. Please remember **helmets are required.**

Directions to Lakewood High School Pool

Lakewood High School is at 14100 Franklin Blvd., the pool is located in the back of the High School, so entering at the Robinwood Ave. entrance is easiest, especially when coming from I-90. Exit from I-90 at the Bunts Rd./W 140th St. Exit and head north on Bunts to Madison Ave. Turn left on Madison Ave. and head one block to Robinwood Ave. Take a right on Robinwood Ave., which dead ends into the pool entrance. Kayaks should be brought through the delivery entrance/emergency exit, which is located just to the east of the Robinwood entrance. Pool staff will be stationed at the delivery entrance to assist you. Cannot enter the building until 2:50 PM.

[Map to Lakewood HS](#)

Cancellation Policy

If Lakewood High School pool is closed, that information will likely be available on the pool's voicemail at (216) 529-4014 or see our [Message Board](#).

For more information contact Karl Nelson knelson@aultman.com - - 330-497-2483

For Lakewood Pool information contact Matt Demaline - Aquatics Manager
Matt.Demaline@lakewoodcityschools.org - - 216-529-4081

Meyers Lake YMCA Pool Roll Sessions - 2015-16

Sessions are now scheduled for **every Sunday starting 11/08 to 2/21** for Meyers Lake YMCA Pool in Canton, OH

Sunday Pool sessions start at 8:45am and end promptly at 10:45am. The YMCA has agreed to open the back door at 8:30am to allow us time to bring in our kayaks/gear. A charge of \$5-\$7 per kayak/person per session should cover the use of the pool.

Directions to Canton Meyers Lake YMCA Pool

The Meyers Lake YMCA is located at 1333 North Park Ave NW in Canton. Easily located 1 mile west of I-77 using the 13th St exit. Turn Right on Park Street and

you can't miss the YMCA on the building. If you see the lake on your right you have gone too far.

[Meyers Lake YMCA](#)

There are a few simple guidelines to follow. All boaters will bring their kayaks/gear through the back door. All kayaks and gear must be clean before getting to the YMCA. No seal launching. It is important that all kayaks are out of the YMCA building immediately after the session ends, take your kayak out the back door to the parking lot then proceed with showers and changing. Please pay me (or designated person) at the end of each session. Please remember **helmets are required**.

Format for the Canton Roll Sessions will remain as in the past, first hour roll practice second hour kayak soccer.

Cancellation Policy

Please check the Keel-Haulers [Message Board](#) the morning of a session, a post will be there in the event the YMCA needs to cancel.

For more information contact Jeff Cramer jscramer24@neo.rr.com . . or 330-245-6252

Akron University Pool Roll Sessions

Open kayaking sessions to learn basic kayaking skills on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00 pm beginning Every Tuesday from 9/22/15 to 12/08/15 and 2016 not announced

All boats, PFDs (life jackets), and paddles are provided. No experience is required. But you may bring your own, see below.

Cost is free for students, faculty/staff and rec members, and \$10 per session for non members. Please arrive on the ONAT pool deck at the start time. See [Akron U Pool Information](#)

Directions to Pool

Pool is near E. Buchtel Ave Exit off of SR 8. [Map to Akron U Pool](#)
For more information contact Manager of Outdoor Adventure
outdooradventure@uakron.edu . . . 330-972-7357

General Pool Rules

The sessions are unstructured, providing plenty of time to practice at your own pace. There is no formal instruction. However, there are always club members on hand who are happy to demonstrate and provide assistance to other club members. If you want help with your roll, just ask a club member.

Hand paddles will be available for learning hand rolls.

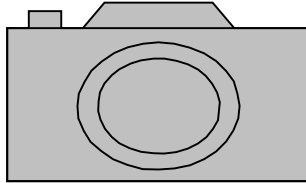
To maintain a good relationship with the Orange & Lakewood, Canton or Akron, there are a few rules to observe.

1. **All boats must be clean.** Remove the air bags and wash the boat, inside and out. Do this at home. Dirty boats are not allowed in the pool.
2. Sessions are open to the general public. For those interested, club membership forms will be available at the door. Annual club dues are only \$20 per family. Click to [Join Our Club](#)
3. The roll session at Orange High School is preceded by an Open Swim session. If you arrive early, please wait outside the building with your boats until the Open Swim session ends at 4:10 PM. Please bring in boats through the back emergency exit, which will open at 4:10 PM.
4. Please sign in and pay the lifeguard/manager upon entering the pool. **Please bring exact change.**
5. We must avoid damage to the facilities and especially the pools' tiled surfaces. Remove metal rudders from sea kayaks. Do not bring aluminum canoes. **Do not launch off the deck of the pool** -- enter your boat while it is sitting in the water.
6. The pool becomes crowded. In the interest of safety, neither free swimming nor diving is allowed. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a paying adult.
7. **Helmets will be required**, whether you are in a boat or standing in the water helping someone. This is for your own safety.



Next Year's Yearbook in Progress...
From Jim Hunt

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS



Your boating and outdoor photos are needed for the 2016 KHCC Yearbook. Digital photos are requested. They should be .jpg format and be at least 1 mb in file size. Color or black & white are just fine.

E-mail them to: jhunt4115@yahoo.com

Please attach no more than 5 photos to a single e-mail.

Please include for each photo: who took the picture, who is in the picture, where the picture was taken, any other info you think I need to know.

Any questions e-mail me or call: 330.335.5203

Jim Hunt, KHCC Yearbook Editor

KHCC Trip Schedule 2016
By Dennis Dukeman

The Keelhauler's Trip Schedule is one of the most important things the club has to offer to everyone. It provides a paddling progression for beginners and intermediate paddlers and there are many trips for the more advanced crowd such as the Upper Yough and Upper Gauley (in season) to name a few. The Trip Schedule also attracts new members, thus helping grow the club. Trips not only create a dialogue between paddlers young and old but provide a place to learn new skills, hone existing ones and challenges oneself while participating in the best sport ever.

Being a Trip Organizer is very important and I encourage anyone who is interested to Step Up. It's easy, rewarding and fun. Just think about all of the trip leaders that organized trips that you were on and some of those trips you may never forget. Your trip may become an annual favorite, many of them do. This is an opportunity to get more active in the club today, sign up!

But what we are really missing are flatwater trips on our river schedule. FLATWATER paddlers could help make our schedule even better for newer paddlers.

Rivers like:

Ashtabula
Conneaut Creek
Grand
Chagrin
Upper Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga below Kent
Vermilion
Mohican
Kokosing
Little Beaver
French Creek
Or anywhere else

These are all easy and scenic rivers. All you need is to find out how to get to the put-in and take-out. NO EXPERIENCE necessary. These rivers are where you can learn your paddling strokes, eddy turns and ferrying techniques. See this ODNR Guide <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/paddlenorthernohio> to these rivers. The smaller rivers are able to be paddled in March - May, some of the larger watersheds can be paddled any month.

If you would like to talk about being a Trip Organizer before you make the Jump to Light Speed please call or email me. 330-858-6270 / ddukeman@neo.rr.com

I would like to thank all of the Trip and Event Organizers from this past year your time is greatly appreciated. We have many members who continue year after year, but it takes new leaders to keep the ball rolling... Please contact me to discuss any trip ideas and or questions you may have. That's help make 2016 a great paddling year. I hope to hear from you...

Thank you,
Dennis Dukeman

November	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Pay Dues	
11/1	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	John Banach	330-606-5032
11/1	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
11/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

2016 Club Officers

President: Karl Nelson 330-497-2483
 VP: Dave Roush 440-623-9035
 Secretary: Marcia Karchmer 440-773-4132
 Treasurer: Sam Reynolds 330-962-5501

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, second Tuesday of each month
 Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to
 Membership Chairman: **John Kobak, 440-871-1758**

1649 Allen Dr.

Westlake, OH 44145

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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.org

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The
 deadline for the **December** issue of the newsletter is **11/20/15**. Please
 remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at
peetzaguy@aol.com.

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November, 2015



Keelhauler's Ka-news



DECEMBER, 2015



Next Club Meeting Wednesday, Dec 9th.
*at the Middleburg Hts Community Center,
16000 E. Bagley Rd.*

Doors open at 7:00 PM; dinner is at 8:00 PM

Program: Club Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner

Please bring a dish according to
the first letter of your last name:

A-E: Main Dish or Casserole

F-L: Salad or Vegetable

M-R: Bread or Appetizer

S-Z: Dessert or Fruit

The club will supply beverages, plates and plastic ware.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.

Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl M. Nelson



December is the time when we pause to reflect on the year that has just past. In 2015, there were over 300 Keelhaulers living in 12 states. In 2015, the Keelhaulers had at least 110 scheduled trips plus who knows how many just because the sun was shining and we could. In 2015, the Keelhaulers had trips on 20 different rivers (or sections of rivers). This doesn't include the Week of Rivers, Southern River Trips, or trips to Costa Rica. These trips take place because someone volunteers to organize the trip. Unfortunately, that no good kayaker *Organizer Needed* is still leading more than his fair share of trips. If you have been on a trip, you can organize a trip. Let Dennis Dukeman know the trips you would like to organize. Many of those from states far and wide join the Keelhaulers because of the extensive trip schedule. All of them stay because of the class of paddlers who gather at the campfires. December is also the time when we make resolutions for the New Year. I resolve to not have any out-of-boat events until April.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
From Marcia Karchmer, Secretary
November 10, 2015

Attendance: 13

New Members: 1: Carl Fazio: interest in canoeing.

Chair reports: John Kobak: membership: 300 total members; 200 paid.

New Business:

Board Meeting: 11/12/15: 7pm: Holiday Inn Independence, OH.

Vermilion Race: Jon Reising to organize it until the 50th anniversary. His hope is that the Metroparks will take it over.

New younger members are needed. The new website has not brought in much interest in the club. Marcia suggested contacting Scott Patton, who teaches high schoolers to paddle whitewater on the Yough: she will do this next year. Scott is from Pittsburgh.

Pool sessions have already started in Canton: Sunday A.M.; Lakewood sessions begin in January.

New river sports store in Avon, OH: Cabella's and new LLBean store in Legacy Village, Beachwood, OH.

Donna and Carl Homberg's grandson, Tom Piro, has a new video out: Ohio Whitewater Class VI.

Trip reports: None.

Program: none: need for program suggestions.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Christmas Party: (Second Tuesday spot had already been reserved.)
Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center: Pot luck.

Monthly Treasurer's Report

By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club **Treasurer's Report - November 22, 2015**

CD 0402	\$2, 273.87
CD 1077	\$2, 271.44
CD 4709	<u>\$2, 251.10</u>
CD'S	\$6, 796.41
Checking	<u>\$8, 813.24</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$15,609.65</u>

Has Your Membership Expired?

From John Kobak

Our club's 2015 membership year ended on October 1st.
There are still a few members who have not paid their 2016 dues.

Your monthly password e-mail will warn you if this is your last newsletter.

Since I will not be around to get your check until December 17th please try to pay your \$20 on-line using Paypal.

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link:

<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

OR

If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your

2016 Membership Dues

To:

Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1174 Karla Dr
Clinton, OH 44216

To check whether you have paid or not, check this updated file:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khint.pdf>

This file is password protected for your security.

User Name: "dir" and the current 2015 password can be found on page 20 of our yearbook or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 5 and not 6, then you are not recorded as paid for 2016.

Jim Hunt is completing the **2016 yearbook & Roster** and there is no reason for you to have incorrect information or not even be listed in the new yearbook. Take a look at all your membership information using this link.

http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/Members_Allfields.pdf

Note: Your information spans 2 pages.

Only paid-up members will be listed in the yearbook, the cut-off date for new yearbook is 12/26/15.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

[Where in the World is Kobak Now](#)

50 YEARS OF THE KEEL-HAULERS

continued.....

**PADDLING WITH THE KEELHAULERS
IN THE 1970s
by Dean Norman**

I joined the Keelhaulers Canoe Club in the fall of 1971 when I moved more or less permanently to Cleveland. My kids, David and Susan, kayaked with me on many club trips from 1972 thru 1975. In those years the Vermilion River was always high enough to run from Birmingham to Mill Hollow on race day. On one clean-up day the week before the race, the river was extremely high. Hank Annable stood on the bank smiling and shaking his head. He knew the river better than anyone, and was not going to paddle. We should have taken his advice. There was no way we could do any clean up, so it was just a fun paddle. The kayakers had a fun day, but open canoes swamped in the waves. Some canoes not only swamped but went to the bottom and were held there by the current until days later. Fortunately no paddlers were hurt.

I lived for two years in Los Angeles (1969-71) and joined the Valley Canoe Club. It was then my kids and I got into kayaks and C-1s, and paddled on the Kern River and Kings River. I brought a Tom Johnson designed Bronco kayak with me when I moved to Cleveland, and Chuck Tummonds got permission from Tom Johnson to make Bronco kayaks for himself and several Keelhaulers members. Many years later my beat up and roughly patched Bronco kayak was purchased by Andy Gross at a Keelhaulers auction. He used it to teach kayaking in a swimming pool at Cleveland State.

Tom Johnson designed the first widely manufactured poly kayak, the River Chaser, in 1974 or 1975. These indestructible boats (which sometimes destructed from plastic fatigue) led to the new techniques of bouncing off of rocks rather than avoiding them. Perception soon made a much better plastic kayak, and Keelhaulers quit making their own kayaks from fiberglass. By 1976 most Yough river guides began using River Chasers which could take more frequent rock beating without repairs.

Chuck Tummonds was very interested in kayak slalom racing for his daughter Cathy. Chuck designed a slalom practice race course on his property on the Upper Cuyahoga River. He took Cathy and my daughter Susan to many slalom races. Cathy became so skilled she probably would have won a national championship and been on the U.S. Team for international races. But she dislocated a shoulder while paddling in Colorado one summer, and had to give up kayaking completely as the shoulder continued to hurt for a year or more.

Susan qualified once for the U.S. Team and paddled at a World's championship in Wales. One year she failed to qualify for the U.S. Team, but got lucky and won the national championship. The U. S. women's team members decided to skip the national race, because they thought Linda Harrison would just beat them all again as she had for about five years in a row. But Linda had stopped practicing that summer, and Susan with one good run managed to make the best score.

Donna Bergland, a chemistry professor at Wooster College, presented a slide show of her Grand Canyon trip at a club meeting. In the fall of 1975 Donna led a Keelhaulers trip on the Gauley River. Most of us had not paddled the Gauley before, so she led us through every rapids. I tried to get near the head of the line each time to be sure to follow the route she was selecting. Everyone except Donna carried around Iron Ring Rapids. It didn't look difficult, but there were said to be iron rods below the surface that could hurt you if you capsized.

At Pillow Rock rapids we all watched Donna show the route. She punched through two hydraulic waves at the start, and then stroked hard to center and right to finish the run rather easily. Then I watched our best paddlers fail to punch through the hydraulic waves. They got caught, surfed a while before tipping over, then rolled up and were washed to the left against the pillow rock. Some leaned toward the rock, some braced away from the rock...all of them tipped over. Then

they rolled up again and got washed against a second pillow rock and capsized and went down the final chute upside down. Then they rolled up again and paddled into the eddy to watch the rest of us take our medicine. Chuck Singer carried his kayak up along the left bank to try it again, and tipped and rolled three times again in his second run.

It was too hard to carry around this rapids, so I was resigned to taking my bath and hoped I could roll up three times and avoid a swim. Then I saw a C-1 paddler, Loren Schafer, take a route in the center through a maze of rocks in shallow water. When he came out of the maze he was downstream of the two hydraulic waves that caused the trouble, so he could easily paddle hard to the right as Donna had done and make the run look easy. I took that route and had the same success. I would rather survive than be brave. Donna was a very strong paddler to be able to punch through the waves that stopped everyone else.

I met Donna again at a restaurant in Salmon, Idaho, in 1976. I had gone there to paddle the Middle Fork and Main Salmon rivers with Dr. Walt Blackadar and his son and daughter. Donna often spent summers in the West paddling whitewater with people she had met there. The next year I read a sad story that Donna died in a western river. She took a practice run prior to a downriver race...alone...and got pinned in a rapids. The racing paddlers found her the next day. Donna was usually a cautious paddler, but apparently she was overconfident that day to paddle the river alone in the late afternoon.

Dr. Walt Blackadar died the same year by getting pinned under a downed tree on the North Fork of the Payette River in Idaho. He was paddling with a group, but the river was too turbulent for other paddlers to help him where he was pinned. Walt was a fearless paddler, because he hardly ever missed a roll. He would drift sideways into big hydraulic waves that he knew would capsize him, and calmly roll up after he washed out of the wave. But he admitted that he was not good at negotiating tight technical routes in narrow rivers, and didn't paddle much in that kind of river. Two legends of our sport lost their lives in mistakes they didn't usually take. Something for all of us to think about when we paddle whitewater.

But before the Keelhaulers there was the Madhatters Canoe club which I joined in 1966. I only paddled one trip with them on the Upper Cuyahoga and met George and Helen Hazelett at that time. Don Roper may have been on the trip also. I did attend part of a 2 or 3 day New Year's party held by the club, which was feasting and drinking and telling tall tales.

From 1968 to 1971 I was gone from Cleveland, so I missed the birth of the Keelhaulers club. Hank Annable should tell us about this. A story I heard was that on canoe camping trips the Madhatters members (some of them) would stay up late at the campsite, drinking and singing and beating on the bottoms of overturned canoes to sound like Indian tom toms. Some people on those trips wanted to go to sleep when it got dark, and have energy to paddle rapids the next day. Cattaraugus

Creek in New York was a favorite canoe camping river, and at high water the rapids can be challenging for open canoes.

There was a club meeting with arguments and a vote on whether or not it should be lights out and quiet when it got dark, and a majority voted for lights out and quiet.

Then the trustees of the club said it was in the club constitution that the trustees could overrule any vote of members, and the singing and drinking and canoe beating was an indispensable tradition of the club. So several members who wanted quiet time after dark, quit the Madhatters and formed the Keelhaulers Canoe Club.

I was told that the first kayak in NE Ohio was paddled by Father Patrick McGuckin. When he entered the Madhatters Grand River Race, they made him use a single bladed paddle. His double bladed paddle was thought to be an unfair advantage over all the others who were paddling canoes. There were no separate categories in that race so everyone was competing against everyone else no matter what kind of boat you paddled.

Don Roper told me how the first Keelhaulers kayakers learned the Eskimo roll. No one knew how to do it, so they went to a swimming pool and read a book. Then everyone got into their boats and thrashed around unsuccessfully. Eventually one person shouted "I did it!" They all stopped to watch him do it again, and then imitated his stroke.

When I first paddled Slippery Rock Creek, Don Roper told me how to run one rapids. "Go left, and then go right, and then down the middle. Or maybe it's the other way around. Well, just watch me." So I watched Don go left and go right...or maybe it was the other way around...and then he went over the last drop and I couldn't see him. But I saw him wave his paddle in the air three times. I wondered what that signal meant? When I met Don below the rapids, he explained his paddle signal. "I turned over in the last drop. So I rolled up, and rolled up so strong I went over on the other side. I use an extended paddle roll, and couldn't get my paddle adjusted to brace after a strong roll. Tipped and rolled three times."

In spring of 1967 I took photographs at the start of the Madhatters Grand River Race, and met Ralph McCarty. He and his son were paddling a wood canoe that leaked a lot. He said the beautiful canoe had been on a famous expedition filmed by Lowell Thomas, so he wanted to paddle it even though they had to stop and tip it up to drain it several times during the race. It was a big snow storm that day. Driving on the shuttle was treacherous, and lots of paddlers got wet on the river. It made good photos, and I wrote a photo article that the Plain Dealer Magazine printed the following year. The Madhatters said it snowed every time they held this race in the first few years

In spring of 1967 Ralph McCarty and Father McGuckin took me and my daughter and our new Labrador puppy on a white water adventure on the Cheat River

Narrows. My canoe half filled with water in each rapids, and the puppy would be swimming in the canoe before we bailed it out. We carried around Calamity Rock. Then I finally told Ralph I was going to quit before the next rapids and haul my boat up to the road. My daughter and I were exhausted, and if we tipped we would not be able to help ourselves. It turned out we had just come thru the last rapids, so we didn't have to quit. Ralph McCarty is famous for his enthusiasm which often exceeded his judgment and skill. He never should have let me and my daughter paddle that day without wet suits.

Bob Marietta told how Ralph led trips on the Yough when he founded Mountain Streams and Trails with rubber ducky kayaks instead of rafts. Ralph told a group of first time paddlers how to run Entrance Rapids...which is sort of complicated. Finally he stopped describing how to run the rapids, and said, "Just follow me!" Then Ralph capsized in the first wave and swam the rapids, while everyone in the group came through without tipping over. Someone should tell some more McCarty stories.



Cartoon by Dean Norman

From John Kobak:

I propose that each month under this same 50 year title, [Old time Club Members](#) or anyone else, post a story from the old days. Please send Kelly a story each month and keep this going until next spring.

WV Flood of 1985 – 30 Years ago From John Kobak

During the last week of October 1985, weak winds over the United States, south of 40 degrees latitude, allowed a late-season tropical storm named Juan to meander along the Gulf of Mexico coast. On Thursday, October 31, the weakening Juan moved north, leaving abundant moisture over the Southeast.

On Sunday, November 3, another storm formed in southeastern Georgia. This new storm was now in position to tap the moisture left in the atmosphere by Juan. Occasional rain fell over West Virginia on November 3. By the predawn on Monday, November 4, a large area of rain began to form from western North Carolina north to southern West Virginia. This rain continued to strengthen while shifting northeast toward Elkins and Petersburg by late morning. The storm center moved slowly north, reaching the Lynchburg, Virginia, vicinity by nightfall. The circulation around the storm pulled additional moisture from the Atlantic coast, and the winds blowing up the eastern slopes of the Appalachians augmented rain totals. These factors kept the heavy rains falling into Monday night. Rainfall rates of three to six inches in 12 hours were observed over the headwaters of the Potomac, Greenbrier, and Little Kanawha rivers. These same rainfall rates affected an even larger percentage of the Cheat, Tygart Valley, and West Fork river basins.

In response to the rain, many head-water rivers rose rapidly with the onset of darkness that Monday evening. Severe flooding took place overnight. After midnight, the rain became lighter, but by then, fatal flooding was under way. The 24-hour rainfall amounts, ending near dawn on Tuesday, November 5, were four to eight inches from the Covington and Roanoke area of Virginia northward, to include the area from Clarksburg to Petersburg in West Virginia. The low clouds and light rain that fell during the day on November 5 did not affect river crest heights, but did hamper rescue operations from the air.

The Cheat and Greenbrier rivers crested at record levels. Record water heights were also seen on portions of the Tygart Valley, Little Kanawha, and West Fork rivers, and on the North and South Branches of the Potomac. At Parsons, the Cheat River crested 10 feet above flood stage and four feet higher than the previous record from July 1888. At Glenville, the Little Kanawha River crested 13 feet above flood stage and about two feet higher than the March 1967 flood. At Philippi, the Tygart Valley River crested nearly 15 feet above flood stage and around four feet higher than the previous record stage. At Moorefield, the South Branch of the Potomac River crested about 10 feet above flood stage and nearly four feet higher than June 1949, the previous record.

In West Virginia, 47 people were killed in the flood of 1985. Pendleton and Grant counties had the most fatalities. Towns such as Parsons, Rowlesburg, Philippi, Marlinton, Glenville, Petersburg, and Moorefield were severely damaged. The upper James and Roanoke rivers in neighboring Virginia also had fatal record flooding. In the aftermath of this flood, cleanup and recovery efforts were greatly aided by an unusually mild November.

Here are some YouTube videos about the flood.

ABC News Peter Jennings Nov 1985 Potomac River Flood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oilTvtgysH0>

Rowlesburg WV Potomac Cheat River Flood Tom Brokaw Nov 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-ZRF7xolL8>

Ted Kennedy Visits West Virginia Flood Victims

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEi2_encDw0

WV Flood 1985 Federally Activated WVARNG 3664th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6bOEx103IE>

West Virginia Public Broadcasting on Flood of 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whyDA3sbuwU>

The Great West Virginia Flood Of 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNnheDXAI0A>

Interview with Charlie Walbridge, effects of the 1985 flood on the paddling the Cheat Canyon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKD1rivhcRY>

Big Nasty, Black Saturday the Next Spring - 1986

<https://vimeo.com/117990973>

Upcoming Roll Sessions

See website link for the most up to date information.

<http://www.keelhauler.org/Instruction/#pool>

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**Grand Canyon National Park Revises
Policy on Un-Used Private Permits
From Jim Hunt**

From: Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association:

The Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association would like to extend our thanks to Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga for an important adaptive management change he made early this year to the Colorado River Management Plan. This change is very meaningful to noncommercial Grand Canyon river runners seeking a permit to launch a river trip.

GCPBA requested that unused noncommercial river trip launch dates during a year be rescheduled, rather than lost. We wrote to the Park:

"We would like to discuss and perhaps develop a method for rescheduling unused noncommercial trips. With the 2006 CRMP, noncommercial river runners achieved long awaited gains in the number of trips allowed to launch. They are very valuable to us and highly sought after, as every year's river trip lottery application data shows. Unfortunately, sometimes for reasons beyond their control, permit holders must cancel their trips. Sometimes these trips cannot subsequently be awarded to anyone else to use on the original launch date. Unused noncommercial river trip launches, for any reason, perhaps could be placed back on the launch schedule, on dates later in the same year, chosen at the River Office's discretion so that the Trips At One Time parameter is not exceeded."

Clearly Superintendent Uberuaga heard us and other members of the public, and he approved and implemented the following change early in 2015. The announcement from April 3, 2105, says:

"Up to 20 unused noncommercial launches (last minute cancellations) will be added to the subsequent year's list of available dates and made available through lotteries to the public. Launches will be scheduled in the subsequent year near the date of the original planned launch. Noncommercial launches canceled more than 30 days in advance will continue to be distributed through a lottery system for the original launch date. This change will apply to last minute cancellations and no-shows."

Immediately upon approval unused five launch dates from March, 2014, onward were added to the 2015 launch calendar. Eleven unused 2015 dates have been added to the 2016 launch calendar. Launch dates that are canceled from now through the end of 2015 and remain unused will be released in a future lottery. All unused dates

that were rescheduled to the next year were offered in secondary lotteries, including the one that ended October 15, 2015.

This is expected to go on indefinitely. Further details of the implementation of the plan to reschedule unused launch dates will be coming soon.

GCPBA greatly appreciates Superintendent Uberuaga, River Permits Program Manager Steve Sullivan, and other Park personnel for hearing our suggestions and implementing these changes. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the park and encouraging further improvements and opportunities for private boaters to enjoy "the trip of a lifetime" on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon.

**Hydropower Legislation Seeks to
Undermine the Clean Water Act on
its 43rd Anniversary
From Jim Hunt**

From: American Rivers

October 18, 2015 marked the 43rd anniversary of the Clean Water Act. This bedrock environmental law has been protecting our waters since 1972. A few years before, the Cuyahoga River in Ohio had caught fire - for the 13th time! - at last moving Congress to act decisively to clean up the nation's rivers and streams. The Clean Water Act has brought us a long way since then, but its full implementation and enforcement are still needed as there are currently 43,180 impaired waters in the United States that need rehabilitation.



Unfortunately, the Clean Water Act is constantly under attack by corporate interests, and their allies in Congress, seeking to weaken the law's protection of

rivers, streams, and wetlands. The latest attack comes in the form of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act. H.R. 8 contains provisions in its hydropower section that would undermine the Clean Water Act. It would allow large utilities to ignore state and tribal requirements under the Clean Water Act that dams meet water quality standards. This dirty water language would benefit a small number of huge corporations that are afraid that their dams, built many decades ago, might now have to meet the Clean Water Act's modern standards.

For example, H.R. 8 would allow Exelon Corporation to avoid meeting its responsibility to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, which is why this provision is opposed by Maryland's Republican Administration. It also could allow Pacific Gas and Electric to avoid doing its part to meet water quality requirements on rivers that have been impaired by California's historic drought, which is why the State of California strongly opposes the bill. If this provision is enacted, the burden for protecting these and other important bodies of water will fall disproportionately on other users of the river, but especially agricultural producers and municipalities.

Hydropower licenses are issued for up to 50 years. Hydropower facilities that are coming up for relicensing now were first constructed before the Clean Water Act and virtually all modern environmental laws were in place. It is during relicensing proceedings that the public gets the opportunity to ensure that dam owners make the necessary changes to comply with the Clean Water Act and other modern laws. The opportunity to mitigate for the damage to the environment, while still providing reliable electricity, only arises once in a generation or two.

This bill is an unprecedented assault on our nation's rivers and the people and wildlife that depend upon them. Its passage would end the balance in hydropower licensing, instead tipping the scales in favor of huge utilities and against taxpayers. If you care about the Clean Water Act, as well as irrigation, Native American treaty rights, wildlife, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, whitewater boating, water quality, municipal water supply, fire safety, flood control, or any other purpose other than generating power, then you should urge your Representative to vote NO on H.R. 8.

KHCC Trip Schedule 2016 **By Dennis Dukeman**

The Keelhauler's Trip Schedule is one of the most important things the club has to offer to everyone. It provides a paddling progression for beginners and intermediate paddlers and there are many trips for the more advanced crowd such as the Upper Yough and Upper Gauley (in season) to name a few. The Trip Schedule

also attracts new members, thus helping grow the club. Trips not only create a dialogue between paddlers young and old but provide a place to learn new skills, hone existing ones and challenges oneself while participating in the best sport ever.

Being a Trip Organizer is very important and I encourage anyone who is interested to Step Up. It's easy, rewarding and fun. Just think about all of the trip leaders that organized trips that you were on and some of those trips you may never forget. Your trip may become an annual favorite, many of them do. This is an opportunity to get more active in the club today, sign up!

But what we are really missing are flatwater trips on our river schedule. FLATWATER paddlers could help make our schedule even better for newer paddlers. Rivers like the:

Ashtabula
Conneaut Creek
Grand
Chagrin
Upper Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga below Kent
Vermilion
Mohican
Kokosing
Little Beaver
French Creek
Or anywhere else

These are all easy and scenic rivers. All you need is to find out how to get to the put-in and take-out. NO EXPERIENCE necessary. These rivers are where you can learn your paddling strokes, eddy turns and ferrying techniques. See this ODNR Guide <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/paddlenorthernohio> to these rivers. The smaller rivers are able to be paddled in March - May, some of the larger watersheds can be paddled any month.

If you would like to talk about being a Trip Organizer before you make the Jump to Light Speed please call or email me. 330-858-6270 / ddukeman@neo.rr.com

I would like to thank all of the Trip and Event Organizers from this past year your time is greatly appreciated. We have many members who continue year after year, but it takes new leaders to keep the ball rolling... Please contact me to discuss any trip ideas and or questions you may have. That's help make 2016 a great paddling year. I hope to hear from you...

Thank you,
Dennis Dukeman

January	2016			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
1/03	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Dave Roush	440-623-9035
1/3-10	Costa Rica Week of Rivers, 7 day all-inclusive See Joe's Information or Costa Rica Rios		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/4,11,18,25	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/17,24	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

THE RULES OF KAYAKING

- RULE #1 DO NOT DIE.
- RULE #2 SEE RULE #1.
- RULE #3 PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BOATS.
- RULE #4 WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T.
- RULE #5 STRAINERS ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS.
- RULE #6 UNDERCUTS ARE BAD.
- RULE #7 SMILE FOR THE CAMERA.
- RULE #8 THE RIVER IS STRONGER THAN YOU ARE.
- RULE #9 BRING A HOT THERMOS BETWEEN LABOR DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY
- RULE #10 IF YOU SCOUT, BRING A THROW ROPE AND CAMERA.
- RULE #11 DON'T PADDLE WITH PEOPLE THAT DON'T CARRY THROW ROPES.
- RULE #12 HAVE YOUR KEYS AT THE TAKEOUT.
- RULE #13 IF IT'S NOT FUN, DON'T DO IT!
- RULE #14 HANDROLLS ARE A LAST RESORT, NOT FIRST.
- RULE #15 MAKE SURE SOMEONE HAS A WATCH.
- RULE #16 NEVER LET A NEW PADDLER GO FIRST OR LAST.
- RULE #17 NO RIVER IS "TOO EASY" UNLESS YOU CATCH EVERY EDDY AND SURF EVERY WAVE.
- RULE #18 CHERISH EVERY RIVER TRIP, NO TWO ARE THE SAME.
- RULE #19 SAVE THE PERSON WITH THE KEYS OR THE COFFEE FIRST.
- RULE #20 SCREAMING IN TERROR IS A WASTE OF GOOD OXYGEN.
- RULE #21 NO MATTER HOW FRIENDLY THE RIVER IS, YOU ARE NOT THE RIVER'S FRIEND.
- RULE #22 RIVERS DON'T CARE!
- RULE #23 ALWAYS HAVE AIRBAGS!
- RULE #24 WHEN IN DOUBT, PADDLE, PADDLE, PADDLE!
- RULE #25 THANK THE POOR SOULS WHO RETRIEVE ALL YOUR LOST GEAR.

2016 Club Officers

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **January issue of the newsletter is **12/20/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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