

Keelhauler's Ka-news FEBRUARY, 2012



Next Club Meeting: on Saturday
February 18th at **Pacers
Restaurant** 14600 Detroit Ave
Lakewood, OH after the Lakewood
Roll session at 5:30 PM.

Program: Happy Hour, food and
shake away the winter blues with
Kayak videos. [Pacers Restaurant](#) A
few blocks North of the pool on
Detroit across from Lakewood
Hospital.

For questions contact [Dennis
Dukeman](#) 330-699-2916.

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

2012 Yearbook...

is completed. On-Line Version- [2012 Yearbook](#)
[Need the NEW 2012 password? It was included in](#)
[newsletter e-mail](#). Please review. Send John
Kobak an [e-mail](#) to make a correction or for the
password.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall

Holidays are over and time to get back to thinking
about kayaking.

Although I was unable to go to the get together after
the orange pool practice at Orange High School I heard
that quite a few people made it to the Fox and Hounds.
Next Social meeting will be after pool practice at
Lakewood High School on Feb 18. We will be going to
Pacers Restaurant, 14600 Detroit Rd.

National Paddling Film Festival is another way to get
motivated for kayaking . What could be better than
paddle porn and micro brew at a bourbon distillery?
If you are up for some cold weather activities contact
Brent Hendren for Ohipyle Winter Fest or the Slip on
Mar 10-11.

Remember that the Vermilion River Race is coming up
sooner than you think. Eugene Baker needs volunteers
for the pre race clean-up and the race day. So if you
don't intend to race you should come out and help.
Our next regular meeting will be Mar 13 at the
Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center.

Be Safe and I'll see you on the river,
Michael



ON THE ROAD WITH JIM

By Michael Duvall

We met at Jim Hunt's house at 10 am to start our trip out west. We had 10 days to make it to Flagstaff, AZ to hook up with the others on Grand Canyon trip. Jim had the water purification equipment so we used his truck. The plan was to drive straight through to Colorado and do some paddling.

We got to Colorado Springs at 7am for breakfast and then on to Canyon City around 10. There we joined up with Bob Nicholson who had spent much of the summer in Colorado and set shuttle for the Royal Gorge. The level was low, only about 700 cfs which turned the big water river into more like a narrow steep creek. We got through Sunshine and Sledge Hammer just fine but the Wall was another thing. Bob went through first and Jim was sweep. I looked back and saw that Jim was standing on some rocks messing with his boat. It seems that he got stuck in a channel and ran out of water and had to get out of his boat to get back in the main stream. While I was looking back I floated up against the wall and flipped. I'm not sure if the wall is undercut but I was stuck against it and couldn't roll so you guessed it, I swam. Not a good level to swim because many rocks were exposed and I hit quite a few before I got myself and boat to shore. Everything was fine from there as we paddled through the narrow canyon below the suspension bridge that was a quarter of a mile above our heads. From there we headed to Buena Vista and the Mexican restaurant and a big pitcher of margaritas.

Next day we did the Numbers section of the Arkansas River. The level was only 450 cfs so all the boulders were exposed and the holes were nonexistent. So we dogged the rocks and had a very pleasant paddle. We said so long to Bob and headed to Twin Lakes to meet up with Jim's Son Jay.

One of the reasons we started the trip early was so we could be in Leadville Colorado when Jay was going to run the Leadville 100, a 100 mile trail run at an altitude of 10,000 feet. Jay had to run the first 50 miles by himself but could have pacers to run with him for the last 50 miles. Jay's girlfriend Maddy was the team coordinator and had to drive to all the check points to supply him with water, energy snacks, and extra shoes and socks. Maddy also had to get the pacers to the

right locations to join Jay on the trail. If that wasn't enough, she also ran with Jay as a pacer for 15 of the hardest miles over an 11,000 foot pass. Of course Jim had an ulterior motive for bring me along, I ran with Jay as a pacer for 10 miles from mile 60 to mile 70. I was concerned with running at that altitude, but I was able to do my part to help Jay break the 23 hour mark and place 32 out of close to 700 runners.



"Hurricane" Jay and me



Maddy (seated) and Emma another pacer



Maddy's food company support

After the race we stayed with Jay and Maddy in Gunnison for a few days. While Jay and Maddy were at work Jim and I did some hikes and bike riding. One day we hiked up to Oh Be Joyful Creek near Crested Butte to see the class V waterfalls that I am sure neither of us will ever run. Another highlight in Gunnison was watching the US Pro Cycle Race come



"Hurricane", Jim, Jay, Maddy, me at the finish

through town. We saw them on one stage that is harder than any day in Tour D' France, 131 miles long and over two 12,000 foot passes from Gunnison to Buna Vista and on to Aspen.



When Jay was somewhat recovered from his 100 mile run he joined Jim and myself kayaking on the Taylor River. The Taylor is one of the most disputed rivers in Colorado because the people that own the land own the river and do not allow people to run the river. We paddled through some of the disputed area without any problems; however, we did not touch the shore. Another river we paddled was the Gunnison Gorge. The Gorge is very remote with very high walls on both sides of the river. The hardest part of the Gunnison is the long dirt road shuttle and mile long hike on a mountain path to the put in. We were wise to hire an outfitter to drive the shuttle. Both rivers were beautiful class 3+.

After the Gunnison Jim and I said so long to Jay and headed toward Durango Colorado.



Gunnison Gorge



Jim and his son Jay in Gunnison Gorge

The road to Durango goes over Red Mountain Pass which is the scariest pass I have ever seen. I thought we might be part of the TV series "Most dangerous roads." There was a 1,000 foot cliff at the edge of the road with no guard rails and if that was not enough there was construction which narrowed the road to one lane.

In Durango we found the Animus River and the Four Corner Outfitters Shop and asked about the shuttle for the "town run." They told us where to put in and that we should take out at the shop. We thought we would have to use the city bus for the shuttle but they said we could just borrow their bicycle. The Animus River was very low and the only good part was in the play park near the end of the run. Just to illustrate how low it was, after our run I rode the bike back to get Jim's truck there were girls in bikinis and inner tubes putting on. While I was biking the shuttle Jim was buying and outfitting a boat he bought from the outfitter. Now the Colorado portion of our trip was over and we were off to Flagstaff to join the crew for the Grand Canyon.

44th Annual Vermilion River Race

This year on April 1st Keel-Haulers will host the 44th Annual Vermilion River Race. That is only two months away and it will be here before we know it. We need a few good members to volunteer to serve on the Race Committee.

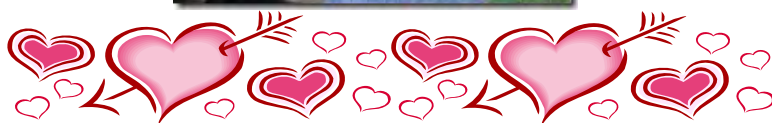
Anyone who has a sporting goods store on their area or an affiliation with a paddling group can help with publicity. Dennis D. is creating a poster for this year's event. If you know of a good place to put one please contact me and I can email the file and you can print up what you need. These should be posted around March first.

Sunday March 25th, the weekend before the race, a group of paddlers will run the river and clear as much debris as possible to make the race a bit safer. Most are in canoes because they carry chainsaws and other gear. Even if you don't have a canoe there are often seats available in another's boat. After the cleanup we will gather at Baker's home for some chili and dogs. If you can help us with that please give me a call or email. One of the critical positions is data entry. We track the race results and history using a data base program. One of the critical positions is data entry. We track the race results and history using a data base program. We need someone who is comfortable with "Access" to fill that spot. There are lots of other jobs and we can find a job for you if you want to help us. Please call or

email: Eugene u1meangene@gmail.com or call him at cell: 440-320-4490.

Where in the World is Chuck?

Our Sea Kayaking and Recreational Boating Chairperson Chuck Singer has once again taken off for a far away and cool destination..... Next newsletter, some of his trip blog/story will be printed for your entertainment!



Our **2012 Trip schedule** is almost completed. We need trips of all levels from flat water to beginning white water and advanced.

See the [Tentative 2012 Schedule](#)
Lots of our trips still need organizers.

So no matter what level you are at, you can organize a trip.

Read our [Trip Organizer's Responsibilities](#)
E-Mail [Michael Duvall](#) or call him at 216-513-5921.

February	2012			
2/4	Ohiopyle Winterfest & Paddle the Loop		Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
2/4, 18	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3-5:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
2/5,12,19,26	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 9-11:00 AM		Doug Lyons	330-402-6909
2/11, 25	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
2/18	Club Get-Together at Pacers Restaurant after Lakewood Roll session at 5:30 PM, everyone welcome.		Dennis Dukeman	330-699-2916
2/24,25	National Paddling Film Fest (KY)		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
March				
3/3	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
3/4,11	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 9-11:00 AM		Doug Lyons	330-402-6909
3/10,17,24,31	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3-5:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
3/10, 11	(2) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/13	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Dennis Dukeman	330-699-2916
3/25	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Eugene Baker	440-320-4490
3/31-4/1	WV Class V Creeking	>30	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	216-210-7544 724-272-6944

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Joe Marks

KEELHAULERS INCOME AND EXPENSES

Category Description	2010 Actuals	2011 Actuals	2012 Budget
INCOME			
Conservation Income	\$271.00	\$35.00	\$300.00
Dues	\$5,390.00	\$5,128.00	\$5,530.00
Interest	\$48.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
Rescue Weekend Income	\$474.00	-0-	-0-
Reservations	\$27.00	\$222.00	\$200.00
Vermilion Race Income	\$1,684.00	\$1,486.00	\$1,500.00
Uncategorized/Misc.	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,894.00	\$6,890.00	\$7,550.00
EXPENSES			
Club Promotion	\$165.00	-0-	-0-
Conservation Donations	\$1,870.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,325.00
Internet	\$113.00	\$216.00	\$225.00
Library	200.00	-0-	\$200.00
Meeting Hall	\$489.00	\$75.00	\$550.00
Miscellaneous	-0-	-0-	-0-
News Letter	\$1,603.00	\$963.00	\$1,000.00
Organization Dues	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Postage & Supply	\$631.00	\$115.00	\$250.00
Refreshments	\$124.00	-0-	-0-
Rescue Weekend Expense	\$263.00	-0-	-0-
Vermilion Race Expense	\$398.00	\$1,403.00	\$1,150.00
Yearbook Print	\$1,298.00	\$1,343.00	\$1,350.00
Yearbook Postage	-0-	\$306.00	\$250.00
Yough Reservations	\$120.00	\$210.00	\$200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,349.00	\$6,906.00	\$7,550.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$(542)	\$(16)	\$(0)
Checking Balance as of Jan.2012		\$6,559.00	
C/D Balances as of Jan. 2012		\$6,760.00	

CONSERVATION DONATIONS

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual
American Whitewater	\$625.00	\$575.00
Friends of Cheat	\$500.00	\$500.00
Friends of Crooked River	\$200.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Assoc.	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers	\$100.00	\$100.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$200.00	-0-
River Network	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy	-0-	\$150.00
Western Reserve Rowing Assoc.	-0-	\$250.00
Portage Park District		\$100.00
TOTAL:	\$1,875.00	\$2,225.00

FOOTNOTES: \$572 of 2010 meeting hall expense receipts were just recently turned in so that amount will be reflected in next year's expenses. Most of the 2011 meeting hall expenses were turned in after the end of the FY.

The Vermilion Race expenses should be lower this year due to the fact that the Club bought a bulk number of medals in 2011 to get them at a cheaper rate. The race organizers should have enough medals for this year and perhaps next year as well.

2012 Club Officers

President: Michael Duvall 216-521-0094
VP: Eugene Baker 440-320-4490
Secretary: Pat Guzowski 216-780-5734
Treasurer: Joe Marksz 216-281-1517

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
Membership Chairman: **John Kobak, 440-871-1758**

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the March issue of the newsletter is 2/22/12. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com or peetzaguy@comcast.net.

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