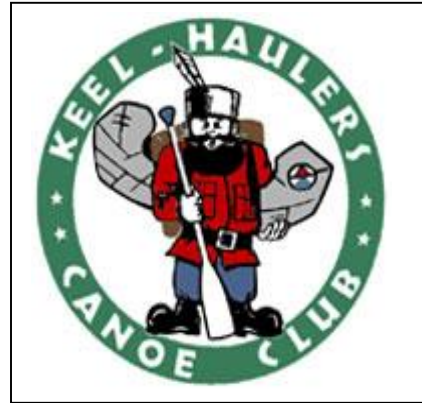


Keelhauler's Ka-news JULY, 2015



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

ACA / Canoe - Kayak - SUP - Raft - Rescue

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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.

<http://savethecooe.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/savethecooe>

~Kelly Miller

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

Men's Ski Boots: Tecnica +10 Power Adjustable, Size 27.5 – Top of the Line – Worn 6 times & in excellent condition. – \$80

Women's Downhill Parabolic Skis in excellent condition: Dynastar Speed 63 Carve Autodrive with Marker 5.2 Bindings and Tech 10 Pro Poles. – \$90

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

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

July	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
7/2,09,16,23,30	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH)- 5:30-7:30PM but call Dennis first	20-28	Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
7/3,4	Upper Yough or another local IV-V run (MD)	32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
7/5	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
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 Marksz	216-533-0604
7/18	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
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
7/24,25	Upper Yough (MD) - Paddle Fri, Sat Race & Festival is Saturday, 6 hr release. Race Check in: 9 AM - 12 PM at Wilderness Voyageurs in Friendsville, MD. Entry Fee : \$30 Race classes: All boats welcome! Race classes will be determined by the number of entrants Start Time: 4 PM at Gap Falls Post Race: Prizes and party at Wilderness Voyageurs following the event Friendsville Days - Fri 6:00-10:00 PM, Sat 12-10 PM	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
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

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, 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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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 **August issue of the newsletter is **7/23/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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