

Keelhauler's Ka-news JULY, 2018



Our Next Club Get-Together is on 8/18
at Tall Oaks Campground Pavilion near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Potluck Picnic in PA

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

More details to follow....

Contact: [John Banach](#) if you have any questions . . . 330-606-5032.

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

President's Message From John Banach



Hello to all my fellow Keel Haulers.

Can you believe that July is on our doorstep? Summer is here in full affect. Make sure you check out the club trip schedule as there is a lot going on over the next few months. But if you feel like scheduling your own little paddle excursion, please post it on the website and our FB page too. Our members are always looking to get out and paddle with friends.

I am excited for the upcoming July 4th. Wishing all of you a safe and fun holiday. I'll be bringing my kayak with me on my trip to the NJ coast. Ocean waves are calling my name. Where will you be paddling this holiday? We would love to have you share your paddling adventures in our next monthly newsletter.

Please mark your calendar for our club picnic and our next club meeting on August 18th at Tall Oaks campground Ohiopyle, PA. This will be a very important meeting as we will be discussing the officer slate for 2018/2019, budget, our need for more trip leaders, and the current and future goals of the club.

On that note, I will not be seeking another term as our club president. I will proudly finish out my term until this October. It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve in this roll. Unfortunately work, family/kids, and lack of time has made it a challenge to do what is necessary to benefit the club. And the beauty of our club is that there are always qualified members ready to step up and lead and fierce and fun bunch. I plan to keep a very active roll with the club and contribute as a trip leader, winter roll sessions, and instruction.

With that, I want to say the club has never been stronger. Our current membership is at a decade high. And our club funds never stronger. We are in a great place and it is all due to you, our members.

Thank you all for all of your club contributions. You are what makes this club great. We have the best members of any paddling club out there. I hope to see you out there.

John Banach, Keel Hauler Club President

**Treasurer's Report
By Sam Reynolds**

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
June 23, 2018**

CD 0402	\$2, 294.50
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 292.06</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 586.56
Checking	<u>\$18,087.79</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$22, 674.35</u>

Keelhauler Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018



Welcome.

Officers: John Banach, Don Howdyshell,

Trusties: Mike Gillam, Cliff Wire, Dave Roush

Members: 18

Guests: 2

Treasurer Report Balance: \$22,674.35

Trustees view of club's future: Need to work on 2019 slate for next meeting.

Chair Reports: Recap of Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race

Clean ups-River Clean up day on Public Lands Day

Pool sessions 2018/19

Conservation donations

Rec/sea kayak trips

Instruction- how do we form a better instruction program

John Kobak reported we have 299 - 2018 members, and 6 - 2019 members.

1. KHCC website update- Motion to have Moneen McBride to form a web committee made. She will poll members via Facebook and the website for input on things to add to the new updated site. Reformatted and mobile user friendly. Second, and passed.

2. Motion made to apply for Federal non-profit status at a cost of \$60 made.
Second, voted and motion passed.

New Business: Need to reach out to active members for interest in 2018/19 chair positions that may be open.

Better meeting locations.

More board meetings as required by bylaws.

More write ups needed for the newsletter.

**Stoney Release, June 2nd and 3rd
By Dave Roush**

This is going to be short as there is not much to report. The weather forecast was rain, rain, rain. Some paddlers were hesitant to come.

In addition, there were lots of options. The Slip clinic, Savage and LY were all running. Even so we had 8-10 paddlers each day. The weather was generally very good. While we did get some rain, it never interfered with getting (un)dressed or camping. There were very few other paddlers on the river, so we could play all we wanted. In fact, Saturday we played so much we got behind the bubble which made pipeline rapid and 14 eddy more challenging.

As always BIG KEN was very, very accommodating at Camp Q. Keel Haulers benefits from the great relationship he has with Ben's Creek club.

There were no notable incidents (a trip organizer's desired outcome). The big take away is: YOU MISS A LOT OF GREAT PADDLING IF YOU LISTEN TO THE WEATHER MAN.

**Friends of the Crooked River
From Jacki Zevenbergen**

Hi River Friends,

We are trying something new for the summer picnic this year. The picnic will be held on a Saturday afternoon, August 25th, at Camp Hi. We will kick it off with an optional beginner 2 mile paddle. You will be able to rent a canoe or kayak from Camp Hi for \$15 per person (including all gear) and a shuttle will be available for \$7.50 each for those who have their own boats!

FoCR will provide burgers and dogs for dinner for members and their guests in the pavilion next to our beloved crooked river. We will have games for the kids – both large and small :)

More details and a way to RSVP will be coming soon. Please save the date!

Jacki Z.

Jackie Zevenbergen, jackizeven@gmail.com

Gorge Dam Demolition By Matt Fredmonsky and John Kobak

Gorge Dam demolition and cleanup moves ahead with new agreement



This view of the Gorge Dam spanning the Cuyahoga River between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls was taken from the Goodyear blimp. The dam has impeded smooth river flow for more than a century. (Thomas Ondrey/Plain Dealer file photo)

By James F. McCarty, The Plain Dealer
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AKRON, Ohio - A working group of government and environmental officials on Thursday unveiled the second phase of a four-part plan to remove the Gorge Dam from the Cuyahoga River in Summit County.

The cooperative agreement will create a plan to manage the removal of tons of contaminated sediment that has accumulated behind the dam for more than a century, as well as other studies related to habitat restoration for the river after the dam is removed.

The Friends of the Crooked River, a grassroots group dedicated to supporting the river, has called the 400-foot wide, 60-foot tall dam an "obsolete hunk of concrete" and the single greatest unresolved water quality problem on the Cuyahoga River.

The Gorge Dam and the Brecksville Dam are the final two impediments to a free-flowing Cuyahoga River between Akron and Lake Erie.

The Gorge Dam crosses the Cuyahoga River in the Gorge Metro Park on the border between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, creating a mile-long pool of water and drastically changing the river's chemistry.

"This is the best possible news," said Elaine Marsh, a watershed specialist with the Summit Metro Parks and facilitator for the Gorge Dam Removal Stakeholder Committee.

"To us it's like the checkered flag at the start of a race. We've been lined up for years, and now we're ready to take off and head toward the finish line," Marsh said.

This second phase of the project is being funded by a \$750,000 state grant obtained by the city of Akron, which will be matched by funds from the Great Lakes Legacy Act, a pool of money designated for environmental cleanup projects when the source of the pollution cannot be identified or is unable to help pay.

The bulk of the \$70 million project, \$57.5 million, will be spent on phase three, sediment removal. The rest will be spent on the final phase, demolishing and removing the dam, according to estimates by the Ohio EPA.

"This signing is the next step forward in this important project that will return the Cuyahoga River to a vibrant and free-flowing river," said Craig Butler, director of the Ohio EPA, in a prepared release.

The other partners in the project include the U.S. EPA, the city of Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio Edison, and the Friends of the Crooked River.

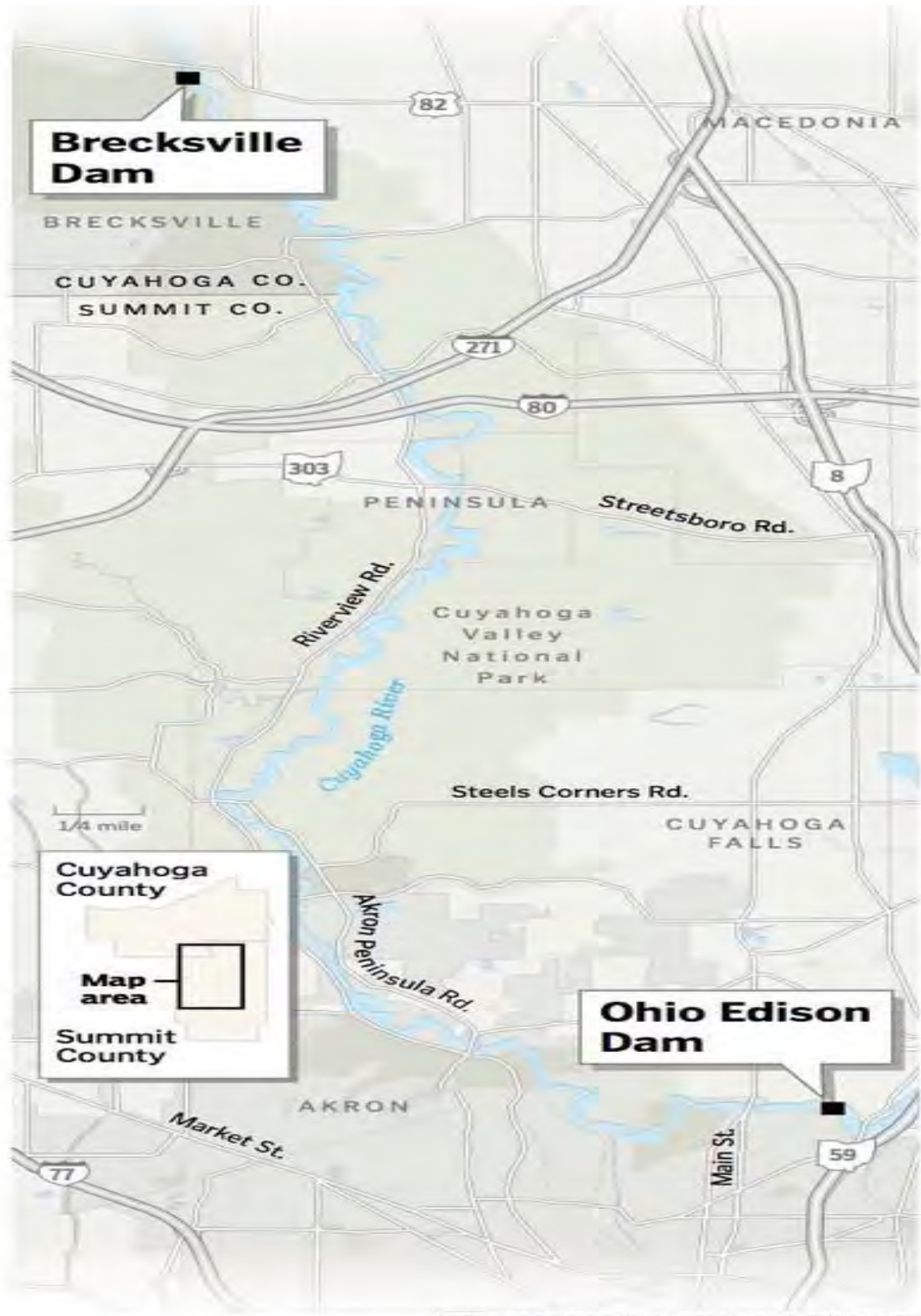
The dam acts as a barrier to migratory fish, obstructs the flow of the river, prevents the river's natural ability to clean itself, and enables accumulation of algae, which reduces oxygen and kills fish, the group said.

EPA officials are encouraged by water quality improvements since the removal of dams in Kent, Munroe Falls and downtown Cuyahoga Falls, and they expect the same benefits from the removal of the Brecksville Dam in 2019, and the Gorge Dam at an undetermined future date.




Improvements to the river's water quality downstream won't be immediate, but they surely will come eventually, said Jane Goodman, executive director of the Cuyahoga River Restoration group.

"Just like when they took down the three other dams, the removal of the Gorge Dam will allow the river to flush out areas that need to be flushed with more water coming through more quickly," Goodman said.

"Eventually, the river will settle into a normal flow from the rapids in Cuyahoga Falls to the Cleveland shipping channel. Most importantly, fish will have pure passage from Lake Erie to all of the upriver sections and tributaries for breeding."



Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add, correct, or volunteer to lead any trips listed. [Joe Boyd](#) 740-632-6725

July	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
6/30-7/8	(5) Week of rivers with Carolina Canoe Club	20-28	Phil/Jen Raber	330-827-7063
7/1	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
7/7	Black Fork River Canoe & Kayak Race (OH) 	SK/FW	Walt Markwell	330-807-6337
7/14	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	<u>Needs organizer</u>	
7/14,15	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Intro weekend - Call Fran for Permit	23	Fran Hoven	216-375-3718
7/14	Headwater Adventure Race in Mantua Village (OH) Run, Bike & Paddle 	SK/FW	Kristi Kato	440-231-2311
7/27,28	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	32	Doug Smith	419-270-0132
7/21	Cuyahoga River (OH) Brecksville to Rockside Rd	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
7/21,22	(5) New River (WV)	26	<u>Needs organizer</u>	
7/22	Canoe & Kayak Orienteering Race Walborn Reservoir - Alliance, OH 	SK/FW	Bob Boltz	330-928-8635
7/20,21	Upper Yough (MD)	32	<u>Needs Organizer</u>	
7/28,29	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get your own Permit	23	Sam Reynolds	(330) 962-5501
7/29-8/4	Playboating on Ottawa River (Canada) A passport or card required An play boat trip- Water level dependent	27-32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293

2018 Club Officers

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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. Sometimes changes, so please check website.

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

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **AUGUST 2018** issue of the newsletter is **7/23/18**. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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