

Keelhauler's Kanews OCTOBER, 2010



**Next Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 12th at
7:30 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!

It's that time again.....

All club memberships expire on October 1st. As soon as you can, please mail a \$20 check for your 2011 membership dues.

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

Or pay \$21 using Paypal. Use this link to pay:
<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/PaypalPay.htm>

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

User Name: "dir" and the current 2010 password found on pg 20 of our yearbook or see our monthly e-

mail. If you need to change any information use this form:

<http://keelhauler.org/Newregistration.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.

Why don't you put some cardstock in your printer and print up some business card to handout to your non-member friends?

http://www.keelhauler.org/images/KHCC_Cards.pdf

John Kobak

**The slate for 2010-2011 Keelhaulers officers
is:**

**Pres: Cliff Wire
VP: Michael Duvall
Sec. Pat G.
Treasurer: Joe Marksz
Terry Markoff to Trustee**

**Please show your support for your club by
showing up at the Oct. meeting and voting.**

Your Keelhauler's Board

09/14/2010 KHCC Meeting

There were about 14 people present for the meeting with 4 new members or first time attendees.

New Members:

Jeff Klecka of Mentor is a new member interested in WW Kayaking.

Bob Hunter of Fairport Harbor is a new member and experienced canoeist. Bob is new to WW Kayaking.

Virginia Ehrbar of Euclid Is a new member interested in sea kayaking, canoeing.

Welcome to these new members!

President Cliff Wire was out of town so Michael Duvall led the meeting.

The August meeting was held in the Ohiopyle (PA) area and was a great success. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the cookout.

Trip Reports:

The first weekend of Gauley season was last weekend and was well attended by KHCC members. There were at least 34 paddlers there. Trips were run on both the Upper and Lower Gauley on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There were 2 first timers on the Lower and 1 first timer on the Upper.

Upcoming trips are on the Gauley for the next five weekends and several trips on the Lower Yough. Upper Yough trips will be held if there are water releases. Also, October 16 on the New River with Bridge Day and Moose Fest (NY) on the October 16 weekend.

New Business:

The slate of officers for the club to vote on at the October meeting is as follows:

President - Cliff Wire

Vice President - Michael Duvall

Treasurer - Joe Marksz

Secretary - Pat Guzowski

Member at Large - Terry Markoff

Old Business:

Joe Marksz has discussed with TRPC the idea of having limited joint membership in 2011 between the two clubs so that TRPC members could join our trips and KHCC members could join the Turkey Bash and Slip Clinic. The two clubs already paddle together most weekends and we jointly run the Rescue Rodeo. A fair number of paddlers already belong to both clubs. The idea was supported by all present. The Board will discuss this at the October board meeting and make a decision. A vote of the membership on this is not required.

Program:

Jim Hunt presented a slide show on his sea kayak trip to Lake Nipigon (Ontario) this past summer.

SYOTR,

Pat

First Gauley Weekend

By John Kobak

I guess the warm weather and the dry rivers elsewhere brought out the paddlers for the first weekend of the Summersville Lake drawdown. Jim Hunt was the trip organizer for the Lower Gauley on Friday and Saturday. I organized the camping at Battle Run Campground and the Upper Gauley trips on Saturday and Sunday. There were so many club paddlers that we needed to get 5 campsites which were packed by the 32 paddlers. We had many old paddlers which allowed us to purchase the campsites for half price. The cost of camping per person came to only \$2/nite.

Two groups of paddlers started off on Friday.

Doug Smith	Jim Hunt
Bob Nicholson	Michael Duvall
Mark Warren	Cliff Wire
Brent Laubaugh	Brenda Benner
Dave Broer	Robert Koenen
John Greer	Jackie Blackwood
	Alan Blackwood
Jim McHale	Hugh Barrow

John Kobak
Mark Poljak

Gib McGill
Pam Poljak

A few swims here and there but both groups had a great time in the 2800 cfs release. This is 4 times the flow that us Yough paddlers are used to, but we quickly got used to the big waves.

More paddlers arrived for Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Herron

Jenn & Phil Raber

Dan O'Hearn

Jill Noel

Brent Hendren

Patrick Edmonds

Jim Murtha

Deb Avallone

Carolyn Devenny

April Hollis

John Galik

Joe Marksz

Dorian Wolter

Bill Layton

Brian Kish

Annelies Layton

Matt Bernstein

On Saturday, we had 4 groups of paddlers but we combined the shuttling to make it easier. Six paddlers ran what we call the Marathon, putting in at the dam and running the Upper Gauley and the Lower Gauley. Twenty Three paddlers split into two groups running the Lower Gauley from Woods Ferry to Swiss Ferry. In spite of a lot of flips our Upper group was swimless and finished early.



Annelies Layton at Hungry Mother

The weather was warm and sunny and most of the paddlers headed out to local restaurants before coming back for a nice campfire. You could see the shore line of the lake drop about 6" each day from the drawdown.

On Sunday I decided to take a rest while 11 paddlers headed to the Lower Gauley and a small 3 man group and 9 others headed to the Upper Gauley. Both groups had some problems. Jackie Blackwood was experiencing her first Upper Gauley run and Gib McGill was back after about a 6 year hiatus. After a short swim Gib was feeling uneasy about his run but did not communicate this to the group. After successfully running one of the hardest rapids, Pillow, and making the right hand eddy he decided to watch the last three paddlers run the rapid. He got out of his boat to get a better view of Cliff, Muchael and Jackienbut never saw their run or Jackie's swim with the group helping her downstream and around the corner. He went back to his kayak and waited.

The group knew he was OK and waited downstream for him to float around the corner, but no Gib. Gib made his next error by sitting there wondering where everyone went instead of floating around the rocks to find his group. He then decided to walk out all the way up the hard climb from Pillow to Carnifex Ferry. If he wanted out, he should have told the group who ended up waiting in several places for at least an hour and a half. He spoiled their day because of his lack of communication. There is nothing wrong with walking rapids or taking out if you lack the confidence but you must communicate with the group and listen to their advise also. It turns out that if he would have told them, they could have pointed out a less steep walk out and they could have gone on their way and finished their day much earlier.



Jackie Blackwood at Hawaii 5-0

For her first run on the Upper Gauley, Jackie did great. It's big pushy water and intimidated her for a while, but she made it through OK.

An even bigger problem happened to the small three man group on the Upper. Doug Smith, John Greer and Bob Nicholson got an early start head to home early. Everything went well until Iron Ring. Bob ran last and flipped and hit his head, knocking him out. Doug and John were waiting nearby and quickly chased the upside down boat. They pulled Bob up and he came out but was breathing but a little foggy. He didn't respond to their commands to let go of his boat and paddle, so they could quickly get him to shore. The 3 drifted downstream until a raft finally pulled Bob in while they got his gear to shore. He had a cut on his forehead but remembered nothing from his experience. He was able to regain his senses and paddle the remainder of the rapids to the Panther Mountain take-out and walk up the hill. Accidents happen and the tight 3 man group took care of the mishap well, but it pointed out to never take your eyes off of anyone in the group until everyone is safely down and it is sure good to have a third boat to help in any emergencies.

Our club has similar trips coming up for the rest of the Gauley drawdown dates. Know your limitations, don't put yourself or your group at risk. Call the trip organizers before showing up, so they are aware of what you want to paddle and your skill level. Have a good time.

From The FIFO Disciplinary Committee

Hi Paula,

We're currently crying in our lactose and gluten free soy skinny lattes in the Cathedral in Fayetteville about the fact that Paula has rejected her FIFO brothers and sistas yet again.....

Uncle D (the scruffy one aka Big Foot's Retarded Cousin) said something about the fact that your membership with the FIFO sorority is under review. You have been put on probation and been cited for the following reasons (transgressions against the FIFO charter noted in brackets):

- You didn't help your brothers and sistas out in their hour of need with the shuttle yesterday (no sense of loyalty);

- You're able to do more than five push ups (overachievement and showing up your brothers and sistas);
- Using a bowel movement as an excuse to get out of talking to your brothers and sistas at the Upper G put in (concoction of lame excuses to avoid talking to yo brothers and sistas)
- Repeatedly dismissing your FIFO brothers and sistas offers to work with your schedule and requirements in order to kayak together (rejecting the FIFO flexible and highly accommodating nature)

Please submit your corrective action plan for review and we'll see if we can make these charges "go away"

Yours,

The FIFO disciplinary committee

Cleveland Reel Paddling Film Festival, Oct 8th

Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors is proud to announce that the Reel Paddling Film Festival is coming to Greater Cleveland Friday, October 8, 2010 from 7:30 -- 10:30 p.m. at Rocky River Nature Center. The international Reel Paddling Film Festival tour presents the world's best whitewater kayaking, sea kayaking and canoeing films of the year. Enjoy films with action, scenic journeys and great stories.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Call IGO at 216-341-1704 to register and reserve your tickets now. Space is limited.

Advanced Tickets: \$10
Night of show: \$15

Laura E Trivison, Secretary

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Just remember - when you see a Polar Bear you only have to be faster than the slowest person in the group.....

My Needs Are Few

By H. Dee Payton

Just give me a stream
with a class III or IV,
A place to put in,
and I'll ask you no more.

Or give me a river
that's flowing and quiet,
And leave me alone,
a day and a night.

Or give me a lake
with trees near the shore,
And I'll paddle away,
to return brown & sore.

To sum it all up,
My needs are quite few,
Just water and nature,
And of course, my canoe!



October			Time to Pay Dues	
10/1, 2	Upper Yough - Last Saturday Release (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
10/2, 3	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Bill Miller	440-257-2970
10/9, 10	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
10/12	Club Annual Election of Officers at Middleburg Hts		Joe Marksz	216-281-1517
10/15-17	Moose River Fest (NY)	27-30	Matt Muir	585-421-9826
10/16	New River Bridge Day (WV) Paddle under the bridge and take-out at Hawk's Nest	27	Phil & Jen Raber	740-498-7063
10/16, 17	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Sherie Sanzenbacher	440-298-1293
10/16, 17	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Gene Baker	440-320-4490
10/23,24	Russell Fork Fest paddle above Breaks (WV)	26	Cecil Tickamyer	814-234-1062
November			Pay Dues	
11/6	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Pat Guzowski	216-780-5734
11/6	Cheoah Release (NC)	32	Needs organizer	
11/9	Club Meeting at Middleburg Hts Community Center		Joe Marksz	216-281-1517
11/6,13,20	KH Roll Session at Orange pool		Judi Fordyce	440-289-5511
11/6	Cheoah Release (NC)	32	Needs organizer	
11/6, 7	Tallulah Release (GA)	34	Tim Gill	706-296-1232
11/13, 14	Tallulah Release (GA)	34	Tim Gill	706-296-1232
11/20,27	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool		Judi Fordyce	440-289-5511
11/20, 21	Tallulah Release (GA)	34	Tim Gill	706-296-1232

2010 Club Officers

President: Cliff Wire 440-439-6541
VP: Michael Duvall 216-521-0094
Secretary: Pat Guzowski 216-780-5734
Treasurer: Terry Markoff 440-543-4969

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 **November** issue of the newsletter is **10/21/10**.

Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com or peetzaguy@comcast.net.

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