

Keelhauler's Ka-news OCTOBER, 2014



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 14th

Note: The date is wrong in our yearbook

**Club Annual Election Meeting - Program:
TBD**

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

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



OCTOBER 14 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 Pam Poljak, Secretary Donna Homberg, Trustee Michael Duvall. If you cannot make the meeting please email Donna with your vote.

Gauley Season has been great this year including a few first timers, some upper and some lower, that all did very well. The first weekend started warm until a huge thunder storm hit while we were on the river. Festival weekend the weather was very nice with no rain the night of the festival. Unfortunately, no one I know won anything this year. But, there were a few deals to be had. Water levels were around 2800 cfs with next to nothing coming in from the Meadow or other side streams. There was even some new gravel added the Swiss takeout road to cross the tracks.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

It's that time again.....

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.

As soon as you can, please pay your **2015** membership dues.

As you may know I go south for 5 months starting in November. I would ask all of you to mail your check today or pay on-line by the end of the month. This ensures that your name will be listed in our new yearbook/roster. It doesn't matter when you pay; all memberships expire on September 30th.

Mail your check to:
Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506

You can pay \$21 using Paypal to save yourself time & postage.
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 2014 password found in our monthly e-mail.

If you need to change any of your membership information, use this form:

http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

To renew your membership you do not have to fill out a new 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

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014 at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center
Respectfully submitted by Donna Homberg

10 people in attendance

New member, Doug Hershman introduced, interested in canoe & white water paddling

Chair Reports

Membership is at 289.

August 18th was a board meeting where a slate of officers for the coming year was proposed.

Marcia Karchmer- Sea Kayaking Outing planned from Splash Zone in Oberlin

Trip Reports

Slippery Rock, Gauley, Upper and Lower, ASCI course in MD. Savage River, Lower Yough & Middle Yough. Check this month's newsletter for full reports & pictures.

Old Business-

New Business- Slate of Officers Presented for October Elections, Any suggestions from the floor accepted.

Conservation - Jim Hunt accepted - Requests posted updates or newsletters be forwarded to him. Suggested that a list of our annual donations to these organizations be reviewed and a request be emailed to them for this information.

Library - Cliff Wire accepted and would like to convert some of the older VHS to DVD. Monies

are available for this project and a possibility for future club program presentation.

Membership- John Kobak

Newsletter Editor -Kelly Miller accepted, requests a pluthera of articles. Can be short or large.

Newsletter Distribution

Pool Sessions East -Jeff Cramer

Pool Sessions West- Marius Asipauskas

Program

Safety-Joe Marksz accepted

Sea Kayaking-Marcia Karchmer

Trip Schedule - April Hollis

Vermilion Race

Webmaster - John Kobak accepted

Refreshments - Bob Bair

Yearbook - Jim Hunt

Officers-

Karl Nelson-President

Dave Rousch- Vice President

Treasurer- Pam Poljak

Secretary - Donna Homberg

Trustees - Jim Hunt, Chuck McDowell, Mike Duvall

Discussion re the Vermilion Race Venue for a possible change to a section on the Cuyahoga River. Water Quality is an issue but further discussion is encouraged.

The Grand River **By Andy Gross**

Trip #2: Marty Cooperman (a gung-ho cyclist, backpacker, hiker) who just returned from a lot of lake paddling at the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Andy Gross, both of Cleveland Heights, wanted to make a Grand River trip for a long time. They noticed that the Grand is often either too high or too low. But on Wednesday, July 30, they caught the river at about 3.8', a pretty good level that some consider "upper runnable." Indeed, the few rapids -which are mostly Class I+ here at the most- were washed out, we are sure others would opt for slightly lower level. Still, it was a fun journey of about 1.5 hours from Harpersfield dam to Hidden Valley for us with lots of nice wave trains and spotting some wildlife. We shall strive to post next time we go. We noted that some young kayakers were rescued from the Chagrin river at Gates Mills on Monday, when levels all around NE Ohio were high due to heavy rain.

Sincerely, Andy

(Andrew Gross, CSU and Clev.Hts., still loving it!)

Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 14-Sep-2014

CD 0402	\$2,263.93
CD 1077	\$2,261.51
CD 4709	<u>\$2,242.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6,767.44
Checking	<u>\$5,906.02</u>
Total	<u><u>\$12,673.46</u></u>

Vermilion Race 2014 Report - Year To Date
By Pam Poljak
1/1/2014 through 9/9/2014

INCOME

Vermillion Race Income

Donation	150
Insurance Refund	98
Refreshment stand	11
Registration fees	732
<u>TOTAL VermRaceIncome</u>	<u>991</u>
TOTAL INCOME	991

EXPENSES

Vermillion Race Expense

Insurance	225
Postage	75
<u>TOTAL VermRaceExpense</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	300

OVERALL TOTAL	690
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Conservation
By Jim Hunt

Upper Cheat River Water Trail

In late 2013 the Friends of the Cheat in combination with Tucker County and the WV DNR established the Upper Cheat River Water Trail. This use had been a vision of the Friends of the Cheat for many years. Class I/II paddling lengths from 3 to 38 miles are available. The following are some excerpts from the website.



VISION

The vision of Friends of the Cheat's Cheat River Water Trail Committee, is to establish recreational water trails for non-motorized boaters in the Cheat River watershed.

The group's first focus is the Upper Cheat River Water Trail (UCRWT), a 40-mile recreational water trail between the towns of Hendricks and Rowlesburg, WV. This segment is Class I-II, family friendly and suitable for beginners, and its beauty and other notable qualities make it very popular for people with all levels of experience and varied interests.

The Upper Cheat River Water Trail travels through both Tucker and Preston Counties. It begins a bit upstream of Parsons. We are including a 3.19-mile leg of the Black Fork and a 1-mile leg of the Shavers Fork as options for starting locations – these are very popular put-ins for paddlers. The two Forks join just below Parsons to form the Cheat River.

WATER LEVELS

Listed below are some guidelines for water levels. They are all referenced from the Parsons Gage and measured in cubic feet per/second.

Less than 100: To Low for paddling

100-250: Water is crystal clear and beautiful. Great for hot summer days when getting out of your boat is fun. It will be necessary to get out of the boat and drag in through shallow areas. Recommend short trips. Wear appropriate footwear. Good for tubing.

250-500: At this level the river is still low and may require some dragging. The fish are biting in the deeper holes.

500-1000: A great water level. The potential still exists to get hung up on some rocks, learning to read the river really helps

1000-5000: The River is moving more rapidly, less paddling, more floating. Stay away from river banks to avoid (strainers) tree limbs and other hidden debris just under the surface of the water.

5000 and up – not recommended

MORE INFO and ACCESS POINTS

First Gauley Release ♦ September 5–7 2014

By Beth Grafing

Attendee	Role	Lower Gauley	Upper
Doug Smith	Trip Leader / TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	Sunday
Alan Watson	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday, Sunday
John Greer	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday, Sunday
John Kobak	Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	
Brent Laubaugh	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday
Kelly Miller	Keelhauler	Friday	
Mark Warren	TRG / Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	
Beth Grafing	TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	Sunday

Weather / Water Levels

Weather was warm on Friday and Saturday, which provided a dilemma when deciding how to dress for the paddle. Water temperatures were a cool 62 degrees due to the release. Rain in the area provided cooler temperatures on Sunday morning. Good thing the checklist included dry tops!

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Put On	Take Off	Level
Fri, Sept 5	83°	63°	0	11:50a	4:30p	3100
Sat, Sept 6	82°	67°	0.5 in	11:30a	3:00p	3300
Sun, Sept 7	67°	60°	0.25in	8:40a	11:30a	2700

Paddling the Gauley



Doug Smith (left) and John Kobak (right) at the put-in for the Lower Gauley.

A group of us Keel Haulers camped atop the scenic view of the Summersville Lake during the Gauley's first release weekend. My plan was to paddle the Lower Gauley (for the first time) on Friday and Saturday before heading home on Sunday. But as we both know, things don't always go as planned...

Before I explain what happened at the Gauley, let me first tell you about my interesting month. When I shared a couple videos from my first weekend down the Upper Yough, three separate people suggested I buy a creek boat since I rolled 22 times. Seeing the river littered with creek boats, I also saw their point; it's safer to be upright. I did some research and bought a gently used 2013 Liquid Logic Stomper from fellow club member, Joe Marksz.

I eagerly paddled the new purchase on the Lower Yough twice (once with hand paddles). I took the hard lines and never rolled (with the exception of surfing and using hand paddles). I was convinced I was going to paddle it on the Upper Yough. When the time came, however, I was completely torn as to which boat to take. On the one hand, I might have better chance staying upright in the creek boat; on the other hand, I am comfortable with my trusty WaveSport Fuse (river runner/playboat).

After much deliberation I paddled the river and the result surprised me: a third of the rolls (four total). I had a great day on the river and was so happy to conquer my initial nerves. The best part was that I didn't need the creek boat to accomplish this; I paddled the Fuse as the Stomper sat on the sidelines.

On Gauley's first release weekend, I paddled my Fuse on the Lower and my confidence soared. Doug encouraged me to surf the wave just above five boat hole. Terrified, I was delighted to stay on long enough to pose for the camera and Five Boat Hole was forgiving.

Paddling the Lower was a pleasant change of pace, having paddled the Yough just a few weeks prior. The bigger water provided some great rolling waves that continue to give me butterflies.

The next day, half of the group paddled the Upper while Doug, Mark, John Kobak and I paddled the Lower again. This time, I wasn't prepared for what I saw when we approached the rapid Pure Screaming Hell. The once sunny river seemed to change instantly as an abundance of dark clouds rolled into the horizon. As the river increased its chaos, so too did the skies. Slicing through the shadows were bolts of lightning followed by loud cracks and rumbles of thunder. I thought to myself: is God trying to tell me to get off the river?

Good thing I kept my wits about me; our group caught the eddy behind purgatory where Doug so kindly pointed out "Hell Hole" as another thrash of thunder and lightning shook my heartbeat. During the flat water section, visibility decreased as water from the skies poured down. By the time the four of us reached the takeout, the weather calmed and birds sang as the clouds dissipated.

As we ate dinner that night, the group encouraged me to join them on the Upper the next morning. I was reluctant due to the hazards. While I debated the opportunity,

I knew it was my decision to make. Another decision resurfaced: which boat do I take?

The Upper Gauley was big and fast and pretty amazing, too. A few things surprised me about the river: Pillow was shorter rapid than I expected whereas Lost Paddle was by far the longest I've ever experienced. There was only one point on the river, when I looked up at the whitewater prepared to crest over top of me, when I said to myself: "holy macaroni." That moment occurred at Sweets Falls. I'm told it's an eight foot drop but it sure felt like fourteen.

Led by a talented group of paddlers, I claimed a handful of rolls. The weekend's adventure sent me home with a memento: a minor bruise, although my coworkers occasionally asked: "what's-up with the shiner?" It's hard to explain to them that I lost my balance on an inadvertent stern squirt against Postage Due Rock. When my boat eventually fell over top of me, I took a knuckle to the eye. I consider myself lucky to have a successful run down the Upper and Lower Gauley for the first time.

To answer the question in the back of your head, the Stomper collected dust and I paddled my trusty playboat/river runner again. Sure, the Stomper will have its day but for now the Fuse will bask in the back of my garage - with all its glory - all winter long. ♦

Upper Yough/Lower Gauley Video link: <http://youtu.be/66KtTk5yRQc>
Pure Screaming Hell Video Link: <http://youtu.be/kM7RvoxVc9k>

Sea Kayaking Update

By Marcia Karchmer

Lorain County Metroparks offers paddle stroke, wet exit and self-rescue training at their Oberlin Splash Zone pool in October and in the spring. Call 1-800-LCM-Park or look at the Lorain County Metroparks website: Arrowhead publication.

Cleveland Metroparks also offers this training in October, some trainings in the winter, and in the spring. Call their Outdoor Recreation office: 1-216-341-1704, or look in the Emerald Necklace Publication: Paddlesport and Boating section. Their Website is "clevelandmetroparks.com."

Also, Riversport, on the Middle Yough in Pa., at Confluence, offers kayaking lessons and may offer roll training.

World Canoe and Kayak Championships On the ASCI course in Maryland By Donna Homberg

The races were from the 17th to the 21st and **we were there** and had a great time. To see the power in these athletes was impressive. The gates on the ASCI course met all of the expectations of an expert kayak racer. To negotiate a gate after going through one of those ACSI drops isn't easy. Changing direction for an upstream gate under these circumstances is a challenge. Touching one gate is a 2 second penalty and missing it completely costs 50 which eliminates a paddler from the top 10 finalists.

The last World's we attended was in Metzanna, Italy when Brian our son made the U.S. team. The Gold medalist then was Richard Fox of Great Britain and gold medalist Myriam Jerusalem of France. This event now 21 years later featured their daughter Jessica Fox as gold medalist for Australia in K-1 women. Richard is the trainer for the Australian team.

Another kayaker we must mention from the 1993 Worlds in Italy was Rich Weiss who was the silver medalist for USA. We enjoyed a dinner and talk together the night before as Brian's wife filled in for Rosi as hostess and friend. He later died in 1997 after going over a waterfall on the White Salmon River in Washington State. He left behind his wife Rosi and their soon to be born son, River. Everyone in the whitewater community knew he would have so much to contribute to the future of paddling. "He had a generous calming spirit that made him shine" said his fellow paddler Eric Jackson and Abbe Endicott, wife of Bill Endicott. None of us will ever get over his loss and the sadness from this time.

I share all this with you to reinforce the importance and lasting effect that your paddling experiences have on your life. For us to see our paddling friends from sometimes 25-35 years ago just warms our hearts. Whether it be from our first days paddling on the river, or the many trips we planned with friends, or the folks we came to know on the river, or the parents and kids paddling with our kids or the friends we meet up within our canoe club, or the gatherings we share together or even now as our grandkids are on the water; these are the times of our life. We love them and treasure forever all of our paddling friends. So if you think you can't make that eddy or that bouff, make it a point to see how some folks accomplish some of these moves. All this being said, the grandkids went to the Gauley for paddling and the Gauley Fest. The next generation moves on. Stay as long as you can and keep on. Even when the distance seems long, ninety-nine percent of life is just showing up.



Carl, Heather (granddaughter), Brian (son) & Donna Homberg

ASCI ICF Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ck56GPZsSM>

Another video of C2 Semifinals: Boat 20 is USA C2 team with Jamie McEwen's 21 year old son, Boat 8 is the German team that won the semi but got a 50 point penalty in the finals to lose even though they had the best time of day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xO-5lyi5C-I>

Video of USA First Place winner in C1 - Fabien Lefevre:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ocOMOO4ZWc>

For Sale: WW Canoe: Meyers 12.5' Aluminum Boat with oars - \$250

Roger or Vivien Dennerll: 419-635-6914 or rdennerll@roadrunner.com

Gauley Fest 2014: Carnage, Cars, & Critters by Matt Muir

Gauley Fest. Four days of paddling. What fun! What a challenge! What a lot of work!

Over the last couple of years, I've moved twice and various job responsibilities have kept me away from the rivers. Living now in Eastern PA, I ran the Class-II Lehigh River in August. (Lehigh boaters are as jazzed about stepping up to the Lower Yough as the rumors say they are. We had, like, 20 people, and when I asked around if anyone was interested in carpooling to the Gauley, they had this bug-eyed look of fear, like a cheerleader asked to do math.) That was the extent of my whitewater over the last 17 months. So it was deemed appropriate (by me, if by nobody else) for me to go run the Upper Yough and the Gauley Marathon. What could go wrong?

Barry asked me if I thought it was a good idea for me to go marathoning if I were so out of practice. I responded, "Dear Mom, I promise I'll be good. I have Cliff Wire as a chaperone, and he's a responsible adult."

The dude's being helpful, a true friend, and I'm mocking him. Nice. (That's how I roll.)

Speaking of roll, I rolled in Zinger on Thursday. I never roll in that easy-ol' rapid. That was my only roll of the day. I felt...okay, but not 100%. Felt like I was being bounced around a lot. I cleaned the boof at National, though. Good day.

Also cleaning the National boof was Michael Duvall, who has become a go-to guy on the Upper Yough. He's run it well over a hundred times, and he'll lead you through tough or easy lines, dependent on your skill and need.

Also on the Upper were Kosmo Cramer, Casey Brown (who hadn't earned any Ratt Points in, like, forever), Hugh Barrow, Cliff Wire, and Annalies Layton.

After the Upper, Barry left his car at Kobak's Cabin and we carpoled to the Battle Run campground. Most other Upper-Youghers also headed to the Gauley, but Kosmo, Casey, and Annalies opted to stick around for another run of the Upper—and to go to ASCI to view the Whitewater World Championships. (Sounded like fun!)

Friday was a different story. After a very late start on the Lower (due to two paddlers' making a wrong turn to the river—you know who you are), I felt like a champ. One silly roll in a little rapid. No biggie. Our relatively large group of Barry, Cliff, Michael, Hugh, Erin Bethea, Drew Charness, Tanya Phantis, Brenda Benner, and Wookie, had only three swims, all recovered quickly; but we still got off pretty late—6+ PM, too late to effectively dry clothing in camp. Bummer. (Always take enough clothing so that you'll have something dry for the next day.) Far be it from me to name names, but the paddler who made a wrong turn from Fayetteville and was an hour late to the put-in knows who she is.

On Thursday and Friday evening, we got a visitor. Since it was dark, the photo is of unimpressive quality—but you get the idea.



Little Friend! I'm told that he actually got into my vehicle Saturday morning, as Erin and Barry were preparing for shuttle and Erin left the doors open. They opened all the doors, and the critter eventually wandered out. (No word on whether he liked the Louie Louie CDs in the car.) The real error they committed, was in not grabbing the camera and taking his pic in the car.

The Marathon went beautifully—for me. I felt totally on my game on the Upper. Cleaned Insignif, Pillow, LP, and Iron Ring. Didn't get exactly the line I was looking for at Sweet's, but I stayed upright.

Hugh flipped twice in early minor stuff and swam at Initiation (at the end—no danger), didn't feel on his game and walked out. He said the walk was very rough; he had to pulley his boat up some vertical stuff.

So for the Marathon, we were three—Cliff, Bill Warble in a *Green Boat*, and I—plus Tanya on the Upper. Tanya allowed a hole to typewriter her over into the Room of Doom and swam, and had rolls in a few other rapids (Iron Ring and Sweet's, at least), but otherwise did well. And she kept up with our pace.

My line at Iron Ring was good enough, that I grabbed a high eddy and got my camera out. Here's Cliff, way left of my line and trying to brace:



And here's the result. Yep, that's the bottom of his boat.



After leading the way at Sweet's, I was treated to the view of all three of my companions flipping and rolling there. Some folks say Sweet's is a crapshoot, but I think if you paddle aggressively and brace well, you should finish upright.

After bidding Tanya farewell at Wood's Ferry, we three continued at a brisk pace. We passed the Lower Group somewhere after Diagonal and reached Swiss at 3:30—by far the earliest Cliff or I have ever finished. Our pace was so good, we had no worries about a 45-minute lunch break at Koontz's. Cliff maintains that he did *not* fall asleep there (okay, whatever). I did get tired and/or complacent and had some goofy lines in minor rapids. Allowed Cliff to bounce me into a rock, flipped, and didn't make my roll. Eventually Warble gave me a bow rescue. Overall, a good day, despite that little screw-up. I was less tired after the Marathon than after the Lower on Friday! The Lower paddlers showed up soon afterwards, and we all motored to the campground, set gear to dry, and headed for the Fest.

For Sunday, Barry decided to assist in leading the Lower trip. That would mean driving to Swiss after my run, but that would be fine. Cliff set us all up for the Magic Shuttle, which enabled the Lower paddlers to drive to their putin, and the Upper boaters to pick up the cars that the Lower paddlers had left there, and drive home. Sweeeet. In order to make the numbers crunch properly, Cliff decided to run the Lower. Great guy, he took one for the team. Well, he'd gotten three Ratt Points already, so he had to count it a good weekend.

For the Upper, we had a sizable group: Michael, Tanya, Bill Warble, Bill Offutt, Casey, Kosmo, Robert Goo, Eric Ruhl, Neal Pennington, and Bob Book.

On that run, I figure the first order of business is to warn new or uncertain paddlers about the killer channel at Initiation. After I gave about five paragraphs too much info, Casey politely but firmly told me to shut my festering yap, as she was jazzed enough already.

In contrast to Saturday, I did not have a dry-hair day.

I had a great line at Pillow (again), making the high eddy on River Right, but flipped on the eddy line (must've been tired; would've braced through the same thing on Saturday or Friday) and took, like, five attempts to roll up. Michael Duvall said I scared him, as I was near the dangerous undercut rock. Good thing I didn't give up and bail...

Tanya had her own excitement. She swam at the bottom of Insignificant, despite having a good line. She also flipped on the Pillow and swam. She'd followed Robert, who insisted he'd given her a good line. Probably true, but had he given her an *easy* line? After that, she followed Michael Duvall and did fine—cleaning Iron Ring, for e.g.

A bunch of us finished Lost Paddle and saw that three paddlers were still upstream, somewhere between the second and fourth drop. After a long while, they came downstream. Turns out, Eric Ruhl had An Incident at Second Drop. "I got Five-Ohed," he beamed. He had a scratch on his face; his helmet was shot; his hand was taped up, and he said he'd seriously hurt his shoulder. (He did roll up.) He continued the run, but exercising due caution he walked Sweet's Falls. He took out at Mason Branch (he'd planned to, all along) and didn't look forward to the hike up the trail, as he had to carry his boat on his left shoulder. Hope he did okay.

Iron Ring is amazing. On a large river, 200 feet wide or so, the line is barely a foot or two wide. I managed to go a foot too far right, got blown over and rolled. Also rolled at Sweets—again, I had a good line, but let squirrely water paddlesnake me. I must have been tired, as I know that I was bracing through that same stuff on Saturday.

After I rolled at Sweet's (again, it took me like four roll attempts! Dang, gotta work on my setup and hipsnap.), I saw Baltimore Bill Offutt's green-colored boat upside down. He wasn't making his roll—onside, offside, onside, etc. I charged out as fast as I could and got to him for a bow rescue. When he came up, I saw it wasn't Bill Offutt; it was Bill Warble, in his Green Boat. So I guess that was karma/payback for the bow he'd given me the day before.

When I got to my vehicle, which I knew Barry would be leaving for me at Woods Ferry, I found the following note:

"Matt you #####e you left your Louie Louie CD on and it killed your battery Dead! Hugh had to jump it but it was not easy. Do not be the last one out of Woods Ferry! Barry "If you need it, here it is. (Arrow drawn to AAA card, attached to the note.)

(Nice thought, that last bit, but I don't know how successful you'd be calling AAA from Wood's Ferry. Cell phone service, for one thing, is spotty in that area.)

Whoops. I showed it to everyone, including a few paddlers I didn't even know. People seemed to agree that an apology was in order.

The Lower on Sunday had Sabine Iben, Cliff, Barry, Dan from Columbus, Anne Kmieck, Bernie, and Bill Miller.

Barry had Dan following him on the Lower. He felt Dan wasn't reading water, so he told him to lead. Kid got totally munched in a hole at the bottom of Mash or somewhere. It was a brutal swim; he was still in the hole a while after his boat came out. Barry asked if he knew what he'd done wrong. "Yeah, I should've followed

someone." No, Dude, that's not the right lesson. I think he'll work on reading water from now on.

Barry was running the Lower (he didn't run the Upper on this trip), so I collected him at Swiss a little after 2 PM. (I resisted the urge to have Louie Louie blasting on the vehicle's sound system for Barry's entertainment.)

Didn't get to Kobak's cabin 'til after 6, a 4+ hour drive from home. Backing up to let Barry go first, I found out that I wasn't being extremely careful. The penalty was not too severe: a replacement for my (currently duct-taped) taillight cover only cost \$33.83, including shipping. Ever the charitable chap, I've decided not to sue Kobak for the damage.

Well, that's Gauley Fest from my perspective. Thanks to Cliff Wire for running a great trip, thanks to Barry Adams for putting up with ~8 hours in the car with me, and thanks to everyone else for their part in the fun!

A Request for Support from a neighboring club.....

The effort to have a whitewater park near Springville, NY, Scoby Dam on Cattaraugus Creek no longer meets federal requirements and needs to be updated. A plan has been developed by the Army Corps of Engineers and is now open for public comment. There is a window of opportunity to add betterments to the plan that would improve recreation on and around that section of Cattaraugus Creek. We have started a petition to show support for these betterments. The website for the petition and video of Scoby Dam is: <http://www.change.org/p/john-j-mills-we-want-a-betterment-added-to-the-springville-scoby-dam-fish-passage-project>. We are hoping that fellow whitewater enthusiasts would be willing to show their support for a whitewater park in Western New York (about an hour south of Buffalo).

Happy paddling,
Jeanne Langan, Zoar Valley Paddling Club

October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/3,4	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
10/4,5	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/11,12	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
10/11	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/11,12	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
10/14	Club Annual Election Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
10/17-19	MooseFest (NY)	27-30	Needs organizer	

2014 Club Officers

President: Michael Duvall 216-521-0094
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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