

Keelhauler's Ka-news SEPTEMBER, 2014



Next Club Meeting Saturday, September 9th

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

Program: TBD

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



The last of our summer meetings was a big success. The August meeting was held at Tall Oaks Campground after Jim Hunt's "Skip Work Day" Thursday trip and Debbie Avallone's Friday's Ladies Day trip and Karl Nelson's monthly trip. We had burgers and hot dogs and roasted corn. The Yough Meeting had around 45 participants including half dozen new members. Of course all the picnics would not half as much fun without members bringing side dishes and desserts. Thanks to Jim Hunt for his help on the grill. Next year we will have the large pavilion and hopefully even more members.

September meeting will be back at Middleburg Hts on the second Tuesday, Sept 9. A slate of officers for the next year will be presented, however nominations from the floor are accepted.

Gauley season starts the first weekend after Labor Day. The Gauley has something for everyone. If you have done the Cheat at 3 feet or the New at any level then you are ready to do the Lower Gauley. After you have done the Lower a few times and want to step up to the 5 class V rapids and many more class IV rapids then try the Upper Gauley. Whichever section you choose to do we have a trip for you almost every weekend. Party animals will enjoy Gauley Fest on Sept. 20th.

WARNING watch your speed in Summerville and small towns like Gauley Bridge.

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

Michael



It's that time again.....

All club memberships expire on **October 1st**. As soon as you can, please mail a \$20 check for your 2015 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/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 on pg 20 of our 2014 yearbook or see passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail.

If you need to change any information use this form:

http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.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.

John Kobak

Slippery Rock By Andy Gross

Rick Feinberg of Brady Lake and Andy Gross of Cleveland Heights decided on a last minute outing to our beloved Slippery Rock on Tuesday, June 22 under ideal conditions: sunny, a few clouds, air temp around high 70s or lower 80s, river level 1.1' - we apologize up front for not posting, but it was really an ad hoc decision that morning. Fortunately, as we were ready to put on, we were joined by Luke Ramsey from the Steubenville area. We encountered a strainer around rapid #1 just south of Rt 422 bridge, we skirted it as we could not dislodge the big branch on river right. Rick and Luke are accomplished paddlers. I have done the Slip for the past 30+ years, but my roll is not bombproof, so these two good buddies (who may have been just a bit concerned) looked after me, one leading, other sweeping on the 14 rapids. We did Airport/Z without a hitch, then carried around the dam by the mill.

And then came the miracle mile or the gorgeous gorge-- and hoisting the banner of "it is better to be lucky than good" slogan Andy also did the next 7 big rapids. most of them Class II or III without a swim or an on-demand roll down to Eckert. All three of us "posed" for photo ops by Tessa (sp?), Luke's wife, who kindly crawled out on a rock by Triple Drop to take the pictures. Thanks for these fabulous photos, one of these is appended to this report. We really had fun, Luke and Rick expertly navigating and eddying out, while Andy pushed through each rapid, not fearful by now, but exhilarated and enthused. Rick and Luke did practice rolls at the start at the end, Andy chose to save the energy for when it was needed -- and gratefully, it was not. All in all, a super journey. He is not big on camping, so a day trip is his favorite choice even though the car travel to the Slip is a bit more than river journey (2+2 hours vs 3 hours) which violates an old and wise rule in the Club. A very special thank you note from Andy to John Kobak for the key tip: "Keep your paddle in the water all the time!" And, of course, keep the head down when rolling up, but this time, he did not have to use that. Andy is also grateful to Brent Hendren for finding a great boat, a Savage Skreem, in the Boston area a few years ago; sure beats his old Perception Matrix on a Class III creek.



Picture by Tessa Ramsey taken at Triple Drop. Boater is Andy Gross.

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 01-Aug-2014

CD 0402	\$2,263.25
CD 1077	\$2,260.84
CD 4709	<u>\$2,242.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6,766.09
Checking	<u>\$5,155.18</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11,921.27</u></u>

World Championships at ASCI
ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in McHenry, Maryland
September 17-21, 2014



<https://www.deepcreek2014.com/events/event-calendar-provisional>

Damnation Movie
September 24, 2014

I want to share an invitation to a showing of DamNation Phil and I are hosting at the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. I've included some more information below: If you are not familiar with the film, it has proven a substantial conversation starter around the use of dams in our country. Yvon Chouinard, the founder of Patagonia and renowned conservationist produced the film, and it has won awards at events such as the South by Southwest Film Festival and The Environmental Film Festival. You can learn more at <http://www.damnationfilm.com>.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Friends of the Crooked River.

As former whitewater raft guides, allowing rivers to run free is something very near to our hearts, and we would like to extend an invitation to the Keelhaulers to be part of this important event that will jumpstart the conversation throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Let me know if you have any questions or if you'd be interested in being a part of the festivities that evening. Hope to see you soon!

Best,
Katie Dudley, KDudley Media
<http://www.kdudley.com>, 618-954-8257

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WW Canoe: Dagger 14' Caption - will handle up to Class 5 water depending on your skills, set up professionally for tandem or solo with 3 way saddle & fully equipped with thigh straps, knee pads, flotation bags - Yellow. Used only once before knees gave out - \$950

Meyers 12.5' Aluminum Boat with oars - \$250

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

Cuyahoga Falls-Damn Dam on Hold

Conservation Update

By David Hill

It's not good news being released by the ABJ. It looks like it will be at least another year before those in charge can figure out how to proceed. BS!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers analysis of Gorge Dam removal is derailed

By Bob Downing
Beacon Journal staff writer

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A plan to get the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to analyze removing a dam on the Cuyahoga River between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls has collapsed, at least for now.

The federal agency has rejected a proposal forwarded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide a local match for the corps study on how to proceed with the Gorge Dam, EPA spokeswoman Linda Oros said.

That means that nothing will happen this year on the study, she said.

The EPA intends to huddle with the U.S. EPA and the corps to try to determine what kind of local project would be acceptable to the corps, she said.

The study is to be funded by a \$500,000 federal EPA grant, plus \$200,000 in cash or \$323,000 of in-kind services provided by the Ohio EPA and local partners.

That federal money is still available, Oros said.

The Ohio EPA announced last September at the State of the River symposium in Cleveland that the corps was kicking off the study, which was to take about 18 months.

That analysis was to have looked at how the dam might best be removed, what to do with it, how to manage the sediments behind the dam and where to put the sediments.

The study would also develop a flow model for what the Cuyahoga River would be like, if the dam were to be removed. It would provide a firm cost estimate for the dam removal for the first time and offer a number of detailed options.

But that never happened as the agencies involved wrangled over the contract with the local match.

The Ohio EPA had worked out a plan in which the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in the Cleveland area would have paid for a new program to remove floating debris from the Cuyahoga River as part of the local match.

The corps ruled that the plan was unacceptable, officials said.

One person saddened by the delay is Gary Whidden of Cuyahoga Falls, a river advocate who wants to see the Gorge Dam come down.

"It's a major blow. We've lost another year and we're years behind where we should be on this project," Whidden said. "The money is there. The desire is there. The benefit is there. ... It's a shame that nothing is happening. It's very frustrating."

No decision has been made to remove the concrete dam, which is 68 feet high and 429 feet wide. But the Ohio EPA would like to see the dam in the Gorge Metro Park removed to boost water quality on the Cuyahoga River.

Estimates are that at least 832,000 cubic yards of sediment are behind the dam in the 34-acre reservoir that stretches 1.4 miles. The average sediment depth is 15 feet and the maximum depth is **28½ feet. That's enough to fill the Akron Rubber Bowl four times.**


Tests of the sediments showed moderate levels of contamination but no major toxic problems.

Removing the dam could cost \$5 million to \$10 million with another \$15 million to \$20 million for sediments, according to preliminary estimates. But the volume of sediments is twice what had been expected and that is likely to boost the final cost estimate, officials have said.

Federal funds could cover 65 percent of the sediment costs. The local share could be covered with in-kind services and contributions from state, county and local agencies plus FirstEnergy Corp., which owns the dam.

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September	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
9/5	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
9/6,7	Upper Gauley (WV) - I will coordinate all Camping at Battle Run for Lower & Upper trips	27-33	John Kobak	440-554-1383
9/6,7	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Phil & Jen Raber	740-498-7063
9/6	(5)ASCI WW Course(MD) 11 am to 330 pm cost: \$24		Justin Keeseey	740-827-1208
9/7	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Justin Keeseey	740-827-1208
9/9	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
9/13,14	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Eric Tucker	216-570-6035 647-447-1195
9/13	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
9/13,14	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Terry Markoff	440-543-4969
9/13,14	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
9/15-19	Upper Yough (MD) All week release for Worlds & Gauley Fest	32	Needs organizer	
9/17-21	World Championships at ASCI (MD) 			
9/19-21	Upper Gauley (Festival Weekend) (WV)	33	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
9/20,21	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Terry Markoff	440-543-4969
9/26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
9/27,28	(5) Lower Gauley (WV) Camping at Battle Run, Bill will coordinate camping for both Upper & Lower paddlers.	27-33	Bill Miller	440-257-2970
9/27,28	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/3,4	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	Bud Chavez	513-703-4108
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
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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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Westlake, OH 44145

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **October issue of the newsletter is **9/24/14**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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