



## **ETWC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013**

**PROMOTE** canoeing and kayaking as a water sport  
**TEACH** boating techniques and water safety for river travel  
**PRESERVE** our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

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### **Dues are due!**

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Or, Send Kary your \$15 check payable to ETWC along with the membership form at the end of this newsletter to:

### **Club Meeting**

**(All Members Welcome)**

### **General Business and Planning!**

**The Craft Room  
Oak Ridge Civic Center  
Tuesday  
February 19, 2012  
7:30 pm**

**ETWC  
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## **2013 Officers**

We have several officer positions that are still open for this year, see officer list above. It is critical to our club that we fill these positions. If you can serve in any capacity call Kari at 865-483-7525 and she can explain the responsibilities and determine where you can best fit in. We've had a great officer core for many years and they've had a great time working together for the sport they love. So, please step up and help us to maintain the important mission that our club performs; Promote, Teach, and Preserve.

## **East Tennessee Whitewater Club**

### **January 15, 2013**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Kary reported that we have \$454.60 in our checking account and \$6,524.47 in our savings account.

Kary reported that the recommended donations for 2013 were:

American Whitewater \$200

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning \$200

Friends of the Smokies \$100

Cumberland Trail Conference \$100

National Parks Conservation Association \$100

American Canoeing Association \$125 (Affiliate Membership)

Total: \$825

***These donations need to be approved at next business meeting!***

#### **Other Business**

Only five people showed up for the meeting.

We talked about the need for officers and programs for 2013. We need several officers. We have a President and Secretary but have to have a Vice President to be legal for the non-profit corporation status with the state of Tennessee.

## **Boating Safety**

With all of the flooded creeks in the news lately it seemed that a discussion of some of the special hazards related to running these creeks that are only runnable during high water. When I see these creeks the first thing I usually notice is the debris and the strainers. On these creeks it is imperative that you take time to scout and make sure you know where the strainers are. And, if you do run up on a strainer, you may think that you can just boof across that log only rising 1" above

the water level; however, **you can't**; get to the bank or get around it. I found a great article by George Sayour at About.com on paddling streams at high water:

[http://paddling.about.com/od/safetyprecautions/a/kayaking\\_flooding.htm](http://paddling.about.com/od/safetyprecautions/a/kayaking_flooding.htm)

## **East Tennessee Whitewater Club Christmas Party**

We had a great crowd at the Christmas Party this year. There was a nice mix of old timers and new/young paddlers this year. The food and drinks were outstanding and a special thanks to our host Sam for cooking the meats and providing a great venue again this year. The Dirty Santa gift exchange got pretty rough this year with several forced halts in the action in order to restore order; however, we are happy to report no injuries this year. Let's stay safe out there.



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**What a spread we had at the ETWC Christmas Party**



**The frenzied crowd anticipates the start of the gift exchange as Sam tries to calm the masses.**

***Here's a great link sent to me by Kary from The Journal of Paddlesport Education.***

Welcome to the January 2013 Edition of the Journal of Paddlesport Education!

Highlights in this issue:

- SUP Survey Report Released
- Kokatat - ACA Instructor of the Month
- New ACA Stewardship Coordinator
- ACA Members Only Excursions
- Dressing for Winter Paddling
- Winter Boating Laws
- How to Become an ACA Instructor
- Rescue Games
- Upcoming Outreach Events
- Important Dates

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If you have any questions or comments please reply to [sei@americancanoe.org](mailto:sei@americancanoe.org)

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## **Trip Reports**

### **“Do You Want to be Famous?” Trip**

**Rick Zingg**

The National Park Service on behalf of the Obed Wild and Scenic River commissioned a film crew to produce a film documenting the Obed's four seasons. Saturday January 26, 2013 was the scheduled date for the production crew to film a group paddling a section of the Obed Wild and Scenic River. Billy Bob (Scarborough) took care of the logistics. The first change was the date. January 26 was a cold miserable day and as such the paddle was re-scheduled to Sunday January 27. Sunday, although chilly, was a beautiful day. A number of paddlers showed up at the Wartburg Ranger Station to have their skills forever documented on film. Paddlers at the Wartburg Ranger Station included Billy Bob Scarborough, Jason and Eli Darby, Andy Christianson, Greg Shipley (here on referred to as Shipley), Paul Akers, Tom Lessick, and myself. Rangers Brent Painter and Matt Hudson would also be on the trip. Matt would be “kayaking” and Brent would eventually be paddling the raft with the film crew. The decision was made to run Lilly to Nemo.

The planning began at the Wartburg Ranger Station where we were introduced to the film crew (Donald O'Brien, Jamin Townsley, and Brittany Hayford). Billy Bob was feeling under the weather and decided not to paddle however being dedicated to the cause remained on hand to perform shuttle bunny duties. Thanks to Billy Bob and the NPS we were able to get to the put-in with all our cars at the take-out.

Arriving at the put-in we (the paddling crew) learned that we would need to linger for a half hour or so to allow the film crew to hike down to the first rapid (Jack's Rock). As a result of the time delay there was no rush getting geared up. Thankfully, Andy decided to get ready early only to find that he had left his spray skirt at home (no big deal, he's a talented paddler). He didn't feel as though he could make it down without his skirt (I felt he should have tried) and once again Billy Bob came to the rescue. Billy Bob and Andy hightailed it back to the ranger station to get a spray skirt. Upon Andy's return it was time to put-on and become immortal.

Brent was hiking with the film crew and Matt was kayaking and as such we were in constant contact with the film crew via radio. The film crew finally was set up and they requested that we run the rapid in groups of four. The first group (Tom, Shipley, Andy and myself) caught the eddy above Jack's Rock. Tom filled in for Billy Bob, giving pointers on the preferred lines through the rapid and like Billy Bob ran the rapid first. His line looked good and the rest of us followed. Everyone got through the rapid without incident (or so we thought). Upon completion of the rapid Tom (remember he ran first) informed us that he felt the film crew needed to document a kayak roll and thus he flipped at the bottom. Tom's skills will likely be documented for posterity.

Again there was some down time after Jack's Rock so that the film crew could hike to and set up at Camel Rock. Shipley, with his event staging experience, was communicating with the film crew



providing them with filming suggestions. The film crew was ready and Camel Rock was run without incident. The film crew seemed very pleased with the footage they were getting.

Another wait while Brent and the film crew hiked to Wooton's Folly and got set up. Again, Shipley was on the radio providing the film crew with filming suggestions. The wait above Wooton's Folly was the longest wait of the day. There was a lot of talk about the lines through this rapid. Most of the paddlers boofed the left side of the main rock. My choice for the first part of this rapid was to run the slot just to the left of the main rock, eddying out behind the rock. Again everyone made it through the rapid without incident.

Below Wooton's Folly, the NPS had stashed a raft to be utilized to get the film crew down the remainder of the float. Once again there was a delay while the film crew loaded their gear securely onto the raft. It was time for Brent to do some work. Unfortunately, due to the wait between rapids Jason/Eli felt that they needed to move on as Eli had some studying to do. The paddling group was now down to six.

Once loaded and underway, the raft bound film crew went first and filmed us paddlers individually as we made our way through the various rapids that followed. Above Widowmaker, the film crew remarked that they understood our desire to catch eddies and such but for this rapid they wanted us to get as close to the raft as we could as we ran the rapid. Shipley took them at their word and put his boat in the raft (you are the man).

We arrive at the "Tunnel Move" as it was described to me by Tom Lessick on my first decent on the Obed. I don't know if this is the official name but most paddlers who have paddle the Obed know the place.. Jamin Townsley climbed in Matt's "kayak" so that he could film the passage through the Tunnel Move.

At this point, the film crew indicated that they had all the footage they need and as such we parted company with the raft and we made our way to Nemo without incident where we met up with Billy Bob. As it turns out, Jason and Eli only manage to reduce the paddling time by about an hour. We got out of our gear and loaded up the boats at which time the raft arrive at the take-out. The film crew was cold but very pleased with the footage they obtained.

## **ETWC Forum**

Our forum continues to be active. There are several gear for sale postings and warnings of strainers on different streams. There are also some amazing pictures posted by jcisu07 of paddlers running Abrams Falls in the Smokies; check it out at:

<http://etwcweb.com/discuss/index.php?mode=thread&id=5305>

## American Whitewater News

### *2013 NATIONAL PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL (NPFF)*

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The 31st annual National Paddling Film Festival (NPFF) will be held this year in Frankfort, Kentucky on February 22-23<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Trace Distillery. Details at: <http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/NPFF/>

*Post to the forum if anyone wants to put a group together! This sounds like fun,*

### Obed River Clean Up

Paddlers are invited to join Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, in cooperation with the National Park Service, for the second annual whitewater rafting/clean-up trip down the Obed River on Saturday, March 30, 2013. The outing, from Devil's Breakfast Table to Nemo Bridge, will include trash collection coordinated with the National Park Service along the river.

Safety boaters are needed for the excursion. There are some seats available on guided rafts. Rafters must be 18 years old or over, and have a moderately high level of physical fitness and stamina. The trip will include a portage over large boulders. The difficulty level of this outing is high and participants are encouraged to consider carefully their fitness and stamina before undertaking this trip.

We welcome other kayakers to join this trip. March 30 is the first Saturday that the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area is open to the public following the annual 2-month "rest period" where all traffic on Catoosa is forbidden.

Preregistration by Monday, March 25, is required. The weather and river conditions are unpredictable and decisions about the nature of the trip, or its actual occurrence will be made the morning of the event. There is a small number of wet suits to loan participants, if needed. Participants should wear wicking fabric and should not wear cotton clothes, and will need to bring lunch and water.

For more information or to preregister, call or write TCWP Executive Director Sandra Goss at 865.583-3967 or [Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com). Participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. ET at the Obed Wild and Scenic RiverVisitors Center in Wartburg. A carpool will leave from Oak Ridge around 8:15 AM on March 30.



## **Winter Roll Practice Friday Nights, Oak Ridge Civic Center**

Remember roll practice on Friday!



Date	Coordinator	Phone	No roll practice.
2/8/2013	Leslie Hickle		
2/15/2013	Leslie Hickle		
2/22/2013	Rick Zingg		
3/1/2013	Rick Zingg		
3/8/2013	Katy Gonzales		
3/15/2013	Rick Zingg		
3/22/2013	John Wisinger		
3/29/2013			No roll practice.
4/5/2013	Jason Darby		
4/12/2013	John Wisinger		
4/19/2013	Jason Darby		
4/26/2013	Kary Scarborough	483-7525	

Thanks to all of our wonderful coordinators! If you can't make your assigned date, contact Jason Darby at [wepaddle@bellsouth.net](mailto:wepaddle@bellsouth.net) or 865-803-1899

### Trip Reports!

Nothing excites our fair weather paddlers to come out and join the fun more than a good trip report... love that gnarly creeker stuff!

Please send reports to Yours Truly at [wclewis@tds.net](mailto:wclewis@tds.net).

### PROGRAMS

We are always looking for interesting programs for our meetings. If you have a program or an idea please contact Rick Zingg at 675-4184 or [zinggds@gmail.com](mailto:zinggds@gmail.com)

