



ETWC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016



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

Dues are due!

If you want to pay online, fill out the form [HERE](#)

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

Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:30 pm

Our speaker will be the most interesting person we know, Sam Suffern. Sam is going to talk about his some adventurous trips. In addition Juanita Guinn will talk about the upcoming Wartburg Mountain Wall Festival.

The meeting will be at the club house at the top of the hill within Greystone Apts on Solway Rd ½ mile from Hardin Valley Rd.

We will also meet and eat before the meeting at Grill Don Gallos on Hardin Valley Rd, 6pm. Call IAN 865-382-5723 if you want to come eat so he can save you a spot.

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Please keep your dues up to date!

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River Gauges, see ETWC Forum
[**AWW What's Running in East Tennessee**](#)

ETWC 2015 Cash Flow Report

Fiscal Year = 11/1/14 through 12/31/15

Income:

Clinic Income \$1,360.00
Chattooga Income 690.00
Dues 799.46
Roll Practice Income 648.00
T-shirts Income 85.00

Total Income \$3582.46

Expenses:

Clinic Expenses \$ 184.28
Chattooga Costs 850.00
Roll Practice Pool Rental 892.50
Meeting Room Rental (Clinic Expense) 25.00
Donations 825.00
Corporate Non-Profit Fee 20.00
P.O. Box Rental 98.00
Christmas Party (2014) 168.73
Christmas Party (2015) 179.99
Bank Service Charges 4.00

Total Expenses \$ 3,247.50

Difference in Income/Expense = + 334.96

Checking Account as of 10/31/14 \$1,435.72
Checking Account as of 12/31/15 \$1,770.68

Savings Account as of 12/31/15 \$6,545.25

Total Assets as of 12/31/15 \$8,315.93

Thank You Kary for keeping up with all of our finances once again!

ETWC, Christmas Party/Meeting

A special thanks to Sam Suffern for hosting another great Christmas party. Sam cooked the turkey to perfection and there was also ham plus plenty of good side dishes, desserts, and drinks. There were several fought over gifts in the gift exchange. Top items were a jacket and sweatshirt embroidered with the ETWC logo and kayak (by Ethel Schorn). The Schorns are planning on moving next year so that may be the last of the special embroidered items.

2016 ETWC Officers

We elected our 2016 officers at the Christmas Party meeting with most of the 2015 officers being re-elected. We have a couple of new officers including April Morton replacing Billy Bob as our Webmaster and Rick Zingg replacing Jason Darby as our Roll Practice coordinator. Thanks to Billy Bob and Jason for their many years of service in these positions. Once again, we are blessed with great leadership for the club.

East Tennessee Whitwater Club, protecting our rivers.

If you have ever hiked down to a put in, and enjoyed one of our local rivers, it is likely that our club helped make that possible. Throughout the past 50 years our club has championed and supported numerous efforts to protect our rivers. Several of our members have served and continue to serve as board members and directors of area organizations that protect and promote our wild rivers, and our membership supports them through our volunteer efforts and by making state and local government aware of these precious resources.

We also support many of these organizations financially and this is largely where most of your dues end up.

Organizations that we donated to this year include:

- TCWP (Tennessee Citizen's for Wilderness Planning) <http://www.tcwp.org>
- AW (American Whitewater) <https://www.americanwhitewater.org>
- Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains <http://friendsofthesmokies.org>

- NPCA (National Parks Conservation Association) <https://www.npca.org>
- American Canoe Association <http://www.americancanoe.org>
- TCWN (Tennessee Clean Water Network) <http://www.tcwn.org>
- CTC (Cumberland Trail Conference) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org>

In addition we are very blessed to have several active land conservancies in our area that purchase land to protect it from development , for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. Several of our members have served on these conservancies boards and our club has contributed to them over the years.

Some of these include:

The Nature Conservancy,

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/tennessee/newsroom/nature-conservancy-acquires-key-obed-river-property.xml>

The Blue Ridge Conservancy,

http://www.wataugademocrat.com/news/watauga-river-access-purchased-by-conservancy/article_7266db99-0a1b-5836-9295-927d5ee37da3.html

The Foothills Land Conservancy, <http://foothillsland.org/areas-we-protect/>

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy,

<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/explore-by-state/tennessee>

Please support these organizations along with many other organizations in our area dedicated to protecting our wilderness areas and rivers. Take a walk through the links above and you'll be surprised by all the efforts that are underway and what has been, and can be, accomplished. I know that I've left out other important area organizations and if I have please post to our forum to help us to stay informed.

<http://etwcweb.com/discuss/>

Volunteers needed to assist the NPS Obed Wild & Scenic River

ETWC has supported the National Park Service's Obed Wild & Scenic River unit for the past 4 years with their "National Park in your Backyard" program which is their primary and most important educational outreach effort to the local community. ETWC helps supply volunteers for the boating portion of the program that they put on for all of the 6th

Grade classes in Morgan County. This year's program will be held on weekdays between May 16 and May 24, and we are again looking for volunteers. Please consider volunteering for a day or more.

Each day a bus will arrive at Lilly Bridge around 9 a.m. with students from one school. The students are divided into two groups, and one group goes rock climbing while the other group goes to the water program. We help the NPS Rangers fit helmets and PFDs on the students before they carry the NPS provided boats and paddles to a pool below Lilly Bridge. The first activity is usually the popular "Critters in the Creek" program by NPS personnel that involves the students capturing and identifying the animals in Clear Creek – and thus proving how unpolluted the water is.

After the Critters program, we help put the students into the NPS boats before we get into our own boats and gear to paddle with them in the pool. We limit instruction to the minimum required for safety – the emphasis is for the students to have FUN. If time and weather permits, we let the students go for a brief swim in the upstream end of the pool. Each group is accompanied by at least one teacher who can handle any discipline issues – but we have had none.

Around noon we break for lunch, and then switch groups and repeat the activities. When we finish, the students carry the boats and paddles back up the hill before leaving to return to school around 3 p.m. We then assist the NPS Rangers in sorting and loading their equipment onto their trucks and trailer.

If you have any free time available, please consider this activity. You will be very impressed by the 6th Graders and teachers of Morgan County, and every session has been fun for all.

Please call Billy Bob or Kary by email or at 865-483-7525 to volunteer, or for more information on this award winning program.

[Fifth Annual Obed Cleanup/Float Trip – Saturday, March 26, 2015](#)

On Saturday, March 26 Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning and the National Park Service will sponsor the fourth annual whitewater rafting/clean-up trip at the Obed Wild and Scenic River. 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 this excursion. Some seats will be 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 the trip.

We welcome other kayakers to join this trip. March 26 is the first Saturday that the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area is open to the public following the annual two-month "rest period" during which all traffic on Catoosa is forbidden.

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. A small number of wet suits are available to loan participants, if needed. Participants should wear wicking fabric and should not wear cotton clothes. They will need to bring lunch and water. If regular paddlers have spare equipment and clothes, please consider bringing those along.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Sandra Goss at 865-583-3967 or via email at Sandra@sandrakgoss.com. Participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. ET at the Obed Wild and Scenic River Visitors Center in Wartburg. A carpool will leave from Oak Ridge at around 8:15.

50K Tree Day, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.

50K Tree Day is a state-wide effort to plant 50,000 trees in one hour throughout Tennessee. On Saturday, February 27th, Oak Ridge's Healthy Waters Program will be hosting a tree planting at 299 Old Edgemoor Rd, across the street from Centennial Golf Course. Planting will begin at 11am and go until 12pm. We are looking to plant as many trees as possible, so bring a group if you can! It is free to participate, but you must sign up. Trees are donated by the TN Dept. of Forestry, and the number of trees we receive depends on the number of volunteers we have.

To sign up, email or call Stephanie Carlson at scarlson@oakridgetn.gov or [865-805-4678](tel:865-805-4678).

For more information about 50K Tree Day and a video about how to plant a tree, check out the Tennessee Environmental Council's website at tectn.org/50ktreeday. To read about and share the event on Facebook, take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/events/798335950311565/>.

ETWC Forum

Check out the discussions on our forum:

<http://etwcweb.com/discuss/>

Roll Practice 8:30pm Friday Nights, Oak Ridge Civic Center Pool

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Feb 19 2016. . .	Rick Zingg
Feb 26 2016. . .	Mark Bevelhimer
Mar 04 2016. . .	Ian Anderson
Mar 11 2016. . .	Sam Suffern
Mar 18 2016. . .	Rick Zingg
Mar 25 2016. . .	NO ROLL PRACTICE
Apr 01 2016. . .	Donna Price
Apr 08 2016. . .	Mark Bevelhimer
Apr 15 2016. . .	Ian Anderson
Apr 22 2016. . .	Rick Zingg
Apr 29 2016. . .	Kary Scarborough

Trip Reports!

Spring is nearing and we want to tell everyone about our winter trips. Send trip reports to Bill, including videos if you have them!

Please send reports to Yours Truly at bill.lewis865@gmail.com.

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for interesting programs for our meetings. If you have a program or an idea please contact Donna Price at 865-406-1058.

**EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM**

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)

Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____, _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by email. (circle) Yes No

Membership Status? (circle) New Renewal

What boats do you paddle? (circle) Kayak C-1 C-2 Solo Canoe Tandem Canoe

What is your paddling ability? (circle) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert
Class I-II Class III Class IV Class V

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.
2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.
3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)