



## ETWC NEWSLETTER May 2012

**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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### Club Meeting

(All Members Welcome)

### *ETWC clinic planning meeting.*

We will be planning for our upcoming (June 4-9) beginner clinic. Josh Gollhofer is this year's coordinator, and Josh is looking for instructors, safety boaters, and equipment. If you can help, contact Josh at **(865)223-3833** or at **surf.the.smokys@gmail.com**.

**The Craft Room**  
**Oak Ridge Civic Center**  
**Tuesday**  
**May 15, 2012**  
**7:30 pm**

*A promo flyer is attached to the mailing, and we ask that everyone hang these up at work and places like sports shops and wherever outdoors enthusiasts hang out.*

**ETWC**  
**P.O. Box 5774**  
**Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774**

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### River Gauges by Telephone

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| (800) 261-5033 - <b>Big South Fork</b>                          | (865) 632-2264 - <b>TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge</b> |
| (800) 899-4435 - <b>Big Pigeon</b>                              | (Knoxville)                                       |
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ETWC celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party last month, a great time. Reid Gryder presented a power point show of the club history and served as the MC for the story sharing. There was no shortage of tales. Approximately 50 people showed up to share some pretty amazing stories about the early years of the club, and our sport. Can you imagine having to make your own boat from fiberglass fabric and resin; how about getting your wife to sew a skirt for your kayak; or, running rivers in an oversized inner tube; and naming the rapids for your buddy's mishaps? These folks were the real pioneers of our sport, and it was interesting and sometimes hilarious to hear their stories.

It took some research in order to determine when our club started. Reid accessed online the summer 1962 edition of the AW journal and found a reference to the newly formed ETWC club. John Bombay, AW Safety Chair, wrote about a trip he and other ETWC members made in February 1962 on the Big South Fork. Bombay is credited with starting the club along with a group of paddling enthusiasts from Oak Ridge. In those days most of the paddling was done with open boats, and the Carbide recreation club provided discounted canoes and equipment.



Reid Gryder and a talkative audience share stories about the early days of the club.



Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a little bubbly, cup cakes, and cookies.

## **Obed River Clean-up Saturday May 19**

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Ranger Station at 8:30 am. Gloves, insect repellent, sun block and sturdy shoes are recommended. Moria Painter is the NPS contact

Following the clean-up, participants are invited to the Obed Visitor Center around noon for a free volunteer appreciation lunch. Hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, chips, cookies, and lemonade were provided last year. Former volunteers were also welcomed to the lunch.

For more information or if you desire to participate in this year's event, call the park at (423) 346-6294.

# Obed Wild and Scenic River

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Obed Wild and Scenic River  
208 N. Maiden St.  
Wartburg, TN 37287



## Annual River Clean-Up Day & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



- **Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. EST**
- **Meet at the Obed Visitor Center in Wartburg, TN**
- **All are welcome! FREE Volunteer Appreciation Lunch**

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### In celebration of National River Cleanup Day!

- Volunteers will join park staff to pick up trash at various sections of the park.
- We will provide – trash bags, gloves and trash grabbers.
- Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water to stay hydrated. If you prefer your own gloves please bring them along with insect repellent, and sun block if needed.

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### Thank You Volunteers!!! *Lunch Provided*

- Saturday, May 19 at 12:00 noon EST
- Obed Wild and Scenic River Visitor Center, Wartburg, TN
- We will provide – Pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, chips, cookies and lemonade.
- Please bring a dish to share – salads, desserts and sides



Volunteer with the National Park Service (NPS) and help care for these special places. Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) work side-by-side with National Park Service employees and partners in parks from Maine to Hawaii, from Alaska to Florida, in big cities and small towns, even in remote wilderness areas.

There are nearly 400 National Parks throughout the United States and its territories. Whether you work behind the scenes or with park visitors, you can make a difference by helping to connect people with their parks.

Become a VIP and put yourself at the heart of the park experience.

For information about becoming a VIP at Obed Wild and Scenic River contact  
Moria Painter – Volunteer Coordinator at 423-346-6294.

(<http://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/river-cleanup.htm>)

## American Whitewater News

For those adventurous souls who run the Tallulah, there's news about the gate repairs and resulting impact on the release schedule, see:

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/31069/>

***Summer Roll Practice on Friday Evenings will be moving to the lake at the Clark Center.***

Roll Practice has moved to the lake in Oak Ridge. We meet at the Clark Center after work (usually beginning around 5:30 to 6:30ish).

To get to Clark Center Park, which is also known as Carbide Park, from Oak Ridge - go to the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Scarboro Road and go south on Scarboro past the Y-12 Plant and over Chestnut Ridge. Go straight through the traffic light on Bethel Valley Road on Pumphouse road, and turn right at the gate and drive several miles to the park. Drive past the park headquarters and park on the right in the small lot. The place where we practice is directly across the lake from the boat ramp. When the swimming area is open, we park in the picnic area near our roll practice spot.

[http://www.etwcweb.com/concrete/roll\\_practice/](http://www.etwcweb.com/concrete/roll_practice/)

**Trip Reports!**

For you creative writers out there:

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 Paul Wolf at:*

[leonjeronimo@gmail.com](mailto:leonjeronimo@gmail.com) or 865-789-2826.

**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)**