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Our Aims

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

Endless River Adventures will give a presentation describing their South American kayaking trips and other things kayaking.

The Craft Room

Oak Ridge Civic Center

**Tuesday
October 20, 2009
7:30 pm**

East Tennessee Whitewater Club
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!!!! Renew Your Club Membership Now !!!!

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2009

Dues are \$15 per year for family membership. Our dues year is the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31. Please renew early in the year.

Send the membership form on the back of the newsletter with a check (payable to ETWC) to:

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

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(800) 899-4435 – **Big Pigeon**

(800) 232-7238 – **Chattooga River**

(800) 829-5253 – **Green River**

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theSmokies***

(865) 632-2264 – **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Knoxville)**

(865) 751-2264 - **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Chattanooga)**

(800) 238-2264 - **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Out of Town)**

*NOTE: For this call there is a \$2.00 charge that helps support the continued operation of the gauges.

Presentation

Representative(s) from Endless River Adventures will give a presentation covering their South American trips, new rolling techniques, and other items of interest.

Trip Report and Other Things

Greetings From Ed and Jean

By
Warren Devine

Ed Sonder, one of the founders of ETWC, sends his best wishes to all club members. Carol and I visited Ed and his wife Jean at their home in Hanover, New Hampshire in late August. Ed is 81 and his hair is just now getting a bit gray. We went hiking on a trail Ed had recently built, and canoeing on the Connecticut River that flows near his home. ETWC gave Ed a PFD when he left Oak Ridge, which we used. He still has his old white C-1, which he keeps nearby for when he gets his roll back. Is Ed proof that paddling is good for people?



Jean, Ed, and Warren

Beginner Trip to Nantahala River

By
Greg Shipley

Ken Schneider and Greg Shipley led a Beginner Trip down the Nantahala River on July 18th of 2009. Our beginner paddles were Katy Gonzales, John Wisinger, and Rob Baldus. Our safety boaters were Billy Bob Scarborough, Jason Bullen, and Teledave (David McConnell).

Our trip began by meeting at the Put-In above Patton's Run at 10:30 am. Everyone was excited to get on the river. After setting shuttle and buying river tags, we all geared up and got on the water.

Patton's Run can be intimidating for first time paddlers, but our crew stepped up to the challenge. All ran the rapid clean with big smiles on their faces. After eddying out, I asked our newbies what skills they would like to work on that day. It was great to get different responses. They ranged from surfing to eddy catching to strong current ferries.

The rest of the day our group focused on these skills to help improve not only the beginners but the safety boaters as well. It was great to see everyone trying his or her best. With any new skills we try to learn, swims are inevitable. The good news is that they were worth it. One cannot grow in kayaking without pushing themselves.

At the end of the day everyone was feeling tired from all the hard work, but smiles were everywhere. We all got out to scout Lesser Wesser. Everyone was game to run the rapid. After setting safety, the rest of the gang came thru the rapid. I get great joy out of seeing people enjoying our sport.

On the way home, we all stopped for the best pizza Robbinsville has to offer. The gang sat at the table and laughed about our day.

Winter Roll Practice

Roll practice will move to the Oak Ridge Civic Center Indoor Pool starting Friday November 6, 2009. Practice is from 8:30 to 10:00pm on the Friday nights listed below. The table below lists the Paddler In Charge (PIC) for each session. The sessions in **blue** currently do not have a volunteer to oversee the session. If you would like to volunteer AND are certified in both First Aid and CPR contact Kary Scarborough or Rick Zingg (see contact info in the Officers Section above).

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| November | 6 | Kary Scarborough |
| | 13 | Ariana Beste |
| | 20 | Joshua Gollither |
| | 27 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| December | 4 | Ken Schneider |
| | 11 | Rick Zingg |
| | 18 | Jason Darby |
| | 25 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| January | 1 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| | 8 | Pat Geoghegan |
| | 15 | Jason Darby |
| | 22 | Ken Klipple |
| | 29 | Ken Klipple |

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| February | 5 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| | 12 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| | 19 | Rick Zingg |
| March | 26 | |
| | 5 | |
| | 12 | |
| April | 19 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| | 26 | |
| | 2 | NO ROLL PRACTICE |
| May | 9 | |
| | 16 | |
| | 23 | Tris West |
| | 30 | Tris West |
| | 7 | |
| | 14 | Kary Scarborough |

Last Meeting Minutes

Business:

Treasury report: checking \$1907.94; savings \$5716.84.

The income from the clinic this year was \$1970.00.

First Aid training for this years indoor roll practice will be on Thursday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Cross Building in Oak Ridge.

There was a vote on acceptance of the revised bylaws. They were accepted as amended.

There was no interest in having a booth at GAF

Program:

Billy Bob Scarborough gave a presentation recounting his recent trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River from June 27th-July 2nd 2009.

Upcoming Events

October 29-30 [Tennessee Water Trails Forum](#), Chattanooga TN

Hear water trail case studies and strategies from more than 30 speakers.
 Network with water trail organizers and planners throughout the Southeast.
 Learn the economic and tourism potential of watertrails.

**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 Other

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)