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Paddling events, safety awareness, and conservation

Sept/Oct 2010

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Chota Canoe Club Meetings, Calhouns - Bearden Hill, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 14

Canyoneering will be the subject of Ed McAlister's presentation.

The Anasazi were exploring the canyon country of the Colorado Plateau since before the time of Christ.

Everyone knows Ed, our Chota Vice President and owner of River Sports Outfitters, hasn't been around that long. But lately he's been messing around in deep, wet, western state canyons. In recent times, canyoneering has become a popular adventure sport associated with technical descents — those that require rappels and ropework, technical climbing or downclimbing, technical jumps, or technical swims. Canyons are usually in remote and rugged settings and often require navigational, route-finding and other wilderness travel skills.

Join us at our regular monthly meetings. We have upcoming Officer Elections and need your participation to lead, support, and sustain the

Chota Canoe Club

Tuesday, October 12,

Bob McDonough, Wilderness System's VP of Design will join us.

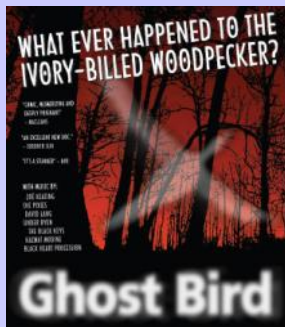
Bob designed WS's popular Zephyr and Tempest sea kayaks. Earlier, he directed design at Perception Kayaks 1990 to 1997. He's penciled out 70 kayaks and canoes.

Bob's favorite places to kayak range from the Pacific Northwest for coastal paddling, Skookum-chuck, San Juan's, Norway, to the Narrows of the Green River, NC

In the 80's and 90's, Bob's paddling time was occupied winning freestyle, rodeo, and squirt competitions! His brother, Tom, is Chota's conservation officer.

Nice endo Bob!!





Adrift in an Arkansas swamp in February of 2004, a lone kayaker encountered what he believed could only be a figment of his imagination, an enormous black and white bird that had been declared extinct in North America for over fifty years.

GHOST BIRD gets its own screening on October 21st. Showcased by UT PRESS, GHOST BIRD is a feature length documentary about a possibly extinct giant woodpecker, a small town in Arkansas hoping to reverse its fortunes, and the tireless odyssey of the bird-watchers and scientists searching for the Holy Grail of birds, the elusive Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

More information, including ticket purchasing, go to <http://www.tcwn.org/filmfestival10>

9th Annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival

This year Tennessee Clean Water Network and the University of Tennessee Press have teamed up to present two days of environmental films.

On October 19, 2010, the Wild & Scenic Festival line up will be screened. Wild and Scenic is currently the largest environmental film festival in the United States. Read more and watch trailers for the films at wildandscenicfilmfestival.org

On October 21, 2010 we will have a showing of Ghostbird and a book signing for Ghost Birds: Jim Tanner and Quest for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, 1935-1941. Both showings will be at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Water issues, wilderness conserva-

Spectacular September ~ Whitewater Event Highlights

September is a great month for whitewater with Gauley Fest, Cheoah releases, and the NOC Guest Appreciation Festival.

Sept 10-13
Gauley River trip, WV
Class III-IV+ Big Water (I/A)
Camping reservations need to be made, so please RSVP by 9/3.
Contact: Mary Ann Grell
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In its 25th year, Gauley Fest has grown to become the largest paddling festival in the world.

of the subjects of this year's best wild & scenic films.

So come on out to this fun event at Knoxville Museum of Art, on October 19th and 21st. Watch great films, eat tasty popcorn, and meet other members of your community who are interested conserving our environment.



Sept 17-19
Gauley Fest Gauley River, WV
Class III-IV+ (I/A)
Summersville, WV
See website for details:
www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/aw:events_gauley

Sept 18
Cheoah Class III-IV+ (A)
Contact: Mary Ann Grell

Sept 24-26
NOC Guest Appreciation Festival



Nantahala River-Class II+ (B)
Wesser, NC
See website for details:
www.noc.com/nocom/festivals-a-events/guest-appreciation-festival

Hammocks Beach State Park, October 7-10 ~ Touring/Camping

Venture to the Hammocks Beach State Park on Bear Island, NC. Reward yourself with unspoiled beaches on the Atlantic coast.

Secluded and tranquil, free from intruding commercialism, Hammocks Beach may not be for everyone, but the island is a retreat for people who welcome the challenges of relentless sun, sand, sea and sky.

This trip is perfect for the beginner/intermediate paddler to the advanced paddler that has some or limited experience in self contained type trips. Touring kayaks capable of carrying all camping gear and food for two days of camping on the island are required. Each camp site is limited to two tents and up to 6 people.

We will be traveling on Thursday, Oct 7, car pooling and camping on

Carolina Weekend, November 11 - 14 ~ Playtime For Everyone

Plan on making the pilgrimage to Tsali on Thursday November 11th and staying and playing through the 14th. We will be camping in the group area at Tumbling Water Campground near the entrance to Tsali.

Whitewater - Friday we head to the Chattooga River and paddle section III or, if you want, some might be up for section IV. On Saturday we will run the Nantahala. On Sunday we will paddle either the Nolichucky or the French Broad.

Touring - Options for touring are Fontana Lake at Tsali and the Nantahala Lake which feeds the powerhouse at the river.

the mainland. On Friday, Oct 8, we will load our kayaks with all our camping gear and food to make the 3 mile trip to the island where we'll set up camp.

During our stay we'll take exploratory day trips. On Sunday, Oct 10, the plan is to paddle back to the mainland, then travel back to K-town.

This is a self contained trip, and each person is responsible for their own boat, paddling gear, camping/cooking gear, and food. Water is available on the island.

Contact Doug Johnstone at canoeone@tds.net or call 865-804-5240, if you're interested in going or have questions.

<http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/habe/main.php>

Other fun things - Mountain biking, Tsali is known for its single track trails, the best in the area. There is hiking or whatever you can dream up, this area has it.

This is a great recreational area and a no crowd weekend.

Please call 423-914-4070 or email GWKilpatrick@misincinfo.com to book a spot. The camping fee will be around \$25.00 per person, for the weekend.

For more info about the area: <http://www.main.nc.us/graham/hiking/tsali.html>

<http://www.tumblingwaters.com>

Emory River Paddle & Cookout - September 11

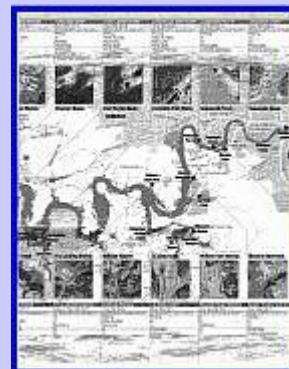
Come One, Come All to this late summer paddle.

Paul and Deb Alexander will host and cookout on the Emory River located just outside Kingston.

The trip will start by 9:30 am. We will paddle down the Emory to the Clinch and up the Clinch for a distance, then return. A cookout will follow the return to the launch area. Food will be provided, everyone bring their own drinks. If someone wants to bring a special dish they are welcome to do so.

While the meal is being cooked on the grill, we hope those who know how to roll or do self rescue will take the time to instruct others. If there are any questions please call 679-0359 for directions and to let us know a head count for food. Hope you all can come.

Paul Alexander



NEW FREE BLUEWAYS MAP

French Broad & Upper Tennessee River Map from Cherokee National Forest to Fort Loudoun Dam - put-ins plus more valuable information. These free maps are available at River Sports.

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Spotlight on the Little Tennessee and Cheoah Rivers

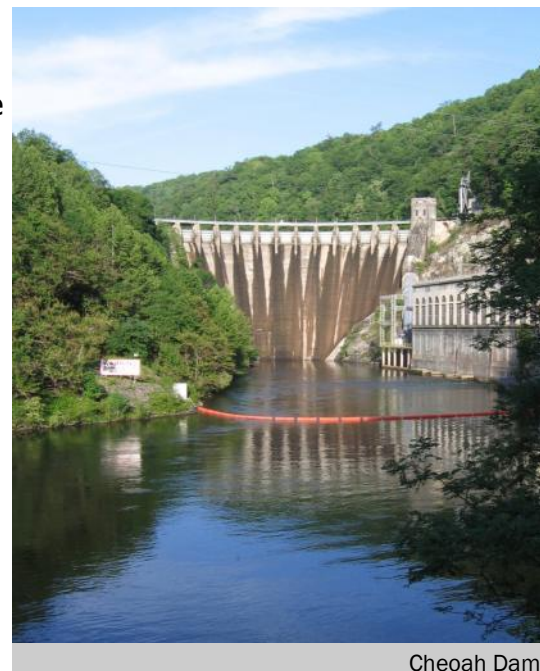
The Tapoco Project consists of Cheoah, Calderwood, and Chilhowee Dams and Reservoirs on the Little Tennessee and Santeetlah Dam and on the Cheoah River.

The project is located near the North Carolina-Tennessee border in an area dominated by undeveloped mountain forests including the Citico and Joyce Kilmer Wilderness Areas and portions of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forest and Cherokee National Forest. This area offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The remote setting, undisturbed view sheds, abundant wildlife, and excellent water quality make this area popular for both whitewater and touring trips.

The dams are owned and operated by the Tapoco Division of Alcoa Power Generating Incorporated. The dams supply low-cost power to Alcoa's aluminum smelter operations in Alcoa, Tennessee. In addition to hydroelectric power, these reservoirs are managed to provide flood control, recreation, residential and business opportunities, and wildlife habitat.

Water that is released from Santeetlah and Calderwood Dams is diverted through a tunnel and pipeline to powerhouses located 5-mile and 1.2 mile away respectively. Prior to 2005, the river channels below these dams were virtually dry except for small amounts of water leakage from the dams and water from local drainage.

Topoco's license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to



Cheoah Dam

operate these dams was renewed for 40 years in 2005 after 5 years of intense negotiation with recreational and conservation organizations that included American Whitewater and the Tennessee Clean Water Network as well as state and federal resource management agencies.

Many of these stakeholders advocated that the beautiful and diverse natural resources of the area be restored and protected. The new license includes provisions that allow for the continued operation of the four dams for 40 years. In exchange, ALCOA agreed to several provisions that restore and protect the environment and enhance recreational opportunities.

These provisions include:

- Provide whitewater paddling opportunities on the formerly dewatered 9 mile long class III-I-IV+ Cheoah River. Boatable flows released from Santeetlah Dam will range from 850 to 1000 cfs on 16

to 18 days each year.

- Public access areas have been constructed at the top and bottom of the Cheoah whitewater section and several roadside pull-offs along the Cheoah have been constructed.
- Trees that have grown up as a result of the dewatering of the Cheoah River channel have been removed from the river.
- Aquatic habitat has been restored by maintaining minimum flows in the dewatered reaches downstream on Santeetlah and Calderwood Dams and adding coarse sediment to the Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Dam.
- Systems to transport endangered spotfin chub, yellowfin madtom, smoky madtom, and dusky-tail darter between disconnected tributaries have been designed and Alcoa is working with state and federal officials to reintroduce these throughout the region.
- Portages have been constructed around the Cheoah, Calderwood, and Chilhowee dams to enable through paddling on the Little Tennessee River from Fontana Dam to Tellico Reservoir.
- Five primitive campsites with tent pads, fire pits, picnic tables, and lantern poles have been developed on Calderwood Reservoir. These campsites are accessible only from the water
- Nearly 10,000 acres of pristine watershed lands owned by Alcoa and located between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cherokee National Forest have been protected through a combination of conservation easements, land donation, and rights of first refusal by conservation interests. The protected land is home to 21 rare, threatened or endan-

gered species

- A new hiking trail has been built along the Cheoah River.
- A mitigation fund of \$125,000 annually for the life of the new FERC license has been established.
- A 200-foot no development buffer has been established on all of the reservoirs as well as any next to any streams on land owned by ALCOA.

Cultural and historic resources including archaeological sites, historic hydroelectric structures, historic buildings and structures, and properties of traditional religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes will be protected and preserved.

Chota has sponsored two recent touring trips to Chilhowee Reservoir. On one of these trips, a group of 14 people paddled up close to Chilhowee Cascade, an 80 foot waterfall and hiked to the 25 foot Turkeypen Falls. Some of the group cooled off in Turkeypen Falls. New paddlers were treated to an impromptu rescue class in the lake's cool, cool water.

Chota has upcoming opportunities for both whitewater and touring paddlers to enjoy this spectacular area. The club has a white water trip on the Cheoah River, a 9 mile class III to IV+ run, scheduled on September 18. For touring paddlers, the club has a trip to Calderwood scheduled on September 4 and an overnight paddle with remote camping on the banks of Santeetlah Reservoir is scheduled on September 25-26. If you have never been to these beautiful places, it is time to get out and enjoy them.

Tom McDonough

Officer Elections for 2011

Elections of new officers will be held in November.

Our constitution and by-laws have this to say about our elections.

OFFICERS

A. The officers of the club shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Whitewater Trip Chairperson, Touring Trip Chairperson, Training Chairperson, Training Chairperson/Canoe School-Elect, Safety Chairperson, Conservation Chairperson, Member-At-Large, Web Master, and the immediate past President.

B. Officers shall remain in office for one year but may be re-elected.

MEETINGS

A nominating meeting to be held between September 15 and October 15.

A meeting for the election of officers in November, which shall be the Annual Meeting.

If you have interest in helping out with any of these club duties, please let us know. Attend the upcoming September, October, and November meetings. Send email with general questions about the positions or other volunteer opportunities to chotacanoclub@gmail.com

Sept	Event	Contact
4	Calderwood Lake Touring	Doug Johnstone canoeone@tds.net 865-804-5240
4	Hiwassee River Class II Beginning whitewater	Jenni Hubbard jenni.hubbard@gmail.com 205-529-0551
10 - 13	Gauley River, WV Class III-IV+ Big Water Intermediate/Advanced RSVP by 9/3 so camping reservations can be made	Mary Ann Grell magrell@yahoo.com 865-207-6250
11	Emory River - Cook out See touring trip highlight on page 5 For further details call/email	Paul Alexander paulalex1947@live.com 865-679-0359 865-882-1149
14	Chota Club Membership Meeting Canyoneering will be the subject of the program Calhoun's Bearden Hill 6:30 pm	Ed McAlister ed@riversportsoutfitters.com 865-250-2188
17- 19	Gauley River - Gauley Fest Class III-IV+ Intermediate Advanced	www.americanwhitewater.org/ content/Wiki/aw:events_gauley
18	Cheoah Class III-IV+ Advanced whitewater	Mary Ann Grell magrell@yahoo.com 865-577-2993
19	Upper Norris Lake - Big Sycamore Beautiful wilderness to explore - not to miss. For details call/email	Tom & Tere McDonough TTMCDONO@aol.com 865-406-6416
24-26	Nantahala River - NOC Guest Appreciation Festival	www.noc.com
25-26	Santeelah Lake Overnighter Camping/Paddle self contained Enjoy the brisk air and early fall colors	Doug Johnstone canoeone@tds.net 865-804-5240
Oct	Event	Contact
3	French Broad River to Seven Islands Touring trip	Ed McAlister ed@riversportsoutfitters.com 865-250-2188
7- 10	Hammocks Beach State Park - Bear Island Unique environment begins with three mile paddle to island, sandy beach dunes, and base camping with the Atlantic Ocean as your front porch. Day trips around islands and in wetlands marsh.	Gary Kilpatrick GWKilpatrick@misincinfo.com 423-914-4070
8	Legacy Parks Foundation - Mayor's Luncheon for the Parks Fort Dickerson Park in Downtown Knoxville	Reservations can be make by calling 865.525.2585
9	Tellico Lake - Fort Loudoun State Park Garrison Weekend - the daily lives of the men, women, and children of Ft Loudon are recreated for the public. On these days, park visitors will find living history re-enactors in costume at the Fort - an infirmary, blacksmith shop, barracks make great photos and a great spot for lunch	Sharon Cogburn onehappidog@aol.com 865-567-1072
12	Chota Club Membership Meeting - 2010 Officer Nominations Bob McDonough, Wilderness Systems, Vice Pres. Of Design, will present the program Calhoun's Bearden Hill 6:30 pm	Ed McAlister ed@riversportsoutfitters.com 865-250-2188
23 - 25	Tellico Lake - Blueway Overnighter Beautiful 11 mile paddle of the upper stretches of Tellico Lake. Chota Canoe Club has partnered with TVA to establish this new paddling Blueway.	Clay Guerry scguerry@tva.gov 865-723-3963

Oct	Event	Contact
23	Upper Tellico Lake Upper section of this scenic mountain lake will be explored	Iris Leung irisleung@earthlink.net 865-448-8907
30	Mystery Paddle - Halloween Phun Trip Location mystery. No blindfolds, but Costumes allowed. Bring boat, paddle, lunch, Halloween beverage. Contact trip coordinator for meeting time and location.	Doug Johnstone canoeone@tds.net 865-804-5240
Nov	Event	Contact
6	Apalachia Lake One of our most scenic vistas in East Tennessee. Location is commonly known as the "Secret Spot" and not a trip to miss, or you'll never know. Contact trip coordinator for details.	Doug Johnstone canoeone@tds.net 865-804-5240
6	2010 Summit for a Sustainable TN Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN	www.sustainableTN.org
9	Chota Club Membership Meeting -2011 Officer Elections Calhoun's Bearden Hill 6:30 pm	Ed McAlister ed@riversportsoutfitters.com 865-250-2188
11	Carolina Extended Weekend Touring, whitewater, mountain biking, hiking, camping. This weekend has it all	Gary Kilpatrick GWKilpatrick@misincinfo.com 423-914-4070

Touring Trip Report: Rankin Bottoms Wildlife Refuge, July 4

I left my house at 4:30 p.m. and met up with my ride and trip coordinator Karen Catlett (who so kindly provides me with a kayak and assistance). We met the group at the Strawberry Plains exit off I40 and went North on I40 to I81 and north again to White Pine exit; not much farther and we were at the put in on Airport Road.

The refuge area is generally a maximum of 4 ft deep for the long legged birds to wade in and eat. Interesting concrete bridge remains and the old coal tipple lie below and above the waterline.

It is so peaceful and serene on the water. We paddled by egrets on the bank. A young Osprey on top of the coal tipple, calling for Mom or Dad, one of which showed up on the far side and then the youngster disappeared from my view. The nest has



been there for years. The water was smooooooth. The stillness and silence is amazing.

I was fascinated by these, smaller than a golf ball, flowers growing in and around the water. They must taste really good! They were visited by many bees. The color transformation is interesting, too.

The sun set and we paddled back to the put-in. This was like gliding on pink silk as the water reflected the radiant sky. When it got darker we put on our running lights, and watched the fireworks around the area - none in the refuge.

We took out in the dark and headed home. I drove myself home from Karen's and walked into my apt. at midnight. What a great paddle!

Bara Lake



Touring Trip Report: Clinch River, July 10

On July 10th five paddlers met and launched on the Clinch at the public boat ramp below the Melton Hill Dam. The weather promised to be perfect and at the time of launch, 9:00 plus shuttle time, there was no release from the Dam. A release was scheduled for 12:00pm. The paddlers included Marc and Shelly Mangold, Doug Johnstone, and Paul and Deb Alexander. All were paddling sea kayaks.



The river is approximately 100 yards wide at the start widening some further down the river, cold running, and tree lined most of the distance. A

few homes are encountered along the way, along with several farms, but no major residential areas were encountered. The trip as planned was 7 miles in length, but after side trips it was extended to about 12 miles. The river is also deep, once in a great while barges, returning from a run to industry in Clinton, are encountered on the river.

Several notable side lines were encountered on the

trip. First the group passed the mouth of the White Oak Creek, source of much of the pollution Oak Ridge has dumped into Watts Bar Lake over the years. The pollution is now in the sediment and as long as the bottom is not disturbed it will remain there. The mouth to the creek is well contained and there are signs warning of hazardous materials. Next the group passed Jones Island, at nearly a mile long it was once the site of an ancient Indian village according to articles read by this writer. After several side trips to explore streams entering the Clinch, we finally came upon the site of the shuttered Clinch River Breeder Reactor project. This may become the site of a small state of the art reactor. Another ancient Indian Village is said to be at this site but is kept a quiet secret to keep souvenir hunters out.

Marc Mangold became known on this trip as Creek Man because he would not pass up on the opportunity to explore side streams as far up to the source as he could paddle. That added an element of adventure to the trip and everyone enjoyed getting off the main river.

Although most had never paddled this section of the river, the trip was enjoyed by everyone. It is another trip close to home that Chota members can enjoy.

Paul Alexander

Whitewater Trip Report: Upper and Lower Pigeon, August 7

When I left for the Pigeon, from my new home in Johnson City, I was was expecting 16 participants for the Upper, and 7 for the Lower. By the time we put on for the upper, the number had risen to 24, and when we started the Lower, the boater count was 14. All in all, 31 boaters paddled with me on this day, which was pretty bitchin'!

For the Upper Pigeon, we had 19 kayakers, 4 open boaters, and a ducky; 5 had never paddled it, and 4 were coming off "haven't paddled much lately" status. Considering this, the carnage factor was delightfully low. We had one swim at the very end of the entrance rapid, two at Lost Guide, and one swim at Double Reactionary. With the large group of experienced boaters in the group, all of the swimmers were quickly and expertly whisked out of danger. Experienced boaters pretty much teamed up and followed one of the newbies through all of the larger rapids. One newbie paddler said that having the high level of expert boaters around, greatly helped her own confidence. A special thanks

goes to Damon Wooten. He was our lead boater, steering the nervous folks into eddies, coaching them on the upcoming rapids, and then taking off and setting the lead route. Showing the new folks the "cleanest" routes through the big rapids was one reason we had such little carnage and were able to meet the second group right on time.

The second group of paddlers on the Lower Pigeon had just as much success. We only had one swim, and that was from a playboating maneuver, and as we all know, those don't really count. We stopped a few places and worked on peel outs and ferrying. There was quite a bit of play on the ledges portion of the river, and the big bad hole that is right at the end of the lower section, claimed no victims.

Many thanks to all of you that came on this day. It was great getting to see and paddle with everyone, especially since I was not able to make it to the school. SYOTR!!!

Doug Klaras

Touring Trip Report: Night Paddle and Potluck on Norris Lake, August 13

It's Better in the Dark

Seven paddlers took off from the Big Ridge State Park boat ramp as the sun was setting on a very hot Friday the 13th in August. The superstitious bad luck must end after sunset, because the lake was quiet, the paddling was easy, the waxing crescent moon was nearing the horizon, and the stars were coming out. We made quick work of the 2-mile paddle out of the cove, then slipped behind an island and out into the main body of the lake before crossing the mouth of the quiet cove where we would beach the kayaks.

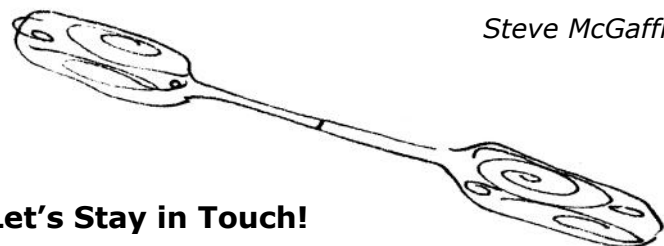
Once ashore it didn't take long to get the potluck started. Appetizers included chips with homemade chipotle salsa (we now know what Tom and Tere McDonough's garden tastes like: delicious), crackers with ham and cheese (Doug Johnstone's tasty treat) and homemade hummus with pitas (my contribution). Side dishes of tomato salad, tuna salad, and a main course of turkey wraps (all excellent fare from Marc and Shelley Mangold) followed by a dessert of moist and tasty brownies from Kevin Russell. Getting hungry? You should've come.



or even hundreds as the articles about the showers suggest (those are only in the really dark places), we did see several, a few of them being quite spectacular. This was combined with a distant thunderstorm for a nice light show.

After midnight the clouds began to move in, so we packed up and began paddling back to the put-in, this time skirting around the other side of the island, staying in the main body of the lake. This was a good choice, as the clouds vanished quickly. We were treated to more meteors, and a few more bats for a nice finale.

What more can you ask for on a touring trip: good food, good company, a free light show, and a relaxing paddle. Too bad the Perseids only come once a year.



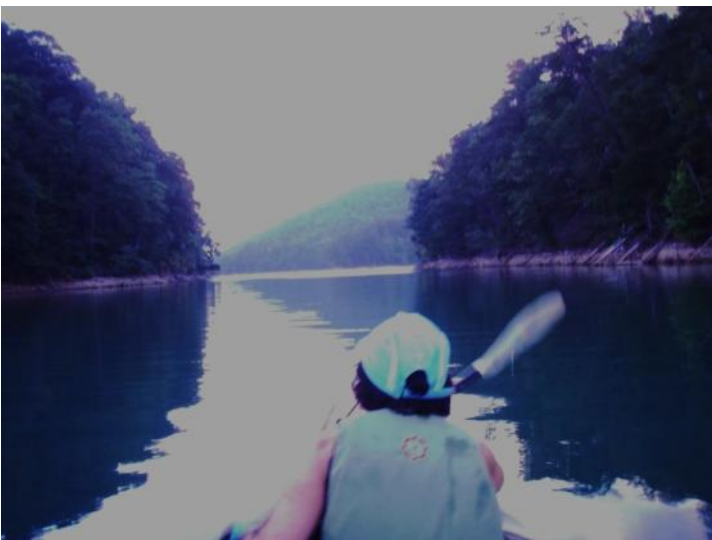
Steve McGaffin

Let's Stay in Touch!

Join the Chota listserv. You can learn of informal trips, used boats for sale, conservation events, and more activities for our membership.

Visit our website at www.paddlechota.org to join. Click on "Members Online" for subscription info.

Our Chota Facebook page is also a good source of info for breaking news, member photos, and trips.



With full bellies everyone kicked back to watch the Perseid meteor shower. With the aid of a "bat detector" that converts the bat's echolocation calls into audible sounds, we were able to listen to the bats hunt for insects over the shore and into the forest behind us while waiting for the first streaks of light.

As the bats quieted down, the meteors finally started to pick up. While we didn't see thousands

Touring Trip Report: Apalachia Lake "The Secret Spot", August 7

Ah, yes, the secret spot. This trip is only to be found by a few of the many would be, could be paddlers on this beautiful blue sky day.



The touring group included Roger Arnwine, Iris Leung, Steve McGaffin, Pete Feist, Scott Carpenter and cousin Rhea Borzak, Forrest Wasserman, Ed Harris, Dave Zimprich, Stephanie Loosolanadda, and Doug Johnstone. Eleven paddlers in total, of which nine were first timers paddling Apalachia Lake

Part of this adventure is the travel to the launch of the secret spot. Upon entering the TVA Reservation Area, the Apalachia Dam is seen from bottom up - a majestic site indeed. One more left turn going under the 15 foot diameter penstock, then a pause at the Hiwassee River stream flow that is released from the upper sluice gate.

Now, this is where eyeballs become large, mouths drop a bit. With one to two feet of moving water, all our four wheel or front wheel vehicles, one by one, each navigated the crossing with clenched butts - all with neither a mishap nor a stalled car. The last part of the journey was through the woods and bit of a climb to the top of the dam. Beautiful Apalachia Lake was smooth as far as the eye could see. Air temperature at 11:15am was 73F. Spectacular!

We began a wonderful paddle, with the Nantahala Forest on our left, and sprinkling of hidden homes on the right. We had a clear horizon line, with at times, multiple ridges of mountains to enjoy, as we paddled leisurely up the lake. After about 2 miles, we found a sandy beach, which offered easy beaching of the boats and setting up for lunch. Some of

us took a dip, and noticed the cold water line (approx 45 to 50F) was about eight feet below the surface. Quite a contrast from the bath water temp at the surface.

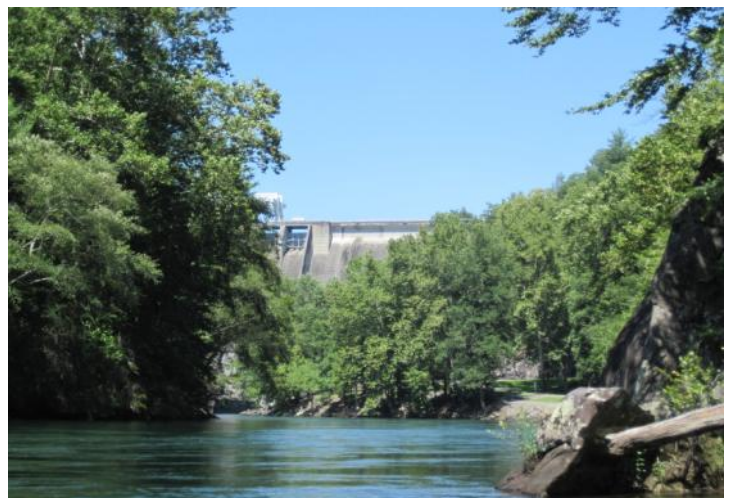
After lunch, we settled back into our boats, to paddle further up the lake. The pace picked up a bit and an option of paddling to Hiwassee Dam intrigued a few. The distance was claimed to be 7 miles from Apalachia to Hiwassee Dam. At the 3 mile marker, Forrest and Roger decided to head back. At the 4 mile marker, Ed, Dave and Stephanie decided to head back. We bid them farewell. Five of us kept paddling.

After mile 5, the lake begins to narrow with steep banks and a top of the gorge atmosphere. I noticed then we had three remaining folks, Steve, Pete and Doug. A mile from the Hiwassee Dam, the water turned downright cold. Ummm...they've begun generating. The water was very refreshing on the hot summer day. A half mile from the dam the current really started to pickup. We paddled a bit further against the current and, yes, we saw the dam.

After a short break for Steve to beg a fisherman for water, we began our journey back. It's noted that with the current, and paddling at a leisurely pace, we were moving our kayaks at 8 MPH! And for about 15 minutes or so, really sustained about 6 to 7 mph. Remember, GPS units don't lie.

It was really a pleasant paddle back with relatively low up river wind. The sky and clouds were spectacular. We arrived back at the Apalachia Dam around 5:45pm, so it was a total 6 hour trip. As of the length of the total paddle, and remember a Garmin GPS doesn't lie - 17.4 miles round trip!

Doug Johnstone



CHOTA CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership for one year from July 1 thru June 30



\$20 Membership (individual or family) Fee Enclosed
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Name(s): _____
Street: _____
City / State / Zip: _____
Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____
E-mail address: _____

Please indicate boats currently paddled: K1 OC1 OC2 C1 Touring K1
Other (please specify): _____
Skill level: Beginner Novice Intermediate Advanced Expert

Interest Area:

- Whitewater Class 3 and above trips
- Hairless whitewater Class 1/2/(3) trips
- Touring Adventure Trips
- Overnight canoe camping trips (rivers/lakes)
- Touring kayak overnight trips
- Day trips
- Weekday evening local trips
- Youth Activities
- Weekday evening paddle trips
- Hairless trips
- Whitewater trips
- Conservation Activities
- Safety Activities
- Canoe School
- Whitewater canoe or kayak
- Touring kayak
- Western Trips
- Whitewater
- Touring kayaks
- Gulf kayak touring Trips
- Day trips
- Self contained overnight trips

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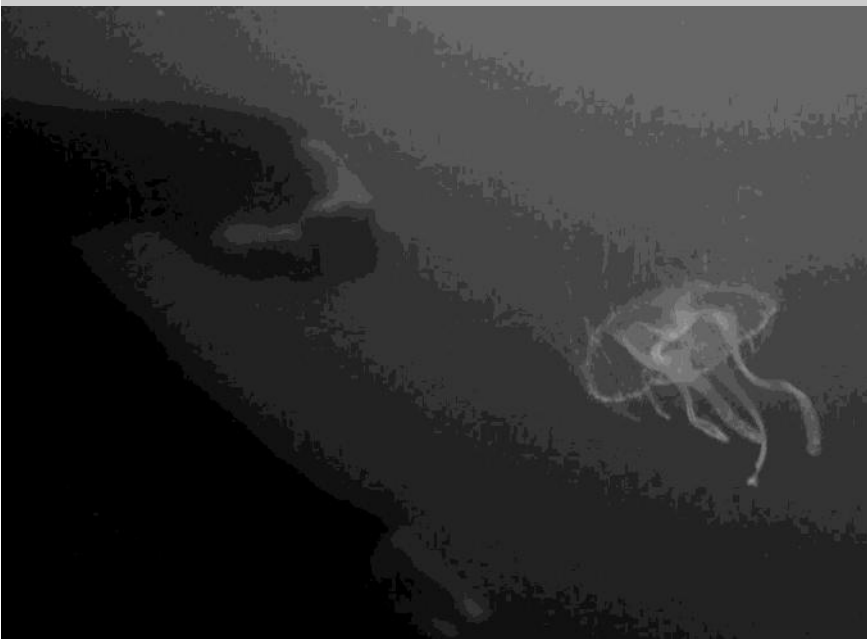
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JELLYFISH GROW LIKE KUDZU IN TENNESSEE RIVER

Sharyl Crossley takes care of the jellies at the Tennessee Aquarium. She had a fun adventure recently, snorkeling just north of Chattanooga in search of freshwater jellies. These creatures were first spotted by kayakers on a recent Aquarium member trip. Her pictures of these delicate beauties remind us that there is a surprisingly diverse community of life in our lakes and streams.



They seem to prefer warm water and are therefore only found during the summer months here in Tennessee. Sharyl usually starts getting phone calls from local fisherman that spot them in mid July until September. Their normal habitats include calm streams/streams, lakes, ponds, and flooded rock quarries

The scientific name for this species is *Craspedacusta sowerbyi*. The family that these jellies belong to is Oliniidae. Commonly they are usually referred to just as freshwater jellyfish, but an alternate name for them is peach blossom jellyfish.