



The Paddler's Gauge

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Program:

November newsletter deadline is October 24.

How to Introduce Beginners to Whitewater

By Bill Moran

My first two years of kayaking have been pretty exciting, as one would expect. To me the more interesting thing is how quickly I went from being a student to being a teacher. Even a novice kayaker has a certain amount of special knowledge that can help others. Here are some basics that I like to share.

When helping a newbie buy the first kayak, pick it out for them. There is absolutely no way that a new kayaker is going to understand the concepts required to make a good purchasing decision. Unless you have some blindingly obvious evidence to the contrary, help them buy a solid river runner. Do not try to explain the different types of boat to them, because they probably won't understand any of it until they've

been on the river for a season. No matter how many times you try to describe the reasons for different boat designs, it won't make sense until they have some river experience under their belt.

When a person has expressed interest in the sport, and you've decided to help them, take them to an outfitter and advise them what to buy. Encourage them to listen to your suggestions rather than guessing on their own. Either select appropriate gear, or enlist someone more knowledgeable to help, but take responsibility for making sure they're properly outfitted. Many people don't fully understand how cold the river can be, even in the heat of summer. Make sure they have appropriate clothing in addition to all the safety gear.

You're not doing any favors by trying to convince someone to buy the least gear possible -- the first time they swim without proper clothing, they'll never want to go on the river again. Used equipment is fine, as long as it's in good repair and fits

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Martin Wick's

Line of the Month

To promote new and creative ideas for our paddling lives, the new editors hope to include in each month's newsletter a description and diagram of a non-traditional line through a well-known rapid on one of our local waterways.

Please consider submitting a Line of the Month by describing the line in an email to matt.pascal@gmail.com. Of course, a diagram would be *great!* Submissions will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please attempt these lines only with somebody who knows them or with careful, deliberate scouting.

This month's *LINE* comes from Martin Wick.

Next time you are on Slippery Rock Creek running Rose-Point to Eckert, I have a little challenge for you. I'm going to recommend elbow pads for this one (if you only have one, put it on your left elbow). This move is on the rapid below Ranger Station rapid. It's the rapid that is a bit above Airport rapid, not right above it. The move is catching a tiny eddy near the top right of the rapid. I like to call this eddy, "The Eddy of Death."

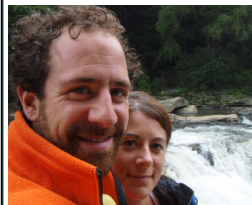
At low water (-6" and lower) there is a very small poulover that should be taken advantage of to help you slow down and make the turn. If you go to the left of it, you can use it to help turn your

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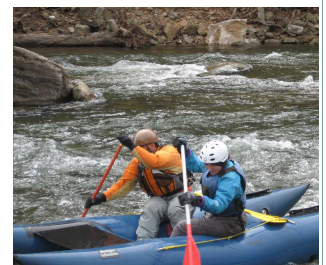
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The Padder's Gauge new Shred-itors . . . Er, Editors.



Jeff Macklin has passed the Paddler's Gauge editorial baton. Many, many thanks to Jeff for his time and tremendous work!





President's Message

By Chrissy Zeltner

As I sit down to compose this state of the club address, I can't help but think of the state of the country and what is going on in our nation right now. At a time such as this, I want to highly encourage you all to exercise your right to vote in November, both for who you think will lead our country in the right direction, but also for someone strong to lead this wonderful club of ours.

I have some good news and not bad news, but an inability of what I had hoped to be able to talk about. I had big ideas and hopes for the club when I took on this endeavor of being chairperson. Some of those hopes were fulfilled while others unfortunately waned as time and other life commitments took over.

One of the biggest things I'd like to bring to your attention is the absolute explosion in the number of club trips and events. Congratulations to all of you who have made this happen!!! You all have done a very impressive job of stepping up to the eddy line and volunteering to lead trips of all levels all over the place. It was a great feeling to see the variety of options for club members to participate in, sometimes even 2 or 3 different options at the same time. Thank you and good job, everyone!

Another area in which the club should be excited about is the reestablishment of the race committee. Natalie Thomas should

be commended for her time and energy spent coordinating beginner's race clinics and even an annual large scale slalom race at Riversport. The club members who participated in these events expressed that these events significantly improved their skills and awareness of the racing scene.

One of the hopes I had for the club was to be able to provide more of a variety of safety and rescue oriented events. I personally have regrettably still not even taken a rescue class. I spout the typical excuses of time constraints and other schedule conflicts but I just need to actually take a class. As a club, we have definitely improved in this area, offering a few events each year but not as many as I think we can and should be able to offer.

Improving our conservation awareness was another hope of mine at the beginning. I was hoping to provide information on a regular basis about area conservation groups such as Friends of the Cheat and another local group, the Mountain Watershed Association. The conservation committee chair and I even set a goal of getting cross memberships in these organizations up to something like 80% of the club. Haha, it feels like we made that goal like yesterday and now I realize we haven't done anything about it.

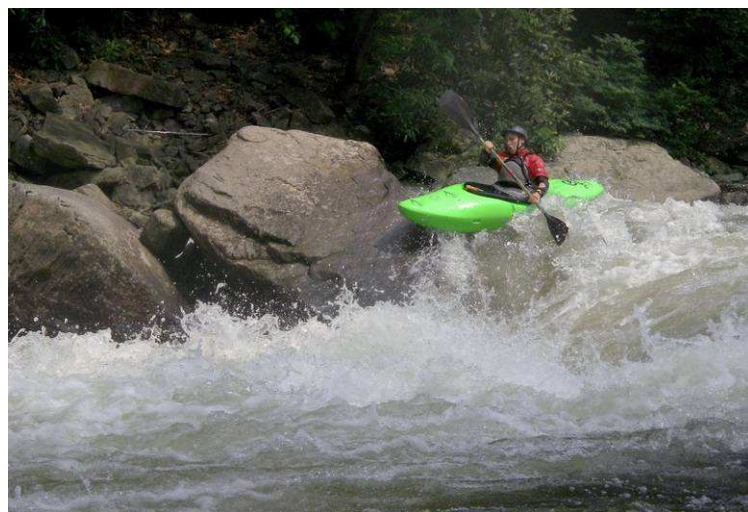
I'd like to use this space and time to really commend some people who have made my job easier over the past 2 years and who are committed to this organization's well being. Jeff Macklin, thank you for keeping me in line when things were due, deadlines to be met, responsibilities I couldn't shirk. Gary McCormick, thanks for all the wisdom and poems on the message board. Martin Wick, thank you for keeping Slippery Rock Creek free of strainers and safe for our passages. Judy Polczynski, thanks for taking over the huge task of organizing our membership data. Big thanks to Mike Bailey and Jeff Knechtel and Jeff Macklin and many many others for organizing annual trips which everyone looks forward to. Thanks to Barry Adams for our roster formation and the hard work he does year round with American Whitewater. Muchas gracias to the guys and gals who have been so incredibly supportive as officers and board members. I really appreciate all that you've done. And last but not least, thank you to all of the members of the club for being an organization that I'm proud to say I'm a part of. It is so nice to know that there are so many people to call and say "hey let's go paddling" and one ends up with a fun bunch of people on the river. That's what we're all about, hmmm?

Member Photo of the Month

Eric Marks boofs National Falls

Upper Yough, MD

Photo by Jeff Macklin



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correctly. Don't allow your new paddler to purchase a boat that isn't right for them just because it's on sale. In my experience, without specific advice, a first time kayaker will buy the cheapest gear or the fanciest looking gear, and in either case it's probably not the right gear. Kayaking is not knitting, it's an expensive hobby.

Respect their goals as a boater. Just because your goal is to be running class V water some day doesn't mean they'll share it. If all they want to do is paddle class III and you push them beyond that, they're not going to enjoy the sport, and not going to stick with it. Just because you're a creeker doesn't mean they won't take up playboating. Just because you paddle year-round doesn't mean they'll enjoy the river in the winter.

Some people are very brave, the rest of us are normal. For us normal people, those class II waves look pretty scary the first time out. Give the new boater some control over what rivers they run.

They'll spend enough time feeling out of control once they're in the boat. If you don't remember how frightening easy water was when you were a beginner, take some time to ask the new boater if they're having fun, or if they're too terrified to enjoy themselves, and adjust the trips as necessary.

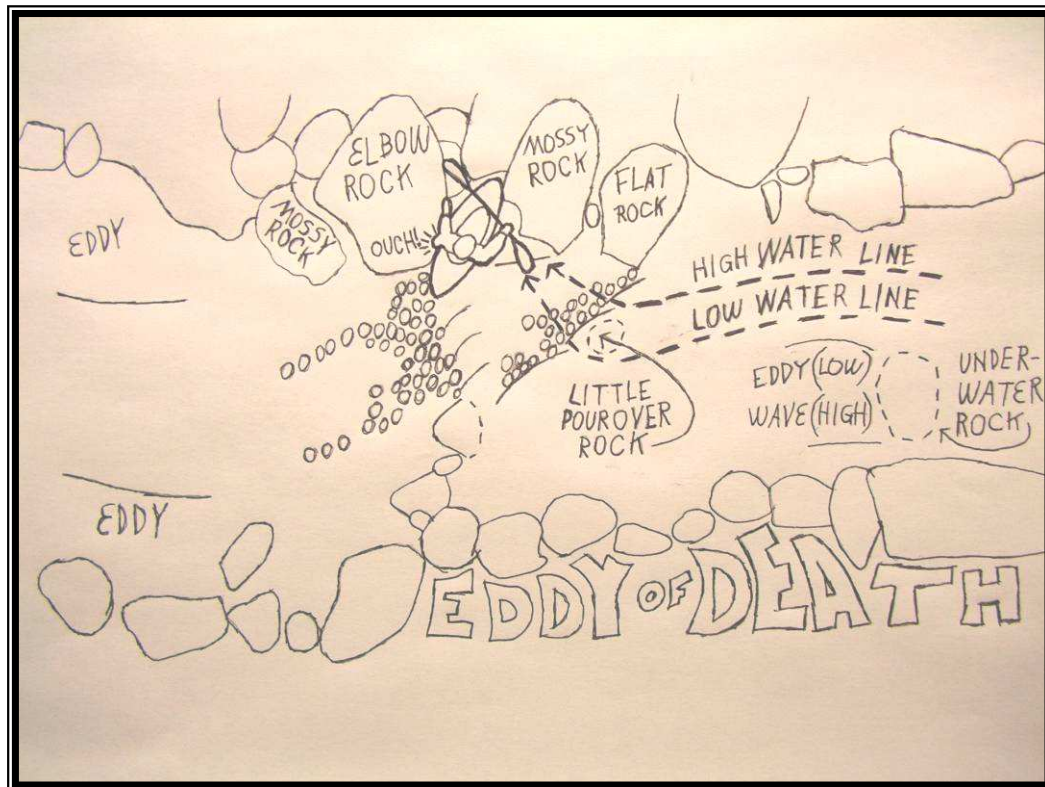
Most importantly, don't go it alone. The paddling community is large and gregarious. In addition to lots of good friends, there are lots of good teachers. Make sure to introduce everyone to everyone. Sometimes a new person can offer a bit of advice on how to improve that you didn't think of.

I think the biggest mistake I made in my first year was learning to roll too soon. Because I developed a trustworthy roll early on, I've never developed good bracing skills, and I'm still struggling. Learning to roll can be frustrating and boring work. I'm sure lots of people have towed you and your gear to shore when you swam, be willing to do it for someone else. They'll learn the roll when they're ready. I'm not saying you should refuse to teach them, just don't push them into it. It's a lot easier to learn the roll once experience has taught how important it is.

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boat without losing much forward momentum. After making the turn, paddle with all you've got toward the upper side of the eddy. As you are entering the eddy, lean your body a little bit upstream, continue paddling on your right and pull your left elbow in just as your kayak bumps (bangs) into the downstream rock in the eddy. If you don't make it, you'll bounce off of the rock and drift over a one foot pour over backwards as the current pushes you against the rock. At higher water (0' to 3') the small pour over near the top is washed out, the line is closer to the right. After you make it in there, you'll have to push yourself out backwards with a hardy downstream boat-lean to avoid getting flipped.

Up above, there is an under water rock on the left that is an alternate starting point. At low water, this rock forms an eddy, at higher flows, it forms a wave. To make it easier to catch the eddy, try catching it on the left or by surfing the wave on the left first, then peel-out and make for the eddy. Always keep your elbows down to protect your elbow and shoulders! Good Luck!!



This month's editorial:

Alternative Firsts

Each morning, as I pass under the *Welcome to Wild, Wonderful West Virginia* sign on I-79 while driving to work, I'm one quiet hour into a train of thought that bounces between politics, what I'm having for lunch, my classes, and of course boating at least a handful of times. One particular morning was a groggy one because I'd slept poorly and woke up early. And so my slow crescendo of cognitive activity had finally gotten up to speed by the time this train of thought had arrived at the doorstep of whitewater. In particular, I was focused on firsts in whitewater. I'd be leaving work that evening to go to the Gauley and was remembering my first time there. The weekend before, I had paddled with three first-timers on Big Sandy Creek. I'm not certain if these events were the instigators that led me to thinking about firsts in whitewater, but I was feeling a little cynical about it.

Firsts in whitewater happen all of the time. In my short tenure of paddling in the region I've been privy to many firsts of whitewater, but I'm just not talking about first descents. First hand-paddling descents, first complete attainments, first catch of a difficult eddy, and other firsts are logged with high frequency. Not entirely different is the general list of superlatives: the fastest, slowest, highest, lowest, hardest, longest, coldest, most complicated, etc.

The collection of firsts and superlatives is an impressive one, but what's really at the heart of the accomplishments that are a part of the buzz at the Falls City Pub, Lucky Dog Café, and the roadside in Friendsville is that boaters seem to be most interested in attempting that which most cannot or will not do. As an example, in the microcosm of whitewater boating, descents of difficult and hard to catch creeks like Drake Run narrow the field of boaters to perhaps a few

Gauley River, WV

Part I: Oct. 4 & 5

Coordinator: Chrissy Zeltner (304) 612-1084, chrizee@msn.com

We are hoping to have 2 groups running both separate sections of river. Our optimal plan is to have a bunch of us run the Upper and turn it into a marathon and meet up with the Lower bunch to finish the run — it all depends on who shows up and what everyone wants to do.

Basic info about the Gauley: Upper Gauley is 10.3 miles, considered Class 4-5. Middle Gauley is 5.5 miles, rated Class 3-4. Lower Gauley is 11 miles of Class 3-4 water. Paddling all three sections in succession is called a *marathon*.

Camping reservations have been made at Summersville Lake Retreat. www.summersvillelakeretreat.com. I plan on getting to the campground Friday night, Oct 3. We can meet there or call ahead to let me know you are coming and we'll determine a meeting spot for Saturday morning if you don't come down Friday

Call or email Chrissy if you are planning on coming or if you have any questions. Dress warm for this trip, I think Gauley water is always cold! And, camping in October could be toasty or freezing.

dozen and that's considered to be a regularly run creek. Introduce hand paddles, sub-freezing temperatures, or a bike shuttle and you have only a few. We could strategically use this iterative process in a variety of ways to come up with a single boater. The inherent problem is that the iterations typically weed out according to skill level, stamina, or fitness. But we all don't have time to develop these things, and firsts are most definitely available to us.

We are capable of many more firsts and many more superlatives; we just need to be a bit more creative about it and of course actions off the river are certainly not exempt. I just put 8 kayaks on my roof this past Saturday, but I bet somebody has a better record, and I didn't have any passengers in my car. I've considered doing a run with a ski shuttle in the winter, but haven't realized the dream yet. Airline passengers have the Mile High Club, so why can't we have our own similar club? That would open an entire new field of firsts, of course without too much detail. The essential component of firsts and superlatives is that they should be conversation pieces, just like first descents are. So, while a run of the Slip on a Tuesday while wearing your mother's bridal gown might have never happened before, it's not likely to get much airtime in the discussion while your group is portaging the mill. In fact, my guess is that your boating partners will be pretending you're not with them.

Enjoy yourself out there, and let's start racking up some interesting firsts. The new editors would love to hear about them.

~M&MP



The Gauley, from Jeff Macklin's photo archive at <http://picasaweb.google.com/jmac221>

Part II: Oct 11 & 12

Coordinator: Richard Dabal, rdabal10@hotmail.com

I plan on camping at Battle Run campground. I will be getting in late Friday night. Whoever gets there first on Friday, please get a site and leave a message at the gate noting where the site(s) is/are.

We will meet Saturday and Sunday morning at the Playground by the dam at 09:00 ... dressed and ready to shuttle.

Goals are Lower Gauley on Saturday and Sunday OR... If there's enough rain...run the UPPER or MIDDLE Meadow or Cranberry.

Moose River Festival, Adirondack Mtns, New York

October 10-12, 2008

Coordinator: Bruce Bookless H (740) 674-4838
Location: Old Forge, New York

Sections of the river expected to run:
Middle Moose; 10 miles of class II-III whitewater. Per feet for beginners/advance beginners.

Lower Moose: 10-12 miles of class III-IV whitewater. Appropriate for intermediate /strong intermediate boaters.

Bottom Moose: premier Class IV-V run for advanced/ expert kayakers.

Meeting place: Old Forge Visitor Center, next door to "Slickers".

Meeting time: 9:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday.

Directions to meeting place: Take I-79 north to I-90 east. I-90 east to Utica. From Utica take RT. 28 north to Old Forge. Time and distance may vary per Individual location. From Pittsburgh, possibly 8 hours.

Directions to Campground: "Old Forge Camping Resort" located 1 mile north (RT. 28) of town. Other possible camping, "Singing Waters" campground, 6-8 miles SW. of Old Forge. There are also several motels ranging in price from \$60-\$120.00 per night.

Trip Description: The Moose River and Festival highlights the end of the regular paddling season (after Gauley Fest). The Moose River consists of several runnable sections. The upper sections are good for

Solo Canoe Rendezvous

Announcing an event for those of you who like to paddle an open, or decked, canoe alone, but with others. The Western PA Solo Canoe Rendezvous is designed for the solo canoeist, or those curious about solo canoes, of all stripes, from freestyle to whitewater, from wood strip to Kevlar/Graphite composites. Dates are **September 19 through 21** at Cooper's Lake Campground, Slippery Rock, PA

The event will be centered around the campground's 10 acre lake, but other paddling venues are nearby including flat and whitewater sections of Slippery Rock Creek and 3000 acre Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. Pick up paddling trips as well as some scheduled trips are anticipated.

Some manufacturers of solo canoes and paddling equipment including Hemlock Canoe have already signed on and individuals with gear or boats to sell are encouraged to participate.

There is no fee to attend the event, other than those imposed by the campground. Anyone who camps on site will be covered for the du-



Fowlersville Falls, Bottom Moose, from
<http://www.ukriversguidebook.co.uk/ny.htm>

advanced beginners and intermediate paddlers, while the " Bottom " Moose is one of the nations premier whitewater runs. In terms of vertical runnable drops and slides, few rivers can match the Moose (depending on water levels). At this time of season (Fall) temperatures range from low to med 50's to low to med 60's and also expect rain. Many other activities are available for non-paddlers including fishing, lake canoeing, and shopping the towns many unique stores. Other possible rivers to paddle in the area are the Black, Sacandaga and Hudson Gorge.

Please call trip coordinator if you plan to attend. Check the TRPC Message Board for last minute information.

ration of the event. Those visiting for a day will pay a day fee to the campground that could be between \$3 and \$5 per person per day.

Come celebrate the solo canoe, satisfy your curiosity about those weird paddlers who insist on paddling their own canoe, tell stories, sell stuff or paddle with like-minded individualists.

Additional info and forum at www.wpascr.org.

Contact Person: Becky Sheeler, beckysheeler@gmail.com

Florida Rivers: Winter 2009

Last two weeks of February

Guide: Donna Egbert

412-719-6637 or pghsunbird2@aol.com

If you would like to see spring on some of the beautiful rivers of Florida, I'll be pleased to have you join me. I will be in Florida from Christmas until mid-March but these two weeks are put aside for spending time with any TRPC members who can fit some or all of the time in their schedules. We will be based near Homosassa Springs and work from there. Camping will be at the Chassahowitzka River Campground. This is an hour north of

Tampa on the West Coast. You will need camping gear, your boat* and gear, and time off from work. We can cook in or eat out. Many of the rivers are clear and have springs to explore and wildlife to observe. Bugs are at a minimum and temperatures are just warming. Yes, we will see manatees! I've been exploring these rivers the last two years and also have located some of the best seafood places and watering holes. If you're interested, let me know. I am not charging for my guide service as long as no one complains about the bugs or price of gas.

*These rivers are suitable for canoe or recreational kayaks. They are slow moving.

There's also biking and hiking in the area.....and always wildlife watching. There are some tourist adventures nearby as well!

LIGHT UP NIGHT PADDLE AND PARTY!

Date: November 21st, 8 pm

Location: Mazerowski Way & General Robinson Blvd cul-de-sac (by PNC Park, North Shore), and then Mexi-Casa at 3001 West Liberty Ave (South Hills).

This club event is for everyone — there's no whitewater involved; just lots of fun!

Every year, on the Friday before Thanksgiving, the city of Pittsburgh celebrates Light Up Night. River boats are decorated for Christmas and line the sides of the three rivers at the point. The tree at the point is lit and fireworks explode overhead, reflecting off the water of the rivers.

We will meet at the intersection of Mazerowski Way and General Robinson Blvd in the little cul-de-sac by the river. This is right beside the main entrance to PNC park. We will meet at 8:00 to



Light up Night from the water, from
<http://www.unspace.net/>

unload boats and aim to put on the river by 8:30. We will paddle down the Allegheny River about a 1/3 of a mile to the point. The fireworks begin at 9:00.

The city Coast Guard requires that all crafts on the river have a **whistle** and a **light** or lights that are visible for 360 degrees. Some people get pretty creative with this. I think it was Martin Wick who showed up one year with bulbs all over his boat powered by a battery within! I also recall people bringing horns and trumpets instead of whistles tied to lanyards around their necks. Either way, make sure you are well "lit" and visible.

Weather conditions at this time of year can be anywhere in the spectrum. Be on the safe and comfy side and bring lots of warm gear. I always remember to bring a ski hat since I don't wear my helmet for this event.

If you don't feel like joining us on the water, be sure to meet up with all of us for the post paddling festivities at Mexi-Casa Restaurant at 3001 West Liberty Ave in the South Hills. Mexi-Casa is owned and operated by TRPC member Theo Giannoutsos who has announced that there will be a TRPC drink special that evening in our honor!!!

Fireworks on the water, fantastic company, great Tex-Mex BBQ and super-yummy margaritas, definitely don't miss this event! See you there!

2008-09 Pool Sessions

Finding a pool that is willing to let kayaks in their water is sometimes difficult. Pool owners are worried about debris and contamination.

Please, **CLEAN YOUR BOAT**
before taking it to a pool session!

Some of the following pool sessions fill up quickly and others will require a minimum number of participants before they can run, so make arrangement as early as possible. If you are conducting winter pool sessions and would like to have them published by TRPC, e-mail the information to matt.pascal@gmail.com. Watch the TRPC message board and next month's newsletter for additions and/or changes for pool sessions.

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh: Pool sessions are every Thursday from 9-11pm when CMU classes are in session. Pool sessions are free for members of CMU Explorers Club (\$20 membership fee per academic year) or \$5/session for non-members. Parking is free in the East Campus Garage. The pool is located in the University Center Building on the CMU campus. Contact: Matt Bernstein at (610) 724-6804, mbernste@andrew.cmu.edu

Seton Hill College, Greensburg: Starts January 7, 2009 (Wednesdays) for ten weeks from 7:00 to 9:00p.m. Tentative cost is \$50.00. Boats and gear will be available for rental at \$50.00 for the entire 10 sessions and includes a beginners' river trip on Loyalhanna Creek in March. If space is available, walk-ons will be accepted at a flat rate of \$6.00 per session. Mail payment to: Jeff Prycl at 319 South Washington Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. Contact: Jeff Prycl W724-925-9675 or H724-836-2549 (before 10:00p.m.!!!) E-mail: prycl@rockymountaingarage.com

Pittsburgh YMCA: Sunday afternoons beginning the first week of January, the Downtown YMCA will host the TRPC Roll Sessions at the Blvd of the Allies location. We have the pool from 3:00 PM till 5:00 PM for 12 weeks. The sessions will NOT be held SUPER BOWL Sunday. Cost is \$50.00 per person for the entire 12 session package or \$10.00 per visit. Kids are free if accompanied by an adult and we can store boats in a stairwell between sessions if you like. Please contact Gary McCormick at 412-885-0712.

Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh: South Hills, 345 Kane Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Early Jan to late Feb, Tuesdays from 8:00pm-9:30pm. Please CALL FIRST to make sure space is available. Open pool time is available for ages 12 & up. You must provide your own kayak. Contact Earleen Birkner at ebirkner@jccpgh.org or 412-278-1975, Ext. 216.

California University: Tom Kinsey and Kevin Cupp have arranged pool sessions on Wednesday nights from 8-10 p.m. starting February 6. If interested, call Kevin Cupp at 724-366-1578 to get your name on the tentative list.



Wheeling Jesuit University Pool: Alma Grace McDonough Center, Wheeling, WV. Sessions are from 6 PM to 9 PM (wrap up by 8-8:30 PM) on Sundays in Jan, Feb, and March

Format: Informal one-on-one instruction. Practice all your skills, then seek out those needing help. Be ready and willing to teach a WJU student to roll. If you have an extra boat and/or gear, please bring these with you. You will need to sign a release form. If possible, please bring your completed form when you arrive. Art will also have forms at the pool.

Directions: <http://www.wju.edu/about/directions.asp>

Contact: Art Bertol W 304-527-4855 or artb@wheeling-nisshin.com

Kingwood City Pool, WV: Roll sessions are Wednesdays from 7-9 pm and the cost is \$5.

Contact: Kathy Whetsell (304) 329 0856

West Virginia University Recreation Center: Thursdays from mid-January to mid-March, 8:30 to 10:30 pm. For more information, go to:

<http://studentrecenter.wvu.edu/orc/rollsessions.html>

Franklin YMCA, 111 W Park St, Franklin, PA.

Saturdays, Feb 9, 16, 23 from 3:30 – 5:30 PM.

Fridays, Mar 14, 21, 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Pre-registering price for ALL 6 sessions: Adults \$45, Children \$16, Family \$85.

Per-day price: Adults \$8, Children \$3, Family \$15 (max). These will be open sessions to learn and practice kayaking strokes and rolls. Please call to register one week in advance and to verify that class is "on" before coming. 5 pre-registrations are needed to guarantee sessions are "on".

Contact Carol Zacher at 814-432-2138. More info is available at: <http://www.franklinymca.org/>

TRPC Budget

	<i>Actual 2006</i>	<i>Actual 2007</i>	<i>Actual 2008 YTD</i>	<i>Budget 2008</i>	<i>Budget 2009</i>
Revenues:					
Dues	3,292	4,720	5,160	6,600	5,500
Xmas party	453	485	0	400	400
Advertising-roster	460	483	645	400	500
Slippery rock clinic	3,780	3,155	3,170	3,000	3,000
Turkey bash	2,640	2,495	2,403	2,500	2,400
Decals/Rosters/T-shirts	16	382	182	580	250
AW Memberships	1,880	1,575	NA	NA	NA
Grant	750	1,000	0	0	0
Other/interest	77	61	300	50	100
	<u>13,348</u>	<u>14,356</u>	<u>11,860</u>	<u>13,530</u>	<u>12,150</u>
Expenditures:					
Newsletter					
Printing	2,672	2,500	1,405	2,500	2,500
Permit postage	860	555	221	600	500
Other		0	41	50	50
Meeting room	750	750	0	1,000	1,000
Roster	606	643	579	750	700
Club memberships	550	775	325	650	500
Grants and donations	775	1,550	0	0	1,500
Slippery rock clinic	3,937	3,344	2,564	3,400	3,000
Turkey bash	2,694	1,914	1,805	2,800	2,200
Parties	529	789	0	600	600
Membership	86	0	0	100	0
Web Site	167	40	120	200	150
Video	100	63	0	100	100
T-shirts		607	0	0	500
AW Memberships	1,880	1,575	NA	NA	NA
Miscellaneous	152	360	121	300	300
	<u>15,757</u>	<u>15,465</u>	<u>7,181</u>	<u>13,050</u>	<u>13,600</u>
Net revenues (exp)	(2,410)	(1,110)	4,779	480	1,450
Beginning fund balance	10,744	8,335	7,225	7,225	12,004
Ending fund balance	<u>8,335</u>	<u>7,225</u>	<u>12,004</u>	<u>7,705</u>	<u>10,554</u>

2008 Notes

Roster profit	124	(160)	66		
Slippery Rock					
Revenues	3,780	3,155	2,970	Checking account	5,288
Expenditures	3,937	3,344	2,564	Money Market	5,044
	<u>(157)</u>	<u>(189)</u>	406	Cash on Hand 2008	<u>10,331</u>
Turkey Bash					
Revenues	2,640	2,495	2,403		
Expenditures	2,694	1,914	1,805		
	<u>(54)</u>	<u>581</u>	598		

TRPC Events at a Glance

Date	Trip	Coordinator	Phone	Email
Sept. 27	First Time Cheatin' (Cheat Canyon)	Matt Pascal	C 412-297-9501	Matt.pascal@gmail.com
Oct. 3-5, 10-12	All of Oct. Gauley release dates			
Oct. 4-5	Gauley IV-V	Chrissy Zeltner	C 304-612-1084	chrizee@msn.com
Oct. 11-12	Gauley IV-V	Richard Dabal	H 201-414-0801	rdabal10@hotmail.com
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Oct. 18	New River Gorge Bridge Day			
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TRPC Meetings

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Meeting Place

Carnegie United Methodist Church
415 Washington Ave., Carnegie.

Directions: If you are traveling on the parkway heading to the airport, get off at the Carnegie/Heidelberg exit #2. The ramp splits. Take the left lane (Heidelberg). This turns into Lydia Street. Less than ¼ of a mile, you will see a large parking lot on the right. On the left is a business called Xi-tech. Park in the lot on the right. The church is the last building on the right, next to the parking lot. Lydia Street ends at Washington Ave. If you are coming from the parkway towards downtown, take the Carnegie exit again. Directions are the same because that ramp drops onto Lydia Ave.

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