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Chota Canoe Club
Knoxville,
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Purpose:
to
provide
community
paddle
sport
activities,
safety awareness and
techniques while being
actively environmentally
responsible.



Time to RENEW your membership?
Check this newsletter label!

May Meeting Notice

Stefano's Pizza, (upstairs meeting room) 7213 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

Thursday, May 9th

Executive meeting – 6:30

General meeting – 7:30

Wayne Dickert, a.k.a. “Wayner”, will be our guest speaker. Wayne is staff member of the Nantahala Outdoor Center, heading the Outdoor Adventure Instruction Programs. A 1996 C-2 Olympian, he now trains Olympic hopefuls in his spare time. He will be talking to us about the NOC's new Rapid Progression Instruction.

Please join us at the meeting and make Wayner feel welcome!



School's IN! Chota Canoe & Kayak School, that is. Details inside...

Visit Chota on the Web at www.korrnet.org/chota

Paddling Lore:

There are two roads in East Tennessee that will take you to the vast majority of our great creeks and rivers. Highway 27, which runs north and south along the Cumberland Range, and Highway 321 which runs along the Appalachian Mountains.

Trip Schedules

May

Whitewater (HAIR) Trips Cruisemaster: Gary Kilpatrick, 423-246-5262

4,5	Middle Tellico, III-IV	Gary Kilpatrick	423-246-5262
10-12	Confluence Weekend	Roger Underwood	865-354-6440
18,19	Nolichucky	Gary Kilpatrick	423-246-5262
25,26	Chattooga Weekend	David Tate	865-448-2223

Whitewater (HAIRLESS) Trips Cruisemaster

4,5	Hiawassee	Walt Tunnell/Kenton Temple	865-588-8248
10-12	Confluence Weekend	Roger Underwood	865-354-6440
18,19	Lower Hiawassee	Karie Scarborough	865-483-7525
25,26	Chattooga Weekend	David Tate	865-448-2223

Touring Trips Cruisemaster: Doug Johnstone, 865-966-3391

4	Seven Islands day trip	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391
10-12	Confluence Weekend	Roger Underwood	865-354-6440
16	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178
25,26	Chattooga Weekend	David Tate	865-448-2223
30	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178

June

Whitewater (HAIRLESS) Trips Cruisemaster: Scott Carpenter, 865-397-0413

1,2	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
8,9	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
15,16	To be determined	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
21-23	Canoe School		
29,30	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413

Whitewater (HAIR) Trips Cruisemaster: David Tate, 865-448-2223

1,2	Little River	David Tate	865-448-2223
8,9	Ocoee	Mary Misulich	865-448-2223
15,16	Upper Ocoee	Renee Vandeberg	865-691-2991
21-23	Canoe School		
29,30	Big Pigeon River	Robin Ballard	423-587-9043

Touring Trips Cruisemaster: Franklin Paine, 865-281-7178

13	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178
27	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178

Trip Report: Emory Gorge, cont.

It was a judgment call just how warm to dress. On the one hand, low water, sunny, very light wind, and predicted high in the low to mid 50's. On the other, a very cool morning start, (upper 20's), and increasing clouds. So there was a mix from dry suits or tops to layering and long sleeve paddle jackets. At the low water, the first two miles were almost a flatwater paddle. A good muscle warm-up.

Over the next 2 miles the rapids increased to class II. Lovely early spring buds and beginning wildflowers. A number of icicles hanging from the bankside ledges glistened in the sun . For me, after eight months in the dry, I was very easily pleased. The group stopped at the campsite on the bend entering into the gorge. There was still plenty of sun, though cool, which made good conversation during our brief pause on the river.

Breaks like these give the group a chance to get to know about each other and share experiences. Barbara initiated introductions, including the fact that between her and Steve, they carry a field surgical kit. She talked about experience levels of those on the trip. Kent was paddling for the first time a Dagger Proffit which had not yet been fitted out to him. Barbara and Steve, like me, also enjoy bird watching. Barbara, Steve, Kent and Rick have been paddling plateau rivers for years. Rick sends out a river update letter periodically.

The high clouds were barely creeping in, the wind picked up a little, and with the best half of the Gorge ahead, we all headed down river. The rapids picked up to II + and a few class II-. Lots of fun. One tight spot when Betty started to wedge under an out-cropping. With Bill and Steve assisting, and Kent ready with a throw rope, Betty quickly pulled free. These are the times when a apparently low risk run, and a minor safety situation could escalate. This experienced group wasted no time helping Betty get free of the over-hang.

The group arrived at Nemo takeout about 5:30 p.m. Dusk was setting in and temperature was cooling fast. But, soon there was a quick warmth provided by Kent's hot cider spiked with peach brandy, and Barbara's hot chocolate, also nicely spiked. The group began to split up with some heading home to west, some to dinner in Wartburg, and some back East to Knoxville. I was happy to make several new paddling friends and enjoy a great day in the Gorge.

Trip Report: Emory Gorge

by Larry D. Johnson, trip date March 23. Nine happy to-be-on-the-river paddlers assembled at the Montgomery Bridge put-in for the Emory Gorge Run. The rock "gage" at waters edge was down about half way, (6 inches) indicating a moderately low flow. In comparison, Clear Creek, was at an nice 2700 CFS. Open boaters included Betty Glenn, Bill Hoagland, Kent Warren, Rick Boatman, Barbara Stedman, Steve Stedman, Kayakers Michael Ann Finley, Kemper Begley, and Larry Johnson.

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Chota Now Has an E-Mail List Server!!, cont.

You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

If you forget your password, don't worry, you will receive a monthly reminder telling you what all your korrnet.org mailing list passwords are, and how to unsubscribe or change your options. There is also a button on your options page that will email your current password to you.

You may also have your password mailed to you automatically off of the Web page noted above.



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boat washed into a rock, promptly flipping the boat back over, a second roll attempt was made just as the boat dropped into a chute, accelerating as it went.. With the boat going downstream of me and twisting towards a possible broach position, the skirt came undone and a great self rescue was made.

During this comedy routine, Ty flipped in Snatcher too, rolled up clean and passed me by, as Andrew sailed through with a mere stern squirt. Andrew, Ty and Alice immediately stopped their boats and got out to see what assistance they could be in my rescue. Oh wait a minute, there sat the rock cairn signaling everyone's take out before death by strainers. Well it's the thought that counts.

Upcoming Events

May 4-5 Cheat River Festival, Albright, WV.

May 10-12 **This year's Spring Confluence will be held at Hot Springs, NC.** We are having our gathering in unison with the French Broad Festival. The festival is being held May 10 and 11. This is an American Whitewater event and there will be music and all sorts of activities in which to participate. There is a website -- <http://www.frenchbroadfestival.com> -- it will be updated to 2002 soon. Some people will show up a day early in order to secure campsites. Hope to see you there. Roger Underwood, 865-354-6440 or creekrisen@earthlink.net.

May 11-18 National River Clean-Up Week.

May 18.. OBED CLEAN-UP WITH CHOTA!! Contact Jennifer Sauer to volunteer, 865-688-7782!

May 25-26 Chattooga Weekend at Oconee State Park. Something for everyone -- paddling of all levels, hiking, biking, putt-putt, group campsites, and covered pavilion. Call David Tate for more information 865-448-2223.

June 21-23 Canoe & Kayak School. Henry Bell (865) 379-9247.

September 21 Gauley Whitewater Festival, Summersville, WV.

October 5-6 Russell Fork Rendezvous, Haysi, VA.

October 10-13 Teva Whitewater National Championships on the Ocoee River.

November 8-10 Fort Pickens National Seashore annual trip. For details and information, call Ed McAlister, 865-675-2247.

November 16-23 Cumberland Islands, Georgia. Self-contained camping/ocean paddling. This trip is sure to be as spectacular as last year's trip to Isle Royale National Park. 6 to 8 person limit on trip. If interested and for more details, contact Howard Cox 865-639-5738 or Doug Johnstone 865-966-3391.

June 2003 Costa Rica Paddling and Adventure Tour. Plan to budget approximately \$1500. If interested, contact Renee VandeBerg at (865) 691-2911 or rvandeberg@coulterjustus.com.

May Newsletter Deadline: May 16, 2002

Email reports, artwork, photos to Stacia Couch at staciacouch@hotmail.com.

Call (865) 588-1461 with any questions or suggestions.

Russell De Castongrene III has been nominated for the Chota Board position, Web Master. Anyone else interested in running for this position, please notify a Board Member by our June 22nd meeting.
The election for this position will be held at our annual Canoe School on June 22.



Chota Welcomes New Members:
Robert J. Bast & Derek Bast
Mark Andrews
Royce Thiessen
Lisa M. Brelsford
Stacy Ellison



For Sale and Wanted ...

Wanted: Used Dagger RPM. Call Walter Hill at 217-356-2935 or 865-927-5209, or email to: wrhill@uiuc.edu.

For Sale: Sunburst II solo canoe. Very good condition, fully outfitted. \$400.00 84-inch, Heavy-duty Norse fiberglass and aluminium white water kayak paddle. Very good condition. 35\$ Mark Evans 865-573-6959

Chota Now Has an E-Mail List Server!!

This is a great way to get information out to club members about what is happening in Chota, who is paddling when, and what is happening with our rivers. What is a "Email List Server." An "Email List Server" is Email forwarding software. Example of how an Email List Server works....

People/users have subscribed to the Chota Email List Server.

A "subscribed user" sends an email to chotalist@korrnet.org. The software forwards a copy of the Email to each "subscribed user's email address."

Email List Servers are also referred to as "subscribe and publish" software. A user "subscribes" to the service, and the software "publishes/broadcasts" a copy to the "subscribed" user's Email Addresses. The advantage of an Email List Server is "I" do NOT have to know and track all the email addresses of the interested parties.

A "thread" is a series of messages with the same subject.

Use the list server to pick-up trips, find out who's going where, to clean-up rivers, etc.

We have a few simple rules with the list server:

1. Respect and tact - ALWAYS. If you question whether to send it - don't send it.
2. All e-mail content is to be limited to our Mission Statement.
3. Chota is a Club of paddlers and conservationists. Chota Mission Statement is: "Promote community paddle sport activities, safety awareness and techniques while being proactively environmentally responsible."

Sign-up today! To post to this list, send your email to: chotalist@korrnet.org

To Subscribe and for General information about the mailing list go to:

<http://www.korrnet.org/mailman/listinfo/chotalist>

If you ever want to unsubscribe or change your options, visit your subscription page at: <http://www.korrnet.org/mailman/options/chotalist/>

You can also make such adjustments via email by sending a message to:

Chotalist-request@korrnet.org with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions.
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boat scouted, nailed the lines, eddied out to see the next person drop over, and then take off again. A few minutes on to the river and several drops latter, Andrew paddled over and said “she’s on a mission”. Alice is an incredible boater and by the end of the day she had me convinced that she was the best river running kayaker I’d ever paddled with.

Citico is a fun run with great drops and room to boat scout. A few strainers were strewn here and there, but avoidable, and it turned out that the river gods wanted to check out my roll through out the day, and they tossed in a minor work out at a hole above Pigs in Space just for the fun of it. The entrance to Pigs in Space is more difficult than Pigs in Space itself, which is a screaming left to right and then left again maneuver. Be sure to thoroughly check for strainers here - it’s one of their favorite gathering spots.

Andrew ran the entrance to Pigs in Space with a large stump floating ahead of him, then dropping over a ledge he suddenly saw a huge rock that his boat was going to slide underneath, pinning him. He back paddled with all his strength, but it was no good, his boat went under and he felt it hit his chest, and then it moved away - the stump. Luckily Andrew has a big heart and he didn’t succumb to a coronary arrest.

At the take out of Double Camp, Andrew glanced upstream on river right and asked what that creek was about. “Well that’s the creek that runs along Far Road, my favorite camping spot. It’s runnable, I’ve scouted it many times, and Louis says he ran it once.” Andrew replied, “Runnable? Well - let’s check it out”. It took Alice and Ty less than a nano-second to agree, both of them wanting to crank things up a notch.

Double Camp Creek is a micro steep creek, dropping well over 200 feet per mile. I’d estimate that the 1 mile run we made dropped about 250 feet. It was a limb ducking, wood dodging, drop bouncing, screaming run with tiny eddies. Andrew marked our take out spot with a large rock cairn so that we wouldn’t blaze through a blind right turn and drop over a fantastic double drop that was choked with 3 nasty strainers. We were all happy that we’d left the chain saw at home, because none of us felt like working that hard. Our put-in was right below the 1st really cool camp spot and a great drop that also had strainers in it.

Once again, Alice blazed the way down. A local man and his family followed along the road in their pick-up watching the 4 crazy pod boaters, and probably telling his children to not try that at home. The run went perfect until Snatcher, a twisty hole on river left that will snatch you in for a tumble in a heart beat. Alice ran first and her creek boat skipped over it, followed by my Jive which dropped into the hole, stern squirted, flipped, sucked back in for a second and then spit out.. A good first roll was made just as the

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Trip Report: Ocoee Opener

March 23, 2002

K-1: Nick Barron, Kirk Eddlemon, Mary Misulich, Ryan Young
R-1: James Locke
OC-1: David Tate
C-1: Bill Scarborough

The day started off cold and clear, with the temperature in the upper 20s, but beat the forecast of mid-50s in the afternoon. However, the shadows of the canyon walls sure did get cold late in the day.

We had two first-timers, Nick and Kirk, so we scouted several of the major rapids on the way up to the put-in. At the put-in, we noted that the parking lot has been expanded, and the route between the old raft put-in and the new one has had some fencing put up to separate the pedestrians from the vehicles on the highway.

Since it was the start of the season, there was very little raft traffic, and most of that was dedicated to training the 2002 class of new raft guides. There was very little hard-boat traffic in the rapids, but the play spots were full of rodeo boats – the lines were as long as they are in August!

We moved slowly down the river – as usual – and the new guys did great. It was clear very early in the trip that Nick and Kirk had the necessary skills and attitude, and we all had a very good time on the river. The new guys even did a little playing on their first run!

The only bad moment on the trip was when we spotted a dead bear cub in the eddy at Diamond Splitter. The cub appeared to have been healthy, and there weren’t any obvious signs of trauma, so the most popular guess was that it had drowned. It may have fallen off the bank, or it may have been caught when the river came up.

After running shuttle, we all stopped at the new Gondolier Restaurant that’s across from the Whitewater Café. It is in a building that was a Drive-In that’s been closed for several years, but is now a very good place to eat.

Thanks to all of the folks on the trip. I had a lot of fun. *Billy Bob Scarborough*



Little River Cleanup Reports and Photos

“CHOTA RACKS UP AT THE LITTLE RIVER CLEAN UP” by Jill Miller

The Little River Clean-up was held on Sat. 4/13/02 with a small band of Chota folks on hand. Jen “Could that snake be poisonous?” Sauer lead the group which included Larry “I have a tetanus shot” Johnson, Anne “Always prepared” Phillips, Jill “Is all of that poison oak?” Miller, Tony “The Claw” Brown, Gary “I brought my dog to protect me” Kilpatrick and Mark “I have the biggest truck” Wells.

The group started just below the dam at the Mill House Restaurant and worked downstream. The “Bootie” was not limited to just everyday redneck tracks...Chota bagged the majority of a jeep. Parts of it were carried out across a canoe other parts were drug up the bank and trucked out.

An alarming amount of trash was removed. Chota was responsible for a great deal of the clean up. The crew on the bank filled up the back of a large pick-up truck and (are you ready for this???) This was only 3 tenths of a mile on one side of the Little River. This did not include what the folks in boats carried out.

YEAH CHOTA!!!!!!



Roll Sessions and Boating Classes

Chota at the Cove

Roll Sessions on Thursdays at Concord Cove - 6 to 8 pm - starting May 2.
(You can also enroll in a Roll Session Class offered by RiverSports)

Boating Night at Concord Cove

(special visits by boat manufacturers)
5 - 8 pm - sponsored by RiverSports
May 14th - Necky
May 30th
June 5th - Wave Sports, Mad River & Wilderness Systems
June 18th - Liquid Logic
June 20th - Dagger, Perception and Islander
June 26th - Old Town



These RiverSports classes fit in perfectly for Chota Canoe Club's Annual Canoe & Kayak School. Learn the basics on flatwater and then come to Chota's Canoe & Kayak School to expand your skills on the Hiawassee. Cost - \$60 for two full days of instruction.

Maryville College Fee \$3.00

Wednesday evening 8:30 - 10:00 pm
May 1, 8

Last Roll Session for Spring is May 8.

Roll Sessions resume in the Fall.

Questions: Call Terri Childs (865) 691-7817
or Mountain Challenge (865) 981-8125

Tennessee School for the Deaf

Fee \$3.00

2725 Island Home Blvd (out by Ijams)
Every Friday night through May 10th,
7 - 9 pm

RiverSports Classes

Contact RiverSports to sign up for the following classes: 523-0066 or 675-2370

Touring/Flat Water Kayaking -
Learn the Basics in a 3 hour course
6 - 9 pm, \$30, at Concord Cove.
Course Dates:
May 6, 20, 30; June 5, 9, 17, 26

Touring Clinic - Learn how to paddle, pack & camp from your boat
1 evening, 2 full days
\$175 at Concord Cove.
Course Dates: May 9, 11, 12; June 6, 8, 9

Kids 13 - 15 Learn to Boat! - Basic skills of canoeing, sea kayaking, and whitewater kayaking. Safety, paddle strokes and rescues. Course Dates: June 17 - 21
June 24 - 28. \$150

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Trip Report: Citico and Double Camp

by Renee Vandeberg. Spring boating - who can beat it? Easter Sunday, Andrew Schnider managed to wiggle a pass out of the house (go figure - yippee!!). We'd never run Upper Citico before, although it runs right through my favorite camping area and I've road scouted it many times when there wasn't enough water to run it. The virtual gage for this river is the Tellico, if its raging then this creek is probably running. However, this creek is formed by a different watershed and occasionally it will also run when the Tellico is barely runnable - you just have to know where the rain fell.

Pulling into Hardees at Vanore to wait on Andrew, two boaters were hanging out in the parking lot making a phone call. The woman and man were both in their early 20's, looked just like true river rats, and were students from Athens, Georgia. They had Monty Smith's book out and were on their way to Daddy's Creek on the Obed, when I mentioned turkey hunting and the 2.5 hour drive ahead, but if they wanted to paddle Citico, right down the road, come on..

Being a good Chota President and afraid Alice & Ty may be in over their heads, I stopped along the road every so often to point out the easier stretch of creek and the corresponding take outs & put-ins. Gracious and sweet they nodded their heads, smiled and encouraged me to keep driving to the top.

It didn't phase Alice, Ty or Andrew that none of us had ever run the Citico before, and Alice led the way at a blistering pace in her creek boat. It was amazing how fast Alice

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Little River Cleanup by Jen Sauer

Garbage wasn't in shortage for the Little River Cleanup in Blount County. We had four by boat and three by land. Larry and Ann are currently restoring half of a rusty CJ7 Jeep that they dug up out of the river. If anyone has the other half, or wants the back half, I'm sure you could work something out with Ann and Larry. Jill, Mark, and Tony are going into the used furniture and recycling business. They are working out the details of bottle and can removal from the mattresses. Gary and his trusty bow-wow worked hard on plastic removal and snake watch. Gary was yelling over the roar of the dam "watch out for snakes!" Just then I had picked up a peace of metal to hall to the boat, and a large snake felt the need to reach out and taste my Levi's at my ankle. Thank goodness it was cool that morning and I had rolled up my pants around my ankles. Gary didn't think that I could jump that high or move that fast. Shaken but not hurt I became more of an observer with a long stick, and Ann reminded me "once bitten, twice shy." I can't wait to try out my new long stick on the next cleanup in May on the Obed.

Just remember to look to see where you are about to put your hands and feet when out and about. You never know what might be under that next peace of garbage or on that rock waiting to strike. Cleanup Volunteers: Jill Miller and Mark, Ann Philips, Larry Johnson, Gary Kilpatrick, and Tony Brown.



