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RIVER STEWARDSHIP: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

Our mission: “To conserve and restore America’s whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely,” is actively pursued through our conservation, access, safety and education efforts under the umbrella of River Stewardship. The only national organization representing the interest of all whitewater paddlers, American Whitewater is the national voice for thousands of individual whitewater enthusiasts, as well as over 100 local paddling club affiliates.

AW’s River Stewardship program adheres to the four tenets of our mission statement:

CONSERVATION: AW’s professional staff works closely with volunteers and partner organizations to protect the ecological and scenic values of all whitewater rivers. These goals are accomplished through direct participation in public decision-making processes, grassroots advocacy, coalition building, empowerment of volunteers, public outreach and education, and, when necessary, legal action.

RIVER ACCESS: To assure public access to whitewater rivers pursuant to the guidelines published in its official Access Policy, AW arranges for river access through private lands by negotiation or purchase, seeks to protect the right of public passage on all rivers and streams navigable by kayak or canoe, encourages equitable and responsible management of whitewater rivers on public lands, and works with government agencies and other river users to achieve these goals.

SAFETY: AW promotes paddling safely, publishes reports on whitewater accidents, maintains a uniform national ranking system for whitewater rivers (the International Scale of Whitewater Difficulty) and publishes and disseminates the internationally-recognized American Whitewater Safety Code.

EDUCATION: AW shares information with the general public and the paddling community regarding whitewater rivers, as well as river recreation, conservation, access, and safety. This is accomplished through our bimonthly AW Journal, a monthly e-news, americanwhitewater.org, paddling events, educational events, and through direct communication with the press.

Together, AW staff, members, volunteers, and affiliate clubs can achieve our goals of conserving, protecting and restoring Americas whitewater resources and enhancing opportunities to safely enjoy these wonderful rivers.

AW was incorporated under Missouri nonprofit corporation laws in 1961 and maintains its principal mailing address at PO Box 1540, Cullowhee, NC 28723; phone 1-866-BOAT-4-AW (1-866-262-8429). AW is tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service.

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THE JOURNEY AHEAD

The Staff and Board of American Whitewater are using this issue of the American Whitewater Journal to share our 2013 Annual Report with you. These reports are one of the more important tools that nonprofits use to communicate program success and financial performance to constituents. A key takeaway from this report is that we have a lean administrative model, 83 cents on every dollar passes through directly to support river stewardship efforts. This ratio, 17% of expenses spent on administration and fund raising, is a low overhead percentage in the nonprofit world and a demonstration of our commitment to using resources to support our core mission: protecting and restoring whitewater rivers.

Looking back at the numbers from last year, American Whitewater accomplished the following:

- Successfully defeated nine proposed high-impact dams on wild rivers.
- Directly participated in management decisions that improved flows and river access associated with dams on 24 rivers.
- Advocated for new Wild and Scenic River protections on over 150 rivers across the nation.
- Secured protection for 27 “eligible” Wild and Scenic river reaches.
- Secured new and/or improved river access on the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers (WA), Tuckasegee and Nantahala Rivers (NC), Contoocook River (NH), and the Colorado River (CO).
- Collaboratively managed river access on at least 10 rivers, including sites like the Watauga River (NC), Elkhorn (KY), Gauley (WV), and Upper Yough (MD).

All told, these efforts benefited several thousand miles of spectacular rivers and hundreds of thousands of river enthusiasts.

Paddlers understand that you cannot love what you don’t know. It’s our love of whitewater that makes us fierce defenders of rivers and their flows. This intimate connection to flowing water has made American Whitewater a force in river stewardship for 60 years. It’s your membership support that allows American Whitewater’s staff members to work on important projects in their respective regions. Our team consists of professional staff supported by board members and volunteers from communities across the country. American Whitewater’s regional approach to stewardship work is focused on our mission, “To conserve and restore America’s whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely.”

In other news, two great whitewater festivals on both sides of the country mark the month of September. No matter what coast you call home, there are flows to celebrate and friends to meet. Come out and join us with your paddling buddies at either of these events for a weekend of great paddling, exciting camaraderie, live entertainment, killer boat raffles, and American Whitewater membership drives.

**Gauley Festival (WV) - September 19 & 20, 2014**

Over the last 30 years Gauley Fest has grown to become the largest river festival in the world. The festival is a showcase for American Whitewater and top whitewater vendors in the boating community. All proceeds from the festival support American Whitewater’s national stewardship work. Gauley Fest features live entertainment, a whitewater marketplace, raffle, and a silent auction where you can pick up some awesome outdoor gear. Gauley Fest is also the largest membership drive for American Whitewater and your support feeds our national river stewardship effort.

Feather River Festival (CA) - September 26-28, 2014

Over a decade ago, the first recreational releases took place on the North Fork Feather (CA) as a requirement of a new hydroelectric power license that was being applied for by the utility. The staff and volunteers of American Whitewater, Chico Paddleheads, and Shasta Paddlers spent more than five years and thousands of hours negotiating through the hydropower relicensing process to make recreational releases happen on the Feather. Now the boating community has a great river to enjoy, so why not celebrate it with us the last weekend in September? The beauty of the Feather is that there are multiple sections to suit each paddler’s skills.

We hope to see you at one—or both—of our big events in September. In the meantime, please take some time to read our 2013 Annual Report, which starts on page 15 of this issue. Our stewardship projects are making a real difference to rivers and local communities, while providing flows for recreation and habitat. If you are reading this publication and you are not a member, please consider supporting this work. If you are a member, thanks for your support, please pass this issue on to a friend and let them know what we are doing.

As we look to the future, we continue to appreciate the importance of rivers and their role in supporting the health and well-being of the paddling community. At American Whitewater, we remain committed to giving back to these special places.

See you on the river,

Executive Director, American Whitewater
The Wisconsin River is a 430-mile long tributary of the Mississippi River that flows across the glacial plain of central Wisconsin. While the river is best known for its flatwater canoeing, it cascades over a one-mile section that drops 89 feet over the remnant of an ancient mountain range producing some of the most impressive big water rapids in the Midwest. Known as Konajewun or “long falls” by the Ojibwe, or Grandfather Falls in modern times, the river was a barrier to navigation during the early days of exploration and timber extraction from the North Woods. Early dams at the site in the late 1800s were used to flush logs downstream and power a local sawmill; by 1938 the current hydropower project was constructed.

What was once a barrier to navigation was discovered by whitewater paddlers in the 1970s. When flows in the Wisconsin River exceed the capacity of the hydropower plant (i.e. flows greater than 2820 cfs) or when the plant was shut down for maintenance, paddlers could find an experience that was unique in the Midwest. More often than not, however, paddlers would arrive to find a nearly dry riverbed, with a little bit of flow—just 50 cfs—trickling among the rocks while the hydropower turbines hummed away.

In 1986, the Federal Power Act was amended to require that federal regulators give “equal consideration” to non-power values of a river, such as the environment, recreation, fish, and wildlife. Today, we at American Whitewater use this clause in the Federal Power Act to successfully advocate for equal consideration of whitewater recreation at hydropower projects. When the original license for the Grandfather Falls project came up for renewal in 1988, however, we had yet to hone our strategic approach and another 30-year license was issued with no accommodations for whitewater recreation. We had to wait for the next round of relicensing negotiations.

Now the time has finally come and we’re gearing up to negotiate a new license for this project.

With the help of our local members and the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance program—the federal agency that represents the public interest in recreation in hydropower proceedings—we were ready as studies began for the relicensing of the Grandfather Falls Project this spring. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, the owner of the project, welcomed our participation and took our study request for whitewater recreation seriously.

This past May, a group of a dozen paddlers joined staff from Wisconsin Public Service, National Park Service, River Alliance of Wisconsin, and an environmental consulting firm called TRS, to assess boatability at varied water levels released from the dam at the start of the mile-long section. The day began with a plan to evaluate flows of...
500 cfs, 1000 cfs, 2000 cfs, and 4000 cfs, but it quickly became apparent that 500 cfs would be a game of pinball to maneuver through all the rocks, with plenty of pinning potential.

Participants opted to immediately increase the flow to 800 cfs and headed downstream to scout the main ledge drop known as Granddad, which is about 2/3 of the way into the run. At 800 cfs this drop was quite steep and formed a potential keeper hole on river left. This, along with limited locations at which to set safety (not to mention layers of rust to shake off most of the paddlers), made the group think twice about running the drop at that level. Back at the put-in, as the group got geared up to make the run, the project operator informed the group that flow was backing up too fast behind the dam and the release would need to be increased (they only had 0.8’ leeway behind the dam to work with). Thus, what was planned as the inaugural 500 cfs run ultimately became a 2000 cfs run. The boaters that paddled at this level found it enjoyable—some later declaring it the “bull’s eye” level for this stretch of river. Although the 4000 cfs level that came next in the series of trials was preferred by many, participants recognized that it might not be a realistic water level to expect for recreational releases, especially in summertime when inflows are likely to be lower.

Following the 4000 cfs release, the group opted to cut flow back to 1500 cfs, which provided enough water to get down the run, but seemed a little less than optimal. Finally, the operator increased the flow to 1800 cfs for the fourth test flow. As is often the case with flow studies, the original target flows we had proposed were modified based on feedback from participants and the constraints of project operations, but the day was a success and we learned that flows between 1500 cfs and 2000 cfs offered continuous read-and-run Class III water, with some playable waves that could be caught on the fly. With each new level, more boaters opted to run Granddad (one person commented that somehow it looked less intimidating as the day went on), finding a variety of lines to take, sometimes down the main tongue, and other times skirting around to the left. While the consultants are still crunching the final numbers for the study, and we will need to figure out what flows are available given the constraints of project operations and the needs of fishery resources, we are optimistic that we will be able to secure a truly unique paddling opportunity in the Midwest that is more predictable in the future. All agreed this was a beautiful stretch of river that provides a unique big water experience uncommon for boaters in Wisconsin.

![Grandfather Falls Dam at typical minimum instream flows.](image1)

*Photo by Thomas O'Keefe*

![Bryan Foster runs Grandad Ledge at 4000 cfs during the flow study.](image2)

*Photo by Angie Tornes*
RIVERS HAVE LONG been overlooked by many conservation organizations and legislative efforts, and have also received a lot of abuse. American Whitewater and a few key partners are trying to change that. One of our key focal areas is Montana, where there are only four rivers protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the last designation came in 1976. Montana’s rivers are dreamy—clean, cold, beautiful, and home to incredible fish and wildlife. We are on the steering committee of a coalition called Montanans for Healthy Rivers. Together we are pursuing an ambitious strategy to protect the state’s last best rivers, and we are achieving some great success so far.

We defeated proposed dams in 2013 on the Madison River and East and West Rosebud creeks, along with Idaho’s Boundary and Boulder Creek, so these threats have been temporarily neutralized.

We filed a formal appeal of a Forest Service decision that would leave incredible rivers unprotected in Northern Montana and Idaho. The Forest Service received over 200 appeals, and ours was one of just four that secured a hearing in April of this year. As of press-time we are awaiting the decision on our appeal. If we win, the USFS would offer new interim protection for significant streams like Boundary, Boulder, and Slate Creeks in Idaho, and Callahan Creek in Montana.

We helped inspire legislation earlier this year to designate East Rosebud Creek as a Wild and Scenic River, which, if passed, would offer permanent protection for the stream. We produced videos, worked with local community members, and talked with legislators about this issue over the past couple years, and are now working towards passage.

We also worked on a small obscure piece of a massive bill called the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, which passed earlier this year. The Northern Rockies provision in the bill will send money to Montana and Idaho for flood control measures that really work—and don’t require dams. These techniques include floodplain mapping and conservation easements, reconnecting stream channels, and invasive species control. This will be a great thing for rivers, landowners, and communities, and might just change the way flooding is prevented by the Army Corps of Engineers.

But this is all just the warm up. We’ve been talking with Montanans for four years about their appetite for new Wild and Scenic Rivers, and have developed quite a list. We feel that there is broad support for around 50 new designated rivers in the state, and are currently drafting a legislative proposal. We hope to unveil it this fall and gather feedback online and in community meetings. When we launch something publicly we will be counting on our members to rally behind it to get it through Congress as soon as possible. Stay tuned!

AW’s efforts in Montana are securing great outcomes for rivers, with more on the horizon. Here Chris Ennis eddies out on the North Fork of the Teton River. Photo by Kevin Colburn
THE FRUIT BASKET is a timeless gift, at least in West Virginia. For years paddlers have lovingly referred to the Cranberry River, the Cherry, and Tea Creek as the region’s fruit basket. These Gauley River tributaries and others fall within a new proposed National Monument being called the Birthplace of Rivers. National Monuments can be created by Congress, but unlike Wilderness Areas and Wild and Scenic Rivers, the President can also create a National Monument single-handedly. This latter option might come into play if local, regional, and national support for the Monument runs high, and Congress fails to act. That is not a hypothetical example—it is a real possibility.

A National Monument designation will first and foremost protect the water quality and scenery that draw us to the Gauley River and its tributaries. It will bring some funding to the area to improve river access and other recreational infrastructure like campgrounds and trails. It might also help the region better cater to tourists by attracting new businesses in gateway communities. It would only directly affect Forest Service lands, but many of these lands are not protected from industrial uses. In a region where mining moves mountains and rivers are occasionally poisoned, this protection is incredibly important.

In the coming months we’ll be asking you to weigh in with your congressional delegation and the Obama Administration. Doing so might just nudge this proposal into reality. If you have photos of these streams please add them to AW’s website. Photos help us share paddlers’ unique perspective of some of these remote places. AW will be actively supporting this proposal, and we are hopeful for a big conservation win!
Earlier this year the US Forest Service released a proposal to add significant numbers of logs to Northern Idaho’s Lightning Creek. The goal was to improve fish habitat and mitigate past impacts of the massive flooding that was caused in part by the agency’s logging and road building. Local paddlers were understandably concerned that the project would render one of their favorite roadside Class III/IV rivers un-runnable. A meeting was proposed and the Forest Service agreed to meet paddlers at the creek, share the project plan, and listen to feedback.

In attendance were Terry Miller (Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club), Bart Rayniak (Northwest Whitewater Association), Todd Hoffman (North Idaho Whitewater), Kevin Colburn (American Whitewater), Mike Barenti (kayaker), Kevin Davis (USFS), Sean Staff (USFS), and Rich Landers (Outdoors Editor - Spokesman Review).

As you might expect, time spent on the river is time well spent. Paddlers learned that the project, which sounded huge on paper, was really just the stabilization of a couple of river bends to protect the road from washing out, and the construction of a few log structures that aim to collect wood on cobble bars at high water. Forest Service staff learned about how important Lightning Creek is to paddlers, and which arrangements of wood are especially dangerous and which are relatively benign to paddlers. One planned log structure would have posed a significant hazard to paddlers by protruding out into a rapid at water level. The Forest Service staff agreed to redesign or scrap the plans for that structure, and paddlers agreed to support the other much safer structures.

It was a good site visit, made possible by open-minded Forest Service staff and by an active and organized local paddling community. The value of spending time on or along the rivers we paddle with the people that manage them can’t be overestimated. The result will be rivers that flourish ecologically and continue to support public enjoyment.
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WE HAD A GREAT TRIP THIS YEAR AND WILL  
BE DOING IT AGAIN IN 2015!  
STORY AND PHOTOS BY THOMAS O’KEEFE

THIS PAST JUNE American Whitewater joined with Northwest Rafting Company for a trip on the Rogue River in Oregon. Twenty-three guests who actively support AW came along for the adventure, including staff from Keen Footwear. Some have been AW members for decades while others were just learning about us and the work we do. Together, we had an amazing experience exploring one of our nation’s original Wild and Scenic Rivers and sharing the importance of wild rivers with our friends. The trip reinforced what we all know firsthand—it is our common love of whitewater that makes us such passionate defenders of rivers.

Over the course of the trip we had an opportunity to tell folks about our conservation work to protect the Wild Rogue, which is one of the largest intact roadless areas in the country managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It was also an opportunity for us to learn what motivates our members to support American Whitewater. Most of all, the trip was about building good memories on the river with a group of people who share our passion for river conservation, and know how to have fun doing it.

We welcomed all paddlers on the trip. Our group had a diverse range of experience on the water, from expert paddlers who are out every weekend, to folks who had not been in a boat for a while, to some who were just getting into a kayak or raft for the first time, and everything in between. We had a diversity of craft too, with kayaks, paddle rafts, catarafts, duckies, and a stand up paddleboard.

The trip was such a success and we’re looking forward to doing it again next year! Come join us and the crew from Northwest Rafting Company June 16-19, 2015 for our next AW Rogue River trip. We had a full trip this year, and we encourage you to make your reservation soon to ensure a spot for next year. We welcome all paddlers; the only experience you need is a love of rivers! For more info or to reserve your spot, call 1-866-262-8429 or e-mail info@americanwhitewater.org.
American Whitewater’s members and supporters usually take the initiative to put on many of our fundraising events. We appreciate their efforts a great deal, as their time and effort our lean staff of ten to focus on our members and on river conservation and access work and on taking care of our members. This month, we would like to recognize two resourceful California outfitters for their fundraising efforts on behalf of AW: California Canoe & Kayak and IRIE Rafting.

Billed as “Pure Paddle Sports Since 1972,” California Canoe & Kayak (CCK) has contributed to our California river community for over 40 years. This includes hosting 12 annual Support Strokes Paddle & Fundraisers for local breast cancer non-profits. Recently, owners Keith Miller and Tammy Borichevsky decided to start hosting “Opening Day on the South Fork American River” giving all proceeds from the event to American Whitewater. For the past two years CCK Coloma Outpost Manager Matt Parker has spearheaded Opening Day in partnership with Jackson Kayak Special Projects Director, Colin Kemp. The event includes a day of whitewater instruction from World Kayak and Team Jackson. It concludes with dinner, raffle prizes, and a rambunctious party at the CCK Outpost. Ninkasi Brewing Company also donates kegs of their finest brew. All told Opening Day on the South Fork American River in the last two years has raised $8971 for American Whitewater.

Celebrating his 50th Birthday and IRIE Rafting Company’s 20th Anniversary, founder Frank Wohlfahrt chose to donate funds from this year’s IRIE Rafting benefit to American Whitewater and Truckee River Watership Council. Recently structured as a California Benefit Corporation, IRIE Rafting believes in giving back to their community. For this year’s benefit, Operations Manager Erik Anderson coordinated IRIE half-day rafting trips on the Truckee River and an evening party staffed by enthusiastic IRIE guides & employees. The party included raffle prizes, live music, scrumptious food from Mountain Valley Meats, thirst-quenching beer from 50/50 Brewing Company, and endless entertainment at the fundraising dunk tank. After the accounting tally, Frank handed American Whitewater a fundraising check for $3000.

Funds from these events are critical for American Whitewater’s river stewardship mission. We thank both CCK and IRIE for taking the time to plan and host these events, which enable us to stay on the job. If your company has an idea for an American Whitewater fundraiser, please contact AW at 1-800-262-8429 or info@americanwhitewater.org.

IRIE Owner, Frank Wohlfahrt and IRIE Ops Manager, Erik Anderson.
Photo by Theresa Simsiman
AW’s Biggest Fundraiser

Sept. 19-20, 2014
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More info: http://gauleyfest.americanwhitewater.org
In 2013, boaters enjoyed restored flows on the San Joaquin River (CA) thanks to American Whitewater’s efforts. Photo by Darin McQuaid
Dear Members,

On behalf of the American Whitewater Board of Directors and staff, we are pleased to report that AW achieved another year of solid financial performance and stewardship success for our members in 2013. As we move into our 60th Anniversary year, American Whitewater is working hard to provide for the conservation and stewardship of rivers that are important to our community. As whitewater paddlers, we know that you cannot love what you do not understand. It’s our love of whitewater that makes us such fierce defenders of rivers. This intimate connection to flowing water has made paddlers an important force in river conservation throughout our 60-year history.

Today our footprint can be seen in American Whitewater’s core river stewardship efforts. In 2013, American Whitewater directly participated in management decisions that improved flows and river access associated with dams on at least 24 rivers across the country. Especially exciting were new flow releases in 2013 on the West Fork Tuckasegee (NC), Pit (CA), San Joaquin (CA), Missisquoi (VT), Upper Colorado (CO), and Yampa (CO) rivers. American Whitewater successfully defeated 9 proposed high-impact dams on wild rivers in Idaho, Montana, and Washington. We advocated for new Wild and Scenic River protections on well over 150 rivers across the nation, and secured protection for 27 “eligible” Wild and Scenic river reaches in Colorado. We also secured new and/or improved river access on the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers (WA), the Tuckasegee (NC), Contoocook (NH), and the Colorado (CO). American Whitewater collaboratively managed river access on at least 10 rivers, including sites owned by American Whitewater like the Watauga River (NC). All told these efforts benefited several thousand miles of spectacular rivers and hundreds of thousands of river enthusiasts.

For the third year in a row, American Whitewater has been awarded the highest rating (4 stars) from Charity Navigator. This shows that American Whitewater adheres to good governance and other best practices to consistently execute our mission in a fiscally responsible way. Only 9% of the nonprofits Charity Navigator rates have received three consecutive 4-star evaluations. This “exceptional” designation demonstrates that American Whitewater is worthy of the public’s trust and support!

The key to our success is the strong backing of our members; it is only through your support that we can continue to take the long view on river stewardship. As we look to the future, we continue to appreciate the importance of rivers and their role in supporting the health and well being of the paddling community. At American Whitewater, we remain committed to giving back to these special places through our river stewardship program.

Thanks for your support,

Chris Bell
President, Board of Directors

Mark Singleton
Executive Director

National

In 2013 American Whitewater grew our role as a national champion of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. We actively participated in several designation campaigns that stand to protect over 1000 miles of rivers in the near future. We engaged in nearly every Forest Service planning process nationwide, using a new planning process that we helped to shape to advocate for protection of special rivers as “eligible” for Wild and Scenic designation. We met with local, regional, and national agency leaders to advocate for river protection, and filed a national appeal when a local forest left incredible rivers unprotected. American Whitewater truly ramped up the quantity and quality of Wild and Scenic river protection in 2013.

At the same time we continue to serve as an active steering committee member or two coalitions that amplify our mission. First, Outdoor Alliance focuses the efforts of the human-powered outdoor recreation community to yield positive conservation outcomes and policies that keep people connected with our public lands. Second, the Hydropower Reform Coalition combines the efforts of like-minded organizations seeking to minimize the ecological and societal footprint of hydropower dams. Through these two coalitions, American Whitewater works at a high level to guide river management policies that benefit the paddling community.
President, Board of Directors
Chris Bell

Thanks for your support, community. At American Whitewater, we remain committed and continue to appreciate the importance of rivers and their protection! We strive to ensure that American Whitewater is worthy of the public's trust and support through our evaluations. This “exceptional” designation demonstrates our commitment to sound governance and other best practices to consistently execute our mission.

For the third year in a row, American Whitewater has been recognized with the highest level of commitment in our work to protect and maintain our rivers. These efforts benefited several thousand miles of spectacular whitewater rivers across the nation, and secured protection for 27 “eligible” Wild and Scenic river reaches in Colorado. We also secured new and improved river access on the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers (WA), the Tuckaseegee (NC), Contoocook (NH), and South Fork (CO). American Whitewater collaboratively worked to define flow needs and develop management plans for the Green and Colorado River basins (UT), and the Gunnison Basin (CO), to meet the needs of whitewater paddlers and improve the health of these rivers. In 2013, American Whitewater grew our role as a national champion for river protection in 2013, and secured the first legal protection of streamflows in the Colorado River system.

California

In 2013, we were able to reap the benefits of almost two decades of hydropower relicensing work in California. Even though the state was in a record-setting dry year, paddlers had extensive opportunities to experience rivers throughout California through flow releases negotiated by American Whitewater. From the beginning of May to the end of October, there were paddling opportunities to be had most every weekend on rivers such as the Mokelumne, Feather, Pit and San Joaquin. These impressive results are just the tip of the iceberg of our flow restoration efforts through our FERC hydropower relicensing work in California.

PNW

We had a strong year in the Pacific Northwest with new opportunities to explore free-flowing rivers on the Elwha and White Salmon, and we were honored to have our efforts recognized in the award-winning film DamNation. We celebrated new river access on the Powerhouse run on the Snoqualmie River, a stretch of beginner whitewater where thousands of paddlers have learned to read whitewater. We also had major conservation victories when we won our legal challenge to a water quality certification for the Similkameen River that ignored aesthetic impacts of dewatering a river for hydropower. Finally, along with our partners in the broader conservation community, we supported a successful effort to protect over 50,000 acres of land in the Teanaway watershed, which is one of the last remaining free-flowing tributaries in the Yakima River system and a great beginner kayaking run.

Southern Rockies

With the help of hundreds of paddlers, we’ve worked to identify the full range of flows that sustain whitewater recreation across hundreds of rivers in Colorado and neighboring states. In the Green and Colorado River basins (UT), and the Gunnison Basin (CO), paddlers worked with American Whitewater to define flow needs and develop management targets. American Whitewater is leveraging this information to protect rivers from future development. Our Stewardship Program also helped secure the first legal protection of streamflows in the Colorado River using this information, ensuring that flows from Gore Canyon to Glenwood Springs will be protected in perpetuity. We also negotiated new operating plans for reservoirs that provide downstream releases to meet the needs of whitewater paddlers and improve the health of the Dolores, Colorado, and Blue Rivers. Today, American Whitewater is using this information to negotiate land and water conservation measures and reservoir operations that will shape the future of paddling for years to come.
Northern Rockies
American Whitewater helped defeat proposed high-impact dams in 2013 on Boulder and Boundary Creeks in Idaho, and on the Madison River and East and West Rosebud Creeks in Montana. At the same time, we actively sought Forest Service “Wild and Scenic eligible” protective status for over 200 regional streams, and worked with partners and river enthusiasts on a Wild and Scenic River designation campaign aimed at protecting over 600 miles of Montana’s most spectacular streams.

Midwest
The Midwest is not generally known for big water runs but for those in the know, Grandfather Falls is a spectacular stretch of whitewater on the Wisconsin River that is often dewatered for hydropower. With the current license for the project about to expire, we worked with the National Park Service to develop a formal evaluation of whitewater recreation and how it can be enhanced.

Northeast
American Whitewater’s Northeast Stewardship Program gained a great deal of traction this year, achieving significant milestones in its effort to protect and enjoy whitewater rivers in the region. Working in partnership with our affiliate, local paddlers, and the community, we were able to protect land along the Contoocook River, assuring that we have permanent access to this significant paddling opportunity in southern New Hampshire. In addition, we secured a new big water paddling opportunity on the Missisquoi River in northern Vermont. American Whitewater is also working to restore flows through the relicensing of hydropower projects in the region, reconnecting the Connecticut River where it has been dewatered for hydropower, improving fish habitat, and providing new whitewater boating opportunities.
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American Whitewater’s Northeast Stewardship Program gained a great deal of traction this year, achieving significant milestones in its effort to protect and enjoy whitewater rivers in the region. Working in partnership with our affiliate, local paddlers, and the community, we were able to protect land along the Contoocook River, assuring that we have permanent access to this significant paddling opportunity in southern New Hampshire. In addition, we secured a new big water paddling opportunity on the Missisquoi River in northern Vermont. American Whitewater is also working to restore flows through the relicensing of hydropower projects in the region, reconnecting the Connecticut River where it has been dewatered for hydropower, improving fish habitat, and providing new whitewater boating opportunities.

Mid Atlantic
American Whitewater participated in the first phase of a flow study on the New River Dries (WV) in 2013 that will likely lead to the restoration of significant river flows to this biologically diverse river. We played a collaborative role in managing river access on the Upper Yough (MD), Blackwater (WV), Gauley (WV), and other rivers. We also sought passage of improved stream access legislation in the State of Virginia that, while not successful, contributes to a multi-year effort to improve public enjoyment of rivers in the state. Also in 2013 we helped guide the construction of a river and whitewater park below Holtwood Dam on the Susquehanna, which we played a significant role in negotiating and will open in 2014.

Southeast
Our organization’s biggest milestone in the Southeast in 2013 was the first season of restored flows and access on the West Fork of the Tuckasegee (NC). Paddlers celebrated the river’s rebirth during seven higher flow releases, and paddlers and hikers alike enjoyed the new 1-mile trail to the base of the thundering High Falls. In addition, we sought significant new river protections for streams we believe should be eligible for Wild and Scenic designation in NC, and we continued to own and manage the public take out on the Watauga River in 2013.
## 2013 Statement of Activities

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### 2013 REVENUE SOURCES

- **11%** Contributions
- **25%** Membership Dues
- **4%** Advertising
- **28%** Grants
- **10%** Sponsorships / Corp Programs
- **4%** Events

**1%** Management Fees & Services

**14%** In-Kind Contributions

**0%** Investment Gains/(losses)

**0%** Interest & Dividends

**0%** Miscellaneous Income
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2013 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

- 52% Access & Conservation
- 31% Public Education
- 9% General & Administrative
- 8% Fundraising
## 2013 Honor Roll

### American Whitewater Enduring Rivers Circle

Leave a lasting legacy to the rivers that made a difference in your life. American Whitewater would like to thank the following individuals for making legacy gift commitments.

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### Industry Partners

#### Class V – $20,000+

- KEEN Footwear Inc.
- Priority Worldwide Services

#### Class IV – $15,000

- Dagger
- Kayak Session
- Kokatat
- Smith Optics
- Wave Sport

#### Class III – $10,000

- AT Paddles
- GoPro
- Pelican

#### Class II – $7,500

- Clif Bar
- Exact Target
- Subaru of America Inc.

#### Boof – $5,000

- Chaco Footwear
- French Broad River Fest
- Pyranha, US Inc.
- Star Inflatables
- Werner Paddles
- Yakima Products Inc.

#### Wave – $2,500

- Cascade Designs
- Immersion Research
- Jackson Kayak

#### Eddy – $1,000

#### Launch – $500

- Fluid Kayaks
- Kayak Session
- KEEN, Inc

### IN Kind Donations

#### $30,000+

- Jackson Lewis, LLP
- Nathan Galbreath

#### $10,000+

- Fluid Kayaks
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#### $5,000+

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### $1,000+

- Cascade Designs
- Clif Bar
- Dagger
- Immersion Research
- Jackson Kayak
- Outdoor Retailer
- Pyranha, US
- Watershed, LLC
- Wavesport

### $500+

- Active Nature
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- Rocky Mountain Kayak
- WRSI, Inc.

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Jesse Ricord
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Lee Rust
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Johanna Schneider
Amy Shipman
Jim Silavent
Mark Singleton
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- AIG Matching Gifts Grants Program
- American Express Philanthropy
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  - Gifts Program
- Cambia Employee Giving Campaign
- City of Seattle Employee
  - Giving Program
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- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program
- Google Matching Gift Program
- Hewlett Packard Matching
  - Gifts Program
- IBM Charitable Contribution Campaign
- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Patagonia Matching Gifts Program
- Pfizer Foundation Matching
  - Gifts Program
- Schwab Charitable Fund
- Standard Employee Giving Campaign
- Thomson Reuters
- Truist - United Way
- United Way California Capital Region
- United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut
- United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
- United Way of Silicon Valley
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ADK Schenectady  
Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico  
AMC — Connecticut Chapter  
AMC — New Hampshire Paddlers  
AMC Boston Chapter Paddlers  
AMC Delaware Valley Chapter  
AMC NY-NJ Chapter  
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BEWET — Boeing Employees Whitewater & Touring Club  
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American River Festival  
Deerfield Festival  
Feather Festival  
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Gauley Festival  
National Paddling Film Festival  
Wenatchee River Festival  
Wild Rivers Night PDX

### STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Federal Agency Partnerships  
Hydropower Policy & Legislation  
Hydropower Reform Coalition  
Land & Water Conservation Fund  
National Forest Planning  
Outdoor Alliance  
River Management Society  
Wild & Scenic River Management
## 2013 Honor Roll

### Southeast
- Chattooga River (NC, SC, GA)
- Cheoah River (NC)
- Nantahala River (NC)
- Potential Wild & Scenic Rivers (NC)
- South Fork Saluda River (SC)
- Tallulah River (GA)
- Tuckasegee River (NC)
- Watauga River (NC)
- West Fork Tuckasegee (NC)

### Mid Atlantic
- Blackwater & Cheat Rivers (WV)
- Gauley River (WV)
- Johns Creek (VA)
- New River Dries (WV)
- Ohiopyle Falls (PA)
- Savage & NB Potomac Rivers (MD)
- Susquehanna River (PA)
- Upper Yough (MD)
- Virginia Access (VA)

### Northeast
- Ausable River (NY)
- Connecticut River (MA, VT, NH)
- Deerfield River (MA)
- Farmington River (CT)
- Green River (VT)
- Missisquoi River (VT)
- West River (VT)

### Midwest
- Elkhorn Creek (KY)

### Northern Rockies
- Bear River (ID)
- Boulder Creek (ID)
- Boundary Creek (ID)
- East Rosebud Creek (MT)
- Fish Creek (MT)
- Lochsa River (ID)
- Madison River (MT)
- Monture Creek (MT)
- Potential Wild & Scenic Rivers (MT,WY,ID)
- Snake River Headwaters (WY)
- Sullivan Creek (WA)
- West Rosebud Creek (MT)

### Southern Rockies
- Animas River (CO)
- Arkansas River (CO)
- Big Thompson River (CO)
- Bill Williams River (AZ)
- Blue River (CO)
- Boulder Creek (CO)
- Cache la Poudre River (CO)
- Colorado Basin Supply Study (WY/CO/UT/NM/AZ/NV/CA)
- Colorado River (CO/UT/AZ)
- Colorado Water Plan
- Delores River (CO/UT)
- Eagle River (CO)
- East Creek (CO)
- Escalante River (UT)
- Fish Creek (CO)
- Fossil Creek (AZ)
- Fraser River (CO)
- Gila River (AZ)
- Green River (WY/UT/CO)
- Gunnison River (CO)
- Hermosa Creek (CO)
- Mad Creek (CO)
- Oh Be Joyful Creek (CO)
- Piedra River (CO)
- River Access & Navigability
- Salt River (AZ)
- San Juan (CO/UT)
- San Miguel River (CO)
- San Rafael River (UT)
- Slate River (CO)
- Snake River (CO)
- St. Vrain River (CO)
- Taylor River (CO)
- Uncompahgre River (CO)
- Verde River (AZ)
- Virgin River (UT/AZ)
- West Creek (CO)
- White River (CO)
- Yampa River (CO)

### California
- California Bridge Access (CA)
- California Hydropower Reform Coalition (CA)
- Feather River / Oroville (CA)
- Feather River / Poe (CA)
- Feather River / Rock Creek-Cresta (CA)
- Feather River/ South Fork (CA)
- Feather River / Upper North Fork (CA)
- Kern River (CA)
- McCloud River (CA)
- Merced River (CA)
- Middle Fork American River / Rubicon (CA)
- Mokelumne River (CA)
- Pit River (CA)
- San Joaquin River (CA)
- South Fork American River (CA)
- Tuolumne River (CA)
- Yuba/Bear Rivers (CA)

### Pacific Northwest
- Chehalis River (WA)
- Chelan River (WA)
- Chetco River (OR)
- Cispus River (WA)
- Clackamas River (OR)
- Crooked River (OR)
- Elwha River (WA)
- Green River (WA)
- Hood River (OR)
- Illabot Creek (WA)
- Illinois River (OR)
- Klamath River (OR/CA)
- Middle Fork Snoqualmie River (WA)
- Molalla River (OR)
- Nooksack River (WA)
- North Fork Snoqualmie River (WA)
- Owyhee River (OR)
- Rivers of the Olympic Peninsula (WA)
- Rogue River (OR)
- Sandy River (WA)
- Similkameen River (WA)
- Skagit River (WA)
- Skykomish River (WA)
- Snake River (WA)
- Snoqualmie River (WA)
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Upon the completion of our trip down the Rogue River (see pg. 12 for details about AW’s annual trip) and our return to Galice, several of us had a chance to sit down with Oz Hawksley, one of the original founders of American Whitewater. Currently living in Southern Oregon, Oz came out to share river stories and showed us a film of the first descent of the Selway River from way back in 1960. Well into his 90s, Oz still had plenty of energy to stay up late telling river stories.

Oz kept us entertained with stories of his life, from building his first canoe in his youth and spending time in upstate New York, where he earned his PhD at Cornell University, to moving to the University of Central Missouri, where he taught a variety of field ecology courses for many years. While Oz is known for his guidebook, Missouri Ozark Waterways, and teaching generations of students the joys of rivers around his home, he also spent several memorable summers exploring the rivers of the American West.

Oz led early American Whitewater trips to the Clearwater drainage in Idaho in the late 1950s and early 1960s, introducing paddlers to the North Fork Clearwater
and Lochsa Rivers. In July 1960 he led the first trip down the Selway, advertising it in the American Whitewater Journal as “one of the most beautiful wilderness areas, with a navigable river, left in the U.S.” This statement holds true today thanks to the foresight of Oz and others who fought to include this river as one of our nation’s original Wild and Scenic Rivers in 1968.

The summer of 1961 included a more ambitious schedule of river trips, including two trips on the Selway. One memorable event was naming Ham Rapid. Oz has heard many theories over the years on how the rapid was named and wanted to set the record straight. On the first of the two trips in 1961, in a moment of indecision, Malcolm Coulter ended up on a midstream boulder and dumped the contents of his raft. This included the dinner ham, which promptly sank to the bottom of the river. The group did without their ham on that trip, but the following week the group returned for the second run with a mask and fins. The ham was recovered and the group enjoyed extra portions. Thereafter, the rapid was known as Lost Ham, today shortened to Ham.

Oz had more stories of early explorations of the Flathead, Main Salmon, Middle Fork Salmon, Yampa, and Green, where a new generation of explorers took to the water with heavy army surplus rafts and hand-built wooden frames. Woven within these adventures were stories of the early fights for conservation of these wild rivers. While Oz does not get out on the river like he used to—his last multi-day trip on the Rogue was just a couple of years ago—we all enjoyed learning a little bit about the history of our sport, the organization that he helped create to promote river conservation and stewardship among river runners, and the lifelong bond we all have with free-flowing rivers.

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In the first six months of this year there were 24 whitewater accidents reported to American Whitewater, including 12 kayak, two canoe, and nine rafting fatalities. Eight of these deaths took place in Colorado, all but one of them during a surge of high water in June. The year’s biggest killers were low-head dams with five, and flush drownings with four. Lifejackets could have protected four other accident victims and two were experienced paddlers boating alone. The reports came from a variety of sources: news reports posted to internet chat rooms or detailed accounts written by paddlers who were there. Several were sent to your author via Facebook.

Dam-Related Accidents
Although low head dams are dangerous, five fatalities in six months is an unusually high count. Historically, dams account for 8.5% of all whitewater deaths; this year’s share is 23%. Most of the victims in the first half of 2014 were young, inexperienced, and probably didn’t recognize the danger. Dam hydraulics are capricious, holding some paddlers for a long time while releasing others quickly. For every fatality there was at least one survivor.

Three of the dam-related deaths involved kayakers. On April 19th a group of six people rented double kayaks on Illinois’s Fox River. Later in the day one of the doubles washed over a low-head dam in the town of Geneva. The paddlers recirculated for some time before washing free. Dinesh Sudhakar-Uckoo, 26, drowned; his partner was resuscitated by firefighters. A similar incident occurred on April 24th near Sparta, TN when two kayakers attempted to run a dam on the Calfkiller River near the Main Street overpass. As with the previous incident, one man (Jedidiah Selby, 24) drowned, the other was rescued. Both survivors were hospitalized.

The backwash below dams is extremely dangerous for anyone who gets too close. On May 21st kayaker Jeremy Deemer, 26, attempted to run Chain Dam on the Lehigh River in Easton, PA. This dam drops 20 feet into a horrible hydraulic. Mr. Deemer was caught in the backwash and drowned. A friend who portaged the drop tried to throw him a rope. When he couldn’t reach him, he got in his kayak and paddled into the boil from downstream. He was tossed violently there. Several were sent to your author via Facebook.

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for several minutes before washing out. He was rescued by rangers from nearby Hugh Moore Park.

Rafts were involved in two other dam-related incidents. On June 26th a raft carrying four Boy Scouts was caught by a diversion dam hydraulic on the Animas River near Flora Vista, NM. Two boys fell out; one got to shore, but Chase Hathenbrook, 14, disappeared. Their Scoutmaster, who was in a raft that ran the dam successfully, called 911. Firefighters used boats and a helicopter to reach the boys who were still trapped in the raft. On June 28th a raft flipped and was held in the hydraulic at a low head dam on the Arkansas River near Salida, CO. Five paddlers washed out and made it to shore; a sixth clung to the raft until rescued by first responders. A seventh, Amanda Taylor, 31, disappeared. After extensive search ensued, and after four days her body was spotted snagged on a tree limb three miles downstream.

Lastly, there was a spectacular near miss at 200-foot high Prettyboy Dam near Baltimore, Maryland. Paul Hare, 22, and Steven Sparks, 21, took their kayaks over the spillway on June 29th. Both men were injured, one seriously. It’s not clear if they were purposely running the dam or did so accidentally, but an article in the Baltimore Sun says alcohol was involved.

Flush Drownings
Flush drowning occurs when a person washes through water so rough that they drown despite wearing their PFD. All of these incidents happened on Western rivers at high water; three were in guided rafts. On May 25th James Bryant, 33, took a long swim at the Boulder Drop on Washington’s Skykomish River. Guides chased him down, but it took too long to get him. The coroner’s verdict: cardiac arrest from extended cold water exposure. On the Arkansas River in Colorado, Van Hodges, 48, was rafting with his family through Royal Gorge on June 10th. Their raft dumped, putting five of seven passengers into the river. The water was high and by the time guides got Mr. Hodges ashore, he was dead. On June 27th Joseph Kane and his son were thrown from a guided raft at The Slide rapid on Idaho’s Salmon River. The water was high and Mr. Kane, 50, was in the water for 15 minutes before his guides got to him. He was unconscious and did not respond to CPR.

On the Poudre River (CO), a non-commercial raft flipped in a rapid below Pineview Falls on June 4th. This was a one-boat party so there was no one nearby to serve as backup. Everyone got ashore but Rebecca Knight, 26. She washed downstream until she was picked up by a dive rescue team 35 minutes later. By then it was too late.

There was a similar accident that ended up as a close call on Clear Creek near Golden, CO. A commercial raft flipped during a high water run, pitching everyone into the water. A 21 year-old woman who didn’t catch a well-thrown rope was carried through four miles of Class IV whitewater. Emergency responders turned out and made the rescue. She was life flighted 35 minutes later. By then it was too late.

Health Problems
Two commercial rafting deaths were most likely the result of pre-existing health issues. On June 7th Kenneth Barkley, 41, rented a raft for a Class III run on Colorado’s Clear Creek. As he approached the take-out in a calm stretch of water he fell out of his boat and floated motionless in the river. A heart attack was the likely cause. A week later, on June 16th, James Sizemore was pulled back into his raft on Colorado’s Roaring Fork River after a short swim. Mr. Sizemore, 44, complained of difficulty breathing before he lost consciousness. The coroner noted that cold water can cause fatal heart arrhythmias, particularly with older people. Since a whitewater swim can be very strenuous, potential paddlers should evaluate their fitness level honestly before the trip.

Life Vest Not Worn
There were two accidents which could have easily been prevented if the victim was wearing a life vest. On April 6th Enrique Quinonez, 27, and a friend launched recreational kayaks on Illinois’ flooded Flatrock River. They had no PFDs or cold water gear. Mr. Quinonez, a non-swimmer, flipped in the middle of the river and began to swim feebly. His friend, who apparently didn’t know about boat-based rescues, bailed out of his kayak, grabbed him, and tried to pull him to safety. He lost his grip 10 feet from shore. Mr. Quinonez’s body was found on April 21st, pinned under a tree just downstream of the accident site.

Idaho’s Salmon River was running high (41,000 cfs) on June 8th when a group of rafters removed their life vests after running two big rapids. The next drop, Black Rock rapid, is not normally very difficult, but it develops a long wave train with big, powerful waves at high flows. Several people fell out of the boat; one of them, A.J. Grey, was pulled underwater and disappeared. His body was found by raft guides a week later, 80 miles downstream.

Big volume rivers are dangerous to unprotected swimmers, who may be pulled underwater by eddylines or boils, become disoriented, and run out of air, but a well fitted PFD will always pull swimmers back to the surface.

Capsized and Unresponsive
There were two similar incidents this year in Arizona’s Grand Canyon. Both Hans Uhl, 43, and Curtis Joyce, 31, were found upside down and unconscious in their boats. CPR was ineffective. It’s not clear what the cause was, but it is possible to attempt multiple rolls until you pass out from lack of air. Bail out while you still have the energy to attempt a self-rescue. Also, learn the “Hand of God” rescue so you can flip a kayak upright quickly. It’s easier than it looks.
**Strainers**
Downed trees, which allow water to pass through them but can snag paddlers and their gear, are a common danger on fast moving streams. Donna Bailey, 58, was paddling a double kayak with her daughter on New York’s Chemung River on May 11th. The whitewater here is easy, but there’s a strong current. They went around the left side of an island, broached, and were pushed into a large root ball. The daughter washed free while the kayak and her mother were pulled under the root ball. No life vests were worn, but they would not have offered much protection. It took firefighters several hours to recover Ms. Bailey’s body.

In Colorado, a kayaker was caught in a strainer on the Class IV Bogan Canyon section of the Crystal River. The water was high on May 21st when Uriah Schafer, 39, flipped a few miles below the put-in. According to a report written by his partners on Mountainbuzz, Mr. Schafer attempted several rolls before swimming into a horrible strainer blocking the right half of the river. He could barely keep his head above water. His partners got to him quickly and attempted to pull him free but had trouble getting a good grip on him. Suddenly, after about 10 minutes of desperate struggle, a surging current grabbed Mr. Schafer and pushed him underwater. He was caught by his leg. After continuing the rescue for another 45 minutes the group paddled downstream to notify authorities. It took first responders several days to free his body. The full report can be found in the AW Safety Database.

**Ice is dangerous**
Spring came late to the East Coast this year, and dangerous ice lingered in shady spots on many rivers. On March 1st Edward Heberling, 48, was kayaking on the West Branch of the Susquehanna in Central Pennsylvania with a relative. They came around the bend to find the river completely iced over. Mr. Heberling’s kayak flipped and he was shoved under the ice by the current. First responders found him a short distance downstream.

**Solo paddling risks**
Paddling alone can be rewarding, but there’s no backup when trouble strikes. Two paddlers could have used some help. On May 1st Robert Rosenburg, an experienced Alaskan kayaker, drowned on the Class III Lower Gorge of Washington’s White Salmon River. A rafter found Mr. Rosenburg, 63, pinned against a downed tree. He got him loose, but the raft pinned against the tree and the kayak got away. Another raft grabbed it some distance downstream. On June 24th Tom McMurray, 63, was last seen launching an inflatable kayak on the Arkansas River in Salida, CO. He was wearing a helmet, life vest, and wet suit and the river below here is not difficult. No one knows what happened to him next, but his body turned up later that day.

**Bridge Pier Pinning**
Bridge abutments are especially dangerous pin spots. They’re designed to shed water, and don’t create an upstream pillow like natural river rocks. Paddlers who broach here pin fast and hard. Pennsylvania’s Clarion River was running high on May 25th when Brittany Ann Baird, 31, was paddling the river with friends. Her tandem canoe wrapped on the Portland Mills Road Bridge. Her partner escaped, but she was pinned underwater between the boat and the abutment. Firefighters were dispatched to release the canoe and recover her body.

**Sometimes we just don’t know.**
Even when someone is paddling with a group it may not be clear what happened to them. This was true when John Wilburn, 30, disappeared during a high water run on the South Fork of the Smith River in California on March 9th. This run, which requires a four-mile hike in, is Class V, even at lower flows. According to a report sent by Joe Hatcher, the pair split up while running a rapid. At the bottom Mr. Wilburn’s swamped kayak washed out. His friend gave chase, but the boat was empty. After searching the area for some time he walked out to get help. Rescue personnel arrived and searched
the area without success. That night the man’s wife and his paddling partner called boaters in Portland, Medford, and Arcata, asking for help. The next morning groups of paddlers arrived; they split up and searched different sections of the thickly overgrown riverbank. One group spotted Mr. Wilburn’s body, which was caught on a submerged log on a small island. They waded out to the island with difficulty and used a Z-Drag to recover his body.

Bear Creek Falls is the biggest drop on North Carolina’s Cheoah River. On April 26th Mike Higgins, 64, joined two other paddlers for a run. Arriving at the falls, they decided to run right with Mr. Higgins going first. Suddenly someone shouted that there was a boat stuck in a hole downstream. They chased the boat, but it was empty. They and other paddlers began a search for the missing man. About an hour later they found him, caught by his sprayskirt on the right bank. They think that he probably didn’t die here, as the water is shallow and it would not be hard to stand up. Something happened in the Falls, we know not what.

Finally, Northwest paddlers are mourning the loss of Steve Revier, who disappeared after his small two-person raft flipped on Washington’s Class III Klitikat River on May 23rd. His partner self rescued, but couldn’t find Mr. Revier. No one knows what happened, but he must have snagged on something that could hold a life-jacketed man under water. His body turned up four days later.

**Serious Injuries**

As whitewater paddling gets more intense, serious injuries become more common. On April 17th an unidentified 35-year-old kayaker ran too far left on The Boof Line at Bear Creek Falls on North Carolina’s Cheoah River. He hit shallow rocks and suffered a serious back injury. Other paddlers helped him up the steep bank and took him to the hospital, where x-rays showed several fractured vertebrae.

In Oregon, a rafter had a rough swim on the Class V Takelma section of the North Fork of the Rogue River. The man, identified only as Jake, made the run on May 15th. His raft flipped violently, and he held on as it washed through another big drop. Jake was in pain and very weak when he got ashore. He said he’d hit a rock hard when the raft flipped. A nurse by profession, he diagnosed himself with internal bleeding. The riverbank here is very steep, and the group needed ropes to get him out. He was taken to a hospital where he was found to have a ruptured spleen.

The “Devils Postpile” section of California’s Middle Fork of the San Joaquin is one of the state’s most remote and demanding multi-day runs. On June 9th a five-man kayak team was negotiating Balloon Dome Gorge when one of their group pinned vertically in a huge drop. Fighting his way out, the man dislocated both knees and broke both his legs. The group activated a SPOT satellite messenger to summon help. Ninety minutes later a helicopter arrived and transported the injured paddler to badly needed medical care. Although this proved the usefulness of the SPOT device on remote, isolated runs, remember that California has the best helicopter support for first responders in the country. Wait times will be much longer elsewhere.

Whitewater great Tom McEwan suffered a serious head injury on June 20th on the “Fishladder Section” of Great Falls, a series of steep slides on the Maryland side of the Potomac River. Mr. McEwan, 68, was leading a group of young paddlers down the fifth slide when he flipped and hit his head very hard. His helmet was pushed back on his head and the worst impact was several inches above his right eye. He was barely conscious and was floating low in the water due to worn-out flotation in an old PFD when he washed into the main channel of the Potomac River. Gil Rocha, who was paddling nearby, grabbed him and kept his head above water as they washed through Rocky Island and Wet Bottom rapids. Then he and another boater wrestled Mr. McEwan ashore and summoned help. After a short hospitalization he’s back home and healing slowly. A full-face helmet might have prevented this injury, and should be considered by paddlers running extreme whitewater.

**Potomac Happenings**

Mather Gorge on the Potomac River supports a thriving D.C.-based paddling community. The river gets busy and unusual problems arise. On January 21st a kayaker got entangled in a standup boater’s tether while surfing at Rocky Island. The line wrapped around his neck, capsizing him and forcing him to swim. This clearly illustrates the risk of using tethers in crowds.

On June 13th the river was unusually high: 35,000 cfs. A visitor at the Great Falls Observation Deck saw a kayaker swimming in the gorge below and dialed 911. Later a red kayak and paddle were found downstream. This triggered a full-scale search, complete with helicopters and patrol boats. But the kayaker had simply swum to ashore and gone home. He found out about the search a day later and contacted authorities. So remember: calling a missing boat in to rangers in heavily used parks is often the right thing to do.

**Outside Assistance needed**

With the advent of cell phones it’s become more common for paddlers in remote locations to call for help rather than endure the uncomfortable situations they find themselves in. A recent example: on January 12th the rescue squad in Morgan County, TN received a call from a man who was kayaking the Obed River above Nemo Bridge with a friend. The two became separated and the man was lost and cold. After using triangulation from cell towers to locate the caller, Wild and Scenic river rangers paddled across the river from Canoe Hole and found him. A helicopter from the Tennessee Highway Patrol spotted the second paddler. The rangers got them both out by midnight; they were mildly hypothermic but otherwise OK.
Clearly, if you attempt a river you need to launch with plenty of daylight and stay together as a group. Overnight “epics” were not unheard of in the pre-cell era and paddlers prepared for them by carrying a few basic items. Calling emergency responders should be last resort, and excessive use of rescue services may lead to restrictions on our sport.

There was a similar incident on April 13th when four rafters and a kayaker got “stranded” in West Virginia’s Cheat River Canyon. It was getting dark just below Coliseum Rapid and they couldn’t continue. They built a fire and one of the boaters climbed high enough to get a cell signal and dialed 911. Masontown Fire Company got the call at 8:10 PM. It was too late to go into the Canyon, so the group was forced to spend the night. The next morning firefighters roped down the canyon from the Masontown side, which is very steep, found the stranded group, and led them back to civilization. One person in the group was treated for an injured wrist, another for mild hypothermia. I’m not sure why a group composed entirely of EMTs and paramedics would call for outside help while they were still able to move about easily. I suspect they didn’t know the area and had no idea how to hike out.

### Outstanding Rescues

Every year many outstanding rescues are made by trained whitewater paddlers. Although AW only hears about a few of them, they always teach us a lot. On January 14th Brian Ginsburg was making a low water (300 cfs) run of California’s North Fork of the Feather River. He tried a new line, boofing over a thinly covered rock, but there wasn’t enough water and he was pushed back upstream into a sieve. He settled in a bow-first pin position with water up to his chin. Fortunately, his three companions were on the ball. One threw a rope that Mr. Ginsburg attached to his boat. A second used that rope to get out to him while a third jumped out of his kayak onto a nearby rock. Together they pulled his kayak out of the sieve.

In a second close call, an ACA instructor rescued a man caught in a foot entrapment. The instructor, who goes on Facebook as Dom Geo, was leading a group of guide trainees on South Carolina’s Saluda River on a sunny but rather cool day. They were practicing river skills when they saw a tandem canoe flip in a Class II rapid. Neither canoeist was wearing a PFD. Both canoeists stood up as they floated downstream. One got ashore quickly, but the other caught his foot and he was pulled underwater. The instructor threw himself into the water, struggled for footing, and pulled the trapped canoeist upright. It turned out that the man’s foot was caught in a rope attached to an anchor carried in the swamped canoe. The anchor probably fell out of the boat and got caught in rocks. The instructor used a knife to cut the line and release his foot. This is only the second successful rescue of a heads-down foot entrapment that I’m aware of. A full account of this rescue and a video link can be found online in the AW Safety Datatabase.

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Jamie McEwan, a whitewater canoe racer whose skill inspired a generation of paddlers, lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, June 14th. He was 61.

He learned to paddle at Valley Mill Camp, a day camp in the Washington, D.C. area founded by his parents. Although he called himself an “accidental Olympian,” he possessed exceptional athletic ability and work ethic. In 1971 he took a year off to train for the Olympics, spending the winter camping out and paddling with Tom Johnson in Kernville, CA. In 1972 Jamie, then 19, won the bronze medal in C-1 Slalom at the Olympic games in Munich, Germany. His performance shocked the Europeans, who benefited from better training opportunities, access to good coaches, and strong support from their National Slalom Organizations. Jamie’s medal in C-1 at Augsburg during the Munich Olympics inspired a generation of young American paddlers to get out and train hard. Before the end of the decade they would dominate the sport.

In the years that followed, Jamie went to Yale University where he majored in literature and was captain of the wrestling team. He met and married Sandra Boynton, the noted author and cartoonist, and together they raised four children. A skilled writer himself, he published articles in the paddlesport press and authored several children’s books such as “The Heart of Cool” and “Willy the Scrub.” His writing was never superficial, and always showed a deep understanding of human nature.

As the years went by he remained active in whitewater paddling and slalom racing. He instructed and coached many paddlers at Valley Mill Camp and later on the Housatonic River near his home in Connecticut. His outstanding skills and competitive nature, combined with good sportsmanship and self-effacing modesty, set a strong example for others. As racing became more and more specialized he stayed true to his river running roots, participating in serious river expeditions to Mexico, British Columbia, Bhutan, and Tibet. Almost 20 years after Munich he
returned to serious slalom racing. Paddling C-2 with his partner, Lecky Haller, he won a silver medal in C-2 slalom at the 1987 World Championships in Bourg St.-Maurice, France, an overall C-2 World Cup title in 1988, and a fourth-place finish at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. His long career continued when, in 2001, he made the U.S. Whitewater Team, paddling C-2 with his son Devin. In recent years he worked to promote the sport, creating, among other things, the Whitewater Slalom Foundation, which supports a network of regional junior whitewater teams.

Jamie McEwan was a magnificent Olympic whitewater athlete, an intrepid explorer, a gifted writer, and a wonderful father, husband and friend to many. He will be badly missed by all who knew him.

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The Affiliate Club Program lies at the very heart of American Whitewater’s existence. American Whitewater’s original purpose since 1954 has been to distribute information among its Affiliate Clubs. Our relationships with local clubs have provided the backbone for the river conservation and access work we accomplish. We have over 100 current AW Club Affiliates and they are all doing great work on your behalf. If you don’t belong to a club, consider joining one.

Our Affiliate Club Spotlight this issue is on the Huntsville Canoe Club an outstanding Affiliate Club and longtime supporter of our mission to conserve and restore America’s whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely.

The Huntsville Canoe Club (HCC) located in Huntsville, Alabama was formed in 1980 to further the enjoyment of canoeing, to promote organized activities for its members, to educate the club members generally regarding canoeing, and to promote safety in canoeing and water sports in general. The club membership consists of persons who paddle all forms of water craft, including canoes, kayaks, rafts, and other similar craft. The club sponsors paddling opportunities for people of all skills, ranging from lakes to Class IV whitewater. Favorite paddling sites include Southeast rivers, such as the Mulberry Fork, Locust Fork, Flint River, Sipsey Fork, Town Creek, and a variety of creeks in north Alabama; the Hiwassee, Tellico, and Ocoee in Tennessee; the Chattooga in north Georgia; and the Nantahala and French Broad in North Carolina.

HCC meets monthly, giving members and guests an opportunity to talk about planned activities, to socialize, to get tips on paddling sports, to share river stories and experiences, and to enjoy the company of others with similar interests. Each meeting also includes a program, usually focusing on paddling or environmental topics. If you have an interest in being on the water, they would like to see you at their next meeting. Even if you just have an interest in seeing that your local waters remain available (and clean enough) for everyone to enjoy, they would like to see you.

Annual dues for the Huntsville Canoe Club are an affordable $20, check the Club’s website http://www.huntsvillecanoeclub.org/index.htm for additional information on membership and scheduled meeting locations.

A big thank you to the Huntsville Canoe Club for their continued support of American Whitewater and our mission to conserve and restore America’s whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely!

The AW Journal Club Affiliates by state:

**Alaska**
Fairbanks Paddlers, Fairbanks

**Arizona**
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Assn, Outdoors Unlimited, Flagstaff

**Arkansas**
Arkansas Canoe Club, Little Rock

**California**
California Floaters Society, Cameron Park Chico Paddleheads, Chico Gold Country Paddlers, Lotus Nor Cal River Runners, Chico RTS Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, Durate Sierra Club Loma Prieta Paddlers, San Jose

**Colorado**
Colorado Whitewater Assn, Denver Friends of the Arkansas River, Canon City Friends of the Yampa, Steamboat Springs Pikes Peak Whitewater Club, Colorado Springs San Miguel Whitewater Asso, Telluride Western Association to Enjoy Rivers, Grand Junction

**Delaware**
AMC Delaware Valley Chapter, Oaks Wilmington Trail Club, Newark

**Georgia**
Georgia Canoeing Asso, Atlanta Paddlers 4 Christ, Ellijay

**Idaho**
Backwoods Mountain Sports, Ketchum Idaho Whitewater Association, Boise

**Illinois**
Chicago Whitewater Assn, Chicago

**Iowa**
Iowa Whitewater Coalition, W. Des Moines

**Kentucky**
Bardstown Boaters, Bardstown, Bluegrass Wildwater Asso, Lexington Elkhorn Paddlers, Lexington Viking Canoe Club, Louisville

**Maine**
Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society, Troy

**Maryland**
Blue Ridge Voyageurs, Silver Spring

**Massachusetts**
Zoar Outdoor, Charlemont

**Minnesota**
SCSU Outdoor Endeavors, Saint Cloud

**Missouri**
Missouri Whitewater Assn, St Louis Ozark Mountain Paddlers, Springfield Ozark Wilderness Waterways, Kansas City

**Montana**
Beartooth Paddlers Society, Billings Butte-Anaconda River Runners, Butte

**Nevada**
Sierra Nevada Whitewater Club, Reno

**New Hampshire**
AMC New Hampshire Paddlers, Raymond Merrimack Valley Paddlers, Nashua

**New Jersey**
AMC Delaware Valley Chapter, Oaks KCCNY, Flanders

**New Mexico**
Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico, Albuquerque

**New York**
ADK Schenectady, Schenectady
AMC NY/NJ Chapter, New York Colgate University, Hamilton FLOW Paddlers’ Club, Rochester Hamilton College, Clinton Housatonic Area Canoe & Kayak Sq., Osning KCCNY, Flanders Zoar Valley Paddling Club, Buffalo

**North Carolina**
Base Camp Cullowhee, Cullowhee Carolina Canoe Club, Raleigh Davidson Outdoors, Davidson Landmark Learning, Cullowhee Mecklenburg Regional Paddlers, Charlotte Triad River Runners, Winston-Salem Western Carolina Paddlers, Asheville
**Ohio**
Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, Columbus
Keelhauler Canoe Club, Cleveland
Toledo River Gang, Toledo

**Oregon**
Eugene Kayaker, Eugene
Lower Columbia Canoe Club, Portland
Northwest Rafters Association, Roseburg
Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club, Portland
Oregon Whitewater Association, Beaverton
PNW Kayakers.com, Portland
Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club, Corvallis

**Pennsylvania**
AMC Delaware Valley Chapter, Oaks
Bradford County Canoe and Kayak Club, Sayre
Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg, Harrisburg
Conewago Canoe Club, York
Holtwood Hooligans, Paradise
Philadelphia Canoe Club, Philadelphia

**S. Carolina**
Foothills Paddling Club, Greenville
Palmetto Paddlers, Columbia

**Tennessee**
Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts, Limestone
Chota Canoe Club, Knoxville
East Tennessee Whitewater Club, Oak Ridge
Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club, Kingsport
Tennessee Valley Canoe Club, Chattanooga

**Utah**
High Jim and the A.S.K., Salt Lake City
Utah Whitewater Club, Salt Lake City

**Vermont**
Vermont Paddlers Club, Montpelier

**Virginia**
Coastal Canoeists Inc, Richmond
Creek Freak Paddlers, Rocky Mount
Float Fishermen of Virginia, Roanoke
Hollins Outdoor Program, Roanoke

**Washington**
BEWET- Boeing Employees Whitewater & Touring Club, Bellevue
EPIC Adventures, Cheney
Paddle Trails Canoe Club, Seattle
Spokane Canoe & Kayak Club, Spokane
University Kayak Club, Seattle
Washington Kayak Club, Seattle
Washington Recreational River Runners, Renton

**West Virginia**
Dbl ZZ! Whitewater Club, Fayetteville
Mason Dixon Canoe Cruisers, Berkeley Springs
WVU Whitewater Club, Morgantown

**Wisconsin**
Hoofers Outing Club, Madison
North East Wisconsin Paddlers, Inc., Neenah
Sierra Club/John Muir Chapter, Madison

**Wyoming**
American Packrafting Association, Wilson

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**DISCOUNTED AW MEMBERSHIP FOR AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERS**

By Carla Miner, Membership Manager

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A list of AW Affiliate Clubs can be found on our website at http://americanwhitewater.org/content/Membership/join-AW/. If you do not see your Club listed here please encourage them to renew their Club membership or to join AW as a new Affiliate Club. Your Club’s membership and your personal membership enable our staff to be active and engaged in the process of river stewardship. When you join or renew your membership your support is helping to meet the many challenges whitewater rivers face. If you have any questions about the Affiliate Club membership, please contact me. I can be reached at 866_BOAT-4AW or membership@americanwhitewater.org.

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7. Recognize your club in the list of Affiliate Clubs noted in each bi-monthly AW Journal.

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9. Gain Club satisfaction from lending support to AW’s stewardship efforts.

10. Improve your club members river karma.

For more information, contact Carla Miner at membership@americanwhitewater.org or sign-up online at www.americanwhitewater.org/membership.

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Thompson Rivers Univ Adventure Studies, Kamloops

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Kawartha Whitewater Paddlers, The Kawarthas
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