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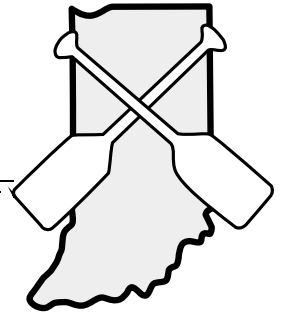
Names, phone numbers and other contact information were removed from this sample newsletter from October 2000.

The newsletters, issued each month, provide trip report information for upcoming trips as well as post-trip reports.

The *NEWSLETTER*

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Fall General Meeting November 4 (Sat)

The Fall General Meeting of the Hoosier Canoe Club will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2000, from 5:00 - 10:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Carefree Estates Clubhouse located on the south side of County Line Road approximately 1/2 mile west of SR 135 on the Indy southside.

Events for this meeting will include the general business meeting (hopefully short), elections (even shorter), and a slide presentation by sea kayak instructor Michael Valliant on his summer trip to Isle Royale in northwestern Lake Superior. Not only will Michael be talking about the trip, but the planning and preparations.

As always, you are encouraged to clean out your gear closet and bring those unused items for a swap meet.

Meats and drinks will be provided and attendees are asked to bring their finest pitch-in fare. I look forward to seeing you all and a record turnout.

Reggie Baker, Skipper

Canoe de vous White River South October 28-29 (Sat-Sun)

Meet at Hardee's south of State Road 67 on State Road 39 on the northwest edge of Martinsville at 9:30 AM Saturday, October 28. Plan for camping overnight on the river, then paddle on to Gosport on Sunday. We should be off the river between one and two o'clock. There will be a large campfire on one of the sand bars on the river Saturday night. We will be hoping for warm weather for this late fall trip. Please RSVP.

East Fork of White River October 7-8 (Sat-Sun)

We will be running trips on the East Fork of White River October 7 and 8. Our intention is to paddle the section from Shoals to Hindostan Falls on Saturday and paddle a shorter section from Bedford to the Williams Dam on Sunday.

We will meet for the Saturday paddle at the Williams Dam at 8:30AM. Sunday's trip will meet at the IN37 access south of Bedford at 9:30AM.

There are campsites at the Williams Dam for those who want to come down on Friday night and/or stay over Saturday night. Williams is located about 12 miles west of Bedford on IN450. The drive time from Indy is about 2 hours. Please RSVP.



Michigan Rivers Pine & Manistee October 6-9 (Fri-Mon)

See the September newsletter for full details. Early October is a great time for paddling in Michigan. The Fall leaves are at peak color and the mosquitoes, flies and crowds are gone. The rivers take on a near wilderness quality & spotting wildlife is common. RSVP by 10/4/00.



Ocoee Fall Colors November 4-5 (Sat-Sun)

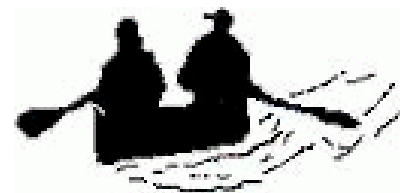
Is this kayaker headed for trouble? Maybe, he is on the hero's route in between holes at Double Suck on the Ocoee. Few get out of the hole he or she is headed for without a swim!



You can have the same chance for glory on the final whitewater trip of the HCC season, Ocoee Fall Colors, November 4th and 5th. Last year the weather was great, sunny with highs in the 70's. Don't expect a repeat. Pack to include all your cold weather gear.

I plan to camp near the Dam No.2 put-in. Motels are available within a 40 minute drive of the put-in.

If you are interested contact:



October & November Trip Schedule

Dates	Trip	Type	Sponsor	Phone
Oct 9 (Mon)	HCC Board Meeting	Business		
Nov 4 (Sat)	Fall Meeting and Elections	Business		
Sep 29-Oct 1 (Fri-Sun)	Pigeon/Fawn	Flat		
Oct 6-9 (Fri-Mon)	Michigan Rivers (Pine and Manistee)	Flat		
Oct 7-8 (Sat-Sun)	White River - south	Flat		
Oct 14-15 (Sat-Sun)		Flat		
Oct 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Raccoon Creek	Flat		
Oct 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Canoe de vous - White River South	Flat		
Oct 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Gauley Fall Colors (WV) Class IV, V	White		
Oct 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Russell Fork Fall Colors (KY) Class II, III	White		
Oct 28-29 (Sat-Sun)		White		
Nov 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Ocoee Fall Colors Class III, IV	White		

RSVPs are generally expected. All paddlesports entail risk. Your choosing to paddle on any of these trips is a sign of your acceptance of those risks. After all trips, the sponsor must mail legal release forms to HCC Yeoman.

Membership Information Changes Since Last Month

Name	Mailing Address	HPhone	WPhone	email

Raccoon Creek October 21-22 (Sat-Sun)

Come join the HCC for the Raccoon Creek big Fall canoe trip. You can expect great scenery, moving water that does not need expert skill levels (that means the whole family can come), food on hand from Mansfield's part of the Covered Bridge Festival, camping Friday and Saturday night at the Raccoon SRA if you so desire, and a wonderful chance to spend time with fellow HCC paddlers.

The put in directions are as follows: IN36 west from I465 to IN59 in Belmont, turn left. Travel South about 2.5 miles to a brown sign that says Hardin Lake Dam to the left. Take that turn and stay on the paved road until you reach the first bridge. Do not take the turn on the gravel road or the one to the Dam itself. The put-in is just before the bridge on the left. Arrive in time for the shuttle to begin at 9:24AM. The trip for the day is down to Bridgeton with a stop for lunch and any shopping you want to do in Mansfield. We'll be off the

river around 4PM on Saturday.

Sunday morning meet at the Shell station which is on the same path for those coming just that day. After you cross the lake in Parke County, when you come up the hill, the Raccoon SRA is on the left. Just past the entrance and across the street is the Shell station. Meet there at 8:45AM for a decision on the trip for the day.

There are two choices, group discussion. If there is enough interest, there may be two trips:

- (1) Repeat Day 1 where there is food, which many chose to do even if they went Saturday.
- (2) Take the lesser known and traveled path from Bridgeton to Rosedale. It is more primitive scenery and no lunch is available. Some paddlers prefer this to the repeat. The choices will be made and the shuttle set up.

For those who are camping one or two nights, we have again made arrangements to use the Youth Tent area for our group. It is a large area with a shelter and water at the pump. Facilities

are "just down the path a bit" for our convenience. Weather and conditions permitting there will be a campfire for all to enjoy. You may use it to cook on or use your own stove.

We have had everything from 80 degrees to light snow on this trip. Watch the weather and dress accordingly. It is October in Indiana after all.

Please remember we are given the privilege of camping in this area and are given the courtesy of being allowed to bring in our boats with the understanding that they are not going to be on the lake, but are there for the trip with the HCC. Be good HCC members and keep the good feelings mutual between the SRA folks and us.

Please RSVP by Thursday evening so we have an idea of how many to expect and let us know if you are camping one or both nights so we can give the gate folks an idea of numbers. If you decide late, come anyhow.

Trip Report Lake Monroe Sea Kayak August 19 (Sat)

Saturday, August 19, 2000, a beautiful morning in Indiana with low humidity, sunshine and the promise of a great day found me heading south again on the Ruel Steele Memorial Highway. This trip, organized by Bret Robinson, turned out to be one of the best of the year.

Jeff Sietsma, Jim Morphis, Harlan Higgins, and I met Bret at the DQ near the intersection of highways 144 and 37. Bret got us organized and sent us off toward the Pine Grove launch site on Monroe. Bret unfortunately couldn't paddle with us that day.

At the put-in we met Noel Hubbard who lives just a few minutes south of Lake Monroe. The five of us, all HCC members, unloaded and launched onto gorgeous water punctuated by thousands of blooming water lilies. Pine Grove is a lovely launch site with ample parking and few power boaters. The nearby water is a no wake zone bordered by a wild fowl resting area.

We paddled a little over six miles angling south and east nearly to the Crooked Creek boat ramp. Jeff Sietsma, GPS navigator, kept us apprised of distance, speed, and location. On the way we were treated to views of the ubiquitous Monroe County Turkey Vultures. They were ravaging a camp site that had previously been ravaged by

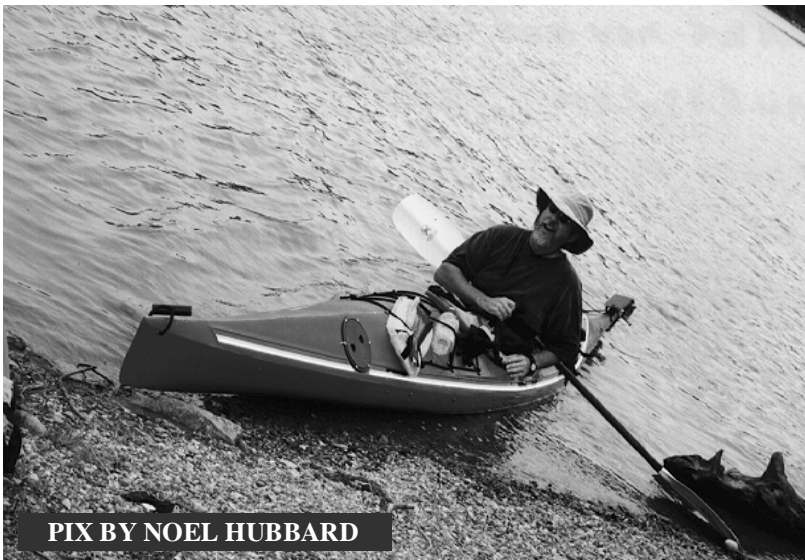
(sub?) human campers. The place was strewn with tomatoes and green peppers, but the crowning insult to a nice camping environment was the carcass of a large catfish (12 lbs?). The buzzards were definitely in their glory with this choice morsel. We saw several herons, canoeists and kayakers before lunch, and also chatted with a couple searching for artifacts along the lake shore.

After lunch on a sunny shore of The Deam, we headed back toward Pine Grove. On the way, official expedition photographer Noel Hubbard took several action shots immortalizing our adventure. Included in his choice of subjects was a preening grebe drying its feathers in the bright sunshine.

Harlan Higgins, just returned from paddling his new Necky Kayak at Pictured Rocks on Lake Superior, was on his first HCC trip. Harlan, we hope to see you back for many more!

Jim Morphis and I had paddled together once before and this was a welcome opportunity to get reacquainted with Jim.

After 12 miles (verified by GPS), we made it back to Pine Grove around 4:00PM and Jeff Sietsma offered cool beverages to those that were interested. Thanks Jeff! A cool breeze and tired muscles accented the mellow late afternoon of another great day in Paradise.



PIX BY NOEL HUBBARD

HCC Apparel for Sale

The Hoosier Canoe Club now has hats, shirts, and other apparel for sale. Items are embroidered with the club name and a kayak or canoe pix.

River Caps.....	\$9.50
High Brim Caps.....	\$8.00
Polar Fleece.....	\$29.95
Golf Shirts.....	\$19.95

You may place a phone order with Shirley Gates or she will have apparel for sale at all major HCC events.

Space-The Final Frontier

Boat space is a problem at our house,
Shelves and closets are stuffed fulla
gear,
We built special racks for kayaks and
canoes,
But still one thing's perfectly clear -

We need to reduce our inventory,
Or build a boathouse for sure,
Otherwise my car has to stay on the
street,
More space is the definite cure.

Well, it's hard to say "this 'n that has to
go",
Cause we love all our boats equally,
So I guess we'll begin construction,
To store these prized jewels - naturally!

Have you noticed this problem is
common,
Among most of the paddlers you know,
If their garage isn't packed to the ceiling
with boats,
Then they stack 'em along the fence
row.

Creative paddlers will hand them -
On pulleys, which work very well,
I've even seen boats used as magazine
racks,
Boat furniture looks really swell.

Our next house will have a 4-car garage,
Or maybe we'll play that by ear,
It's just that we're running out of room,
More boat space is the *Final Frontier*!!

Ishurdo Spaceoutalot
Reprinted from May 1993

Classifieds

Wanted: Used sit-on-top kayak.
Call

For Sale: Orca touring kayak with Bending Branches paddle, \$1000; RPM kayak, \$425; Dagger Crossfire kayak, \$300; women's large Kotatat Gore-Tex drytop like new, \$200 (originally \$300). If interested call

Board Meeting Hosts

Oct
Nov
Dec

Wanted: Newsletter Editor

Are you interested in writing, page layout, gathering information and being "in-the-know" on the latest HCC happenings? At the beginning of next year (January issue, mailed in December) the newsletter editor position is open to an interested club member.

A computer, some desktop publishing familiarity, attention to detail, sufficient time and a high interest level are basic requirements.

For more information on the position call this year's Newsletter Editor.

Gauley Fall Colors October 14-15 (Sat-Sun)

This is the last weekend of the fall release on the Gauley. The crowds will be down, the release water warm and the foliage magnificent.

Where we paddle will depend on the warmth of the weather and the desire of the group. If it's nice a few of us may paddle the Upper, Middle AND Lower on Saturday, a long paddle (25 miles!) but doable in about six hours. The less experienced Gauley boaters can join in for the Middle and Lower.

The Middle has some excellent rapids and is a great warm-up for the Lower - assuming you don't get mugged by the sneaky ledge in Wood's Ferry rapid. Ask Mark Bickle or Mike Alsin about this...;-)

Sunday will likely be a run down the Lower starting at Koontz Flume. Camping will either be at Battle Run campground near the dam or more likely at the take-out field at Swiss. Camping at Swiss is cheap and primitive, with port-a-potties and no running water, but we save an hour of shuttle time the next day and it's quiet. Quiet, er, except for the coal trains...

Call me a week or so before the trip to let me know you are interested so we can finalize plans. I could also be talked into running the Upper Yough

Russell Fork Fall Colors Easy Section Class II, III October 21-22 (Sat-Sun)

A beautiful, interesting section of river will await us. Plan to camp at Breaks State Park both Friday and Saturday night. If you check a map and find Pikeville, KY on the Southeast side of the state, you will see this park on HWY80 just inside Virginia.

Plan to run the same section that Mary Anne & Dave have sponsored for the last two years. Sunday, we will decide if we run the same section as Saturday again by group consensus. Please RSVP.

P.S. - Is anyone interested in a WI whitewater for October 14-15, may run with Prairie State on this trip. Interested? Did this WI trip last year - 38 degrees and snowing Saturday, next day 65 and sunny, so who knows?

on Friday if there is interest. The UY is a great fall paddle, but you must call me ASAP if you want to do this.

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