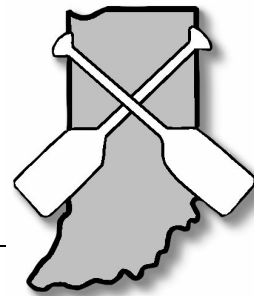


# The Hoosier Paddler



Volume 42, Issue 1 <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/newslet> January 2004

## Hoosier Canoe Club Trip Scheduling Meeting January 24, 2004

Saturday, January 24, 2004 will be the HCC annual Trip Scheduling meeting for all members and officers. It will be held at the home of Lori Gates in Brownsburg, Ind.

Business Meeting starts at  
3:00 pm

A short business session will be followed by the scheduling meeting at around 4 pm. Please bring some snacks and drinks to share. Following the meeting, we will adjourn to a nearby restaurant for dinner.

Directions to Lori's home: From I-74, west of Indianapolis, take the St. Rd 267 North to 800N. Turn left (west) on 800N to entrance for the Whitelick Creek Estates on the right. Turn right (north) onto Whitelick which veers to the right and then back left. Turn right on to Christopher which becomes Finchum Drive. Take Finchum back to cul-de-sac. The house is on the corner lot on the right-8421 Finchum Dr.

Please RSVP to Lori-317-852-5383.

## Ice Falls Trip February 28, 2004

Dwon Miller will be leading the annual Ice Falls trip down Sugar Creek will be held on February 28, 2004. Please contact Dwon for details and put-in directions.

This will be a non-sanctioned club event—you do not have to be a member of the ACA to participate and there is no charge for participation. You will need to sign the HCC waiver form, as usual.

Dwon: 765-288-1404

## Notes From The Skipper

Here it is, the middle of January and the paddling is just beginning for the year! The Ice Falls trip will be coming up and the Meeting to try to set up a basic schedule for 2004 is next week! We will also schedule our Winter Meeting so we can hand out all of our coveted awards. Keep an eye on the newsletter and join us on the river!!

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Dwon Miller*

## Missinaibi Trip Report Follow up:

We were treated to an excellent slide show and talk by Jose Joven and Worth Donaldson after our business meeting in November. There were several questions following the presentation so Worth has provided more information to answer your questions.

Emergencies can and do happen in the wilderness. Depending on your travels, help may be close at hand or far, far away. Everything undertaken in the wilderness should be done with safety on the forefront. You need to constantly ask yourself the question, "What are the consequences of my actions".

Wilderness trip planning includes knowing the medical limitations of each member; packing medical and rescue supplies, identifying evacuation points along the route and where help can be sought.

*Continued on page 2*

*(Missinaibi Trip Report: continued)*

At a minimum, everyone needs to bring a whistle and signal mirror. And work out signals with your group so that everyone knows what the signals mean. Knowing the limitations of the following equipment may aid in choosing the best communication device for your needs.

Cell phone coverage has been moving from densely populated urban areas to suburban areas, and into rural areas as demand dictates. In order to work, a cell phone must be within the range of cell tower. Analog coverage extends across NEARLY all of the US. Digital coverage is spotty and is available in select areas. Thus, cell phones cannot be relied upon in remote and/or rugged areas. Cell phones work only in the peripheries of the Boundary Waters. A signal cannot be obtained in the far north of Canada.

New to the market is the Personal Locator Beacon, referred to as a "PLB". It is a handheld, pocket-sized, battery-powered emergency distress transmitter. A PLB is similar to the EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) for boaters and the ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) for planes. PLB's weigh about a pound and rent for \$50/week or can be purchased for less than \$500.

PLB's are manually activated. When the PLB is activated two digital distress signals on the 406-megahertz frequency are sent. The NOAA Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES) and Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellites (POES) detect the signals. GOES detects the signal that contains registration information about the beacon's owner and POES locates the source of the beacon to within a few miles.

Because PLB's are registered, authorities can contact a relative or other spokesman to obtain the owner's itinerary and other important information. At the same time, subsequent POES satellite passes will better pinpoint the beacon's location to within a 20-mile radius.

Better yet, a satellite phone will provide instant contact with authorities allowing one to describe the nature of your emergency and exact location if using a GPS. Nowadays, the cost and user fees on satellite phones are becoming more affordable. Satellite phones can be rented for \$35/month with a \$50 activation fee and \$1.39/minute usage charge.

The decision to request rescue should not be taken lightly. If you are physically OK, you should tough it out until you know that you will be in a threatening situation soon with not enough time for rescue. Bad weather on the horizon makes the decision even more difficult. You may be responsible for paying the cost of rescue. An air ambulance can easily cost \$6,000 plus \$50/mile plus equipment expenses in the U.S. One far northern Canadian PLB SAR response exceeded \$100,000. For emergencies is not to deliberately put your self in harm's way.

The best defense for emergencies is not to deliberately put your self in harm's way. Question your actions. Be prepared by bringing appropriate clothing, equipment and plan for contingencies. Stay fit and practice your paddling/camping skills. A good offense is your best defense.

*Worth Donaldson*



**Reggie! Reggie!  
Reggie Baker!!**

No offense Reggie, but are you tired of the same old pictures? Send me your pictures—small jpg format— and I will put them in the newsletter. And, with permission, we will put them on the website. *Dwayne*

### **Pool Session Schedule**

The whitewater Kayakers have once again scheduled the pool for practice and training sessions. Jordon Ross will be posting a schedule in the February newsletter. Prior to that time, he will also post the schedule and directions to the pool on the Hoosier Canoe Club bulletin board at:

<http://www.defydigital.com/~makrez/vbb/upload/index.php?s>

All Pool Practice and Training sessions are Hoosier Canoe Club sanctioned events.

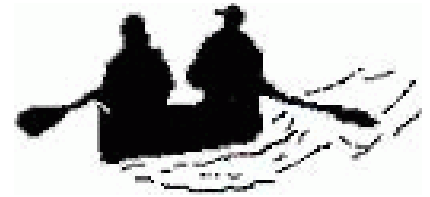
Please contact Jordon Ross if you wish to participate or have questions.

Jordon Ross  
jross@iquest.net  
317-293-3949

## **Trip Report: New Year's Day Float**

The annual New Year's Day float was held at Waverly. Temps were in the low 40's, the water was not too high and we did not find out if it was too cold. Fletcher Graham and friend joined me for a nice hour and 45 minute float down to Henderson Ford Bridge.

The water was flowing well and we encountered no debris or obstacles along the way. Ran into two fellas fishing from their kayaks down near the take-out. Many of the sand and gravel bars looked like they had been raked like a golf course sand trap due to the recent flooding. *Dwayne James*



### **Sanctioned Events**

A Hoosier Canoe Club sanctioned event requires each and every participant to be an ACA/HCC member. You must present your ACA membership card to the trip leader and sign a waiver. If you are not an ACA member, you may participate in two sanctioned events per year by paying a \$5 fee per event and signing a waiver form.

Not all Hoosier Canoe Club trips are sanctioned events. You may participate in these by simply signing the trip waiver.

A sanctioned event means that the Hoosier Canoe Club will be covered in the event something happens to a participant. The American Canoe Club will provide such coverage to all ACA members and Paddle America Clubs, which the Hoosier Canoe Club is and will continue to be as long as the majority of members who participate in sanctioned events are both ACA and HCC members.

Since most of us will continue to have questions about this, we will post further information on this in the February 2004 newsletter.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Dwayne James is editing the HCC newsletters. Articles for the February 2004 newsletter will need to be sent to him by February 15th.

Dwayne's E-mail address is:  
dwaynesjames@earthlink.net  
Please mark your mailings as  
HCCNEWSLETTER ITEM.

Dwayne can be reached at 317-834-3649 or at 317-233-2886.

## Electronic Newsletter!!

The HCC Newsletter is available to members via the internet. Please help save our valuable club and natural resources! All you have to do is notify our membership chairman, Dave Ellis, (his contact information is on the back of the newsletter) that you are willing to not receive a mailed, paper copy of the HCC Newsletter and Dave will give you the HCC password to view the newsletter via the internet. Then you go to the HCC web site at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/newslet](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/newslet) and view the posted monthly newsletter. You don't even have to own a computer since the site is available for viewing from any computer capable of internet hookup. It's fast, easy and saves money and time. Currently, we are mailing out approximately 270 paper copies of the HCC Newsletter. Please do your part and help reduce that number!!

## ITEMS FOR SALE!

**2 Kayaks:** A Dagger Blast with nylon spray skirt for \$525 and

A Dagger RPM with air bags, road cover, Snapdragon spray skirt, paddle, PFD and a Helmet for \$600.

Contact Terry Haughton at:  
765-482-3654

Also check out the gear swap section of the bulletin board at

<http://www.defydigital.com/~makrez/vbb/upload/index.php?s>

**Be a Trip Sponsor!!!**

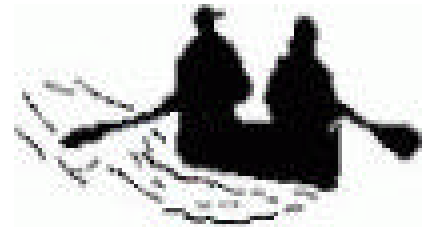
## HCC Logo Items

The Hoosier Canoe Club has hats, shirts, and other logo items available. Clothing items are embroidered with the club name and a choice of kayak or canoe logo.

River Caps .....\$9.50  
High Brim Caps.....\$8.00  
Polar Fleece .....\$29.95  
Golf Shirts .....\$19.95  
Bumper Stickers .....\$1.00

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

-Shirley Gates-  
317-852-9809



## The Hoosier Paddler



Dwayne James, Editor  
247 N. Monroe  
Mooresville, IN 46158

Send change of address to:  
Dave Ellis, Membership  
7650 Poplar Road.  
Brownsburg, IN 46112