

# *The Hoosier Paddler*

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## **WINTER GENERAL MEETING**

**February 17th, 2007**

Come on out for an HCC Double Header. First there will be a meeting of the general membership from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Brewster Clubhouse, 1635 Brewster Road. Brewster Road is between 96<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets off of Ditch Road. Turn west (the only way you can turn) on Brewster and go about ¼ miles to the clubhouse on the left. The second event in this double header will be a new kayak demo and Pro-Boater interactive session at the Thatcher Park Pool from 5:00 – 7:00. See the article with the specifics of the demo session on page 6.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring a snack dish of salads, veggies, chips/dips or desserts.

### **Agenda**

- Gear swap (clean out the garage, basement, mini-barn to make room for more new stuff.)
- Kayaking in Mexico presentation by Dr. Jordan Ross
- Paddling year in review presentation by Reggie Baker
- Business meeting (hopefully short)

### **Awards\***

\*If you know of someone worthy of an award either for service or something silly, bring it on. Contact Shirley to make nominations for awards: best newsletter article, best trip report, first swimmer, most improved paddler, most swims on a trip, etc. Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

**WARNING:** I will be looking for some volunteers to fill some vacant committee chair positions. We still have vacancies for PUBLICITY and CONSERVATION. These are vital positions that go to the heart of being a successful club.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you have any questions give me a call at 317 308-3332.

Reggie Baker  
HCC Skipper

**TRIPS Planning Meeting February 3rd, 2007 See details Page 7!!!**

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*The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club*

# ICE FALLS TRIP

**March 3rd, 2007**

Get your "early in the year paddle" fix going with the annual (open water permitting) ice falls trip on Sugar Creek. This year, the date is Saturday, March 3rd, 2007. This trip is very weather dependent for open water and for appropriate dress. We have taken this trip in sweatshirts and taken it in snowsuits and needed paddles to shovel the snow from the cars at the take out. That is not a deterrent, but an unexpected thrill. Plan to meet at Burger King, west of I-465 on US 36 about a mile on the north side. We will depart there at 9:02 am. Come early and eat breakfast. Arrival at the put-in should be about 10:30am if you would rather meet there. The put-in is at Deers Mill bridge at the east end of Shades State Park on IN 234. You pass the entrance to Shades before you get to the bridge. Shuttle should run about 11 am. The take-out is at Cox's Ford at the west edge of Turkey Run State Park. This is west of the park entrance and west of the campground for the park on IN 47. There is the "park made" brown sign with yellow lettering.

Please watch the weather as this trip may get cancelled due to frozen water or bad weather. Dress accordingly. If open, this is a fun trip with big ice cascades, rock formations, two covered bridges, Eagles, Robins, and Red-winged Blackbirds returning. Canada Geese and even Sand Hill Cranes have been seen along with deer and an occasional beaver swimming along.

Bring a lunch and drink for the trip as there is no other provision. There are sandbars for stopping and eating along the way. Some paddlers elect to eat together at the Turkey Run Inn or some other establishment before the trip home. Your choice! Bring a dry bag with extra clothes in case you go for a swim!

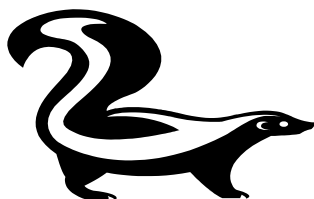
Please contact Dwon Miller by Friday evening, March 2nd, for confirmation of your attendance and the go ahead for the trip. Looking forward to this chance to get out before the "normal folks" start their spring activities.

Dwon Miller 765-288-1404 for any other information

## Annual Dues are Due!

### Membership Dues are Due Now! Send Money!!

2007 dues for HCC are now due. So, go NOW! Get your check book and mail a check for \$15 to Membership Chairman Dave Ellis - 7650 Poplar Road, Brownsburg, IN 46112. Those procrastinating past March 1, 2007 will (as stipulated by our By-Laws) be stricken from the rolls. By the Way, the second line of your newsletter address label shows the year you are paid through. Any one with "2006" showing need to send me money. Not clear? Contact Dave at 317-858-0963 or [RiverPaw@aol.com](mailto:RiverPaw@aol.com). Or, save yourself a stamp and enclose your \$15 check with my Valentine's Card or catch me at the pool some Wednesday. All are welcome at the pool. We can accommodate white water kayaks, open canoes, or 18 foot sea kayaks. You just have to remain a paid-up member.



**Don't Be a Skunk!  
Help Clean Up  
and smell like a Rose!**



# 2007 HCC Flat Water Trip Schedule

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Trip Planning Meeting</b>	<b>February 3, 2007</b>	<b>See Page 7 for Details</b>
<b>Ice Falls Trip</b> Sugar Creek	March 3, 2007	Dwon Miller 765-288-1404

And remember to check the bulletin for pick-up trips and other timely announcements. The link to the bulletin board is: <http://kayak.defydigital.com/>

## **CENTRAL INDIANA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**

**(CIBA)**

**ANNUAL SWAP MEET**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2007**

Search for valuable cycling, camping and other outdoor gear treasures at this long-standing annual CIBA event. If you are a CIBA member you can clean out the garage or minibarn of unused or unwanted cycling and outdoor gear and set up a table at this event for free. There is a nominal fee for non-CIBA sellers. The event is free for bargain hunters.

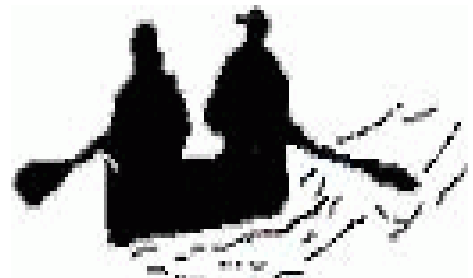
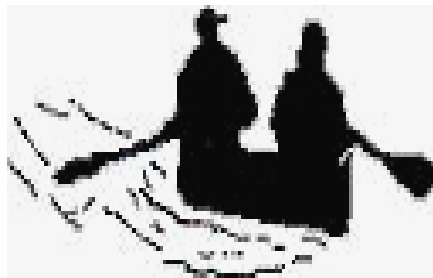
The swap meet will be from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Riverside Community Center, 2420 Riverside Dr. E. Take 16<sup>th</sup> St on the Indy west side to Riverside Dr. E. (just west of the old Bush Stadium). Head north to the Riverside Community Center.

Check out the CIBA web site: [www.cibaride.org](http://www.cibaride.org)

Just when you thought Reggie's Rejects was only paddling gear; NOT! See ya there.

Reggie Baker 888-3315

**Hey, It's  
Time to  
Paddle  
Again !!!**



# DNR Lake Permit Information

Beginning in January, 2006, there will no longer be daily or annual boat launch fees for lakes at state parks, reservoirs and forests. These launch fees will be replaced by a DNR Lake Permit, which will cost \$20 a year for each motorized watercraft lake permit and \$5 a year for each non-motorized watercraft lake permit. This information sheet answers many of the questions you may have about this new permit.

## 1. Who must have this permit?

All private watercraft using state park, reservoir or forestry lakes must have this permit. **This includes personal watercraft, motorboats, canoes, paddleboats, rowboats and all watercraft moored at marinas, private docks, group docks or bank ties.** State-owned watercraft and state managed boat rental concessions are exempt.

## 2. Which lakes actually require this permit?

This permit should be placed on any boat that will be on the water at Indiana state parks, state-managed reservoirs or state forests. This includes the main bodies of water and all fishing ponds/lakes at Patoka Lake, Brookville Lake, Hardy Lake, Monroe Lake, Salamonie Lake, Mississinewa Lake, Roush (Huntington) Lake, Cagles Mill (Lieber) Lake, Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon) Lake.

It also includes Worster Lake at Potato Creek State Park, Kunkel Lake at Ouabache State Park, Summit Lake at Summit Lake State Park, Versailles Lake at Versailles State Park, Ogle and Strahl Lakes at Brown County State Park, Lakes Shakamak, Lenape and Kickapoo at Shakamak State Park, all lakes at Chain O'Lakes State Park, Spring Mill Lake at Spring Mill State Park, Whitewater Lake at Whitewater State Park, Lake Lincoln and Weber Lake at Lincoln State Park.

It also includes all lakes at state forest properties, including Deam Lake SRA, Ferdinand State Forest, Starve Hollow SRA, Harrison-Crawford State Forest, Clark State Forest, Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Jackson-Washington State Forest, Martin State Forest, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Owen-Putnam State Forest, Pike State Forest and Yellowwood State Forest.

## 3. Are there lakes that do NOT require this permit?

There are a number of locations around the state with public access sites maintained by the Division of Fish and Wildlife where this permit is not needed. If you plan to boat only in these locations and not in any of the locations listed in #2 above, you do not need a lake permit. The permit is not required for boating on Indiana streams and rivers. Natural lakes such as Lake James, Lake Wawasee and Lake Michigan do not require this lake permit. Lakes located in state fish & wildlife areas that are operated by the Division of Fish and Wildlife do not require this permit. Lakes at National Forests and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges do not require this permit.

## 4. Where do I purchase this permit?

*It is best to purchase the permit in advance of your visit if possible to ensure that you are in compliance with the requirement.* This annual DNR lake permit will be available for purchase at state park, reservoir and forests at property offices and entrance gates when staffed. It is also available at the Customer Service Center in the Indiana Government Center and online through the e-store at <https://estore.dnr.state.in.us/>. At the beginning of the recreation season, attendants will be at some launching ramps to sell these permits, but not every ramp or every day. State forest property offices may not be open on weekends and on some weekdays.

## 5. How do I know which permit to purchase (motorized or non-motorized)?

Any private watercraft that will be moored or operating with a gasoline or electric motor on one of the lakes listed in #2 on the front page of this document must have a \$20 motorized permit. Canoes, rowboats and paddleboats that will never be used with an electric or gas motor on the lakes listed in #2 can have a \$5 non-motorized permit. If a canoe or rowboat will be used with a motor at some time during the year on one of the

listed lakes, a \$20 motorized permit should be purchased.

#### **6. Where do I put the permit on my boat?**

The back of the permit provides detailed instructions and an illustration. Place the permit on the left front side (port side) of the boat. Do not place the permit on the boat windshield.

#### **7. I already pay a lake and river enhancement (LARE) fee when I license my boat each year. Why do I have to buy a lake permit, too?**

The LARE fee and the lake permit are two entirely different programs. Funds from the lake permit are deposited in a dedicated account along with camping, entrance, swimming and program fees. That dedicated account supports the operations of state parks, reservoirs and forests and those funds are used only in those locations. These funds are used for staff, equipment, supplies and all of the services provided to site visitors.

Approximately two thirds of the operating dollars for state parks and reservoirs comes from these fees. The remaining one-third comes from tax dollars appropriated from the General Fund by the state legislature. Funds from the LARE program are administered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the program's purpose is to ensure the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes, streams, and reservoirs by controlling inflows of eroded soil and associated nutrients to lakes, streams, and reservoirs.

#### **8. Can I still buy a daily launching permit?**

No. The lake permit replaces both daily launching permits and the annual launch permit. You only need to buy a permit one time; not each time you visit one of the lakes on the list. You'll be able to launch and get on the water with no delays to pay attendants.

#### **9. Why is the DNR making this change from a launching permit to a lake permit?**

This new approach will significantly decrease staffing demands at boat ramps and increase the DNR's ability to enforce this permitting requirement.

#### **10. Will Indiana Conservation Officers be watching for this lake permit?**

Yes, they will. If an Indiana Conservation Officer stops your boat, they will be looking to see if your lake permit is properly mounted on the boat's left (port) front side. The Division of Law Enforcement has been an integral part of the planning for this new approach. They will be providing both education and enforcement as they patrol Indiana lakes in the coming months.

#### **For additional information, contact:**

Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs

402 W. Washington Room W298

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317-232-4124

### ***Please Read This Announcement and Get Your Permits***

I have a Kayak and two canoes, so if I want to be able to use all three on any of the listed waters, I will need to get three \$5 permits—one per boat. Not a bad price for having a nice put-in, restroom facilities, and clean water.

## **Newsletter Editor**

Dwayne James is editing the HCC newsletters. Articles for the newsletter will need to be sent to him by the 15th of each month to make it into the next month's newsletter. Dwayne's E-mail address is:

kanudreams@sbcglobal.net Please mark your mailings as HCCNEWSLETTER ITEM. Dwayne can be reached at 317-834-3649 or at 317-232-9043. Please do not format your text. No colors, no graphics, no fancy indenting or lines. Times New Roman is a great font to use—please.

**Event: 3rd Annual Boat Demo and Paddle with the Pros**

**Sponsors: Hoosier Canoe Club and Whitewater Warehouse**

**Date: Saturday, February 17, 2007**

**Time: 5 PM to 8 PM**

Where: Thatcher Recreation Center Pool, 4649 West Vermont St., Indianapolis (enter at rear of building)

Cost: Adults \$10 pool fee, kids and teens free

The demos the past two years have been really fun and well attended. Bernie Farley from Whitewater Warehouse in Dayton will be bringing his 2007 boats to try out in the pool. Bernie also carries recreation and sea kayaks and can bring a particular model to demo if requested. The pool is open for individual practice and clinics so bring your own boat as well.

We plan to have several nationally-known pro boaters on hand to give us paddling advice and maybe a technical clinic or two. The tips I learned from Jimmy Blakeney and Brian Kirk last winter helped my paddling all season long. Afterwards we'll all go out for Mexican eats, river stories and video.

Please call Bernie or Jeryl at Whitewater Warehouse if you have a question about a particular boat. I will post a notice on the HCC bulletin board before the event with updates and to get an idea of how many folks will be coming. Contacts:

Bernie and Jeryl

Whitewater Warehouse

wwwh@erinet.com

937-222-7020

Jordan Ross

jross@iquest.net (put "kayak" somewhere in the subject line) 317-460-7000

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## **HCC Communication Vehicles:**

### **We have four:**

1. The Hoosier Paddler. This is our traditional newsletter published on paper and snail-mailed to members who have not volunteered to receive it in electronic form. Each month, a PDF version is posted on our web site (Vehicle #2) on the members forum page. Dwayne James, [kanudreams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kanudreams@sbcglobal.net) or 317-834-3649 or 317-232-9043, is the Editor of the Hoosier Paddler and Shirley Gates is the publisher, and Dave Ellis, membership [riverpapaw@aol.com](mailto:riverpapaw@aol.com) or 317-858-0963, produces the mailing labels. All members are encouraged to be contributors; items of interest to the membership or items for sale will be welcomed. Vehicle #3 is used to E-mail notice of newsletter updated postings on Vehicle #2.

2. <http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/> This is our official web site maintained by Roger Kugler, [roger@hoosierworks.com](mailto:roger@hoosierworks.com) or 812-331-7901. In addition to the current and historic newsletters, our web site houses a recent membership list, long term schedule, membership form, pool session information, Constitution and By-Laws, and other items of a reasonably stable nature.

3. A yahoo users group. This group is maintained by Membership Chair, Dave Ellis, [riverpapaw@aol.com](mailto:riverpapaw@aol.com) or 317-858-0963, for the purpose of pushing information electronically to those members who have accepted the invitation. We try to limit the postings to one a week and Dave has to approve all postings. As indicated above, notice of newsletter updates are the current principle use for this vehicle. Send a posting ready item for this group to [HCC\\_Members-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HCC_Members-owner@yahoogroups.com). You can get to the historic postings for this group if you take out a yahoo mail ID and have Dave invite that ID as a valid member. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HCC\\_Members/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HCC_Members/) is the web address. Dave only invites HCC members to join this group. E-addresses for this group will be purged after March 1 of those who haven't paid their 2007 dues. And those who have paid and not accepted will be reinvited.

4. The Bulletin Board. <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/> A link appears on Vehicle #2. Anyone, member or not, can register and participate in this vehicle. Jordan Ross, [jross@iquest.net](mailto:jross@iquest.net) is the current administrator. There are individual forums for Whitewater, Flatwater, General Interest, Items For Sale, Trip Reports, and other areas you can explore.

Still feel out-of-the-loop? Come out to pool, or river trip, or general meeting, and interface with other real live paddling people.

## **Trips Planning Meeting**

**February 3rd, 2007**

## Book Review:

By Dave Ellis

If you "must go down to the sea again, by the lonely sea and the sky" asking only for a sunny day and a long boat and a few friends to share the adventure, I recommend reading Rachel Carson's "**The Edge of the Sea.**" I bought a copy at the Beaufort, NC museum while there with the Bakers and Max last November. Max has e-published photos and had an article in last months Paddler. Carson uses wonderful language to describe the various life forms living and interacting along the shore from Maine to Mobile. Warning: this book will stir your wanderlust



For a great time in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area without leaving home, join in the discussions and read the trip reports posted at Canoe Country.Com

<http://www.canoecountry.com/bulletinboard/>

**Please send a card or note to one of our own who is away from his family while serving our country: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Gates.**

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