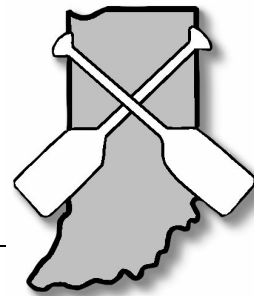


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Hoosier Canoe Club Winter Meeting And 2003 Awards Ceremony

March 7, 2004

The winter meeting for all Hoosier Canoe Club members will be held March 7, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the Countryside Community Church, Brownsburg, In. Bring snacks to share. Soft drinks will be provided. Clean out the unwanted paddling gear and bring it to swap or sell.

Directions to the Church: from Indianapolis----west on 86th street , across Lafayette Rd. and St. Rd. 267(86 becomes 1000N. after 267; continue west one mile to Church on the right. From the south: use I-465 to I-74 west , exit on the Brownsburg exit, turn left(north) for approximately 2.5 miles to 1000 N. turn left and follow to Church on the right.

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Ice Falls Trip February 28, 2004

This is the premier trip for February...it is the only trip in February if it goes! The ice falls trip on Sugar Creek is very weather dependant, so check with me Thursday or Friday evening for confirmation. Plan to meet at Burger King, west of 465 on US 36 about a mile. We will depart at 9:02am. If you want to eat breakfast with us, come earlier.

Arrival at the put-in should be about 10:30am. The put-in is at Deers Mill bridge at the east edge of Shades State Park on IN234. You pass the entrance to Shades before you get to the bridge. Car shuttle should run about 11am.

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 IN47.

Please watch the weather as this trip may get cancelled like last year because of frozen water. Dress accordingly. If open, this is a very

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Sand Creek Trip March 20, 2004

Sandcreek or Sandcrick. Come paddle a lively southern Indiana stream located in Decatur County. Weather and water will determine the section we paddle That day---the Canyon, Tunnel or the Brewersville to Scipio Sections are the sections to choose from. Meet to caravan at the Southern Plaza Shopping Center parking lot--south side of Indianapolis at 8:30 am. To get there use I-465 south, exit on St. Rd. 31, left turn to Southern Plaza.

Those wanting to meet near the Sandcrick---meet at Letts--a spot in the road. Take St. Rd. 46 west to St. Rd. 3 south to cross road called Letts. Be there to meet the Indy group at 09:45 to 10:00am.

This is a class I-II water, suitable for canoe or kayak. Dress for cold weather. Bring a lunch for on the crick. Please RSVP for last minute details, cancellations or changes.

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Ice Falls Trip (continued)

neat trip with big ice cascades, rock formations, two covered bridges, Eagles, Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds just returning.

Canada Geese and even Sand Hill Cranes have been seen along with deer and an occasional beaver swimming along.

Bring a lunch for the trip as there is no other provision. There are sandbars for stopping and eating. Some elect to eat at the Turkey Run Inn or other establishment after the paddle.

Please call 765-288-1404 by Friday evening, Feb 27, for confirmation of your attendance and the go ahead for the trip. This is not a Paddle America/ACA sanctioned trip. Dwon

Sea Kayak Events

Feb 27-29, 2004

Florida Gulf Coast Sea Kayak Symposium
St. Petersburg, FL USA
Sweetwater Kayaks
Email:
theshop@sweetwaterkayaks.com
www.sweetwaterkayaks

March 12-14, 2004

Canoecopia*
Madison, WI
Contact: Rutabaga Paddlesports,
(608) 223-9300
www.canoecopia.com

Canoecopia is a great event for all Canoeists and Kayakers

Contact Earl for more information:
CAMPCHIEF@JUNO.COM

HCC 2004 Dues

are now due

At our November 2003 annual meeting, the Hoosier Canoe Club voted to become a "Paddle America Club" as an affiliate of the American Canoe Association. HCC annual dues remain at \$15. ACA-PAC dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family membership. To encourage family participation and to approximate our cash flow when we purchased insurance independently, HCC elected to pickup the \$5 over cost for those families who join ACA-PAC as a family member. This makes the HCC plus new ACA-PAC \$35 for both individuals and families. See the Sept/Oct 2003 "Hoosier Paddler" for additional details.

So, here are your options as we understand them at the moment:

1 – If you wish to continue supporting HCC and are not currently an ACA member and wish to be enrolled as an ACA-PAC member, send us a check for \$35 with a note concerning the names of individuals to be included in the family membership and any changes in address, phone or E-Mail. Folks planning to participate in more than 2 HCC or ACA events are encouraged to choose this option. HCC will forward your information and the required fees to ACA for your initial enrollment. ACA will bill you for future renewals and your HCC dues will be \$15 for individual and \$10 for family provided we can confirm that you are current with ACA.

2 – If you wish to continue supporting HCC and are currently an ACA member, send us the names of those registered with ACA and your ACA membership number and \$15 for individual and \$10 for families plus and address, phone or E-Mail changes.

3 – If you wish to continue supporting HCC and do not wish to support ACA, send us a check for \$15 with a note concerning any address, phone or E-Mail changes. Folks who participate in fewer than 3 HCC or ACA events may want to make this election.

4 – If you no longer wish to support HCC, please reconsider. We'll miss you.

**Send all correspondence to:
Hoosier Canoe Club, c/o Dave Ellis, 7650 Poplar Road, Brownsburg, In, 46112. (317-858-0963, riverpapaw@aol.com)**

ACA's address is 7432 Alban Station Blvd, Suite B-232, Springfield, VA 22150-2321. Their website is acanet.org. The following pages deal specifically with Paddle America Club issues: acanet.org/mbr-pac-renew.htm, acanet.org/pdf/pac-agreement-new-club.pdf

By the Way: HCC is also an affiliate of American Whitewater. As a member of HCC you can join AW for \$25 instead of the regular \$35 See their website at american-whitewater.org.

-Be a Contributing Editor-

Sea Kayakers!

Time to sharpen those skills!!

THE POOL IS OPEN AND THE WATER IS WARM!! COME OVER TO THE THACHER FAMILY POOL AND PRACTICE YOUR DEEP WATER RE-ENTRIES OR ROLL AND BE READY FOR THE NEW SEASON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO ROLL THERE ARE INSTRUCTORS THERE TO HELP YOU AND IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BRING YOUR LONG BOAT OUT THERE WE HAVE SHORT BOATS AND GEAR THERE FOR YOU TO BORROW. WE CAN USUALLY HANDLE DROP INS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE NOTICE.

CONTACT:

EARL: CAMPCHIEF@JUNO.COM

OR

JORDAN: JROSS@IQUEST.NET

Pool Session Schedule

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 Opportunity!!!

Paddle the Thelon River

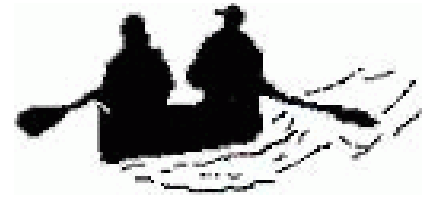
I am putting together a trip down the Thelon River in Canada's Northwest Territories and Nunavut Province. The trip will take place June 19th through July 9th, 2004.

I have a group of 5 and need a 6th person to reduce costs. Man or Woman, experienced wilderness camping skills needed more than canoeing skills. Little to no portages, perhaps a rapid or two, all class I, and lots of wildlife await you. Grizzly bears, Musk Ox, a half million or more Caribou, Wolves, arctic fox and so much more! Contact:

Dwayne James

dwaynesjames@earthlink.net

or at 317-834-3649



Sanctioned Events

A Hoosier Canoe Club sanctioned event requires each and every participant to be an ACA-PAC/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 \$6 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.

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 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!!!

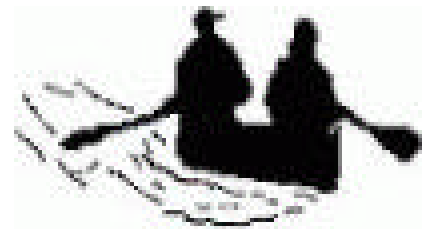
HCC Logo Items

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-
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