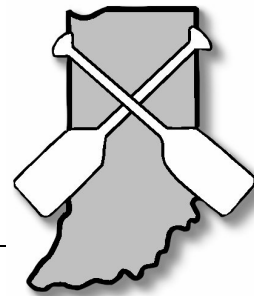


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Notes From The Skipper

Here it is, the middle of March and it is time for all to renew your memberships if you have not already done so. And we are trying a different format with the newsletter to make it easier to read online. I encourage all of you to sign up for the online version to help save us money and to be able to see all the pictures in color.

The Ice Falls trip was great and we have many more trips coming up. See you on the water.

Dwon Miller

Trip Report

Ice Falls Trip 2/28/04

I was worried when we got to Burger King, as there were only 4 cars and 5 boats meeting us. When we arrived at the put-in there were a lot more waiting than had called. There were 19 boats and 21 people ready for a wonderful day on Sugar Creek. The predictions for the day were almost perfect. We saw 5 or 6 eagles, several Canada Geese that had already paired up, Red Winged Blackbirds, Robins, and of course some ice on the rocks. The day turned out to be great; in the low sixties, with just a little too much wind. Thanks for all that showed up and if you were not there, hope to see you next year. Dwon

Newsletter Editor

Dwayne James edits this newsletter. Please send all articles to him by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter. Dwayne can be reached at 317-834-3649 most evenings or at

dwaynesjames@earthlink.net Please mark your items as HCCNEWSLETTER and submit as straight email, written snail mail, or as an unformatted word or word perfect document.

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

HCC 2004 Dues are now due.

If you do not renew this month, you will no longer receive the newsletter or have access to the members portion of the website. And you will not receive a complete 2004 Trip Schedule.

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 continues at \$15. ACA-PAC dues is \$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 chose this options. 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. If you participate in an HCC ACA sanctioned event and are not an ACA member, you will pay \$6 per person per event.

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 americanwhitewater.org.

Upcoming Trip Events

April 3, 2004 Big Pine April Fool's Trip

"Muskrat's 27th Annual April Fools on Big Pine" will be held Saturday, April 3, 2004. Meeting time is 9:30 AM in downtown Pine Village. Don't go to the put in as that may change depending on water. Complete details and maps showing all the gathering points are available upon request. This is not a HCC/ACA sanctioned event.

Contact Gary Hill at garryhill@aol.com or call 765-628-3155.

April 10, 2004 Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck River

Meet at the McDonald's in North Vernon at 9:30 am, junction of SR 3 and SR 7. Please contact Richard Tekulve at 812-873-8110 by 10 PM Friday, April 9th for details and any last minute adjustments due to water levels. This should be a very pretty 10-14 mile trip. This is not a HCC/ACA sanctioned event.

April 17, 2004 Flatrock

This is not a HCC/ACA sanctioned event. Contact Fred Sanders at 812-587-5239 by 9 PM on Friday, April 16th for details and any last minute adjustments due to water levels.

April 16-18 EAST COAST CANOE & KAYAK FESTIVAL

Next up is the East Coast Canoe & Kayak Festival in Charleston, SC. It is scheduled April 16-18 this year. This is an on-water show and if it isn't there, it probably isn't made. The festival is held at James Island County Park. Unlike most city/county parks, James Island has a wonderful campground and conference facilities in addition to the lake where the demos are held. Noted legends of sea kayaking like Derek Hutchinson, and Nigel Foster are generally there offering beginning through advanced paddling clinics. There are also non-stop presentations around the lake and in the conference facility. They offer a meal plan, but I found plenty it better to dine at quaint local eateries. This is the best paddling show I have ever attended. There are also GR8 deals on new and used equipment. Charleston is about 10 hours drive from Indy but has much to offer in addition to the festival. Make it a long weekend or a vacation. This is not a HCC sanctioned event. For more information, go to:

www.ccprc.com/kayak

April 24, 2004 Wayne Durbin Memory Run

The Wayne Durbin Memory Run at the Jennings County Park Campgrounds on 4-24-04. First trip out 9:00 AM. 2nd trip out 1:00 / 2:00 PM meeting again in the campgrounds. Then at dark a pitch in dinner will be held followed by shared stories of Wayne and his legacy. Then we will hold the 4th annual auction to benefit the Friends of the Muscatatuck River Society. Please bring items for this auction as everything sold is donated. It will be a hoot. Caution: Platy's will be slain at this event! This is not a HCC/ACA sanctioned event.

Contact Dan Shade at 812-767-1979.

April 25, 2004 Orlo Blomquist Memorial Canoe Race

Then on Sunday [4-25-04] the Orlo Blomquist Memorial Canoe Race starting at the Vernon commons at 1:00 PM and going to the green bridge in Crosley on the Muscatatuck River. We had new winners last year [2 boy scouts] to break the 3 year winning streak of Layman & McKeand. There will also be a pleasure class for paddlers who want to take their time and enjoy the beautiful scenery of this section of the Muscatatuck. This is not a HCC/ACA sanctioned event. Contact Dan Shade at 812-767-1979.

2004 HCC White Water Trip Schedule

Contact the trip sponsor for details. These are HCC/ACA sanctioned events.

Location	Class	Date	Sponsor	Phone
Saint Francis Ozarks, MO	II-III	April 3-4	Bob Heckler	219-662-6330
Webster Wildwater Webster Springs, WV	II-III	April 2-4	Dave Timm	317-298-9048
Ocoee/Tellico/Chatooga TN/GA	III-IV	April 10-12	Ryan Tragessar	317-913-9377
Stonycreek Festival Johnstown, PA	III-IV	April 24-25	Jordan Ross (need backup)	317-293-3949
Cheat River Festival Albright, WV	III-IV	May 1-2	Dave Swingley	765-548-2671

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

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 \$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.

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