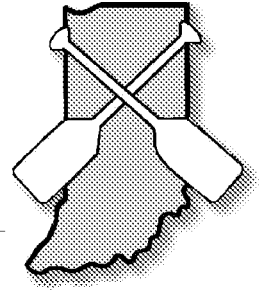


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Hoosier Canoe Club

Notes from the Skipper:

At the Board meeting on April 26th, the board decided to go with the ACA insurance coverage for this year and continue to try to find an alternative for next year. I will be putting together updated information for trip leaders to cover issues such as: pre-trip planning reports, ACA fees collection, ACA waivers, and other related issues.

Welcome to all members who have renewed their membership for this year. Thank you for sticking with us through these trying times. You should receive with this newsletter a list of trips for whitewater, flatwater and bluewater, a new HCC membership card, and a note with the new HCC password. You will need the password to enter the members section of the Hoosier Canoe Club website and to read membership lists and newsletters.

Roger Ritchie, Skipper, Hoosier Canoe Club.

Trip Report

Sugar Creek / Driftwood River

April 16th, 2005

Sunny skies, low humidity, a slight breeze and 75 degrees, all the elements of a perfect Spring day, right? Everything but the most important element, water, were waiting for 8 paddlers. As can be expected, for the fourth year in a row now, the "streams of Southeastern Indiana" were in no mood to be conquered. Sand Creek, Clifty Creek, Laughery Creek, Big Creek, Graham Creek, Otter Creek, and the Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck were left all to themselves with no water to be found. With no other choice, the trip was moved to the reliable water of the Driftwood River. The Driftwood begins with a drainage area of 1,058 square miles (474 from Sugar Creek and 584 from Big Blue River). The stream has a good reputation with the HCC due to the proximity to Indianapolis and usually reliable water flow. The trip began just below Furnas Mill Dam (easy slide-in and plenty of off-road parking) in the Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area 3 miles west of Edinburgh, IN). We paddled 4 miles of Sugar Creek picking up Big Blue River and continuing downstream 9.9 miles on the Driftwood. Our take-out was just after the 3/8 mile rapids run at the Lowell Bridge DNR access ramp. The water level was sufficient to paddle with some current (2 mph) and a long 2-3 mile pool just past Tannehill Road Bridge. Wildlife, turtles especially, were abundant and the skies could not have been any bluer. Those participating in the 13.9 mile trip were Jack Countryman-C-1, Dwayne James C-1, Richard Tekulve-C-1, Judy Niedenthal-K-1, Steve Lawson-K-1, Rachel Eckhart-K-1, and Sue Foxx and Tom Hillier in Sue's new Old Town Penobscot tandem. USGS gauge reading for Sugar Creek @ Edinburgh at time of trip was 4.56 ft and 350 cfs. A great trip and good time was had by all. Richard Tekulve

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

FYI anyone shopping for a boat

Extreme Outfitters of Carmel is having their boat show/demo on May 21

at Boone's Pond which is located on I-65 just north of Indy at the In Hwy 267 exit (just a few miles north of I-465 on the NW side of town) for more detail call 317-818-0860.

Rusted Moon will be demoing boats at their store on May 14. They will use the public access just three blocks north of their store. Also remember that WhiteWaterWarehouse carries all kinds of boats and has a week night where they provide a free shuttle for a boat demos. (937)222-7020 eve week day hours only. Others in and around the state are Fluid Fun in Bristol, and J.L.Waters in Bloomington and Chicagoland Canoe Base.

Earl King



Looking for Fishing Partners?

Let's Hook Up!

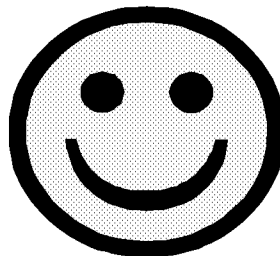
If I got your attention at the word "fish" then you need to read on. My daughter Kaitlyn and I joined the club last year. Kaitlyn and I enjoy paddling together but I have the urge to make a few cast here and there when on trips. We have only gone on one camping/water trip, but my assessment of that trip was that fishing is not looked upon as an acceptable activity. If you're like me it is difficult to be on the water without a fishing pole in your hand. Especially when paddling by a spot you know may be sporting a 3-4 pound smallmouth.

From what I can tell about kayakers and canoeists, they all seem to have a love for the water and outdoors each specialized in one area or another. My goal here is to help others like myself (anglers) to "come out of the closet" within the club and form our own subculture of fishing fanatics.

So if you're interested in going paddling specifically for fishing, let me know. Let's plan some trips or call me up if you need a partner for fishing. Two vehicles are great for float trips on the river when you can drop one off at the put out. If you think your not ready or your water craft is not worthy of fishing out of, I or someone in the club can help. Please let me know.

You can e-mail me at wldleak@comcast.net or call at 317-293-0708.

Thanks for reading, John Wainscott.



2005 HCC Flat Water Trip Schedule

Location	Date	Sponsor
Mississinewa R. IN	May 14	Roger Ritchie 765-358-4059
Eagle Creek ACA Kayak Course	May or 14	Jack Mitenbuler 317-875-5611

For other possible trips, please check your official HCC trip schedule included with this newsletter.

Remember to contact the Trip Leader for detailed information on starting times and locations, safety gear required and last minute details. You will be required to sign an HCC/PAC waiver and present your ACA membership card.

Trip Announcement

Mississinewa River Trip

May 14 (Saturday)

Join us again for a paddle on the Mississinewa. Meet at the truck stop at I-69 exit 45 and State Highway 28 at 9:00 on Saturday, May 14. Bring your lunch, boat, PFD, etc. We will either do the section from Albany to Eaton or from Matthews to Gas City, depending on water, and the interests of the group that shows up. Please RSVP.

Roger Ritchie

765-358-4059

rcritchie@iquest.net

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: dwaynes-james@earthlink.net Please mark your mailings as HCCNEWSLETTER ITEM. Dwayne can be reached at 317-834-3649 or at 317-233-2886. Please do not format your text. No colors, no graphics, no fancy indenting or lines. Times Roman is a great font to use—please.

2005 HCC White Water Trip Schedule

Location	Class	Date	Sponsor
East Race, Safety Clinic Southbend, IN	II	May 21-22	Jordan Ross 317-293-3949

Suggested Experience Levels:

Beginner -

Roll optional, safety workshop, moving water, Flatrock, Big Pine, (<3'), East Race, Hiawasee.

Intermediate -

Reliable pool roll, safety workshop, Big Pine (>3'), Elkhorn, Nantahala, Lower Tellico.

Advanced -

Reliable river roll, safety workshop, Lower Yough, New, Ocoee, Cheat Canyon

Please be advised: All Canoe trips involve some degree of danger and possibility for injury or loss of property. Please talk with the trip leader about required safety equipment and experience levels for the specific trip you wish to take part in. Do not endanger yourself or others by enlarging upon your skills or experience. Start on easy trips and work your way up to more demanding trips. You will be required to sign an HCC/PAC waiver and present your ACA membership card.

Volunteers Needed!

I'm looking for volunteers to help clean up a downed tree on the Eel River in Logansport where the City is allowing me to pursue a portage project around the big Dam there. The clean up would probably take 3 - 4 hours and I would need chain saws, shovels and rakes as well as the manpower. If the volunteers are interested, we could put in at Adamsboro PAS and paddle to the dam which is approximately 5 -6 miles, do the clean up and then go for a lunch at a local restaurant.

This portage will connect the Eel River with the Wabash as the confluence is only about > mile downstream. The portage itself will only be about 250 yards long to get around the dam.

I am also trying to get a shelter built on a site just below the dam where paddlers will be able to lunch, relax and view the dam prior to paddling on to the Wabash. There are a few good PAS' downstream.....France Park, Lockport, etc for those paddlers that are interested. This site also has a new hiking/biking trail on an old Railbed that was put in by our local Hospital foundation. Its a pretty nice area.

I can be contacted via e-mail at: gribS2@aol.com for details.

Thanks Don Gribble

Looking for Trip Partners

Pipestone River Ontario June 25th thru July 10th

Come paddle a remote northern Ontario river rarely traveled rooted in early Precambrian bedrock, boreal forests and glacial moraines for two full weeks. The Pipestone River is home to moose, deer, bear, wolf, marten, fox, lynx, and otter.

This trip begins north of Pickle Lake from the North Road and ends approximately 180 kilometers later with a flight out of Wunnumin, a remote Oji-Cree community.

This pool and drop river has numerous CI thru CV rapids, waterfalls, potential for hard to find or obscured portages, black flies, and promises of fantastic fishing.

All paddlers should possess excellent white water and wilderness survival skills and be mentally prepared for isolation and unknown hardships.

This is a not an HCC trip.

Cost: \$540 per person

For more information on this trip, contact Worth at

worth.shelly@worldnet.att.net

-Be a Contributing Editor-

Trip Announcement

Blue River Trip June 4 & 5

Come Join us for one or two days on the beautiful Blue River near Corydon, Indiana. The trip sponsors will be trailer camping on Friday and Saturday evenings at Wyandotte Forest state forest campground. If you are tent camping, you can camp either there, or at the Stage Stop Campground on State Highway 62. For Saturday's trip, meet us at the DNR put in next to the canoe rental in Milltown by 9:00 AM. The shuttle leaves at 9:00. Take out will be at the Rothrock Mill access site.

For Sunday's trip, the put in will be at the Rothrock Mill access site and take out will be at the Stage Stop Campground access. We will pull through Stage Stop on Sunday morning to pick up anyone camping there.

As usual, bring your boat, paddle, PFD, lunch, water, and a dry bag if you need dry clothes, or a place to put any you take off en route.

Please RSVP to Fred Sanders, 812-587-5239,
Roger Ritchie, 765-358-4059
rritchie@iquest.net

HCC Board Meeting

May 14, 2005

An HCC Board meeting will be held at the home of Roger Ritchie on Saturday, May 14. Please contact Roger for further information and directions.

Roger Ritchie at 765-358-4059

May 21-22: Overnight Flatwater Paddle on White River (Perkinsville to Noblesville)

Come and enjoy a really pretty section of White River for an easy paddle, great company, an overnight campout and possibly some evening hiking.

We will meet at 10:00am Saturday at the White River Canoe Company in Noblesville where we park and arrange for the shuttle service. Each person pays individually for the transport (\$10 per boat). Please call the Canoe Company and register for the shuttle. (317) 776-0129. Also, WRCC rental price for a canoe or kayak over night is \$35.

If someone does not want to pay to have their boat transported then that is fine. They can take care of their own shuttle arrangements. However the put in point at Perkinsville is on private ground and we do not have permission to park in that area. The driving time between Noblesville and Perkinsville is about 20-25 minutes. The WRCC shuttle will leave by 10:30 or so, and we should be in the water well before noon. We will paddle 3-4 hours at a leisurely pace and arrive at White River Camp Ground (near Strawtown) in the late afternoon hours. Set up camp and get settled in. We have pre reserved four sites and the cost per site is \$14 + tax. There is a max. of 2 tents per sites. Please call one of your trip sponsors to register so that we can understand our limits for camping space. We will split up the camping costs. Once at the C.G. we can possibly go across the road to the Koteewi (Ko-ta-we) county park for a hike or to look around. Everyone should plan on providing their own meals / snacks. We will enjoy a campfire and new friendships. If additional friends join us at the Campground, there is a security gate and a \$2.00 per car charge for a pass. The next day we should depart again at 10:00 or 11:00am. Others from the club may decide to join the second day paddle so we may want to set a departure time to allow them to join the second day of paddling. Arrive in Noblesville will be right at the Canoe Company, so we will have immediate access to our vehicles. If desired we could end the outing by planning for lunch in town. **This is not an HCC/PAC sanctioned trip.**

Trip Sponsors:

Darlene Paterson 765-534-5131

Bob Hart 765-643-6304

White River Canoe Company

118 Cicero Road

Noblesville,IN (317) 776-0129

Please Contribute Your Trip Reports

Items for Sale

Dagger Impulse Solo Whitewater Canoe for sale \$600.00 in excellent condition includes saddle and thigh boots and webbing for air bags.

Perception Corsica Whitewater Kayak for sale \$600.00 in excellent condition.

Micellaneous accessories for sale

Ladies wetsuit like new condition \$50.00

NEW kayak helmets HYTEK \$10.00 each Protec \$15.00

New and Used canoe and kayak paddles \$15.00 to \$50.00

New Neoprene and Nylon Spray skirts. \$25.00 each

Call Roger at 1-765-866-1973 at eagle@link2000.net

5157 S. Davis Bridge Road

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Items Wanted

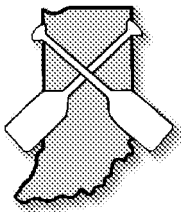
I am looking for a good used solo canoe between 12' and 15' in length. A boat that can handle 500 miles per year and is light in weight. I prefer a Wenonah, Bell or Mad River Model. Please contact Richard Tekulve at (812)-346-7921

-Be a Trip Sponsor-

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 \$10 fee per event and signing a waiver form. **All Hoosier Canoe Club trips are sanctioned events.** A sanctioned event means that the Hoosier Canoe Club will be covered in the event something happens to a participant. The American Canoe Association 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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