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Women's Easy Whitewater Class II, II+ Trip August 25-27 (Fri-Sun)

This trip will take place in North Carolina on Class II, II+ rivers. We may be limited to the Nantahala River all three days due to the area drought. This river is used by NOC for their training and can provide you with lots of areas for eddys, ferries and a couple of interesting holes to either skirt or play in.

If time permits we also may take a trip to Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, visit Dillsboro (a quaint town), or even go tubing in the Smokies.

We'll be staying at the Perry's house in Robbinsville, NC, so if you need a map for the location, please call me early so I can mail you one.

Three breakfasts and two dinners will be provided for \$10. Lunches will be up to you.

There are limited sleeping accommodations, however, there is a tent area. Please RSVP no later than Aug 18 (Fri).

Joan Perry
317-849-4609
or
Mary Anne Crismore
317-329-4729



Indiana Paddlers' Rendezvous July 29-30 (Sat-Sun)

In the event that you did not receive Garry Hill's mailed flyer, check the newsletter website for Indiana Paddlers' Rendezvous information.

Tuesday Evening Paddles August 1,8,15,22,29 (Tues) Eagle Creek Marina

Aug 1 - Tandem Paddling Demo
Aug 8 - Paddle Strokes
Aug 15 - Practice Kayak
Aug 22 - Practice Touring Kayak
Aug 29 - Practice

For free entry to Eagle Creek, tell the Eagle Creek gate personnel that you are with the Hoosier Canoe Club.

Shirley Gates
317-852-9809

East Race/Lake Michigan Potato Creek Camping August 19-20 (Sat-Sun)

Join us as we head to the East Race, a man-made whitewater course in South Bend, IN. Rafts and inflatable kayaks are available for rental from the City. Meet at the course (opens at 11:00AM) on Saturday. See www.mymichiana.com/rec/parks/eastrace/ for course info. Overnight camping will be at Potato Creek State Park.

On Sunday we will head to Lake Michigan to play in the waves, hike, or whatever. For directions and to RSVP call

Lori Gates
317-293-3383

Full Moon Paddle or Not August 11 (Fri)

Well.....here's my story...and I'm stickin' to it!! The full moon paddle was scheduled for a Tuesday but then we realized we had scheduled something else. I would like to paddle some part of Eagle Creek, not the reservoir but the actual creek. Maybe in the moonlight or maybe not. If you'd like to do that too, call me.

Lori Gates
317-293-3383



Kid's Trip Eel River August 5 (Sat)

Bradley and Ben invite all kids to come out and paddle with them. Doesn't matter how old you are, doesn't even matter if you know how to paddle, maybe you can just come along and lilly dip. What matters is, that you come out to paddle and play.

Get mom and dad to load a boat, and drive you up to the McDonald's in Carmel, the one with the nice indoor playground, up on US 31, near 146th St. We will be there August 5th, that is a Saturday, around 9:30 AM in the morning.

Come early if you want to eat breakfast and play for a while. We will then drive up to the Eel River. The Eel is a pretty river, with lots of crawdads to catch. We won't want to wait too long to leave McDonald's, because we will give folks another chance to catch up with us. We will be sure to stop by the Eel River where it meets US31, around 10:15 or 10:30 AM.

Bring some lunch, bring your PFD, and sun screen, and anything you might have fun playing with. We will do a shorter trip than we did last year, I think; so we should have plenty of time to stop and play along the way.

If you can, call Ben's daddy, or Bradley's mom, and let them know you are planning to join us.

Ben's Dad (Dan) 257-9837
valleskey@inct.net
or

Bradley's Mom (Lori) 293-3383

5 K Long Distance Swim

Eagle Creek

August 17 (Thu)

This is a plea - a true begging for any HCC member paddlers who can be available for support services for the 5K Long Distance Swim at Eagle Creek on August 17 (Thu).

This is the 5K National Open Water Swimming Championships. I can't promise shirts this time, but I can promise you the opportunity to see some truly good swimmers - many of whom will have just finished competing at the Olympic trials.

This mid-week date is difficult to staff, so I'm asking that ANYONE who can be there, please be there. If you are retired or have some time available from work to take a morning off, or if you are able to set your own schedule please come to help.

This event will go from 7:30 - 10:30AM. Please park in the Eagle Creek Park Office parking lot on the north side of 56th Street - west of the main 56th street park entrance and just east of the causeway.

Plan to launch about 6:45AM to paddle up to the main Eagle Creek Marina (not the beach) to be in position for the start of the race at 7:30AM.

Your help is earnestly requested. Call Fletch to volunteer.

Fletcher Graham
317-257-7787

Third Shelbyville Triathlon

August 6 (Sun) 8:30AM

The third Shelbyville Triathlon begins at 8:30 AM and needs 6-10 good paddlers to observe. The Triathlon is held at the Fairland Recreation Area at the SE corner of I-74 ~ Fairland Road interchange, just northwest of Shelbyville. Bret Robinson will be the site supervisor.

When you volunteer you become an "official vehicle" and you should drive past the sign on the eastside of the main building--near the high dive into the lake--to reach the launch site.

The swim portion of the Triathlon should be finished by 9:30 - 9:45AM so the time requirement is minimal. Please respond. The HCC receives compensation for this event which helps to keep dues low and supports our instruction program and pool practice program.

Call Fletcher Graham to volunteer. Volunteers receive a tee shirt so know your size when you call.

Fletcher Graham
317-257-7787



Paddler's Kitchen

by Patty Bledsoe

I found the original version of this chili recipe in the Indianapolis Star at least fifteen years ago. Modified slightly from the published recipe, it's been our family standard ever since. The name is a play on words since the taste is supposed to approximate the chili served at Wendy's restaurants.

Wednesday's Chili

1 1/2 pounds ground round
1 can (10 ounces) French Onion Soup
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) sliced, stewed tomatoes

1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste

1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce

2 cans (16 ounces each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained

Brown meat in a Dutch oven or kettle over medium-high heat, crumbling with a fork, until pink color disappears. Discard any fat. If your kids won't eat anything with chunks of tomato, puree the stewed tomatoes in the blender before adding to the pot. Stir in all ingredients with the browned meat. Heat on low, stirring occasionally, until piping hot. Serves 4. The recipe doubles and triples easily.

For camping, consider making the chili a couple of days before departure. Cool to room temperature, then ladle into large, heavy duty self-zip freezer bags. Place the bags of chili in a shallow pan and freeze solid. When frozen, remove the bags of chili from the pan (they'll be flat blocks) and place in a second heavy duty plastic bag. Double bagging helps prevent punctures during transport. Place in the bottom of your cooler. The frozen chili will help keep the other stuff cold. When you're in camp and the chili bags are thawed, decant the chili into a pot and heat it up on the camp stove.

August & September Trip Schedule

Dates	Trip	Type	Sponsor	Phone
Aug 19 (Sat)	Lake Monroe	Touring	Bret Robinson	317-883-1056
Sep 23 (Sat)	Ohio River - Derby to Rome	Touring	Team Baker	317-888-3315
Aug 1,8,15,22,29 (Tue)	Tuesday Night Paddles	Flat	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Aug 5 (Sat)	Kids' Trip - Eel River by Ben & Bradley	Flat	Dan Valleskey	317-257-9837
Aug 6 (Sun)	Shelbyville Triathlon	Flat	Fletcher Graham	317-257-7787
Aug 11 (Fri)	89% Illumination Full Moon Paddle	Flat	Lori Gates	317-293-3383
Aug 17 (Thu)	5K Long Distance Swim	Flat	Fletcher Graham	317-257-7787
Sep 2-4 (Sat-Mon)	Current River (MO)	Flat	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Sep 10 (Sun)	Championship Triathlon	Flat	Fletcher Graham	317-257-7787
Sep 12 (Tue)	Full Moon Paddle	Flat	Tues Nite Sponsors	
Sep 23-24 (Sat-Sun)	Raccoon Creek Cleanup	Flat	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
Sep 29-Oct 1 (Fri-Sun)	Pigeon/Fawn	Flat	Dan Valleskey	317-257-9837
Aug 5-7 (Sat-Mon)	Upper Youghiogheny (MD) Class V	White	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
Aug 19-20 (Sat-Sun)	East Race Last Weekend also camping @ Potato Creek State Park	White	Lori Gates	317-293-3383
Aug 25-27 (Fri-Sun)	Women's Easy Whitewater Trip Class II, III	White	Joan Perry Mary Anne Crismore	317-849-4609 317-329-4729
Sep 2-4 (Sat-Mon)	Beaver River (Belfort, NY) Class III, IV, V	White	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
Sep 16-17 (Sat-Sun)	Gauley Fest (WV) Class IV, V	White	Chris Burkhart	765-354-2125
Sep 16-17 (Sat-Sun)	French Broad (TN) Class II, III, IV	White	Dave Ellis Mary Anne Crismore	317-858-0963 317-329-4729
Sep 23-24 (Sat-Sun)	East Race Fall Paddle Clinic also camping @ Potato Creek SP	White	Jordan Ross Lori Gates	317-293-3949 317-293-3383

RSVPs are generally expected. All paddlesports entail risk. Your choosing to paddle on any of these trips is a sign of your acceptance of those risks. After all trips, the sponsor must mail legal release forms to HCC Yeoman Shirley Gates.

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Trip Report

Current River

June 24-30 (Sat-Fri)

Summer 2000 in the Ozarks was different this year. Expecting the usual humid hot weather we were treated (except for one hot day while setting up tents) to cool nights and pleasant days. Even the locals could not believe it was June in Missouri. We did get rain - steady strong showers at night, then gentle misty downpours during the day. The rain did not keep us from having a good time.

Bradley, Mark and I drove down on Friday to setup base camp at Two Rivers east of Eminence. We arrived midafternoon to the usual "melting-sweaty" hot to setup the tents. After this task, we trekked down to the cold river to cool off. Nighttime brought cool temperatures and rain.

Since we were not expecting anyone else until that afternoon and the next evening, we did a rainy day sojourn to Springfield to take in the Pro Bass Shop. This was Bradley's first visit there; so he was impressed with the wildlife, waterfalls, museum, and the Big McDonalds inside the store.

Saturday evening Pat Dilts met us at Two Rivers. He had gotten to the area, did some sight seeing and local paddling while waiting for us to return from Springfield.

On Sunday morning Mark, Pat, Bradley and I traveled up to Montauk State Park to find the fish hatchery, spring, and lunch. Our first visit was to see the fish hatchery and holding areas. We saw hundreds of trout in several sizes all eager for food. When Bradley threw in fish food pellets purchased from a dispenser, there was a boiling of water where all the fish scrambled for the tidbits. All the fish followed him, swimming as close to the water's edge as possible.

I wanted to find the origin of the Current River. After some directions I drove to the spring area and walked to one of the 7 Montauk Springs. I have since discovered the

Spring starts the flow of the river. An estimated 43 million gallons of water flows daily into the Current River from Montauk Springs. The spring is a deep blue hole with water bubbling out and flowing into a small fast and very cold stream.

The trip to Montauk would not have been complete unless we ate at the Montauk Lodge. The food is delicious and the menu has lots of trout dishes. The dining area has one wall glassed from ceiling to floor allowing one to view the wildlife. As soon as you sit down a critter marches, crawls or flies out of the woods near the window. The waitresses entice the animals and birds with a few tidbits. We were greeted by squirrels, birds, and groundhogs this time. A groundhog mother sat on her hind legs and held watermelon and cantaloupe in her front paws to eat. Two young groundhogs sat under a bush waiting for her to finish before approaching.

After returning to camp Mike and Eleanor Fye had arrived. From then on Bradley was with Eleanor playing cards, catching crawdads, tadpoles, fish, etc. Mike and I never did get them to use their kayaks.

Monday morning we awoke to a beautiful mild day. After putting our canoes in at Pulltite we paddled the 9+ miles to Round Springs. The water was always moving and had small ripples approaching a rapid. We hiked up to see the Pulltite Spring and cabin. Afterwards we spotted the Fire Hydrant Spring and the Bubbling Sands. Everyone enjoyed the twisty river with the rock face cliffs.

The next day Mike, Eleanor, Bradley and I put-in at Round Springs with canoes loaded for an overnight on the river. Can you imagine 3 solo canoes with enough gear for four! We were sitting a little low in the water. Bradley was paddling with me in my Old Town Pack and complained he didn't have enough "leg room". Shortly after lunch I found my favorite spot along the junction of the Current and Big

Creek. I asked everyone if they wanted to see it. After seeing the clean warm Big Creek, sandy bar, etc, I didn't get the kids back into the canoes.

We set up camp early. After the necessary camp chores the kids swam and played until they were exhausted. This was the first campout on a river bank for Bradley. He wasn't too sure about this campout and stayed rather close to me after dark.

Morning came with more rain - a gentle steady one. We are under a fly that Mike had put up. Afterwards we took down and put away our tents into dry bags (ha!). After putting on light rain gear we paddled the rest of the morning in rain, ate lunch in the rain, paddled some more in the rain on into Two Rivers. As we took out at Two Rivers the rain stopped. This was a 17.9 mile trip.

Pat Dilts paddled the Current River from Jerk Tail Landing to Two Rivers. He did lots of fishing and bird viewing. Mark shuttled for him.

Everyone had to have a trip over to Alley Springs and Mill on Thursday morning. This spring has an average flow of 100 million gallons a day. The old grist mill was built soon after the civil war. Most of the equipment inside was built in Indianapolis and Richmond, IN. On the grounds also is a one room schoolhouse.

After our tour of the mill, school house, and museum, we took a hike up over the mountain above the spring for picture taking. It took a wild walk retracing our hike and thinking Eleanor was lost. We finally all teamed up to continue our day. The end came too soon. Rains started again during the night.

Hopefully you all will be able to see this beautiful area and natural phenomena some day.

Shirley Gates
Trip Sponsor
and wannabee novelist

Trip Report

Wisconsin Whitewater

Memorial Day Weekend

May 27-29 (Fri-Mon)

Is it feasible to paddle a river running a measly 250 cfs and still expect a good time? It works in Wisconsin. For the third year in a row the rains were scant for this annual Memorial weekend trip. This didn't stop us from finding water and paddling every day.

The rock scrapers were Jordan Ross, David Good, Charlotte Jones, Bob Jones, Dave Abernathy, Chebon White, Mark Bickle, Kim and Chris Mast, Doug McKnight, blast-from-the-past Don Bolter and cool card-sharks Shirley, Lori and Bradley Gates. We stayed at the Bear Paw Inn near Langlade which offers accommodations from basic camping to private cabins.

Saturday the newer boaters ran Section III of the Wolf while the more experienced boaters put on Section IV. On section IV Chebon got into a verbal tangle with crazy Mr. Wibur, a concessionaire who thinks he owns Sullivan Falls. Meanwhile, section III was choked with screaming school kids in HUNDREDS of rafts, each one stuck on a rock. We managed to find shallow passages between them, and the slow pace of the rapids was a good warm up for the beginning boaters.

At one tight spot a canoeist friend of Doug McKnight who joined us in a borrowed boat badly broached on a mid-stream boulder. The struggle to free the boat was complicated by a continuous barrage of clueless (and in some cases paddle-less) rafters piling onto the swamped canoe. When we finally broke the boat loose the canoeist lost his grip and was swept downstream. Kim Mast threw her throwbag neatly to make the rescue. She was quite pleased with the toss, convinced the East Race rescue workshop the weekend before had helped her to be ready with the rope.

The Gates team met us at Gilmore's Mistake rapid and helped with the video while young Bradley clowned for the camera. Shirley and Lori had their solo canoes with them, but given the low water they were reluctant to paddle lest they damage the fragile

fiberglass. Dark granite rocks are hard to spot in the tea-colored water. Later we met the advanced boaters finishing their day and filmed them doing multiple runs at Big Smoky.

Saturday night there was a dinner at Wild Wolf Inn with, naturally, video entertainment. Afterwards I paid a visit to the Gates' cabin, where I was suckered into several...hmm, shall we say - competitive - card games with these seasoned pros. We had a blast, but take my advice: If Shirley, Lori and Bradley ever offer to teach you a "friendly" card game and then place SPOONS on the table...flee for your life!

Sunday we "ran" the Peshtigo...at minus 3 inches. Again, very scrapey but do-able. The main drops were channelized and had plenty of water. Horserace was trickier than usual with many exposed rocks at the bottom. Kim and Chris Mast made it through the difficult part of the rapid unscathed, then flipped and swam side-by-side in the tail waves. While we paddled Team Gates traveled to the town of Peshtigo to visit the museum commemorating the horrific forest fire that consumed the town and its inhabitants over a century ago.

After the Pesh a few of us drove up to paddle Piers Gorge of the Menominee. It was flowing about 1400 cfs and impressive compared to the paltry water earlier in the day. Bob, Dave and Charlotte were already there, finishing a long day of playing. Dave, Chebon, Mark and I ran the top drop, a powerful slide that slams into Volkswagon Rock. The drop is scary looking and running it was quite an achievement for Mark and Chebon. We all had good runs and missed the rock handily. The drive back to the BearPaw was memorable for a visit to Twelve Foot Falls, plus we had the great fortune to spot a fisher scampering across the road. Fishers look like large otters and are very secretive. They are the only predators that regularly prey on porcupines.

That evening we enjoyed a campfire and videos until midnight. When I tried to retire to my cozy room I discovered the front door of the lodge was locked and there was nobody awake to open it!

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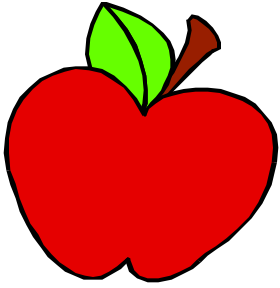
It turns out some crotchety woman in the room across from Charlotte's was annoyed by Bob and Dave helping Charlotte carry her things up to her room, so she locked the door behind them to keep them from coming back in. And thus I was locked out in the dark and had to spend the night sleeping in my clothes in the car with the temperatures in the 40's. G-r-r-r and b-r-r-r.

Early Monday morning we did a final run on Section IV of the Wolf. Just above Sullivan's Falls we were treated to the sight of a doe wading gracefully across the river while a bald eagle watched from a perch overhead. At the end of the run several folks made their first descents of Big Smoky. Mark inadvertently hooked the left wall and ran the falls backwards. His second run got it right. The low water made it easier to hit the rooster tail. Woohoo! At any level this rapid is a hoot and there were broad grins all around.

There has been talk in the club about foregoing the Wisconsin trip in the future. Several years of low water have been frustrating. But this is the result of prolonged drought affecting the entire region, severe enough to lower the Great Lakes by several feet (that's a LOT of missing water). USGS records indicate the normal flow for the Wolf at this time of the year is TWICE the volume we've been seeing lately. The odds are excellent we'll have better water in the future.

Ask any of the paddlers on this trip and they'll tell you it was fun and worthwhile. For new paddlers and experienced boaters alike, Wisconsin offers paddling for a wide range of skills, with easy access, short shuttles, comfortable accommodations and a setting of beautiful geography and wildlife.

Submitted by Jordan Ross
Trip Sponsor
and budding novelist



Learn to Teach!

Skillful handling of one and two-person watercraft that are based on ancient - but efficient - designs exhilarates the spirit. And, it's a lot of fun! Explaining and demonstrating the skills for paddling people-powered boats and introducing others to canoes and kayaks can reward people inspired to teach.

This fall, we hope to teach classes to certify canoe and kayak instructors under the standards set by the American Canoe Association (ACA) and with enough students, we hope to engage the Instructor-Trainer team of Pam Dillon and Virgil Chambers from Ostrander, Ohio.

Requirements For Instructor Training

You need to be an accomplished canoeist and/or kayaker with intermediate to expert skills in a canoe, a kayak or both. Power strokes, turning strokes including sweeps and draws and an accomplished "Eskimo Roll," should characterize your skills.

Instructor candidates will be evaluated and held accountable for

- 1. Thorough knowledge of sport*
- 2. Demonstrated ability to effectively teach*
- 3. Demonstration of perfect modeling of all strokes*

These classes are intended to qualify people to teach and are not for people wanting to learn basic paddling skills.

Dates and details are not final but we are aiming at September or October. Our first need is to identify who wants to be a paddling instructor. Would-be paddling teachers should call Jack Mitenbuler at 317-875-5611 to express their interest.

Activity Report - Eagle Creek Triathlon #1 - June 24 (Sat)

Thanks to those who served for this event. Twelve Triathlon participants indicated to us that the Eagle Creek Reservoir was too much for them and they terminated their race with the assistance of those on the water.

All other participants made it out of the lake (a relief to all of us) and the HCC Paddlers retired to the Elegance Restaurant in suburban Brownsburg for a late breakfast. My thanks to Donnis Kirkman who assisted in recruiting and Lori Gates who helped by arranging for an eating place and picking up the event shirts. The HCC earned \$250 for their help at the event.

Those who served included Dave Brown, Chris and Bret Robinson, Terry and Traci Haughton, Michael Wines, Kathy and Dan Cunningham, Jim Carlaccini, Lori Gates, Garry and Patty Bledsoe, Donnis Kirkman, Marti Dailey, Nilia Moberly and Aaron Green, Dan Clark, Fletcher Graham, Nate Mansue, Lenny McBroome, Joe Smith, Dick Fetty, Jose Joven, Brad Heiser and Stephanie Haines, and Jeff Coates.

Submitted by Fletcher Graham
Activity Sponsor

Trip Report Whitewater River July 15 (Sat)

Wonderful! How else do I describe this trip with great low 80's temperature, vibrant blue sky, clear water moving at a good pace, and great scenery. Yes, if you have never paddled this section of Whitewater River from just north of Nulltown to the Laurel Feeder Dam, don't miss next year's trip. There is no comparison between this section of the river and the section that goes past the liveries below the dam. (The outfitters do not use this section!) It is also possible to put in higher up and make this an overnight trip as there are plenty of beaches.

The river provided many twists and turns with rapid moving water, small waves at times, and ripples galore. The only slow section was the last mile after the bridge up to the dam, when most were already tired out. At lunch time, some enjoyed repeatedly swimming through the small rapids and playing in the cooling water.

Remember, this trip is only an hour's drive from the east side of Indy.

Trip participants: Jack Countryman, Martie Daily, Fletcher Graham, Brian Krompack, Renee Ratermann, Bill Reed, Cindy and David Reed, Donald and Marianne Smalley.

Submitted by Andy Ratermann
Trip Sponsor



**Open Water
Kayak Touring
Lake Monroe
Aug 19 (Sat)**

Those driving from Indy can meet at the Dairy Queen at 144 and 37 (Waverly, IN) on Indy's far southside. We will leave the Dairy Queen at 8:30 AM and should arrive at the Pine Village boat ramp by 9:30 AM. Bring a lunch for on the water. Please RSVP by August 18 (Fri)

Bret Robinson
(317) 883-1056



**Upper Yough
August 5-6 (Sat-Sun)**

This river is a perfect introduction to technical class V whitewater boating. Many of the drops are actually class IV in difficulty, but there are LOTS of them to tackle in quick succession.

The river is very continuous, swift and rocky. Heavy congestion of rafts and kayaks adds to the difficulty. A mistake can be punishing, though an easy walk-out path follows most of the river.

Paddlers should be completely comfortable on the New, Lower Yough and Ocoee before venturing onto the Upper Yough. Your roll should be fast, bomb proof and better yet, seldom needed.

We will meet in Friendsville, Maryland about 10:00 AM local time and put on the river around noon depending on the release. If we are fortunate enough to have natural flow we'll try to do the Top Yough in the morning and run the Upper later in the afternoon. Sunday we'll do the Lower Yough, Cheat or Big Sandy depending on water. If there is interest we can go to Valley Falls State Park and practice jumping waterfalls on the Tygart. Great photo ops!

If this will be your first Upper Yough trip, please let me know well in advance. Also, I may take a day off and paddle the Upper on Friday as well. Let me know if you are interested in joining me then.

Jordan Ross
317-293-3949

**Activity Report
Tuesday Skills Session
Eagle Creek Marina
July 18 (Tue)**

The July 18th Tuesday night paddle session was organized as a canoe skills session and was conducted on the south side of the Eagle Creek Marina adjacent to the dock. Concentration was on the review of basic paddle strokes including the braces, draw, C, and axle. Reggie Baker instructed the participating HCC members. Debbie Baker assisted. Practicing on the water were Jose Joven, Shirley Gates, Lori Gates, Bradley Gates, Ed Winslow, Emily Winslow, Garry Bledsoe, and Jeff Haskett.

Club onlookers (shore flowers) included Dee Winslow, Patty Bledsoe, Fletcher Graham, Doug Moran and Joe Smith

Shirley Gates and Lori Gates sponsor the weekly paddle sessions usually held at Eagle Creek Marina. Check the newsletter front page for the August Tuesday night events.
-ED

ALWAYS CONSIDER SAFETY!



Reggie (Commodore) Baker and 1st mate Debbie demonstrate canoe paddle strokes at Eagle Creek Reservoir near the marina to interested club members. Beginning at left going clockwise are Reggie, Debbie, Emily, Ed, Lori, Garry, Shirley and Jose.

HCC Apparel for Sale

The Hoosier Canoe Club now has hats, shirts, and other apparel for sale. Items are embroidered with the club name and a kayak or canoe pic.

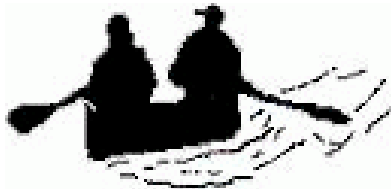
River Caps.....\$9.50
High Brim Caps.....\$8.00
Polar Fleece.....\$29.95
Golf Shirts.....\$19.95

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

Shirley Gates
317-852-9809

Classifieds

For Sale: Sea Kayak. Wilderness Systems Sealution II XL, poly, with rudder system, paddle, boat cart, deck bag, and 2 spray skirts. This boat is user friendly and in like-new condition. All items for \$900. Call Bret Robinson 317-883-1056



Board Meeting Hosts

Aug No August Meeting
Sep Andy & Renee Ratermann
Oct Richard VanRheenen
Nov Fall Meeting
Dec Shirley Gates

Activity Report Shelbyville Triathlon #2 July 9 (Sun)

Ten sets of eyes in 7 craft assisted. It was over quickly - get in, be there, get away. The slowest swimmer got out of the water by about 9:30AM with all competitors exiting the water (which is something we like to hear). The HCC earned \$125 for this quick effort.

Participating HCC paddlers were Karen Koutsky, Lenny McBroome, Bill Reed, Dick Fetty, Chris and Bret Robinson, Cathy and Dan Cunningham, Marti Dailey, and Fletcher Graham.

Isn't it great to be an "Official Vehicle" if even for only a few fleeting moments.

Submitted by Fletcher Graham
Activity Sponsor

Wanted: Newsletter Assembler

The Newsletter Editor is in need of a very dependable Hoosier Canoe Club member in the Indianapolis area willing to take on the volunteer task of final assembly of the newsletter each month.

Details: Shortly after the 20th of each month the printed newsletter pages (normally two 11x17 sheets), stamps & preaddressed envelopes would be delivered to you. The assembly task entails collating the pages, folding them into the newsletter format, stuffing and sealing them into envelopes, stamping the envelopes and finally taking them to a nearby post office drop box.

Completion of the task and delivery to the post office needs to occur no less than 3 business days before the 1st of the month. Present monthly newsletter circulation is 243. The task as outlined above requires approximately 4-5 hours to complete. Unfortunately, the time available to complete the work is relatively short, approximately 4 days from the time you receive the materials.

If you are interested and have a half-day each month to devote to the newsletters' assembly, please contact

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