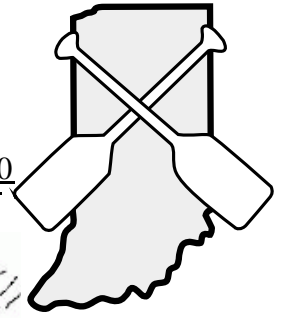


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JET SKI THREAT PLEA

Fellow Paddlers:

I am the Director of Conservation for the American Canoe Association. I am writing to you to ask for your help in responding to a major jet ski industry assault on the National Park Service's new restrictions on jet ski use in National Parks, National Lakeshores/ seashores, and Wild & Scenic Rivers.

Jet ski manufacturers and users are attempting to reverse the recently adopted National Park Service (NPS) rule that prohibits jet ski use on most NPS managed waters. The first battleground is on Wild & Scenic sections of both the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers, both of which are part of the Missouri National River and Recreation Area.

Using congressional pressure, the jet ski advocates were able to get NPS to open up another comment period to evaluate public concern over jet ski restrictions on these two rivers. If the jet ski lobby is successful in getting the rule reversed here, it will put NPS on the defensive and undoubtedly set the stage for efforts to reverse the rule in other national park units, including protected lakeshores.

The NPS will likely give in and allow high-speed jet ski use if the pro jet ski crowd submits more comments than the paddlers, anglers, and environmentalists who support the current restrictions. The ACA has an alert on its website (www.acanet.org) with a prewritten (fully editable) letter attached. People can easily send comments from their computer. The direct link to the alert is: <http://congress.nw.dc.us/cgi-bin/alertpr.pl?dir=aca&alert=20>

Any help you can give in getting the word out and encouraging people to write would be most appreciated.

David Jenkins

Dir of Conservation & Public Policy
American Canoe Association

Raccoon Creek Cleanup September 23-24 (Sat-Sun)

Want a chance to participate in water aerobics? Want a chance to try "different" free weights? Need to practice balancing on narrow beams or elevated objects? All this and more is possible if you join in the Raccoon Creek clean-up on September 23-24.



For those who are new to the chain saw gang, these are just some of the events that will possibly take place on the river as we clean downfall and clogs that will impede our October trip. All hands possible make this work go much faster and easier.

Camping on Saturday night is available for those who want to stay over. It is in the Raccoon SRA near where we work. There are hot showers and electricity for camping if needed. Tell the gate folks that you are with the Hoosier Canoe Club and your boat will not be put on the water in the SRA. They know the drill.

From Indy, go west on IN36 from I465, through Bainbridge and cross the lake in Parke County. Just up the hill from the lake, on the left, is Raccoon SRA. Just west and across the street from the SRA is a Shell station and small grocery. Meet in that parking lot at 9AM both Saturday and Sunday for instructions on what the section for the day will be. It partly depends on the number of participants.

Wear your most beat up clothing and SHOES, swimsuit if you feel the need. Bring your lunch! This is critical as there is nothing available



on the river. Bring a chainsaw, handsaw, pruner, sledge, wedge, clipper, gloves and anything else that might fit into the general useful category. Bring your body ready for a workout like you have never gotten in the gym. We get wet, dirty, tired, and enervated by all this, plus we have a great time. Talk about "war stories" from the river. Just because you have never participated is no excuse. No two years are the same. Join us. (There is a great restaurant nearby for Saturday dinner.) If you are a riverbank supervisor or a light weight lifter, come anyhow. We can find something for you, also. Experienced chain saw gang members, renew your dedication this September with us.

RSVP Dwon Miller by Thursday. We will go over Friday night and camp. Join us then instead of driving on Saturday. Come for one or both days/nights. There will be a campfire, weather permitting. Too wet or too dry is out of our control.

Dwon & Joy Miller
765-288-1404
Activity Sponsors



**Current River (MO)
Labor Day Weekend
Sep 2-4 (Sat-Mon)**

Meet at Two Rivers Campground. From Eminence go east on State Road 106. Turn onto "V-Road" and continue to the river.

I'm traveling down on Friday. Plan to leave the campground for a day on the river at 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Day trips will be planned by those attending. There are side trips for non-paddlers.



Call for RSVP and directions to the Ozarks.

Shirley Gates
317-852-9809



**Tuesday Evening Paddles
for September
Eagle Creek Marina**

No formal paddling activities are planned for Tuesday evenings in September although Eagle Creek Park will continue to be available to interested HCC members. The sun is setting earlier these days so you'll want to get on the water earlier too.

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

Shirley Gates
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CALL TO SERVICE

The Few, the Proud, Be All You Can Be, Uncle Sam Wants You are just some of the slogans I remember as an early post-war baby boomer. It seems as though I was totally inundated with folks that gave of themselves in the service of others, from my Cub Scout Den Mother, Scout Master, Minister, USO, Red Cross, Peace Corps, to the flourishing service orders of the Shriners, Eastern Star, and Masons. That was then, and now is now, but there is still a strong need for the volunteer service spirit in just about all walks of life or any organization.

I am reminded of something a senior Army Commander told me as I was about to take command of my first unit. He said, *"It is one thing to be a part of an organization, but an entirely different thing being responsible for it."*

What I am hinting about here is the need for people to help direct the Hoosier Canoe Club by being either an elected officer or a member of the Executive Board. The HCC has grown quite a bit over the past couple of years and the club's constitution requires that there be a board member for every 15 members. Currently, we need around 15 people to serve on the Board

What is expected of elected officers or board members? The elected officers (Skipper, Executive Officer, Yeoman, and Purser) have direct operational responsibilities over the operations of the HCC. These include being responsible for development of the trips schedule, accountability of any club property, keeping minutes of board and general meetings, and accounting for HCC funds. Board members should be representatives of the paddling community, ambassadors for the general membership, and chair persons for a variety of committees that keep the HCC running. It is through the board member's frequent contact with the general paddling membership, that the HCC Board can make enlightened

decisions regarding trips, training, parties, safety, etc. Without this input, the HCC Board meetings are "bored" meetings.

So, I challenge you to take that extra little step and help make the HCC the best paddling club it can be. We are rapidly approaching the time when I must appoint a nominating committee for officers and board members for year 2001. I have already tasked our already overworked newsletter editor, Joe Smith, with the chairman responsibilities of this committee. I would like you to call Joe Smith (897-2281) and express your interest in being considered for an elected position or a board member position. Uncle Joe Wants You!

Reggie Baker
Skipper



**Pigeon/Fawn Rivers
Sep 30 - Oct 1 (Sat-Sun)**

Join me for a couple of days of floating on two of my favorite Indiana rivers, the Pigeon and the Fawn. We have not worked out a definite schedule yet, but you can be sure the weekend will include both rivers, camping at Mongo, and all the fried fish you can eat at Turkey Lake Tavern. I will try to keep the trips short this time, really, I promise. I am planning to have Ben along, so please bring your young-uns, that helps keep the boy occupied.

Call or email me if you don't know where to camp, or if you need directions or something. Otherwise, I'll just see you up at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Campground and Firing Range, located just minutes outside of beautiful downtown Mongo Indiana.

Dan Valleskey
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September & October Trip Schedule

Dates	Trip	Type	Sponsor	Phone
Sep 11 (Mon)	HCC Board Meeting	Business	Andy & Renee Ratermann	317-845-9069
Oct 9 (Mon)	HCC Board Meeting	Business	Richard VanRheenen	317-259-0742
Sep 23 (Sat)	Ohio River - Derby to Rome	Touring	Team Baker	317-888-3315
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
Oct 6-9 (Fri-Mon)	Michigan Rivers (Pine and Manistee)	Flat	Jeff Kuhn	317-770-9346
Oct 7-8 (Sat-Sun)	White River - south	Flat	Mike Ranstead	812-388-7357
Oct 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Raccoon Creek	Flat	Dwon Miller	765-288-1404
Oct 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Canoe de vous	Flat	Shirley Gates Andy & Renee Ratermann	317-845-9069 317-845-9069
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	765-640-5531
Sep 16-17 (Sat-Sun)	French Broad (TN) Class II, III, IV ***CANCELLED***	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 State Park	White	Jordan Ross Lori Gates	317-293-3949 317-293-3383
Oct 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Gauley Fall Colors (WV) Class IV, V	White	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
Oct 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Russell Fork Fall Colors (KY) Class II, III	White	Donnis Kirkman	317-773-6216

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.

Membership Changes Since Last Month

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Schneider, Louis	305 Forest Ave, Wyoming, OH 45215-2022	513-761-9331		schlou@aol.com



**CAN YOU NAME THIS
WONDERFUL INDIANA
LOCATION?**

The south end of Brookville
Reservoir near dam looking north.

Trip Report

New River Gorge Whitewater

June 24–25 (Sat-Sun)

I woke up to a beautiful Saturday morning, knowing the day would be exciting and fun. I had the best situation a paddler could dream of. My family was with me and my wife (Debi, aka Shuttle Bunny) loves to transport paddlers - (of course the price is the shopping while I'm on the river, but that is another story).



So I motivated the family and off we went to ACE Adventures to meet the rest of the group. They included Charlotte Jones, Chebon White, Mark Bickel, Bob Abernathy, Bob Jones, David Good and Chad Whitecotton. When we arrived everyone was having breakfast and talking about the river. This would be the first time for Chebon, Mark and David.

Having my topo maps in hand and feeling confident, the trip leader decided to take a shortcut to the put-in following small dirt roads. Oops, after Chebon and Mark were chased by rabid dogs and the road ended into the hillside, my wife just laughed and I turned around and headed for the normal way to the takeout.

Then, after unloading the boats, the trip leader lead the group to the takeout, but it seems the civil engineers decided to make the road a one way to the bottom of the gorge and one way up the other side, so my wife started to scream as I headed down the wrong side of the mountain - oops again, (rats). Oh well, we all survived and made it to the river.

Once on the river, we all made it through upper railroad - but then came lower railroad. Charlotte led the way and disappeared, as we follow one by one like lemmings; we all felt what it would be like to be flushed down a toilet – big powerful water.

On to the Keeneys - upper and middle provided standing wave trains and photo opportunities. Next was lower Keeney and big waves and holes. The goal was a tootsie roll for all that made it through upright. After several play spots and fun rapids came Double Z. Chebon created a new move in this rapid named the “*cranium helmet to river rock spin flop*”. This move produces a goose egg on your head.

After Chebon quit counting constellations, we moved on to greyhound bus stopper. Both David and Chad thought they were in a rodeo competition and played their hearts out. On to Millers Folly, where the water looks like mass confusion. We made it through safely with smiles all around.

Finally we arrived at Fayette Station for the last rapid of the day. Some of the group found a new way through the rapid on river left around and under rocks and pourovers. The day was sunny and 83 degrees.

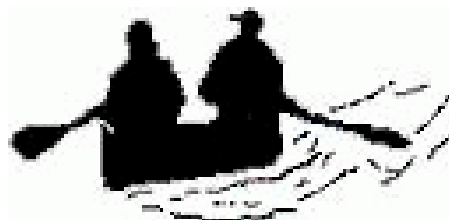
Dinner at Dirty Eds was fun and filling with peanuts and food a-flying. Sunday, attrition took its toll on the group. Chebon was still counting stars and nursing his head, David had brought his wife and friends and they went off on their own adventure. Dave decided he wanted to shop and cruise for girls and poor Chad had to go back to Indy to work. The rest of the group put on the river early and off we went.

The second day didn't seem to be quite as intimidating and we moved through all of the rapids like pros and practiced our enders and squirts along the way. We reached the take out early and packed the boats up except me - seems the shuttle bunny was late in arriving. As everybody left Dave and Bob spotted my vehicle on the way up the gorge and were kind enough to come and tell me. After several more minutes and two park rangers later I found them in the middle of Fayette Station rapid waiting on us to come through.



Oops, oh well, the weekend was great and everyone had a great time. I am looking forward to next year's trip...I have been studying the topo maps for a new route to the put-in that I know will work.

Submitted by Rick Coughenour
Trip Sponsor
and
Backwoods Topo Guide



**Gauley Fest
Summersville, WV
September 16-17 (Sat-Sun)**

Gauley Fest is the premier fall paddling festival in the nation, attracting a large turnout and many of the best boaters in the world. Besides running into old friends there is gear galore for sale, terrific end-of-season deals on new and used boats and an excellent silent auction. There is also great music, goofy boxing matches and other wild party going-ons. Oh, and there's this little river nearby if you'd like to paddle...

I'll be helping Chris Burkhart with this trip. I am planning to run the Upper Yough (V) on September 15 (Fri) meeting in Friendsville, Maryland at 11 AM local time. Friday evening I will drive south to the Gauley and camp at the takeout field for the Lower Gauley in Swiss (primitive - no facilities).

Saturday I hope to put on before 9 AM to run the entire Gauley from the dam to Swiss (26 miles!). We did this last year and it was a lot of fun, plus we got to paddle the Middle Gauley. The trip takes about six hours so scouting and playing have to be kept to a minimum.

Paddlers not ready for the Upper (V) can join us when we reach the put-in for the Lower (IV).

Camping Saturday night will depend on what folks want to run Sunday. I may camp at Swiss again to secure an early, playful run on the Lower before driving home. I need my Diagonal Ledges fix!

Important Notes:

For these early morning runs plan on bringing breakfast items (and lunch, of course) as there are no restaurants along the shuttle route between Swiss and the Upper and Lower put-ins. There are several convenience stores along the route

**East Race Fall Paddle Clinic
South Bend, IN
September 23-24 (Sat-Sun)**

This program is similar to the clinic we held in May and definitely worth repeating. We will practice swiftwater rescue skills in the mornings and paddle and play techniques in the afternoon. We'll meet at 10 AM at the lower end of the course each morning.

Bring your kayak or canoe, PFD and helmet, plus throw bag and other rescue items. River shoes, booties or river sandals are mandatory for wading. We'll be in the water a lot and conditions may be cool so bring exposure clothing such as a paddle jacket, wet suit or drytop/suit. Paddle gloves, knee and elbow pads are helpful options as the course is very abrasive. Lunch and drinks are a good idea.

Read the "Whitewater Rescue Manual" by Charles Walbridge and Wayne A. Sundmacher, Sr. (Ragged Mountain Press, Camden, Maine 1995). Assemble a rescue kit,



where you can get a sandwich or drinks.

Watch your speed in Summersville on US Rt.19!! The local cops are profiling kayakers and will use ANY excuse to pull you over. In addition to ticketing you (\$\$!) they will likely grill you about drugs and may even try to search your vehicle. Trust me, this is no joke so forewarned is forearmed.

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or

Chris Burkhart
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practice a few knots and come to the workshop with rescue ideas YOU would like to try out.

In the afternoons we'll coach eddy turns, peel-outs, ferries, combat rolls, and of course...wave surfing! For beginner hole riders, we'll again "dial up" a custom side-surfing hole at the head gate for a "no fear" opportunity to learn this important and fun paddle skill.

Camping will be at Potato Creek State Park coordinated by Lori Gates. The park is about twelve miles south of South Bend. Please let Lori know ASAP if you plan to camp Friday and/or Saturday night.

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**Beaver River
Belfort, NY
September 2-4 (Sat-Mon)**

This is a LONG drive to upstate New York. There are dam releases on three sections of this river that range from class III-IV to a 400+ fpm section of class V. There are a number of runnable falls and slides. Class IV skills are mandatory. As of this writing I'm still waiting for firm commitments from paddlers willing to tackle this river...and the long drive.

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**Derby to Rome-Ohio River
Touring Kayak Trip
September 23 (Sat)**

Big kayaks on a big river! Last year while on business in southern Indiana, I had the opportunity to take a scenic drive along a beautiful part of the Ohio River shoreline that borders the Hoosier National Forest. It was a beautiful day and I couldn't help but think of the possibility of paddling along this section.

On Saturday, September 23, Deb and I will be leading a touring kayak trip along this section. The trip will be relatively short in sea kayaking terms, only about 9 miles, but the Ohio River is a big one and there looks like a number of places to gunkhole around and just have a day of discovery. As we have never paddled on the Ohio River, it will be a day of discovery for us all.

The rendezvous point will be the McDonalds at the Greenwood exit off I-65. We will be departing from there at 8:00 AM and heading down I-65 to Louisville and across I-64 to Exit 86 (SR37 and Hwy 66). We will take Hwy 66 south to Derby where we will figure out the shuttle.

The road trip should be around 2.5 hours. Did I say SHUTTLE? But Reggie, you said you never have to shuttle when you sea kayak. Well gentle reader, this is a river trip, and there will have to be a shuttle, or you will have to paddle back 9 miles against the current of one of the largest rivers in the US.

This should be a relatively easy trip and most touring kayaks will be acceptable. Recreational kayaks such as the Keowee or anything under 12 feet in length probably would not be advisable. This is an open water trip and the size of the Ohio River can make it subject to substantial wind driven waves/chop. You will need to provide all your own paddling, safety, and personal equipment, as well as lunch.

I would like to have advance warning as to who may be attending, so an RSVP is required by Thursday, September 21. Just e-mail me at: rbaker@dem.state.in.us or leave a message on my recorder.

Hope to see you on our first touring kayak river cruise.

Reg and Deb Baker
317-888-3315

**Michigan Rivers
Pine & Manistee
October 6-9 (Fri-Mon)**

Early October is a great time for paddling in Michigan. The Fall leaves are at peak color and the mosquitoes, flies and crowds are gone until next season. The rivers once again take on a near wilderness quality and spotting wildlife is common.

Camping will be at the Pine River Paddlesports Campground. The fee is \$7.00/person/night. There are coin operated showers available. If the weather is very cold there are various motels or cabins to rent in the area.

I would like to leave Thursday evening, 10/5, and drive to Potato Creek State Park to camp that evening. That way we have a shorter drive the next day and can get there in time for a short (2-hr) warm-up trip on the Pine River on Friday. Let's meet at the Johanning Civic Center (also called the City of Firsts Visitor's Center) on US 31 on the north side of Kokomo at 7:00 PM. If this is not possible you can meet us at Potato Creek State Park Thursday PM or early Friday AM. I can also give directions to the Pine River Paddlesports Campground if you want to meet us in Michigan.

Saturday will be a 10-mile float on the "Between the Lakes" of the Manistee River. This is a scenic trip between Hodenpyle Dam and Tippy Pond. The North Country National Scenic Trail and the Manistee River Trail each follow the river. The water is easy Class I.

Sunday and Monday will be day trips on the Pine River, one of the fastest flowing rivers in lower Michigan. Sunday will be a 15-mile trip and Monday will be a 10-mile trip. The lower Pine has numerous Class I-II riffles and light rapids. Monday we should be off the river early enough to allow everyone to get home by early evening.

You will need to plan for cool to cold weather. I have seen heavy frost in the mornings on quite a few occasions that time of year. Daytime high temperatures generally range from the 40's to the 50's, but plan for colder. Bring polypropylene thermal underwear and dress in layers. Stay away from cotton. Paddling gloves are a good idea. If you have a wetsuit or drysuit bring it too. If you have any questions on gear call or email me. RSVP for the trip by 10/4/00.

Jeff Kuhn
317-770-9346



Jose Joven bags a mess of digitally enhanced dinner bass on an impromptu Sunday afternoon canoe float down the Driftwood River near Edinburgh.

Classifieds

For Sale: Corsica S to a good home for best offer. Contact Charlotte Jones, 317-202-9672 or charlottetjones@mindspring.com

For Sale: Perception 3D, Yellow/Green, \$450 OBO, Contact Ken Kyler <ken@kyler.com>, 301-929-0312; or speak with Jordan Ross. Boat located in Washington DC. Transport back to Indy possible via Jordan at Gauley Fest time.

FYI: Try the webstore at www.outdoorplay.com Enter <HCC-1000> at web checkout for a 10% club member discount.



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 pix.

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

Your 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

Activity Report
Shelbyville Triathlon #3
August 6 (Sun)

The weather on the morning of Sunday, August 6, included thunder, lightning, and periods of steady rain. Even with these threatening conditions, brave volunteers from the HCC were on the water when the horn signaled the beginning of the race. Volunteers included Joe Smith, Dick Fetty, Dave Brown, Dan Clark, Ken Wright, Bill Reed, and Chris and Bret Robinson. Next time you see them, offer these individuals some hazard pay.

Submitted by
 Chris and Bret Robinson
 Understudies of Fletcher Graham



Athletes register for the Triathlon

VOTE NOW!

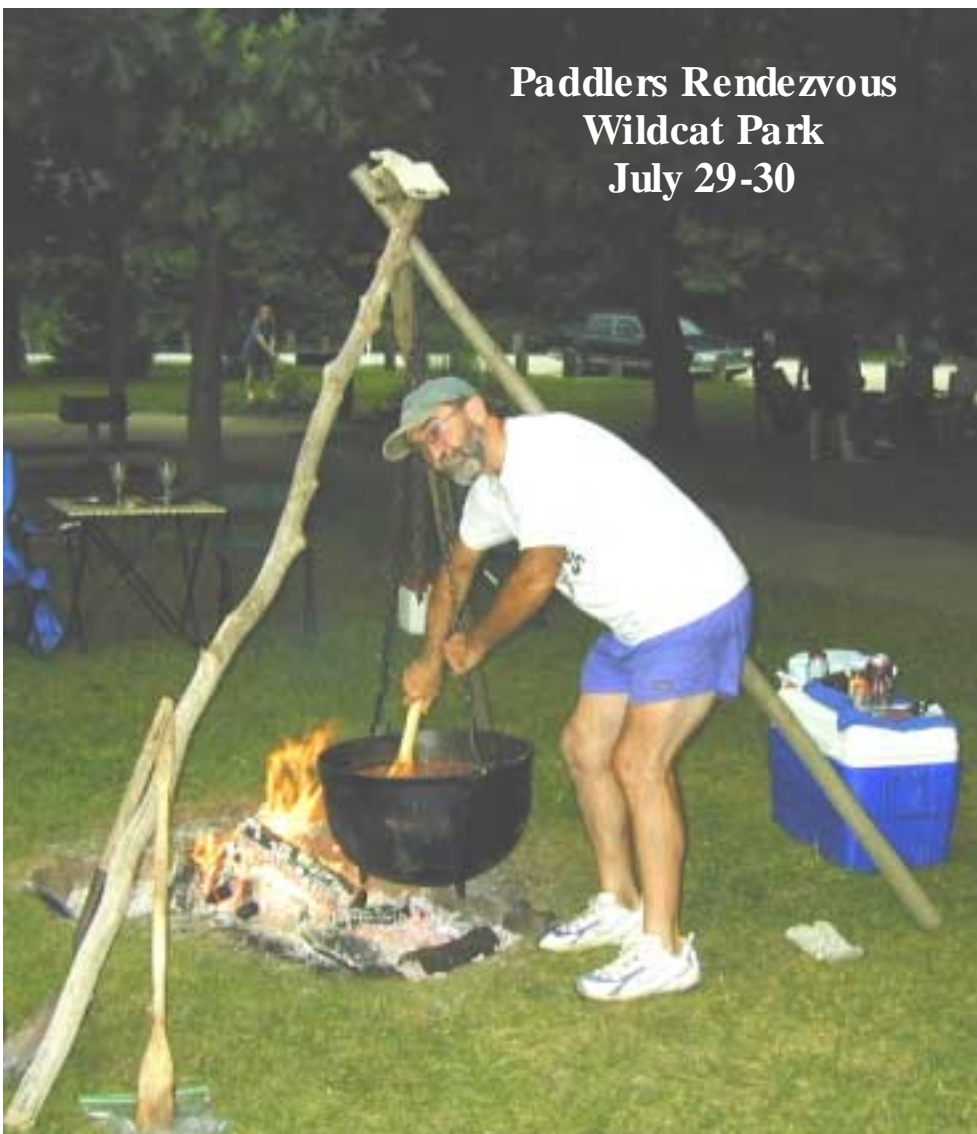
Over the past months many creative names have been suggested for the newsletter. Finally, it's decision time! Between now and Oct 20 you may cast your vote from the list below.

Vote by mail, email, phone or any means you choose as long as it gets to the newsletter editor. One vote per membership only.

The new name will be revealed in the November newsletter's masthead. After all, it's news.

1. The Yakker
2. CaNews
3. The Passport
4. Hoosier Tidings
5. Riparian
6. Wapihani Whispers
7. From the Banks of the Wabash
8. Downstream
9. Paddlers Page
10. Paddlin' On
11. Hoosier Kanews
12. Float Notes
13. Hoosier Baywatch
14. Around the Bend
15. Paddle Weal
16. Water Weal
17. Eddy Line
18. Eddy Hopper
19. Eddy Tum
20. Ender Wave
21. Back Paddle
22. Bowline
23. Recovery
24. Peelout
25. River Ledger
26. Hoosier Portage
27. Ferry Line
28. Front Ferry
29. Back Ferry
30. Horizon Line
31. Power Face
32. The Expedition
33. The Hoosier Paddler

Paddlers Rendezvous
Wildcat Park
July 29-30



Gary "Muskrat" Hill paddles his way through a super-sized pot of muskrat chili.



Petterson's International Scale of River Difficulty:

Class I: Easy. Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

Class II: Novice. Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies may require moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub-induced lacerations. Paddles travel a great distance downstream requiring a lengthy walk. Canoe hits a submerged rock leaving a ding on gunwale.

Class III: Intermediate. Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are repeatedly ground against sharp pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision whether or not to stay with boat is made. Decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated gently in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

Class IV: Advanced. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief is experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure removes car keys and credit cards from zippered paddle jacket pocket. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at canoe which is finally stopped by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves an inverted tree. One of those little spring-loaded pins that attaches watch to watchband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

Class V and beyond: Expert. Not recommended for swimming.

Courtesy of Dave Petterson, via the Usenet newsgroup rec.boats.paddle

Submitted by Jordan Ross

Board Meeting Hosts

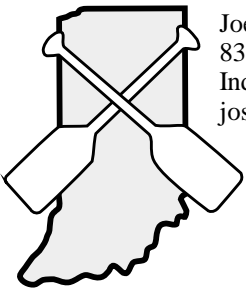
Sep	Andy & Renee Ratermann
Oct	Richard VanRheenen
Nov	Fall Meeting
Dec	Shirley Gates

New Newsletter Team Member

HCC member Ken Wright has volunteered to assist with the assembly of the monthly newsletter. This 4-5 hour monthly task involves collating, folding, stuffing, sealing and stamping approximately 245 newsletters and traveling to the post office. The club extends its appreciation to Ken for helping make the newsletter possible. If you are reading the newsletter now, Ken put it together.

-Ed

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