

# The Hoosier Paddler



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## Fall General Meeting November 4 (Sat)

The Fall General Meeting of the Hoosier Canoe Club will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2000, from 5:00 - 10:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Carefree Estates Clubhouse located on the south side of County Line Road approximately 1/2 mile west of SR 135 on the Indy southside.

Events for this meeting will include the general business meeting (hopefully short), elections (even shorter), and a slide presentation by sea kayak instructor Michael Valliant on his summer trip to Isle Royale in northwestern Lake Superior. Not only will Michael be talking about the trip, but the planning and preparations.

As always, you are encouraged to clean out your gear closet and bring those unused items for a swap meet.

Meats and drinks will be provided and attendees are asked to bring their finest pitch-in fare. I look forward to seeing you all and a record turnout.

Reggie Baker, Skipper

## 2001 Nominations Slate

The nominating committee comprised of Garry Bledsoe, Lori Gates, Bret Robinson and Joe Smith prepared the following slate of Officers and Executive Board Members to serve during 2001. The election will take place at the November 4 Fall General Meeting at Carefree Estates.

### OFFICER SLATE

- Reggie Baker..... Skipper
- Bret Robinson..... Exec
- Shirley Gates..... Yeoman
- Dave Ellis..... Purser

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER SLATE

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Jordan Ross         | Dwon Miller     |
| Fletcher Graham     | Earl King       |
| Ken Wright          | Noel Hubbard    |
| Dan Clark           | Dave Brown      |
| Jack Mitenbuler     | Patty Bledsoe   |
| Richard Van Rheenen | Donnis Kirkman  |
| Dick Fetty          | Eric Stallsmith |

## Special Trip Report Woodland Caribou Provincial Park

In late August my son (aka Hoz-B) and I spent 8 days paddling Woodland Caribou Provincial Park located near Red Lake in northern Ontario, Canada.

Hoz-B donated a kidney to me on September 29, 1999. I planned this trip as an outback romp to celebrate our successful one year outcome. Taking our time, since neither one of us were in tip top shape, we paddled on good days and stayed in camp on the windy, rainy ones. We fished, joked, and thoroughly enjoyed the Canadian wilderness.

The Park (1.5 million acres) is a veritable "sponge" of interconnected lakes and portages. It is possible to extend or shorten a trip as you see fit. The



Gammon and Bloodvein Rivers (Canadian Heritage Rivers) originate here.

There are several Native petrograph sites. We visited 15 named lakes and as many unnamed ones in our loop trip. In all we covered 64 KM with a total portage distance of 3500M. The average portage was 130M. If anyone would like more information on this beautiful paddling paradise feel free to contact me. Woodland Caribou is truly a jewel!

Jose Joven (aka Hoz-A)  
[jjoven@indy.net](mailto:jjoven@indy.net)



## HCC Club Member Creates Outdoor Resource

HCC Club Member Eric Stallsmith has created a commercial website of interest to the paddling community. Eric has provided some site promotional copy below describing what paddlers can expect. Best wishes to Eric & his website. –Editor J



[www.IndianaOutfitters.com](http://www.IndianaOutfitters.com) is a new website that is solely devoted to Indiana's outdoor resources. The website contains over 800 pages designed to provide the viewer with all of the information that they need to plan their next outdoor adventure.

The website contains a comprehensive river guide that includes county level road maps to the public access points, links to the appropriate gaging stations, weather forecasts, and trip reports from other people that have been there.

The future goals for the river guide are to peg the statistical gaging station information to canoeability for each of the rivers and to expand the coverage to include all of the best canoeing rivers in the state.

Nobody knows Indiana's rivers better than HCC club members. You can help make this guide better with your input. Not only will it help create the ultimate canoeing guide, but this will be a great source for publicity since all information will be credited and a link to the HCC website created.

## Trip Report Pine & Manistee Rivers October 6-9 (Fri-Mon)

Wintry weather kept the turnout low for this trip. We had rain, sleet, and/or snow every day and every night. However each day the sun would make an appearance for a while, adding brilliance to the beautiful fall colors.

On Friday Joe Smith, Dick Fetty and I paddled from Dobson Bridge to Low Bridge on the Pine River. The highlight of the day was when yours truly took a swim after hitting an unseen rock and capsizing in a small rapid. Only my pride was hurt. Fortunately I was wearing layers of polypropylene and fleece and had a dump bag with me. Hypothermia was a very real possibility on this trip.

On Saturday Ed Ragsdale and Doug McKnight joined Dick Fetty and me. We paddled the Manistee River between Hodenpyle Dam and Tippy Pond. Joe elected not to paddle. We had a fair amount of sunshine that day and the scenery was spectacular. We spotted bald eagle, merganser, and kestrel. This section of the Manistee is one of the most scenic floats in lower Michigan.

On Sunday Dick, Ed, Doug and I ran the Pine River from Elm Flats to Peterson Bridge. Joe went to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for some sightseeing and picture taking. It was snowing nice big flakes at the put-in. This was probably the coldest day, with high temperatures in the upper 30s. I left for home after this trip. Ed, Doug and Dick stayed on and paddled again on Monday.

A few days after the trip ended the temperatures in the area were again in the 60s and 70s. A few days sure can make a big difference. Hopefully next year the weather will be more cooperative.

Jeff Kuhn  
Trip Sponsor

## Trip Report Raccoon Creek Cleanup Sep 23-24 (Sat-Sun)

Our thanks to several people who helped make this year's October trip as safe as possible. Dick Fetty took two days, on separate week-ends, to work outside of the scheduled week-end. One Saturday was with Steven Ponless and another with Terry Haughton. These guys cleared from below the dam to Bridgeton. Wonderful!

On Sep 23rd seven met to tackle what was left. Joining Dwon and Joy Miller were Roger Ritchie, Fred Sanders, Fletcher Graham, Marti Dailey, and Gordon Lepley. Joy and new knee did shuttle duty.

We put in at the first covered bridge below Bridgeton and opened the creek to Rosedale. Plans were to finish Bridgeton to the bridge on Sunday. Best make plans, etc... Forecasts of mid-fifties and rain opted for a cancellation of Sunday and all but the Millers went home Saturday night. Millers went to the assigned meeting place and found a willing Glen Petty. The possibility of still clearing was changed when it started pouring. As of now, just the short section is not cleared. See you on the river.

Dwon Miller  
Trip Sponsor



## White River Dec 2 (Sat)

Paddle will begin on the west side of Anderson, ending in Perkinsville. Meet at the McDonald's on SR 32 on the west side of Anderson. Shuttle will leave at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP by Dec 1 (Fri).

Dick Fetty  
765-754-8200

# November & December Trip Schedule

Dates	Trip	Type	Sponsor	Phone
Nov 4 (Sat) 5-10PM	Fall Meeting and Elections @ Carefree Estates Clubhouse	Business		
Dec 9 (Sat)	HCC Christmas Party @ Shirley Gates home	Business	Shirley Gates	317-852-9809
Dec 2 (Sat)	White River	Flat	Dick Fetty	765-754-8200
Jan 1 (Mon)	New Year's Float	Flat		
Nov 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Ocoee Fall Colors Class III, IV	White	Kris Bachman	219-238-4764

*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 Information Changes Since Last Month

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The symbol adjacent to the member name indicates the change information (N)=new, (R)=renew, (M)=mailing address change, (H)=home phone change, (W)=work phone change, (E)=email address change

### Special Newsletter Survey

In the interest of being good stewards of our natural resources (particularly the conservation of trees) there is a proposal to offer the monthly newsletter either by way of the HCC website or by email.

Instead of receiving the printed newsletter a club member would either download the monthly newsletter from the HCC website or have it automatically emailed to them. Using Acrobat Reader (available for free on the internet), the newsletter would appear on the

computer screen the same as the traditional printed copy.

Chief benefits of the proposal, in addition to the conservation aspects, include the ability to get the newsletter in advance of the mailed version and the ability to call up past newsletters archived on the website.

Should a hard copy of the newsletter or portion of the newsletter be needed, a printout is possible on any 8.5 x 11 B/W or color printer.

Those without email or internet access could continue to receive their printed copy of the newsletter

through the US mail.

The single survey question is:

*Would you be willing to forgo your mailed copy of the newsletter in favor of a web-based version as described above?*

Facts: More than half of the HCC membership has email capability. The equivalent of 12,000 sheets of 8.5x11 paper are consumed each year for printing our club newsletter.

You may respond to the survey question by emailing josephsmith@iquest.net.

## ETERNAL FLAME

Well, my friends,  
It's here again,  
The Holidaye,  
Are 'round the bend.

Is it just me,  
Or did 2000 fly?  
The days are shorter,  
My, ohhhhhh my!!

They say life is like -  
Toilet paper ya know,  
The shorter the roll,  
The faster it'll go!

So get out and enjoy,  
All the beautiful leaves,  
They won't last long,  
As they fall from the trees.

I was suffering from  
burnout,  
But now I am back!  
Joe Smith said he'd kill me,  
And he cut me no slack!

So cheers to you all,  
Stay tuned to this letter,  
More poems are coming,  
I promise to be better!

ISHURDO!!!  
(aka Debby Baker)

## A Paddler's Kitchen by Patty Bledsoe

Here's a time-saving soup.  
Delicious in its original incarnation,  
it also has interesting possibilities if  
ingredients are adapted to cabin or  
campstove cookery.

### Lighthouse Chowder

3 cans Campbells Chicken Broth  
1.5 cups water (or part white wine,  
beer, or more chicken broth)  
2/3 cup uncooked instant rice  
1.5 cups chunky tomato salsa (I use  
"Pace" brand medium hot)  
10 ounces frozen corn (or equivalent  
amount of drained canned corn)  
1 pound frozen cod or other  
whitefish, partially thawed (or  
chunks of pre-cooked smoked  
sausage)

### Earlier Newsletter Deadline Becomes 15th of month

Beginning with the December  
newsletter, the deadline for articles  
will be the 15th of the preceding  
month. This change will provide  
more flexibility for the editor and  
increased publication time for the  
commercial printer.

The HCC membership size and  
newsletter circulation continues to  
grow. The November newsletter is  
being mailed to 265 members and  
life members, other paddling clubs  
and businesses.

Garnishes: Lime wedges, a shower  
of chopped fresh cilantro leaves,  
oyster crackers, tortilla chips

In a large pot or Dutch oven bring  
broth, water (or other liquids) and  
rice to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer 5  
minutes.

Add the salsa (yes, 1-1/2 cups is  
correct!) and corn. Return to a boil.

Meanwhile, cut the fish into 1-inch  
chunks. Add the fish, reduce heat,  
cover pot and simmer 5 minutes or  
until the fish flakes easily with a  
fork. If you use sausage, just simmer  
until the pre-cooked sausage is  
warmed through.

Serves 4. Would freeze well. Tastes  
even better the second day.



### Hoosier Canoe Club 2000 Officers

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