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# **Hello HCC! Paddling Instructors Wanted**

### Dan Valleskey

Many years back, I went through the whole ACA instructor certification program. I almost made it all the way to get my whitewater open boat instructor card. The only thing that stopped me was that I needed to actually teach a class beside one of the Instructor Trainers. That class was in Northern Wisconsin, so I never completely finished the whole program. On the way to my original goal, I did pick up flatwater and moving water certification. And I put a lot of miles on the odometer, as I recall I had two weekend trips to Wisconsin and one to Tennessee, not to mention a fun-filled(?) weekend on a small pond outside Noblesville.

I learned a lot about paddling through all that. I even learned a little about why I paddle. But I never did much teaching. I did two or three small jobs through ACA, and then I helped Team Baker with the Saturday morning pool classes. Somewhere in there, I started to use a kayak on occasion, though I was never certified to teach kayak. (Yes, it is sad but true- your skipper is a bi-paddler). I'm not sorry I went through the ACA program, but neither do I regret letting it all go by the wayside. The maintenance of those certifications is considerable.

Fast forward a decade plus, and I find myself instructing again. Partly because of the loss of Reggie, of course he can never be replaced, that lesson is being driven home to the HCC. There is some assumption on the part of the members of this club that their Skipper will have a modicum of skill in handling boats, so I felt it important to at least offer my time. It is old news by the time you read this, but our class was a success. We should continue to identify what needs our members have and offer appropriate classes. I'm thinking about a beginners class later this year. What do YOU think?

The other reason is that I have had to return to instructing Boy Scouts. My son is active in a troop and I wanted to help expose these boys to the joys of paddlesport. It would seem they get appallingly little exposure to it through the programs they are otherwise involved in. I helped set up an informal program for them that met all the safety requirements of the BSA. Thanks to our Editor and a few other very skilled paddlers, we put over 30 boys on the water in tandem and solo canoes and kayaks. It was a lot of work, but satisfying.

Where am I heading with this verbal rambling? I want to encourage everyone reading this to stop for a second and consider taking a paddle instructor class. We can help you find a place to do that. You do not have to be a highly skilled paddler. I knew one very competent instructor trainer that was basically worthless on anything approaching whitewater! They will teach you paddling, on the way to teaching you how to teach. If you have attitude and style and maybe some degree of athleticism, you can pull it off wonderfully. Just let any board member know of possible barriers to your success, we may be able to help you a great deal.

The more people we can teach to paddle well, the more will enjoy our trips. More paddlers on trips will lead to more experienced trip leaders. Which gives us more chances to paddle. Sounds good to me!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Kellie Kaneshiro for the great job she did organizing our Fall Creek clean up. I think everyone had a good time, all the elements of a great trip were there- weather, water, a pretty little river, and friends to paddle with. It would have been a nice short trip even if we had passed up the chance to give something back to our rivers. I hope when we set up the schedule next year we remember how well it turned out.

Dan



Boats assembled for Scout Training

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

### The Great Fall Creek Cleanup! June 6, 2009



Trash removed from the River

#### Kellie Kaneshiro

All the planning finally paid off when on Saturday, June 6, twenty-eight canoeists and kayakers from the Hoosier Canoe Club and Friends of the White River helped to cleanup the stretch of Fall Creek from 465 down to the Emerson bridge. Launching from Camp Belzer, the intrepid boaters first had to run Killer Falls before trash collection could begin in earnest. With the technical portion of the trip completed, everyone was free to enjoy the sunshine and the scenery while floating down Fall Creek. A large northern water snake slithered off one of the sandbars and swam away. Other wildlife sightings included spiders, a baby snake, turtles and blue herons.

Volunteers scoured the banks, sandbars, and checked out eddies for trash. The haul included the usual suspects, a tire, glass, plastic bags, plastic bottles, styrofoam, and stray fishing paraphernalia. The basketball might have been the closest to being considered "river booty" but it was a "little flat." The bicycle which had to be dug out of the river bank, the lawn chair, and the printer with cord attached had all seen better days. If

anyone has ideas on removing a pick-up truck from Fall Creek, let Dan Valleskey know!

After the trash was stashed, the boats put up, and the hands sanitized, it was time for a get-together by the shores of Lake Maxinhall. The food and the company were great. Afterwards host Dan Valleskey gave a tour of Lake Maxinhall, and some folks swam, while others held a little rolling practice.

Thank you to all the volunteers and groups who made the Fall Creek Cleanup a success!

- Greg Cameron, Allison Cameron, Mike & Jean Miller, Mariann Davis, Sue Foxx, Jeremiah DeLashmit, John Wainscott, Peter Racher, Nathan Racher, Damon Kasperg, Linda Smith, Frank Chiao, Matt Bassett, Neil Bassett, Christy Krieg, Matthew Slagel, Ben Valleskey, Dave Ellis, Dan Clark, Jim Sprandel.
- HCC Conservation Committee: Dan Valleskey, Mary Keith, Joel DeLashmit, Theresa Kulzak, Kellie Kaneshiro (special thanks to Dan and Julie Valleskey for hosting the post-cleanup festivities).
- Friends of the White River (FOWR), who supplied great canoes, litter grabbers and expertise in the form of Kevin Hardie, Executive Director, Mike Fleetwood, and Dan Valleskey, Board Members.
- Boy Scouts of America, Camp Belzer, for allowing us to stage the cleanup and launch from their site.
- American Rivers, a non-profit conservation organization and sponsor of the National River Cleanup. They provided trash bags and snacks from Boulder Canyon Natural Foods. FOWR and American Rivers both listed our event on their websites.
- Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, sponsor of the Great Indy Cleanup. They provided trash bags, cotton work gloves, and would have supplied a dumpster if we needed one.

For the record: the stretch of Fall Creek was approximately 3 miles long, there were several strainers, but no portages and the last paddlers came in at about 2.5 hours.

Water levels according to the Fall Creek Millersville gauge were 382 cfs (3.4 feet) for the June 6 Cleanup and approximately 800 cfs (4.4 feet), for the May 9 HCC moving water class. According to a senior HCC club member, a minimal flow level for running Fall Creek is at least 125 cfs.



Dan Valleskey removing Bicycle



### **HCC Safety Boaters Needed! Saturday, July 18**

#### Jan Sneddon

The next Triathlon at Eagle Creek will be held on Saturday, July 18. This is a great opportunity to get in an early morning paddle and watch amazing athletes compete and regular people tackle a challenge!

The Triathlon will start at 8:00 am. Safety boaters are asked to gather at Eagle Creek by 7:15 am to receive instructions, complimentary race T-shirts and to get their boats in the water. You will follow waves of swimmers and allow struggling swimmers to hang on to your boats. After helping a swimmer, you signal to a motorized safety boat, which swoops in to collect the exhausted swimmer. Safety boaters are not expected to take swimmers to shore. The total swim distance in this event is 500 meters. For more information about these events, please visit:

http://www.tuxbro.com/entry%20form%20page.htm

If you can't make this event, the HCC will support triathlons on Saturday, August 22, and August 29.

If you would like to volunteer to safety boat for one of these events, please contact Jan Sneddon at (317) 257-1740 or tri@hoosiercanoeclub.org.



Blind School Pool during March Boat Demo

# **July Pool Sessions at Blind School**

During July, the HCC will use the pool at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for Wednesday night paddling and rolling sessions since we are still waiting for Thatcher Pool repairs to be completed.

This pool is located at:

7725 North College Avenue Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.

After you enter the school grounds, make the first left after entering the school grounds and turn right when you see the greenhouse. This road will curve left and take you to the large pool building. Turn right for parking. Boats can be taken directly into the pool through a door on the right side of the building.

This pool is bigger so there is more room to play even for longer boats and it is easier to bring boats into the pool

# **Touring/Flatwater Trips**

#### What to Bring on a Flatwater Trip

- PFD (Personal Floatation Device) with an attached whistle
- Spare paddle, bilge pump or bailing device (small bucket, sponge, etc.)
- Rescue gear: paddle float, throw rope, first aid kit
- Personal medications: Be sure to inform your trip sponsor of medical conditions.
- Sunglasses, sun screen, bug spray
- Lunch, snacks, drinks plus water!

# Cataract Falls on Cagles Mill Lake—Lieber SRA Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Cataract Falls is a series of stair-step falls where Mill Creek enters and forms Cagles Mill Lake in Lieber State Recreation Area. We won't "run" the falls but we will put in on Cagles Mill Lake and paddle up the headwaters of the lake to the Lower Cataract falls. At that point, we will have lunch, look around the Lower Falls, and then hike about one mile up to see the Upper Falls. If you've never seen the Upper Falls, you should.

This section of the lake is mostly protected and will be suitable for all types of boats (canoes, sea kayaks, recreational kayaks).

Meeting Place: Marathon Station just south of I-70 on SR 243. From I-70 and I-465 on the Indianapolis West side, drive west on I-70 towards Terre Haute. Go past the Cloverdale SR 231 exit approximately 4 miles to the SR 243 exit (Exit 37). Turn south on SR243 and the Marathon station is on the right just after passing over I-70. (Approximately 40 minutes from I-465 and I-70 on the West Side)

**Access Site:** Cunot Public Access Site (PAS) on Lieber Lake. (Probably, I scouted different access sites on June 8 and the water level was *very* high. While paddling was not a problem, parking was. We should be okay in July



but I'll reconnoiter the week before to find a put-in with adequate parking.

**What to Bring:** Be sure to bring water, your lunch, sun screen, and insect repellent. You might bring walking shoes since you will want to climb around Cataract Falls.

**Paddling Distance:** 6 miles. It is 3 miles from Cunot PAS up to the Lower Falls and then back. If anyone wants to paddle a little more after we get back, there are some interesting areas to explore just west of Cunot PAS.

**Expected Water Conditions**: Flat to wind chop

**Schedule:** 9:30 am Arrive at Marathon station staging area

9:45 am Drive to Put-In 10:30 am: Start Paddling

Note: A current DNR Lake permit is required for this trip.

Contact Information: Please call Jim Sprandel (317) 257-2063 by 6:00 pm Friday July 10 or e-mail me at

merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.

# Middle Fork Salt Creek/Hoosier National Forest Trip Sponsor: Joel DeLashmit

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Join us on a scenic paddle through the rugged and remote back country of Hoosier National Forest. New paddlers are welcome on this peaceful leisurely paddle. Water levels are normal and ideal for paddling right now. This trip location is very remote so be sure to pack lunch, snacks and plenty of water. First aid kits and necessary medications should be brought along, if you are allergic to bees, please bring an emergency kit. Insect repellent and sun block should also be handy. Please visit the local outfitter's website for much more information on this trip, what to expect as well as pictures and videos:

http://www.browncountycanoe.com/ .

Meeting Place/Put-In: Combs Road at Salt Creek From Indianapolis about 1.5 hours {39°03'47.78"N 86°

16'25.08"W} **Trip Length**: 7-8 miles

**Expected Water Conditions:** Flatwater

**Schedule**: 10:00 am Gather at the Meeting Place

10:30 am Start Paddling

**Directions:** From Indianapolis, take I-65 S. to SR46 then head West. Turn Left on SR 135 S. and follow to Story, Do not follow SR 135 to the left at Story, go straight on Elkinsville Road. Follow Elkinsville Road until you come to a tee then turn Right on Combs Road. Follow Combs Road to the creek. Be careful—there are a few steep hills and sharp curves after you get off SR46.

**Contact Information:** Please contact me by Friday July 24 4 pm by email or by 9 pm phone if you plan to attend. If thunderstorms or heavy rain are in the area we may have to delay the trip or cancel.

Joel DeLashmit (317) 656-1597, joeldelashmit@gmail.com

# The 24th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous Trip Sponsor: Garry Hill

Friday, July 31 - Sunday August 2, 2009

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous (IPR) on Wildcat Creek is less than 6 weeks away. This article should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Further details will be in the next HCC newsletter. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full weekend of paddling on Wildcat Creek.

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best paddling events in Indiana. If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small streams in Indiana, to relax with old paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

Since Chuck Weis is no longer with us, Muskrat has agreed to return to the post of IPR Trip Leader. Numerous requests for volunteers have been posted to members of the Wildcat Guardians and others. I will also be looking for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers" and "On-Stream Safety Crew". I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past.

#### **IPR Events:**

• Friday's Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expeditions will host a trip on Wildcat Creek Friday afternoon; meeting time is 3:00 PM at Wildcat Park. The stretch to paddle will be decided at that time. There will be a BYO campfire cookout following this cruise. Camping will be available at Wildcat Park for Friday and Saturday nights by special arrangement with the Tippecanoe County Parks Dept.



- Saturday's creek trip will begin at Knop Lake Public Fishing Area. This will cover 13.6-miles and end at Wildcat Park. Lunch on the Gravelbar is BYO. Shuttle departure time is 9:00 AM from Knop Lake You should plan to arrive at Knop Lake absolutely no later than 8:30 (8 AM would be better; it really gets crowded with all the people arriving).
- Saturday's Chili Supper will begin serving at 6 PM (maybe 7). Please make reservations at garryhill@aol.com. The Wildcat Guardians Benefit auction will start after Supper.
- Sunday's creek trip will meet at Wildcat Park. Shuttle departure is 9:00 AM sharp. Lunch is BYO. The IPR Sunday trip will be radically different from years past. This trip is being designed as a "Chuck Weis Memorial Cruise". Launch and take out locations will be announced to everyone who arrives in time for Shuttle Departure at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

**Contact Information:** If you should have questions, please contact me at: Garry Hill, E-mail <a href="mailto:garryhill@aol.com">garryhill@aol.com</a>, Phone (765) 628-3155

### Whitewater Trips

# Jackson Hole, WyomingTrip (III-V) Trip Sponsors: Randy Parker, Bob Heckler

Saturday, July 4-11, 2009

Here is the tentative plan for the Wyoming/Montana trip.

- July 6th- Monday: Meet in the Jackson area and drive to the Gros Ventre river. This is a short class III-IV run that allows for great views of the Teton Mountains downstream. The camping for the evening will be near Jackson.
- July 7th-Tuesday: Head to the Greys River. This run is a short class IV(IV+) run at normal water levels. Afterwards, we will return back towards Jackson and on the way hit the Alpine Canyon on the Snake. This is about a ten mile, class III-III+ big water type run. That night we will return back to camp near Jackson, WY.
- July 9th- Wednesday: Drive north through the Tetons and Yellowstone parks and stop at features along the way. By late afternoon, we should be arriving at the Gallatin River in Montana. The Gallatin is a roadside class III-IV, "slightly more pushy than the Ocoee"-type run that can be at least 10 miles long. We will camp at a primitive campsite off of the river.
- July 10th- Thursday: May run the Gallatin again, or head to the Madison river and try Beartrap Canyon. At this point, I will begin heading back home. Crush and others may stay another night near Jackson and run something Friday morning.

**Contact Information**: If you are interested or have questions, please check the Bulletin Board or e-mail Bob Heckler at rheckler@ecps.org

New River (III-IV)
Ocoee (III+)

Saturday July 18, Sunday-19, 2009 Saturday July 25, Sunday 26, 2009

**Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross** 

These two trips will be organized in the Whitewater Forum of the Bulletin Board during the week before the trips. Please check there for developments.

# Upper and Lower Yough Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

Friday July 31- Sunday August 2, 2009

Save a vacation day for the annual 3-day Upper/Lower Yough mid-summer blast. Part of the group will paddle the class IV-V Upper Yough Friday and Saturday. The rest of the group will paddle the class III-IV Lower Yough and/or Cheat Rivers Friday and Saturday depending on interest, personnel and water levels.

Sunday paddling options include Valley Falls of the Tygart (screen saver photo op!), the Cheat Narrows, Cheat Canyon or the Lower Yough again. There is also the nearby ASCI Whitewater course.

Camping will be at Tall Oaks Campground in Farmington, PA on site T-49. This is NOT the site we camped in last year (that site is not available) but the Tall Oaks folks assure me there is ample room for all of us at T-49 plus level parking for those sleeping in vehicles.

Please stop at the campground office when you arrive and pay for your camping individually. Here's the website for more info, directions to Tall Oaks and a map to the campsite: <a href="http://www.talloakscamp.com/">http://www.talloakscamp.com/</a>

**Contact Information:** PLEASE let me know by email, phone, or bulletin board if you are coming, what days you will be there and what you'd like to run. Jordan Ross, (317) 460-7000, <a href="mailto:jross@iquest.net">jross@iquest.net</a> (please put the word "kayak" in the subject line.)



### Trip Report: Eagle Creek Paddle-to-Dinner, June 7, 2009

Mike Miller

**Paddlers:** Mike Miller, Denise Szocka, Ellie Lindhiem, Chris Johnson, Clarke Kahlo, Todd Hickle, Heidi Hickle, Kaitlyn Wainscott, John Wainscott, Leanne Whitesell, Derick Logan

Sea Kayakers: Todd and Cheryl Sullivan, Kellie Kaneshiro, Jim Sprandel, Dan Clark

Diners: Linda Smith, Chris Smith, Jean Miller, Denise Szocka, Ellie Lindhiem, Chris Johnson, Clarke Kahlo, Kellie

Kaneshiro, Jim Sprandel, Peggy Neill, Todd and Cheryl Sullivan

Meeting Place/Put-In: Lions Park, Zionsville, Indiana

Take Out: Boat launch just north of Rick's Boatyard Cafe on Eagle Creek Reservoir, Indianapolis

*Trip Length:* About 9.5 miles by John's GPS, 4 hours *Water Level:* 90 cfs, 2.25 feet on the Zionsville gauge

Weather Conditions: Very nice, partially cloudy, windy on the reservoir

I arrived a bit early at Lions Park in Zionsville where I ate my lunch and watched a tiny turtle swim in the creek. Eleven paddlers (three canoes and five kayaks) were there ready for the shuttle – a quick run down Zionsville road, 86th St, 465, 38th St to Ricks. Linda Smith didn't paddle with us, but met us at the take out to shuttle some of us back. That made the return shuttle very simple – Thanks Linda!

We got under way just after 2 pm. For the first 2-3 miles, we encountered a number of snags and logs. Some parts were a bit tricky with strong current flowing through narrow channels. At a couple of spots, people decided to swim (one kayaker and a pair of canoeists), but the weather was beautiful, so it counted as a refreshing dip. The only major loss was a wet bag of chips. If the water had been much lower, this part of the creek would have been hard to get through. On the other hand, if it had been much higher, we could have lots more swimmers. There was a bit of commotion as we negotiated the log jam at the old railway bridge by Starkey Park where a pair of water snakes on the logs almost caused a paddler to climb into another boat.

The middle third of the trip was a nice paddle down the wider, slower part of the creek. We saw kingfishers and great blue herons. John and Chris did some fishing along the way and got some nice small mouth bass. According to John, the one that got away was a good 2-3 pounds.

Just before Lafayette Road, we were met by a fleet of sea kayakers in a historic reenactment of two groups of paddlers meeting. Once we got below Lafayette Road and onto Eagle Creek reservoir, we discovered that the wind had picked up a lot. Some of us paddled on through, while others took a break on the point at the southwestern corner of the bird sanctuary. One pair of canoeists hitched from the marina at Eagle Creek Park to avoid the wind while the rest of the group finished the epic journey by paddling the last two miles directly into the teeth of the howling gale (ok, ok, maybe it wasn't howling, but we did work up an appetite) to the take out, arriving a bit after 6. Those of us who could stay for dinner, plus some guests, sat on the deck at Rick's, ate, talked and ate some more – a beautiful way to end the day.

#### Trip Report - Versailles Lake Paddle, June 13, 2009

Paddlers: Joel DeLashmit, Mike Zender, Sara Hare, Donna Baker, Gary Smelser, Mariann Davis, Tom Beckerich, Mary Keith, and Ruth Turner.

We began the day with some light fog rising off the lake as we prepared for our paddle. The water was a little muddy from all the run off of the recent rains. We began paddling under a bridge and up Fallen Timber Creek as far as we could, then we followed the southern shoreline of the lake. We crossed the lake to the Western shore to avoid the dangers associated with getting too close to the dam.

We explored a few coves around Cedar Creek and observed some blue herons before heading up Laughery Creek. We first explored the Western backwash which was in spots shallow but deep enough to float the boats. We then paddled through very tall grasses into a secluded lagoon. We tried to find the path to the main creek but I found it after eve-

Joel DeLashmit



Paddling through the Grass

ryone had already headed back through the tall grasses. We met up at the junction and continued northward looking for a lunch spot but all we saw was a water snake. Finally, we found a grassy sand bank and stopped for lunch. After lunch, we paddled about a mile farther North around an island before heading back. We saw an eagle's nest and some turtles on the way back. After 3 hours of moving time paddling, we had paddled 7.99 miles all on flat water. This trip was Ruth Turner's first club trip since joining and Tom brought Mike Zender as a guest.



### Trip Report: "Remembering Reggie" Paddle, May 30, 2009



Jack Mitenbuler remembering Reggie

Friends of Reggie Baker met at the Cutright Public Access Site on Lake Monroe to paddle, eat, and remember on May 31. Lake Monroe was always one of Reggie's and Debby's favorite paddles and over 30 boats came from all over Indiana as well as Kentucky. All sorts of people were there – old time paddling buddies, IDEM members, cyclists, and many newer HCC friends.

The weather looked threatening all day but the thunderstorms held off. Kevin Dogan led out our paddle around 1:00 pm and we paddled North for about an hour and then stopped to have lunch before heading back. We didn't go too far from the marina since it really looked like a storm could come up. It was an interesting day with a challenging headwind on the leg back to the marina and some interesting waves to play in near the point North of Cutright. In addition, a bald eagle was spotted on the paddle. A few paddlers found the time to cool off and practice rolling in the bay near the marina.

If over 30 people wanted to paddle, more than 50 showed up for the memorial service and dinner. Reggie always said that we were an eating club with a paddling disorder. Jack Mitenbuler, a long-time friend of Reggie and Debby, spoke about Reggie's life – recalling many "Reggie Stories" as well as the things that he brought to the people around him. Jack reported that Reggie held the record for having been the HCC skipper for six years and that Reggie had been proclaimed "Best HCC Skipper Ever" in January. Reggie and Debby have encouraged and trained two decades of paddlers in whitewater, flatwater and moving water. Our challenge going forward will be to preserve that legacy.

During the service, fond remembrances and testaments to

Reggie as a teacher and mentor were offered by several people. Less formal remembrances also marked the entire day while paddling and over dinner as groups of his friends shared how Reggie had touched their lives.

Many thanks to Debby Baker, Theresa Kulczak, Kevin Dogan, and Dan Valleskey for organizing this event.

Attendees: Brad Abplanalp, Debby Baker, Donna and Gary Baker, Matt Beal and Hoanh, Dave and Grace Berrey,, Patty and Garry Bledsoe, Rod and Jackie Bradfield., Frank Chiao, Dan and Connie Clark, Jim Clendenin, Mariann Davis, Joel DeLashmit, Kevin and Martha Dogan, Dave Ellis, Sue Foxx., John, Shirley, and Lori Gates, Sara Hare, Jeff Haskett, Garry Hill, Kellie Kaneshiro, Bruce and Gave Kerslager, Earl King, Theresa Kulczak, Barb Lollar, Michael Lough, Karen and Chuck Lunsford, Susi Megathlin, Mike Miller, Jack Mitenbuler, Bob Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moyer, Dale and Joan Perry, Skip Powers, Wendy Riling, Jordan Ross, Linda Smith, Jim Sprandel, Bruce Stitt, Todd Sullivan, Richard Tekulve, Matt Thomas, Dan Valleskey, John Wainscott



Paddling on Lake Monroe

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