

# The Hoosier Paddler

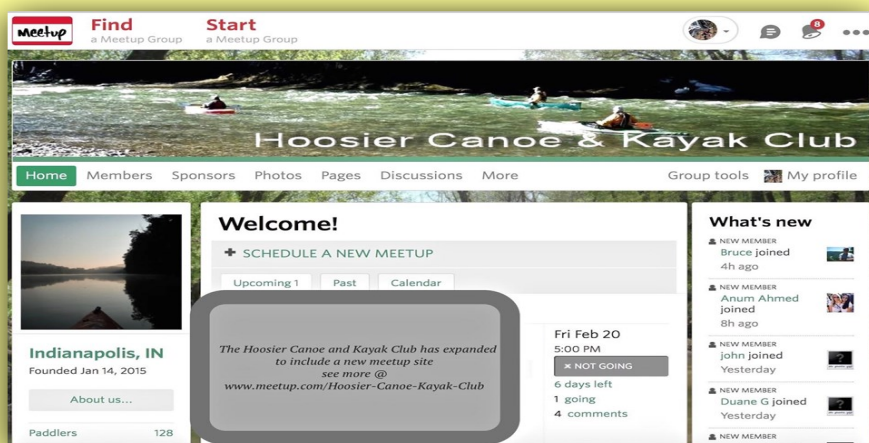
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## From the Skipper: The Future is Here

Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club pushes itself into the 21st Century by starting its first *Meetup*



A very special thanks to Natalie Needham, especially, and the board for developing the meetup site in hopes of recruiting more of the younger paddlers in the community. After over 50 years of being the oldest paddling club in the Midwest, we are embracing and writing our legacy through these future Indiana paddlers. While testing the water, so to speak, in this new venture, we have already gained 128 new members (about 25% who are already HCKC members). I encourage you to take some time to explore our meetup site and give the board any constructive feedback. The new group is not intended to replace the *Old Order* but to enhance the paddling offerings to a future community of potential paddlers by providing very select trips approved by the trip sponsors.

Mariann Davis

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**And thank you to the Boat, Sport and Travel Show volunteers at our Quiet Sports booth.**

## **Trip Announcement**

### **Grayson Lake May 16-17...(with optional day on May 15; sign up early)**

#### **Cincypaddlers Invites the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club to Grayson Lake**

Don't miss out on this fabulous trip to Grayson KY, Grayson Lake. Four hours of driving time delivers breathless landscapes, rocky, mountainous cliffs, flowing waterfalls (when running), and the piece de resistance: the hidden grotto with its signature waterfall. All this...practically for free except for a nominal camping fee and gas for your car. And if that's not enough...you'll enjoy the convivial energy of the Cincypaddlers, a huge bonfire and the famous bonfire celebration("where only seeing is believing)". *I exaggerate only slightly.*

\*\*\*\*Sign up early for this trip as there is\*\*\*\* limited availability and camping! If you have any questions contact me: [mariannndvs@gmail.com](mailto:mariannndvs@gmail.com) as I will be coordinating the HCKC on this adventure.

SEND REGISTRATION AND MONEY FOR THIS TRIP TO HENRY DORFMAN

Enjoy the magnificent cliffs and waterfalls of Grayson Lake (KY) with Cincypaddlers. A sampling of the spectacular views from a previous trip: <http://tinyurl.com/b2pluhl> It's the weekend of May 16-17, but you have the option of adding Friday. Sat. morning, May 16 we launch for a 13-14 mile flatwater paddle (depending how many side canyons you explore). There's distance to cover, so a boat of 12' or more and sufficient skill and endurance are required. That evening, we group-camp and party nearby. It's tent camping with facilities. You won't have to carry your gear in your boat. Sun. morning, we do a 7-mile paddle on the most beautiful stretch. It's more canyon paddling than open water, so there's little concern about rough water.

The optional Friday paddle will be on another scenic Grayson Lake feeder. We'll have camping available at Grayson that night (add the extra night to deposit below) whether or not you paddle on Fri.

When we reach the RSVP deadline (May 7), I'll send out a group email with instructions, and we can facilitate carpooling. RSVPs are accepted on a first-come basis. Space is limited, so RSVP early to avoid missing out. Note that we are being joined by our friends from other clubs in the three-state area and the trip always fills quickly, so RSVP early to have the best chances at grabbing a spot.

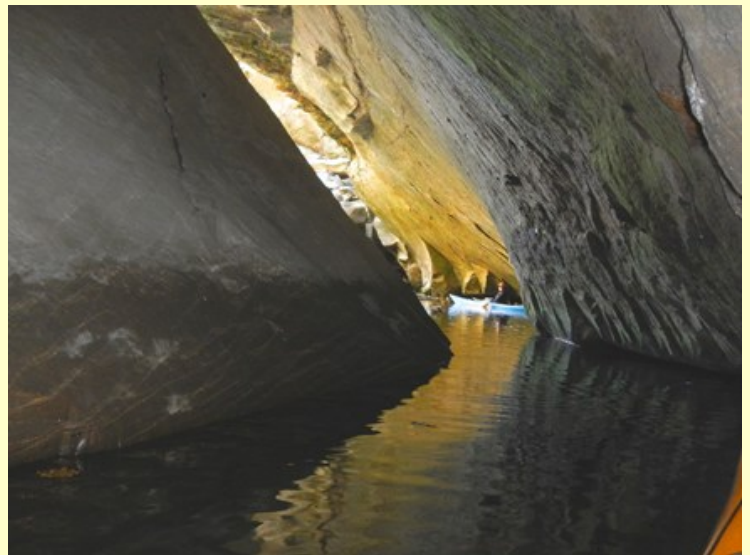
To RSVP, and the only way to RSVP, send \$9.00/person/night (your option is just Sat., or Fri. & Sat.) to Henry Dorfman, 1409 Amesbury Dr., Cinti. 45231 for the camp fee. (Unrefundable after May 1). RSVP must include names of people in your party, number of vehicles (contact me before mailing if you contemplate RV, boat trailer or anything else that takes up extra space, or if you'd prefer a cabin), your email address and phone #. Incomplete RSVPs not accepted, so please include the requested info.

What you need: boat (at least 12' long), paddle, PFD (must be worn when on the water), camping gear, food for on the water and off, appropriate paddling clothing, and rain gear (you never know). LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: As with all events posted on the Cincypaddlers board, in behalf of you, your family and all your other stakeholders, you understand the risks of such an event and accept entire responsibility and liability for your safety, welfare and losses, as well as those you register, indemnifying and holding all others harmless. Your RSVP signifies you agree – if you don't, don't participate. The deadline for receipt of RSVPs is May 7 or when the trip fills, whichever comes first. This trip has never failed to fill, so earlier is better. Questions?: CaptainHank /aatt/ Cincypaddlers /ddtt Org.

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## Grayson Lake



### Dues are Due!

Dues are due! The online members list has been updated to show your dues status. If the year noted below your first name is "2014" you NEED to send me \$15 by 3/1/2014.

Link to list: [http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/HCC\\_List.pdf](http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/HCC_List.pdf)

You can renew online via PayPal, <http://formsnarts.com/form/k5u> OR Download, print and complete the membership form from [hoosiercanoecub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org) and mail it to me. See <http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/App06.pdf> OR catch up with Dave Ellis at a Saturday morning pool session with cash. Dave Ellis

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Spring is coming and it is time to think about all those sea kayaking adventures ahead of us. Got a feeling that 2015 is going to be a good year. Our first official trip will be at Summit Lake State Park on Saturday, March 21. However, we may set up an earlier paddle using the Sea Kayak mailing list if it warms up!

We have an exciting sea kayak schedule for this year. You can view it at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hcctripsalendar/hcc-touring-schedule>

Watch the Sea Kayak Mailing List, the HCC newsletter, and bulletin board for details as trips approach.

We have scheduled most of our perennial favorites including Summit Lake, Brookville, Monroe, Cataract Falls, Lake Michigan, and Geist. We have also added a Full Moon Paddle at Cataract Falls, an overnight trip to an island in the Ohio River plus a return to Patoka (don't even think about rain). Trip sponsors will send out details closer to the date of the event.

Since you may to schedule vacation, please check out the longer sea kayak adventures scheduled to Beaufort, NC (April-May), Bass Island-Lake Erie (June), Apostle Islands-Lake Superior (July-August), and South Manitou Island-Lake Michigan (September). Contact [Jim](#) if you have questions on any of these trips. We will publish details a month or two each of these events.

**Eagle Creek Paddles:** We will have our Tuesday evening paddle at Eagle Creek again this year. A great change to paddle on one of Indy's more interesting venues. Watch the May Newsletter for details.

**Training** –We will have an Open Water Rescue class on Saturday, June 20th – a great chance to practice those rescue skills. If there is interest, we are considering doing an Intermediate Open Water Skills Clinic possibly on bracing or linking strokes. Let me know what you would find useful. We will also have a series of Introduction to Paddling classes for new Flatwater and Touring kayakers.

We are also encouraging people to think about the Sleeping Bear Storm Gathering in October. This is an event put on by Michael Gray with Uncommon Adventure (<http://www.uncommonadv.com/kayaking/great-lakes/sleeping-bear-storm-gathering.html>) and would be a chance to get some surf/big water training close to home.

**Sea Kayaking Mailing List:** To avoid “spamming” the entire club, we use an “opt-in” sea kayaking mailing list to publicize some of our events as well as to set up spontaneous paddles. If have a sea kayak and are interested in joining this list, please email Jim at [merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net)

### Trip Report Trips Planning Meeting 2015

Over 35 (I stopped counting) HCKC and Meetup members attended the annual trips planning meeting @ Natalie Needham's house. In addition to the gastronomic delights catered by the members, Natalie served 2 fabulous smoked pork loins that fed the masses without end. The highlight of the meeting (aside from the food and meeting many new members), was the energy emanating from the trips discussions and planning. I can imagine a very successful paddling year for the club as we carry forward all this enthusiasm.

Check out the new trips schedule for 2015 on line as posted by your Section Leaders...you wont be disappointed.

## ACA Membership Discount HCKC (Offer expires end of March)

### Special ACA Membership

Promotion for Hoosier Canoe and  
Kayak Club members (\$10 discount)

\$20 Individual/\$30 Family (offer expires 3/31/15)

Includes choice of one of the magazine titles from Rapid Media, Canoeroots, Adventure Kayak, Rapid, Kayak Angler (17.95 value; additional Rapid Media subscriptions for \$10 each)

ACA members receive a \$5 discount at any ACA sponsored event at participating clubs and festivals throughout the US.

Through the efforts of the ACA National Office and the Safety Education & Instruction Council (SEIC), course curricula and educational resources are developed and made available to the general public, instructors, partners and the outdoor industry. Local instructors from IYAK, HCKC and NWIPA have been trained and certified to ACA standards.

Some of the tangible and intangible benefits of supporting the nation's oldest paddlesport organization:

- Stewardship Support , Public Policy Representation, "Gold Standard" in Educational Resources
- Exclusive Access to: Sugar Island on the St. Lawrence River/ Camp Sebago in New York
- Support of Amateur Paddlesports Competition , Development of Adaptive Paddling Programs (ADA)

Discount on ACA merchandise , Members Only Discounts, Subaru VIP Program, Rewards Program.

To obtain this discount

1. Go to: <http://www.americancanoe.org>
  2. Click on Join the ACA – 2nd button from top in blue navigation bar on left
  3. Select PAC Individuals and Families Membership type when they join
  4. Create a username and select Hoosier Canoe Club from the drop down menu
  5. Select a membership
    - Select a membership – choose only PAC Individual Membership - \$30.00+ or PAC Family Membership - \$40.00+
    - Continue
  6. Create a password, enter other required account information, and Submit
  7. In the Promotional Code field enter: HOOSIERACA15 and click Apply Code
  8. Complete the billing information, any other necessary information and Submit
- Any questions, contact Joe Rozsahegyi email: [INStateDirector@americancanoe.net](mailto:INStateDirector@americancanoe.net)



THATS ALL FOR NOW...SEE YOU ON THE WATER

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## **Trip Announcement**

**Summit Lake Early Spring Paddle Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**Trip Leader: Jim Eckerty**

CALLING ALL PADDLERS ! Flatwater (canoe/kayak) and touring kayak paddlers espically. Spring is almost here...no really it is ! As a mater of fact and tradition; Fact - Spring (Vernal Equinox) is March 20, 2015.

Tradition - once again we plan to paddle Summit Lake the first weekend of spring, we have done this trip for several years and it works out well as a season opener. The rest rooms where you can change clothes or get into wetsuits has been open for use on our past trips. Summit Lake is the major feature of Indiana's 19th state park. Established in 1988, 800 acre Summit Lake was formed by damming Big Blue River and other smaller tributaries.

Since we are meeting at the boat ramp (enter the park and turn right at the first T past the gate house), you will be able to launch your canoe or kayak from the dock, concrete ramp or shore- line. This early in the season there will be no gate fee but you will need a 2014 State Park Boat Permit (cost is\$5) in case any rangers are checking. Be aware that wind and waves can be moderate...1-2 ft depending on the weather so a spray skirt is recommended.

Also, the air can be variable at this time of the year but the water is cold so be sure to dress accordingly and bring a dry bag with a change of clothes just in case. We will paddle around the edge of the lake and lunch near the dam. Please let me know by 8:30 pm on Friday, March 20 if you plan to attend. Last year this Ice subsided just in time for our trip and we will again monitor this situation as needed. The past few years we have had good weather and a great day so cross your fingers and dust off your gear.....

Meeting time: 11:00 AM

Length: 2-3 hours, 6-8 miles

Trip Sponsor: Jim Eckerty 317-366-8879 or [rentbsu@comcast.net](mailto:rentbsu@comcast.net)

Location:

Summit Lake State park is located northeast of New Castle and southeast of Muncie. The park is 1 mile north of State Highway 36 on Messick Road, 4 miles east of Highway 3.

Getting There:

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):

40.02097, -85.30126

40°1'15"N, 85°18'5"W

Mailing Address:

Summit Lake State Park

5993 NORTH MESSICK ROAD

NEW CASTLE IN 47362



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# "Victory For Hoosier Paddlers"

**Reported by Garry Hill**

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

A few days ago I opened an email from Wildcat Paddler Ed Ragsdale, and got one of the biggest SURPRIZES of the last many years. FINALLY, after decades of hopeful waiting, our Big Pine Creek now has a Gauging Station provided by the United States Geological Survey.

This new Station is mounted on the downstream side of the SR-55 Bridge at Pine Village (picture below). The new device does not look like "Much" in the picture, but it will eventually provide "The Most Visited Gauging Station Web Site" in all of Indiana.

That Web Site is now active. You can visit it with the web link shared below. However, at this time there is very little information available on the site. That is typical for these new Station installations. The folks at the USGS must go thru a considerable series of complex mathematical computations to get everything established.

Jump on the new Big Pine @ Pine Village web site, save it in your Favorites, and watch as the information progresses. However, at the moment, the only measurement you will see is in "Gauge Feet". CFS will come later. Also, at the moment, the "Table" is much more usable than the "Chart" (which appears on the page you open). [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site\\_no=033356848](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site_no=033356848)

**Next Sweet Surprise:** A few days later I got another email from Ed Ragsdale. Since discovering the Big Pine @ Pine Village Station, Ed had been visiting the Chuck Weis Gauge at Rainsville "Every Day". He was trying to correlate the two stations to create a usable comparison between the two locations.

During one of his visits, he encountered a "Hydrologic Technician", working for the USGS Regional Office in Indianapolis, who was doing calculations in order to add CFS readings to the new Big Pine Station. After many minutes of conversation, with Eddy covering all the subjects we need to know, the Technician had to move on to his next job.

This fellow, Zach Razor, was on his way to conduct the same mission at **ANOTHER NEW STATION.....**  
**USGS 03339273 SUGAR CREEK AT THORNTOWN, IN**

**The Upper Sugar Creek finally has a GAUGING STATION.** Check out this one at the web link provided below. This Station has not progressed very much at this time (even less than the one for Big Pine).

But, it will be extremely valuable for Trips to Upper Sugar Creek in the future.

[http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site\\_no=03339273](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site_no=03339273)

**WOW.** A Gauging Station on Big Pine Creek. Another great Station for Sugar Creek. These sites will be extremely valuable to Hoosier Paddlers long into the future. I am so eager to begin to calculate Big Pine water flows with numbers that can be compared to other Streams, with descriptions that can so easily be shared and understood.

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**But, then, all of a Sudden, I felt something strange.....**  
something staring me in the face. Muskrat was standing there, looking at me.

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"Chuck Weis is going to be Pissed Off if we stop using his Gauge that he painted on the Rainsville Bridge in 1987!", Muskrat stated, scowling at me.

After a few minutes, staring at the snow that would soon begin to feed our Rivers & Creeks, I replied.....

"Yes, I agree. But, we cannot stop folks from using the fabulous convenience of seeing the Big Pine Flow from home, we can't ignore the joy of seeing the flow in CFS instead of Feet, but there is something we can do.

"For Muskrat's April Fools on Big Pine, there will never be any mention of any measuring device other than The Chuck Weis Gauge. We will continue to use "Zero" for our minimum flow, 2-Feet for "Careless Fun Times", and 4-Feet for "Heaven". And, we will continue repainting the Foot Stripes on Chuck's Gauge every time they start to fade.....Forever!"

**"OK! Thanks!" said Muskrat as he walked toward The Boat Shed.**

**"Chuck & I will meet you in Pine Village on April 11th." [garryhill@aol.com](mailto:garryhill@aol.com)**

## **DNR installs River Gage on Big Pine Creek**

Dan Valleskey reported that a long-awaited and often wished for Big Pine Gage is operational! According to the American Whitewater site, the Big Pine is a Class 2+ or 3 river (water level dependent). It is a favorite for many local paddlers and the venue for Muskrat's Annual April Fool's paddle. For more information, go to the American Whitewater site at: <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/2563>.

The Indiana DNR installed the new gage at Pine Village. A number of HCC members worked hard to get a gage installed on the Big Pine. Scott Morlock (USGS) is an HCC member that was very aware of how important it was for the Indianapolis paddling community. Some club members are currently working to correlate the Pine Village reading with the manual "CW" gage that the Club has have used for the Big Pine in the past.

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