

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

We're coming to the unofficial end of summer, but not the paddling season! We still have great trips planned and the annual meeting is coming up in November. We'll have a new venue this year for the meeting, and there will be lots to discuss and a decent presentation. One of the most important items will be the voting in of new board members and officers. If you are interested in being on the board or an officer, please let a current board member or officer know. Also, many may not know this, but all the board meetings are open to the general membership. The current focus of the board is to increase safety awareness to the paddling community, along with discussions on how to move the club forward. The board meetings are very informal and easy going, don't be afraid to participate! The monthly meetings are listed on the website calendar.

A club is only as good as its membership, and I know we have plenty of fine members. So, if you want your voice or opinion heard on how the club should move, or you're just curious what goes on; feel free to come to a board meeting at the very least. If you're really interested in steering the club, join the board or volunteer to be an officer.

Stay safe and see you on the river!

Natalie

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Volunteers wanted for Safety Support at Eagle Creek Full Moon Paddles September 8-9, October 6-7

This year, Jeff Coates will again be leading Full Moon paddles sponsored by the Eagle Creek Outfitters located at the Marina in the north part of Eagle Creek Park. People rent canoes and kayaks from the Eagle Creek Outfitters and Jeff guides them on a 2-hour paddle up Eagle Creek Lake and back. Jeff provides background on the park and its plant/animal life while they paddle. For many years, the HCKC volunteers have provided safety support for these paddles since they often get up to 30 new paddlers out for a given full-moon event. Our volunteers typically help adjust boats for paddlers, give advice to new paddlers who are having problems once they get on the water, sweep, keep an eye on the group, and occasionally tow paddlers to the motorized support boats. This is a great opportunity to talk paddling and let people know about the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club. Full Moon Paddles will be held on the following dates: Friday Sept. 8, Saturday Sept. 9, Friday Oct. 6, and Saturday Oct. 7. If you would be interested in helping with any of these paddles, send an e-mail to Jeff Coates at truenorth360@comcast.net.

Trip Announcement

Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek:

Date: 10:00 Saturday, September 23, 2017

Trip Sponsor: Robert Moore

Last year we put in at Tanner's Creek and paddled up Taylor Creek to the abandoned hulk of the USS Sachem and on to the ox-bow in the Great Miami River. This year the proposed route is to head down stream toward Aurora Indiana. Aurora is about 2 miles downstream from Tanner's Creek. We can explore the North and South branches of Hogan Creek at Aurora or paddle another 2 miles to Laughery Creek. Laughery Creek is probably the more interesting destination. It is a long creek with a wooded shore and the Old State Road 56 truss bridge. Laughery Island was the turnaround when the club paddled the route in October 2015. The trip is covered on Ohio River Charts 109-110 US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District.

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water, occasional barge traffic and light current. Total paddling distance is expected to be 12 nautical miles of which half will be against some current. We will stop for lunch someplace midway through the trip so bring something to eat.

Put-In: Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Tanner's Creek Drive (old Reese Drive) at the traffic light. Tanner's Creek Drive ends at the boat ramp parking area. This is a well-developed ramp park with plenty of parking and picnic areas. Unfortunately, the only restroom facility available is portable toilets so you may want to stop off at the fast food or filling station at the Reese Drive intersection on the way to the boat ramp.

Meeting time: 10:00 am - launch by 10:30

Contact information: Robert, njordball@gmail.com. Those interested please respond via email no later than September 21st.

Your Board Hard at Work Working for You!!! This could be you. Volunteer to serve as an Officer or on the Board or as a trip chairperson.



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Trip Announcement

West Fork of the White River from Anderson IN to Perkinsville IN

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2017

Trip Sponsor: Mariann Davis

Stay later for dinner at the famous Bonge's Restaurant across from the Take out.

Time: Meet Time @ **9:30** at put in Anderson IN; (Proceed to take-out about 20 minutes away)

Meet up/Put-in location: Edgewater Park In Anderson (801 East 10th Street, Anderson IN 46012)...Use address for your GPS

Important: Bring PFD, Sun screen, water, lunch (5 1/2 hour trip), dry clothes for after paddle meet up at Bonge's

This will be the second year for this trip and was borrowed from Garry Hill's playbook. We will paddle about 15 miles—a little longer than most—on a gently flowing very pretty section of the river. Flatwater paddlers of every ability are welcome. Be aware that this section of the river can be shallow at this time of year, so check your email after 7pm on Friday Sept 22, for any last minute updates or changes.



The after trip will continue in Perkinsville @ Bonge's tavern for those who want to partake. Here is the website with menu offerings. <http://www.bongestavern.com/bonges-store/> ***I will contact the restaurant for info accommodating a larger party and check to see if a lesser (Sandwich) menu is available. Let me know at least a week ahead if you will eating at Bonge's.

Future Newsletters

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com. I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font.

I just got back from the sea kayak fleet's annual pilgrimage to the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior – a series of 22 islands in the Apostle Island National Lakeshore. This trip reminds me why I love sea kayaking. It's not just the paddling – it is being out in that world. Sitting on a beach and watching the sunset – knowing that there are only 6 other people on your island.

We had 15 paddlers in three groups out in the islands. I have posted pictures from this trip on Flickr at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/36491161171/in/album-72157685157510734/>

Eagle Creek Clean-Up – On Saturday, September 30, Kellie is coordinating a shoreline clean-up at Eagle Creek Park. We use this clean up to partially satisfy the volunteer hours that we have committed to in the Partnership Agreement that lets us paddle on Tuesday Afternoons. This also helps preserve this unique Indianapolis resource. Please take a look at the clean-up announcement in this newsletter or the [event calendar](#) on the HCKC web site.

Upcoming Trips –

Manitou Island Trip – Friday, Sept. 8 to Sunday, Sept. 10 or Wed. Sept. 13 We will again explore the Sleeping Bear Dunes area on the weekend after Labor Day. Brad will lead a 3-day trip out to South Manitou and back on Sunday. I will coordinate a 6-day trip for advanced paddlers where we'll attempt paddling around North Manitou to scout it for our club.

I have sent trip details out to the Sea Kayak mailing list and will get additional info out to people who have expressed interest in going on this trip in the next week. Contact me if you are interested in this trip.

Ohio River Trip, Saturday, Sept. 23– Robert Moore will again sponsor a trip on the Ohio River. This is always an interesting paddle because it combines the power of the Ohio River with barges and with big water conditions. This year, we will head down river. Please look up Robert's Trip Announcement in this newsletter or in the [event calendar](#) on the HCKC Web Site.

Lake Patoka Weekend, Oct. 14-15 – We head down to Patoka Lake every other year and camp in Fisherman's Camp. Watch for details on this trip in the October newsletter and in an upcoming Sea Kayak e-mail.



Volunteer Opportunity

Eagle Creek Park Shoreline Clean Up

Saturday, September 30, 2017

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, September 30th. This is an opportunity to pay back one of our local partners and one of Indianapolis's premier paddling resources by cleaning up the shores of Eagle Creek reservoir.

- **When:** Saturday, September 30th, 10 a.m (Ready to Launch) until 1:00 pm
- **Where:** Eagle Creek Park, Canoe and Kayak put-in at the southwest end of the Discovery Center Parking Lot (next to Go Ape)
- **What to Bring:** Snacks, water, gloves, hat, good water shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and your canoe or kayak. Trash bags and some trash grabber thingies will be provided. You might bring a knife for cutting fishing line.
- **Park Entry:** This event has been added to the park calendar. When entering the park, please tell the person at the entrance that you are a HCKC member here for the shoreline clean up.

We'll plan to work until early afternoon or until we run out of trash to pick up. Plan to stay for all or part of the clean-up, and we often go out of lunch afterwards.

For all the club members who have enjoyed getting into the park using the HCKC park pass on Tuesdays, this clean-up is part of the price for that privilege. The club is committed to work 100 volunteer hours for the park in 2017. The HCKC gets volunteer hours for safety boating during the park's popular moonlight and sunset paddles run by the Eagle Creek Outfitters, and for clean-ups during the year. We'd like to thank those who have safety boated or already helped with park clean-ups.

Side note: On a warm July day, two HCKC members got to do some impromptu safety boating when they noticed two swimmers struggling to make progress towards shore while towing a swamped tandem kayak. Fortunately, the swimmers were not panicked, had retained both paddles, ziplock bag with electronics, and were wearing life jackets. Minutes later, tandem drained and floating, bilge pump (point of discussion) used to get even more water out, and two paddlers back in the boat, and once again on their way!

Questions? E-mail Kellie Kaneshiro (knkane@gmail.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).



Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle 2017

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Contact: Mariann Davis @ marianndvs@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Hope to see you on this trip...Mariann

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Calendar for November 2017 (United States)						
November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	HCKC ANNUAL MEETING					SAVE THIS DATE
5	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11					
	6	7	8	9	10	
	2-6 PM Text					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	DETAILS TO FOLLOW					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	IN SEPTEMBER:					
	DINNER, VOTE FOR NEW BOARD					
26	& EXCITING PRESENTATION					
	27	28	29	30		

New Tools on the HCKC Web Site

Since the last newsletter, we have added two new features to the HCKC Web Site.

Integrated Member Forum (a.k.a. Bulletin Board) –

On July 3, the club moved from the bulletin board that we had been using since 2002 to the forum provided on the club's new web server. All HCKC members are free to post messages and reply to messages after they log into the HCKC web site. Like the old site, non-members and members who have not logged in may view posts.

The new bulletin board can be useful since it allows two-way communications among members like Facebook. The Whitewater Fleet has been using it for many year to announce and coordinate trips. It is also an excellent way to let people know about equipment that you want to sell.

Take a look at the Forum by selecting “Forum” in the top menu on the HCKC Web Site.

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Forum	Last message	Topics	Replies
1. General Discussion <small>A forum to discuss topics of interest to the entire HCKC community.</small>	03 Jul 2017 10:07 AM Jim Sprandel (Administrator)	1	—
2. Whitewater Forum <small>Use this forum to discuss and coordinate upcoming WW trips, ask questions, report on completed trips, and post WW info or questions.</small>	03 Jul 2017 11:07 AM Jim Sprandel (Administrator)	1	—
3. Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater) Forum <small>Use this forum to discuss and coordinate upcoming river and creek trips, ask questions, report on completed trips, and post info or questions.</small>	(no messages) —	—	—

There are forums for General (Topics for all club members), Whitewater, Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater), Sea Kayaking, Gear Swap, and Kayak Fishing.

Once you get on, look in the “Gear Swap Forum” to see what people are selling.

If you want to create your own message, click on the Forum where you want to post a message and select “Create topic” at the top of that forum.

Search the HCKC Web Site –

You can now search for a topic on the HCKC web site. We are using the Google Custom Search Engine for this feature. This tool automatically searches all HCKC Web Pages, past and upcoming events, and referenced documents. This includes past newsletters and board minute in our archive going back to 2010.

To search for something, move to mouse over “Information” in the top menu on HCKC web pages and then select “HCKC Web Search” in the pop-down menu that appears. You will then see the following menu:

Search HCKC Web Site

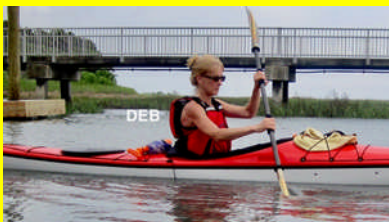
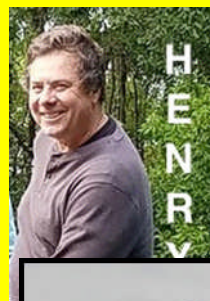
Search

Search powered by Google Custom Search Engine

Type in the text that you want to look for and press Return. Your search results will appear on the next screen. There may be 2-3 non-HCKC links associated with your search at the top of this page but HCKC search results are listed below this.

For example, you might want to search the HCKC web site to get information on Sugar Creek. Type in “Sugar Creek” in the search box and press Return. The search returns 19 references to “Sugar Creek” from the pages on the HCKC Web Site and past newsletters...

Come on out and join in the fun with the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club!



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