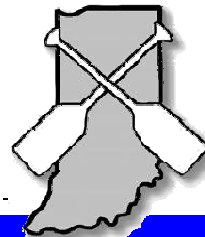


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Hello, HCC — Fall Meeting, Sunday November 15

Dan Valleskey

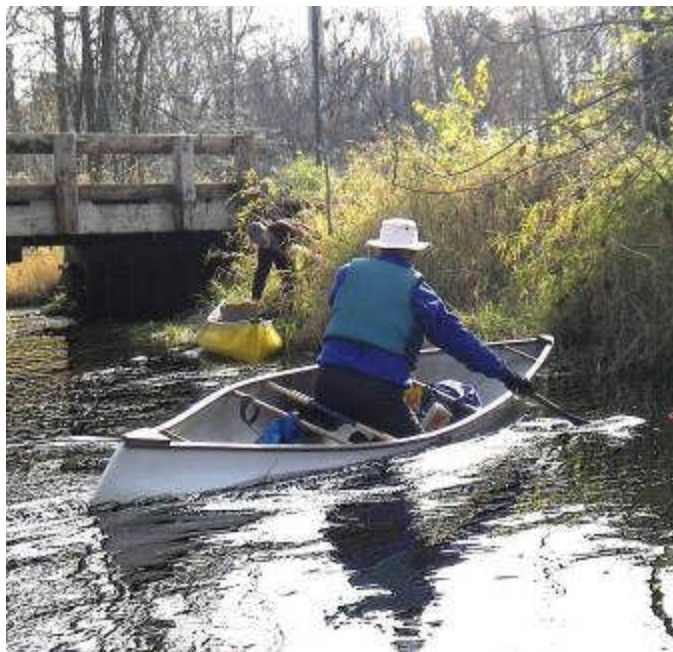
One year past as Skipper, one more to go! We have a few new Chairmen, there is a complete list on the next page in this newsletter. I almost felt like I knew what I was doing as I went around the table soliciting Chairs. (Truth is, I just have a good board to work with.)

Two significant programs are under way for 2010.

- First off, we will have even more help on the Fall Creek clean-up this year.

Millersville at Fall Creek Valley is a new community organization forming. They are eager to address environmental concerns. I hope to attend one of their meetings in the next week or two. They are looking forward to helping us in June (the exact date will be set at the trips meeting on the 24th).

- Second, the HCC will be holding the charter for a new scout Venture Crew. The crew will operate independently of the canoe club for the most part, although a number of members are ready, willing, and able to jump in with instruction and leadership. If you want to learn more about this or maybe help out, please contact me.



Dan Valleskey on Pigeon—October 2009

Our trips planning meeting will be taking place about the time you get this (January 24). I have had a sneak preview of a number of new trips and I think we will knock your socks off this year! Theresa Kulczak and Sue Foxx are really pulling out the stops for a good flatwater schedule. As they continue to mature as

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Important! You must act if you want to keep getting a Paper Newsletter.

The HCC Board recently changed the newsletter distribution policy. In the past, we sent people a paper newsletter by default and people told Dave Ellis if they only wanted the electronic version. However, starting with the March newsletter, we'll flip this around. That is, we will send e-mail to everyone who has provided Dave with an e-mail address to let them know when a new issue of the *Hoosier Paddler* is available on the HCC web site unless you notify Dave that you want a paper copy.

We will send you a paper copy of the newsletter if either: 1) you have not given Dave Ellis an e-mail address or 2) you tell Dave Ellis that you want a paper copy. This issue has been mailed to everyone who received a paper copy last year. Currently, about 30% of our members read the *Hoosier Paddler* on-line since the electronic version is greener, is usually distributed earlier than the paper copy, and includes color pictures and embedded hyperlinks to additional information. Printing and mailing the newsletter is also one of the club's largest expenses.

If you want the club to continue mailing you the newsletter, please notify Dave Ellis at RiverPaPaw@aol.com or indicate this to him when you mail him your 2010 dues renewal.

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paddlers and leaders, they find more ways to make quality events for us. The only problem the Touring boat bunch seems to have is what to call themselves (Blue Water? Open water? My vote was "Long Boats") As a friend would say- when that is our biggest problem we aren't too bad off. The whitewater bunch doesn't have that problem. In fact, they have very few problems this year. And the poolies are anticipating a deluxe Thatcher Recreation Center when it reopens, hopefully early this Spring.

In our local area, there is a good chance we will get a new marked permanent put-in on Fall Creek as an offshoot of the Hoosier Outdoor Experience. They are looking at an area close to Delaware Lake inside Fort Harrison park. Terry Busch was instrumental in working that out. Terry is also continuing work on the Big Pine USGS gage—unfortunately there is not much new to report this month.

The Newsletter Editor has talked about our preference to using e-mailed newsletters. I want to assure you that your board agrees that this is a good move for the club. There are a couple of small problems that might crop up and we will deal with them as best we can. If you feel this is not a good move, contact me to chat. Remember that we will continue to mail your newsletter to you if you let Dave Ellis know.

Looking out the back window, I see ice where I usually see water. I just got home with a repaired cross country ski. I think maybe there is not too much more to say about paddle sports right now! Think Snow! (It melts, then fills our rivers, right?)

Dan

2009 Officers, Board Members, and Chairpersons

This year's club officers, directors, and committee chairpersons are listed below. We hope to roll out an exciting year for you. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns or if you would like to volunteer to make this year's events happen. You may get their phone numbers and E-Mail addresses from the members list on the HCC Web Site (at the top of the HCC [Club Info](#) web page).

2010 HCC Officers:

Skipper:	Dan Valleskey
Executive Officer:	Terry Busch
Purser:	Jim Clendenin
Yeoman:	Linda Smith

2010 Board of Directors:

Mariann Davis	Joel DeLashmit	Dan Evard	Sue Foxx
Dwayne James	Kellie Kaneshiro	Theresa Kulczak	Susi Megathlin
Suzi Rapp	Jordan Ross	Matt Slagel	Jim Sprandel

2010 Committee Chairpersons:

Trips:	Terry Busch	Flatwater:	Sue Foxx, Theresa Kulczak
Whitewater:	Susan Rapp	Touring (Bluewater):	Kellie Kaneshiro, Jim Sprandel
Membership:	Dave Ellis	Eagle Creek:	Kellie Kaneshiro
Triathlons:	John Wainscott	Pool Training:	Jordan Ross
Cheer:	Joy Miller	Publicity:	Mariann Davis
Conservation:	Dan Evard	Safety Outreach:	Theresa Kulczak
Web Master:	Roger Kugler	Newsletter:	Jim Sprandel

New Life HCC Members

Congratulations go to Jordan Ross, Kevin and Martha Dogan, Mike and Nancy Ranstead, Bob Burkhardt, and Dennis Stoner who became Life Members this year after being club members for 25 years. We appreciate their long-term service to the club. The HCC is only as strong as its members.



5th Annual HCC / Whitewater Warehouse Boat Demo

Sat., March 6, 2010

Location: Indianapolis (Time and Location to be Announced)

Cost: \$10

Keep this Saturday open for a really fun event. Bernie and Jeryl from Whitewater Warehouse in Dayton will bring a nice assortment of 2010 model boats for us to play with in a warm indoor pool including a new line of Jackson kayaks.

Touring and recreational boaters should also come since Whitewater Warehouse also carries recreational and touring boats. If you are interested in a particular model you'd like to try, give them a call.. Afterwards, we'll go out for Mexican food, Cervezas, and videos.

The event will probably be held between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm on this date. However, be sure to check the HCC Bulletin Board and the March newsletter for the pool location and event updates. See you all there!



2009 Whitewater Warehouse Boat Demo

Contacts:

Jordan Ross, (317) 460-7000

Bernie and Jeryl, Whitewater Warehouse, (937) 222-7020

2010 Dues Reminder

Your 2010 HCC membership renewal is due now. Please mail a check for \$15 to Membership Chairman:

Dave Ellis
650 Poplar Road
Brownsburg, IN, 46112.

Members procrastinating past March 1, 2010 will be removed from the club rolls as stipulated by our By-Laws and will not receive the March newsletter.

Important: If you want to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please clearly indicate that when you send Dave your renewal. (See Newsletter Policy story on the bottom of Page 1 of this newsletter.)

If you have a question about your membership, contact Dave at RiverPaPaw@aol.com.

February Pool Sessions

There is continuing good news regarding pool sessions. Jordan Ross has received permission from Ben Harrison YMCA to hold pool sessions there on Saturday afternoons through the end of February. The pool has convenient parking and easy access for boats including touring kayaks. This is a large lap pool but we keep two lanes open for swimmers. Please check the HCC Bulletin Board for additional details.

Where: Benjamin Harrison YMCA (5736 Lee Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46216)

When: Saturday Afternoons in February, 2 p.m. to 4 pm

Fee: \$10/session (Same as Thatcher)

Note: The YMCA's rules and HCC's insurance require that all participants be HCC members. Non-members will be able to sign up and pay their \$15 dues on-site.

Jordan has checked with the staff at Thatcher Pool and we may be able to return to our Wednesday Night sessions at Thatcher Pool at the beginning of March. Be sure to check the Bulletin Board and the March Newsletter for March plans.

Flatwater Trips

Sugar Creek Ice Falls Trip

Trip Sponsor: Dwayne James

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Get your early paddling fix with the annual (open water permitting) Ice Falls Trip on Sugar Creek. This is a fun trip where you'll see big ice cascades, rock formations, two covered bridges, eagles, Great Blue Herons, robins, and red-winged black birds returning. This trip is very weather dependent for open water and temperature. Appropriate dress can vary. In some years, we wore only sweatshirts. In others, we wore snowsuits and needed paddles to clear snow from our cars at the take out. This is not a deterrent but an unexpected thrill.

Bring a lunch and drinks for the trip as there are no other provisions along the way.

Dress accordingly (see our cold weather paddling tips in Garry Hill's article in the [February 2008 newsletter](#)) and be sure to bring

a dry bag with extra clothes in case you get wet. Layers of fleece or wool work well. An after trip dinner can be had at the Turkey Run Inn if desired.

Meeting Place: We will meet at Deers Mill Covered Bridge on Indiana 234. Try to arrive around 10:00 am as the shuttle will run at 10:30 a.m. The put-in is at Deers Mill bridge at the east end of Shades State Park on Indiana 234. You must pass the entrance to Shades to get to the bridge. The take out is at Cox's Ford that is at the west edge of Turkey Run State Park. For those of you not familiar with the Shades State Park area, I will be at the McDonalds on SR 231 at the I-74 interstate exchange in Crawfordsville and will leave there at 9:30 am. Look for a big dark red Chevy Silverado Quad Cab with boats on top.

Contact Information: Please watch the weather and be sure to contact Dwayne James at (317) 834-3649 or kanudreams@sbcglobal.net on or before Friday, February 26th at 10:00 pm since this trip may be cancelled due to frozen water or bad weather.



Ice Falls on the banks of Sugar Creek—February 2009

Whitewater Trip

**2010 National Paddling Film Festival (NPFF), Frankfort, KY
Big South Fork, Clear Creek, Elkhorn Paddle**

February 26-27, 2010

Sponsor: Jordan Ross

On February 26 and 27, the 27th Annual National Paddling Film Festival will be held at Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky. This festival promotes river conservation through "the Best in Paddlesport Video and Image Competition". This is an opportunity to view exciting kayaking videos from across the country. The videos shown at the festival include sea kayaking as well as whitewater kayaking.

Special Guest Speaker: This year the festival will have Tyler Bradt as a guest host! Tyler is a Montana native best known for his recent world record descent of 186 foot Palouse Falls in Washington. Tyler has traveled extensively – kayaking all over the world. He and Rush Sturges collaborated to create the films Dream Result and Africa Revolutions, at the same time bringing attention to global environmental issues with projects such as the Oil+Water Expedition and the Sun Catchers Project.

Some HCC paddlers are planning on paddling on the Big South Fork, Clear Creek, or Elkhorn



creek. **Check the Whitewater section of the HCC Bulletin Board for people going down to the NPFF and the associated whitewater trip.**

Additional information on the film festival is available at: www.npff.org

Other Events

Canoecopia 2010, Madison, WI

Friday March 13 – Sunday March 15, 2010

Canoecopia is one of the largest canoe and kayak expositions in the world. This exposition runs from Friday through Sunday (March 13-15). If you're looking for gear, you will be able to see the latest in canoes, kayaks, paddling gear, camping equipment, and clothing from about 100 vendors in the Exposition Hall. If you're looking for a bargain, merchandise is typically 15% off and some vendors may have even better deals on close-out items. It's a great chance to look over and evaluate the equipment you've read about on the web and in magazines.

In addition to cool boats and gear, there will be presentations and clinics on paddling techniques, trip experiences, places to paddle, and instructional information. Canoecopia provides over 50 different educational sessions that you can choose from.

1st Annual Paddling Club Rendezvous—This year, Canoecopia will offer the 1st annual Paddling Club Rendezvous on Saturday evening. All club members and non members are welcome! The Rendezvous is an opportunity for paddling club members from all over the Midwest to get together to network, share favorite paddling destinations, plan joint activities, recruit new members, and just get to know each other over pizza and soda.

At this time, several HCC paddlers are planning on heading up there for this year's event so watch the Bulletin Board to see who is going and to work out ride sharing. In past years, rooms have filled up quickly so think about registering and getting a place to stay as soon as possible.

The cost of the show for the weekend is \$15.

Additional event information: <http://www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia/page.asp?pgid=1001>

Voyageur Canoe Paddle Making Holliday Park, Indianapolis

Thursdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, 2010

Learn to make your own fully functional canoe paddle from scratch. You will learn how early settlers and Native Americans used canoes and about the different styles of paddles that they used. Then, you will choose a paddle style and carve a paddle to fit you. Tools and materials are provided. Linda Smith, our club Yeoman, took this class last year.

This is a three-night series meeting on:

Thursdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration Information:

\$25/series, registration required

Register by calling Holliday Park at (317) 327-7180.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Program fees are due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), Visa or MasterCard

Additional Information: The full Holliday Park catalog is available at:

<http://www.hollidaypark.org/resources/programs-spring2010.pdf>

Cool Water Paddling Tips

This is a great time of year to paddle. However, you have to do it right to be safe and comfortable. For a series of tips and suggestions, please look at Garry's Hill's excellent article, *Paddling in the Cool Months*, starting on Page 4 of the February 2008 HCC Newsletter which is available on the HCC Web site at:

<http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/newslet/feb2008final1.pdf#page=4>





Dwayne James on White River

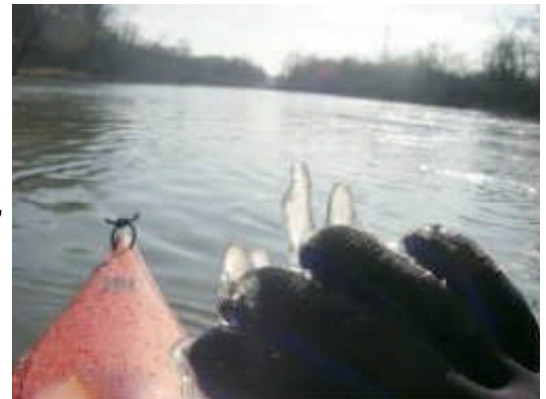
New Years Day Trip Report—White River January 1, 2010

Dwayne James

A brisk day greeted us as we set out from Waverly on our trip down the White River to Henderson Ford Bridge. A tandem canoe operated by new members, Jay Chenowith and Chris Miller, joined my solo Penobscot and kayaks driven by Jim Sprandel, Mark Cowser and Joe DeLashmit for the 8.5 mile paddle.

Clear sunny skies helped to warm the impact of some cold gusts of wind as we made our way down the White River. The eagles nest was empty this year with no sign of the nesting pair. Perhaps all the work on the pipeline scared them off.

After about two hours on the water, we all managed to knock the ice off our equipment and load up for the trip home, anticipating next year and our upcoming Ice Falls Trip. By two in the afternoon, the temperature had finally climbed to 21 degrees F. As I said, I great sunny day to be out paddling on the first day of a new year! I hope more of you keep the date open for next year (1.01.11) and join me on our float. And hope for snow.



Ice Coated Gloves

Additional photographs are available at:

[http://picasaweb.google.com/JoelDeLashmit/
NewYearsWhiteRiver#](http://picasaweb.google.com/JoelDeLashmit/NewYearsWhiteRiver#)



Kayakers braving the Cold



Richard Tekulve—11,000 miles, 102 Indiana Streams

Jim Sprandel

This year, long-time HCC Member, Richard Tekulve, completed a significant milestone. He has now canoed on over 100 Indiana creeks and rivers. Since 1972, Richard has paddled over 11,000 miles in 87 of Indiana's 92 counties. He has explored over 3,200 distinct (non-repeating) miles of Indiana streams. Richard said that the shuttle for his 100th river was in a buggy with an Amish man who only took him if Richard had dinner with his family first. Richard is an expert on stream access points, water levels, and their associate paddling conditions. He also has an extensive collection of maps to aid his explorations. Be sure to join Richard on his Sand Creek trip this Spring.

Congratulation on an achievement that few people will match.



Richard on Sand Creek, April 2009

List of Indiana Rivers paddled by Richard Tekulve

Key: 1—Entire Stream paddled from start to finish
2—Entire "canoeable" sections of stream paddled from upper headwaters to finish
3—Entire "canoeable" sections in Indiana paddled for multi-state streams

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| 1. Anderson River (Perry-Spencer Co.) | 34. Fawn River ¹ | 69. Patoka River—South Fork ² (Pike Co.) |
| 2. Anderson River—Middle Fork ² (Perry Co.) | 35. Flatrock River ² | 70. Pigeon Creek ² (Evansville) |
| 3. Baugo Creek (Elkhart Co.) | 36. Fourteen Mile Creek ¹ | 71. Pigeon Creek/River ³ (Mongo) |
| 4. Bean Blossom Creek | 37. Graham Creek ² (Jennings Co.) | 72. Pipe Creek (Franklin Co.) |
| 5. Big Blue River ² (Shelbyville) | 38. Greensfork ² (Wayne Co.) | 73. St. Joseph River (Fort Wayne) |
| 6. Big Creek ² (Jefferson County) | 39. Guthrie Creek ² (Lawrence Co.) | 74. St. Joseph River (South Bend) |
| 7. Big Monon Ditch ² (Pulaski County) | 40. Indian Creek ² (Harrison Co.) | 75. St. Mary's River |
| 8. Big Pine Creek | 41. Indian-Kentuck River ² (Jefferson Co.) | 76. Salamonie River |
| 9. Big Raccoon Creek | 42. Indian-Kentuck River—West Fork ² (Jefferson Co.) | 77. Salt Creek ² (Lake Monroe) |
| 10. Big Walnut Creek | 43. Iriquois River | 78. Salt Creek ² (Franklin Co.) |
| 11. Black Creek (Knox County) | 44. Kankakee River | 79. Salt Creek—Middle Fork ² (Brown Co.) |
| 12. Blue River ¹ (Milltown) | 45. Killmore Creek (Clinton Co.) | 80. Sando Creek ² |
| 13. Blue River—Middle Fork ² (Washington Co.) | 46. Laughery Creek ² | 81. Silver Creek |
| 14. Blue River—South Fork ² (Washington Co.) | 47. Little River ² (Huntington Co.) | 82. South Hogan Creek ² (Dearborn Co.) |
| 15. Broulietts Creek ³ (Vermillion Co.) | 48. Little Blue River ² (Shelby Co.) | 83. Sugar Creek ² (Crawfordsville) |
| 16. Cedar Creek ² | 49. Little Blue River (Crawford Co.) | 84. Sugar Creek ² (Edinburgh) |
| 17. Christiana Creek ² | 50. Little Calumet River | 85. Sugar Mill Creek ² (Parke Co.) |
| 18. Cicero Creek ¹ | 51. Little Elkhart River ² | 86. Tanners Creek ¹ (Dearborn Co.) |
| 19. Clifty Creek ¹ | 52. Little Flatrock River ² | 87. Tanners Creek—West Fork ¹ (Dearborn Co.) |
| 20. Coal Creek ¹ | 53. Little Pigeon Creek ² (Warrick-Spencer Co.) | 88. Tippecanoe River |
| 21. Coal Creek—East Fork ² (Fountain Co.) | 54. Little Raccoon Creek ² (Parke Co.) | 89. Trail Creek (La Porte Co.) |
| 22. Conns Creek ² | 55. Little Vermillion River ³ | 90. Turkey Creek ² (Elkhart Co.) |
| 23. Deep River ² | 56. Lost River | 91. Vermillion River ³ |
| 24. Deer Creek ² (Putnam Co.) | 57. Maumee River ³ | 92. Wabash River |
| 25. Deer Creek ² (Carroll Co.) | 58. Mill Creek ² (Cataract) | 93. White River ² |
| 26. Driftwood River ¹ | 59. Mill Creek ² (La Porte Co.) | 94. White River—East Fork ¹ |
| 27. Eagle Creek ² | 60. Mississinewa River | 95. White Lick Creek |
| 28. Eel River ¹ (Worthington) | 61. Mud Pine Creek ² (Warren Co.) | 96. White Lick Creek—West Fork ² |
| 29. Eel River (Logansport) | 62. Muscatatuck River ¹ | 97. Whitewater River ² |
| 30. Elkhart River ¹ | 63. Muscatuck River—Vernon Fork | 98. Whitewater River—East Fork ¹ |
| 31. Elkhart River—North Branch ² | 64. Nolands Fork ² (Wayne Co.) | 99. Wildcat Creek—South Fork ² |
| 32. Elkhart River—South Branch ² | 65. North Hogan Creek ² (Dearborn Co.) | 100. Wyaloosing Creek ² (Jennings-Decatur Co.) |
| 33. Fall Creek | 66. Otter Creek ² | 101. Yellow River |
| | 67. Ohio River | 102. Youngs Creek ² (Johnson Co.) |
| | 68. Patoka River | |

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Fall Creek just west of Shadeland, January 2010

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March Newsletter Deadline: Please submit articles to Jim Sprandel by Monday, February 15, 2010. Please e-mail articles and pictures to merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or call him at 317-257-2063.

