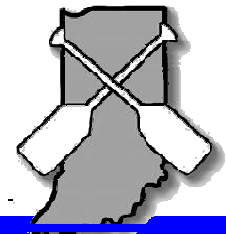


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Hello, HCC—Hoosier Outdoor Experience 2010

Dan Valleskey

I've had nothing but Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOEx) on my mind for the last two weeks and it is now over. Except for a little post-mortem work, we are done with HOEx for this year. I drove away sadly (with 10 boats and a bike loaded on an 8-boat trailer) Sunday evening about 7:30 pm.

We had roughly 30 canoes and 20 kayaks available to paddle on Fall Creek and Delaware Lake. We split the boats between locations. The HCC ran the river trips with Friends of White River, Boy Scout Troop 133, and Ball State's fantastic new Outdoor Pursuits department. Thank goodness for college kids! They can lift boats long after I would be crawling toward an Ibuprofen bottle.

The most reliable number that I heard was 7,000 people attending the event on Saturday. I have not heard a figure for Sunday but I suspect it was down from Saturday due to the weather. We put about 400 people in boats on Saturday, roughly half on the river. I don't have numbers for Sunday yet. We ran smaller groups this year, and we only needed one person stationed on the river for safety. One job we needed more people for was "guide", or coach, as the DNR called it. We needed more guides, to both instruct and follow with their groups downriver. I think almost any HCC member knows enough to lead a group, it is not that hard. Next year, don't be afraid to stand up and help, it really is rewarding.

I forgot how much fun it is to paddle with folks that have never paddled before! Almost everyone loved it, even people who found creative new ways to find a route through the logs and rocks. The course was a little shorter, and certainly easier than last year.

The new IYAKS Meetup group mostly handled the lake duties, also enjoying the energy of the Ball State bunch. What a great bunch of folks! I suppose they compete with the HCC on some level, but there is plenty of room in this area for a second paddle group. They are willing to accommodate beginners and people who need to rent boats. We will try to arrange a few trips that can include their group. In fact, I invited them on my fish fry trip (covered elsewhere in this newsletter). I like their people and I am in awe of their rapid growth.

The same old bunch helped us out a ton, both cutting out and cleaning the river before, and instructing during. I'm not going to name names here, I might miss someone. You all know who you are. You are the foundation this club is built upon. We had a few newer club members show up, every one of which has shown some very refined leadership abilities. I think the HCC has a very rosy future! And we worked hand-in-hand with the hard working Streams and Trails DNR guys—they brought their wives too! I am not sure if it was in spite of the drought, or because of it, but we had just enough water to float boats. Thank you United Water. (or is it Veolia I should thank? (I get so confused.)

I would like to take this opportunity to hereby **name a rapid!** I have always wanted to name a rapid! Towards the end of the section of Fall Creek that we ran at HOEx, immediately after a sharp left bend, most of the river went left into several downed trees. The right side had less water, and a very tight slot to wind through. From now on, by proclamation of the Skipper, we shall call that section "The Narrows" until the river moves things around again.

Still time for a few more trips this year. I am looking forward to some fried fish, and it sounds like Raccoon Creek will again be a premier event. There are some other things going on too, check this newsletter. This is the best time of year to paddle.

The Safety Outreach Education committee is firming up some dollar figures, we are working out a creative funding solution for an expanded campaign. I hope to have good news on that sometime in the next few months.



Mariann Davis at HCC HOEx Booth, September 2010

SYOTR!

Dan Valleskey danpaddles@gmail.com

2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade—Voyageurs Needed

Sharon Colht



2008 Dave Thompson Brigade

My name is Sharon Colht and I belong to the HCC. In the summer of 2008, I participated in an adventure called the David Thompson Brigade. At times, there were 10-15 crews and we canoed across Canada in 6-person Voyageur 22-foot North canoes. It was amazing and awesome. I was one of four Americans who made this trip through Canada.

The 2008 David Thompson Brigade was a commemorative memorial event celebrating the famous mapmaker and explorer David Thompson. The 2008 Brigade began in the Rocky Mountains and traveled the North Saskatchewan River, the big lakes of Manitoba and Winnipegosis, then upriver on the Red and Winnipeg Rivers into Quetico Provincial Park, and finally onto Thunder Bay at Old Ft. William on Lake Superior. It was the adventure of a lifetime. We traveled in six-man North canoes and up to 300 folks from as far away as New Zealand and Australia participated. I have a zillion new Canadian friends.

I am on the planning committee for the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade. Currently, the Brigade is seriously looking for American participants. The hope is to have this a joint U.S. – Canadian venture. We need crews or individual participation. Folks can sign on for one day, one week or up to the entire trip.

The following short clip will give you a taste of what you could experience:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZiJlAcfa0A>

The 2011 Brigade will start in Invermere, British Columbia and travel through Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon to the Pacific Ocean. Here is the route map:

http://voyageurbrigade.org/thompson/2011_Thompson_Columbia_Brigade/Route_and_Schedule_2.html

Please let me know if you are interested and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or interest in this event. You can contact me (847) 306-0355 or scolht@earthlink.net

Sharon Colht

Eagle Creek Triathlons—Another Success!

John Wainscott

This summer, the Hoosier Canoe Club again provided safety boats for the 500-meter swimming portion of the Indianapolis Sprint Triathlons at Eagle Creek. We attended all four events: June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, and the Go-Girl Triathlon on August 28th. We had a total of 31 individuals help out at these events.

Our job was to herd or corral swimmers to keep them on course and to allow them refuge should they need to take a brief rest at our boats. Some swimmers realized they were not able to continue on so we would signal to the rescue boats to take the swimmer to shore. Indianapolis city lifeguards were stationed on the inside of the course and we were on the outside of the three-leg course. On two occasions, we had to wait for clearance as there was a bicycle left in the staging area and a swimmer not accounted for. After about 10-15 minutes, the swimmer was located. Another successful summer with no lost swimmers!

A special thanks to Linda Smith who attended all four triathlons. Dwayne James, Robert Shaw, John Monteiro and Sue Fox attended three events. And thanks to Mathew Pope, Dan Evard, Kelly Carter, Pat Hittle, Philip Wangberg, Ken Wright, Jim Clendenin, Luther Rice, Ellen Popodi, Debbie Yates, Dave Ellis, George Flexman, Brad Hughey, Jeff Mathews, Anna (Sue's friend), Linda Reddington, Earl King, Jim Sprandel, Barb Lollar, Bruno Lollar, Jay Moyer, Gina Moyer, Rick Hines and Matt Thomas.

The club netted \$1000 for our efforts and everyone who helped got a great tee shirt at each event. I am looking forward to helping at next year's events. Jan Sneddon, you mentioned you would be a participant this year in the Go Girl event. But we know you had a good excuse this year. How about next year? Congratulations on your new addition.

Thanks to everyone, hope to see you and more, next year.



Triathlon Start—June 2010



Flatwater Trip Announcement

Covered Bridge Festival - Raccoon Creek
Trip Sponsors: To be announced

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Here is your invitation to the premier flatwater trip of the fall. It is Parke County Covered Bridge Festival time. Jim Clendenin and I (Dwayne James) had agreed to take on the leadership of this trip after Dwon and Joy Miller, who have been part of the trip leadership for this trip since 1974 (HCC has been taking this annual trip longer than that) decided to take a rest. But I am now working on Saturday mornings and Jim may not be available. We need a trip leader or two to coordinate the trip and run the shuttle and make sure everyone has a safe and fun paddle. Please let me know if you can help lead this trip.

We will paddle on Saturday, October 16th. We could use some help with the shuttle if anyone has large capacity vehicles.

Driving Instructions: To get the put-in from Indianapolis — From I-465 west, take IN-36 west to IN-59 (at the town of Bellmore). Turn left (south) and continue about 2 1/2 miles to a brown sign that indicates a left turn only to the Hardin Lake Dam on Raccoon Creek. Follow this road until it goes along the river and continue to the first bridge. Turn in just before the bridge and drive through the gate on that little road. **Do not take the turnoff to the dam itself.** After you unload, pull your vehicle into a line along the right side of the road ready to exit the parking area. When all are unloaded, we will run the shuttle to the take out. Plan to meet at 9:00 am so we can get the shuttle started by 9:30 am. We park in a parking lot by the river at the take out at Bridgeton. There is a \$3 charge for the day to park, as of last year. Your car will be right there when we arrive!

Lunch: You may pack a lunch or take some cash along. The lunch stop is in Mansfield where the festival is in full swing. You can buy just about anything you want to eat right there. After lunch, we continue downstream to Bridgeton. The expected time off the river is around 3-4 pm, depending on how long we tarry around Mansfield for lunch. Bridgeton is also part of the festival and there is more food as well as crafts and shopping at these and many towns in Parke County this weekend.

You will paddle under several covered bridges and old iron bridge. There are some "play" places along the way and lots of color and wildlife. Some of it is human and with us on the trip.

Expected Weather: This trip can be weather "iffy" so watch your television for the details. We have taken this trip in swimsuits, sweats, foul weather gear, and light snow over the years. Dress appropriately. Too much can be layered off, too little can be cold if your clothes are at the take out. It is October! Things can change. Bring a dry bag of warmer clothes.

Paddling Conditions: This is a beautiful, moving water trip **However, this trip is not one for beginners—you must be able to control your craft in some tricky places safely.** If your skills are not up to that, get some moving water training and experience so you can take this trip successfully at a later time. We have done our best to clear a safe paddling zone along the route, but there are many places where logs and trees have built up and are hazardous if you get caught in them. Please play it safe and paddle wide of these obstructions. Wear your PFD!

Camping: It takes an entrance fee or a park card to get into the SRA. It is on the left on SR 36 just past the bridge over Hardin Lake. If you are interested, use the HCC bulletin board to put together a camping group for Friday or Saturday nights.

Contact Information: Please contact us by **Thursday evening** (late) if you want to attend. Please feel free to contact me for any other information you need. An RSVP is not required but we like to have an idea who to expect so we do not leave anyone behind on the shuttle Saturday.

Dwayne James

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Pigeon and Fawn River Fish Fry Trip, Mongo IN. Saturday-Sunday, October 30-31, 2010
Trip Sponsor: Dan Valleskey

For a number of years, I've been heading to the Pigeon River and Fawn rivers in Northern Indiana around Halloween weekend. This year, it works out to be the weekend of Oct 30 and 31. I invite a handful of paddle groups, including the HCC, PSC, IYAK, Wildcat Expeditions, Nick's Boater Bunch, and the Fort Wayne Kayak internet group.

After paddling a nice section (exact trip to be determined with a mid morning meeting time) on Saturday, we head to a local watering hole for some fish fry. We will camp at the Pigeon River Fish and Game campground on Saturday night near Mongo.

Sunday morning is breakfast at a restaurant, then we head to a different river. We try to take out early enough that



the drive home doesn't become a burden. It is easy enough to paddle either day, you do not need to stay for both. (but you don't want to miss the fish fry on Saturday night!)

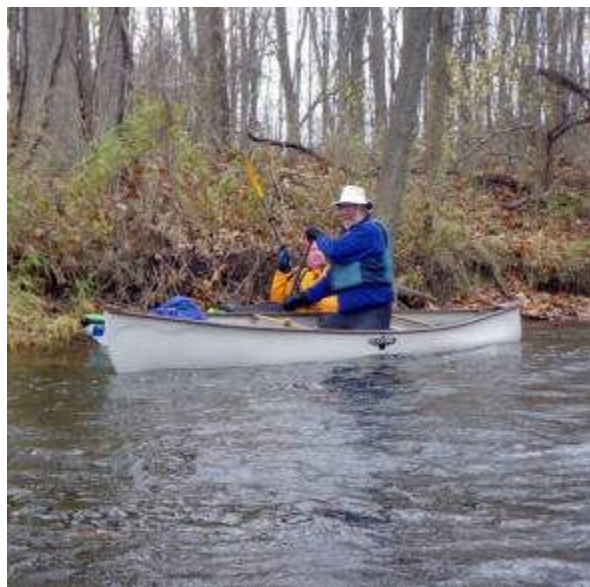
There are a handful of rivers and lakes to paddle in that area, and each one offers several nice trips. We generally do not do real long trips but we work in a stop for lunch. Both the Pigeon and the Fawn are favorites; small, clear running streams. The terrain varies considerably, you might feel you are on a Northwoods river, then three bends of the river later, and you think you are in an Alabama wetland. Wildlife is plentiful, shuttles are short.:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/images/fw-PigeonRiverMap.png>

It is late in the year, the water will be cool. Leave the blue jeans in the car—paddling in late Fall requires fleece sweaters, proper paddling pants and a waterproof jacket. A change of clothes packed in a dry bag is a must.

It takes about 2 1/2 to 3 hours drive time from Indy. I may head up Friday night, to grab my favorite campsite at Mongo. Exact put-in (and time) will be announced later. And, we are kid- and dog-friendly, I might have one or two of my own in tow. Kids must have proper padding clothes though, and there would be nothing wrong with a safe costume. After all, it is Halloween!

Contact Information: Check the HCC BB for the exact meeting time and place in the [Flatwater Forum of the HCC Bulletin Board](#). Or drop me a note for info or about borrowing a boat at danpaddles@gmail.com or try my cell (317) 413-0324



Dan V. on Pigeon River, Oct. 2009

Downtown Indianapolis Paddle, White River

Trip Sponsor: Joel DeLashmit

Saturday, November 6, 2010



Joel on White River—October 2009

Mark November 6 on your calendar. On that date, we will paddle on the White River and Fall Creek through Downtown Indianapolis. I paddled this trip last Fall and it provides a great opportunity to see the Indianapolis skyline from a different perspective. We'll paddle from Washington Street up towards Riverside Park and back. If time and water levels permit, we may head up Fall Creek for a little while past the IUPUI complex.

Please watch the November HCC newsletter since I may have to change or cancel due to water levels on the White River and construction activity near our put-in.

Touring Kayak Trip Announcement

Patoka Lake Trip —Wickliffe, IN

Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3, 2010

Trips Sponsors: Kellie Kaneshiro, Jim Sprandel

Lake Patoka is the second largest lake in Indiana with about 8,800 acres of water and over 160 miles of shoreline. Hoosier National Forest surrounds the lake with rolling tree-covered hills and rock outcroppings. There are headwaters to explore as well as sections where the lake starts feeling like big water. Hopefully, the rain will be more cooperative on Sunday this year. For Sunday, we have scouted out a 6-8 mile paddle to a [chain of quarry lakes](#) near the Southeast corner of the lake which will be really interesting.

Since it takes over 3 hours to get to Patoka, we will camp overnight at Fisherman's Camp on Saturday night and paddle both Saturday and Sunday. This campsite is located near a limited speed section of the lake which is more kayak-friendly.

Patoka Lake Map: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_trail.pdf

Fisherman's Campsite Map: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_camp_fishermen_youth.pdf



Meeting Place/Put-In: Boat Ramp in the Fisherman's Camp at Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area or look for my car ('98 silver Taurus with a Yakima Rack) in Fisherman's camp. Newton-Stewart SRA is just north of Wickliffe, Indiana. There is a \$5/car fee to enter the SRA.

Directions to Meeting Place: It is about a 3-hour drive from the intersection of I-65 and I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis to Patoka. Drive South on I-65 and get off at Exit 6B (I-265 toward I-64/IN-62/New Albany). Take Exit 0 off of I-265 to merge onto I-64W toward IN-62/St. Louis. Go about 43 miles west on I-64 to Exit 79 and then go 7 miles North on IN-37. Turn slightly left on IN-64 West/IN-145. Follow IN-145 north 3.6 miles until you reach IN-164. Turn left (west) onto IN-164 about 1.3 mile until you see the sign for Newton-Stewart SRA and then turn right (North) into the SRA. Follow the signs in the SRA to the Fisherman's Camp and look for us.

Note: This is the fastest route. There is a shorter, slower, and more scenic route through West Baden.

Camping Information: Fisherman's Camp is a primitive camp ground with water and vault toilets. One of us will get there on Friday but the ranger indicated that there are 45 sites and they probably won't be full after Labor Day. Try to get on Campsites 37-44 in Fisherman's Camp since they are nearest to the boat ramp. Each campsite costs \$8/night and the park allows 2 tents and cars per campsite so you may be able to share a campsite.

What to Bring: Bring your camping gear including food (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and any snacks you might need) and paddling gear. Be sure to bring your spray skirt since we will be going over to the open area of the lake near the dam and there may be some waves when the wind picks up. We'll be "car camping" so you won't need to carry your gear in your boat on this trip.

Schedule: Saturday 10:30 am Arrive at Meeting Place. Unload boats and set up camp sites.
11:15 am Start Paddling. We may have a short sunset paddle as well.
Sunday We will paddle 3 hours and then head home.

Contact information: Contact Kellie or Jim by 8:00 pm on **Thursday, September 30:**

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Lake Monroe Trip —Bloomington, IN

Sat.-Sun., October 23-24, 2010

Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Join us on Lake Monroe to enjoy Indiana's Fall colors on one of our most beautiful lakes. You probably know that Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and a favorite touring kayak destination. Normally, we paddle east of the causeway (Hwy. 446) to avoid motor boat traffic. However, enough people will have already put their boats away for the year so that we intend to explore the West end of the lake. This was one of my favorite trips last year with plenty of good food, a great camp fire Saturday evening, and great paddling.

We will paddle out Saturday morning with our camping gear loaded in our boats for Saturday night. On Saturday night, we will pitch camp at Allen's Creek SRA before paddling back to Cutright Sunday morning.

Lake Monroe Information: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe_trail.pdf

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright SRA. We will meet at the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving 446 (not the marina) since we will head west from the boat ramp.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Highway 446 south from Bloomington to the causeway. Cutright SRA is on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington. This is about 1 hour 40 minutes from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis.

Camping Information: We will load our gear into our kayaks and paddle to the Allen's Creek State Recreation Area where we will camp Saturday night. There is no charge for camping at this SRA. This is a primitive camping facility so you will need to bring potable water since the ranger did not recommend filtering lake water.

What to Bring: Bring your camping gear including food (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and any snacks you might need) plus your paddling gear. Since this is a primitive campsite, be sure to bring water for cooking and drinking on Saturday Night and Sunday Morning.

Note: Due to possible lake conditions, a kayak or decked canoe with spray skirt is required. Boats must have flotation or bulk heads. You will be carrying your camping gears in your boat so plan accordingly.

Schedule: Saturday 10:30 am Arrive at Put-In.
11:15 am Start Paddling
Sunday We will paddle several hours Sunday and then head home.

Contact information: Contact Jim by 8:00 pm on Friday, October 22::

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August Training .

Two major training sessions were held the week end of August 28 and 29

Swiftwater Safety Weekend: The HCC teamed up with the East Race Whitewater Kayak Club to provide two days of safety practice. Thirty people showed up to work on different aspects of swiftwater safety. This is critical since you don't want to be debating the correct way to tie a Prusik knot when someone is pinned in the river. People worked on safe swimming, the rescue of pinned paddlers, wading in fast water, rope throwing, and ways to rescue boats and equipment. The East Race is an ideal location for this since the water level can be adjusted appropriately for each exercise.

Mojo Rolling Clinic: Debbie Baker showed about 20 students the basics of kayak rolling. For a few people, this was a refresher but this was the first exposure for most. Debbie had everyone practice hip snaps, bow rescues, and bracing. After that, people attempted rolling using either the C-to-C roll or sweep roll. This training is important since just learning to brace effectively can eliminate the need to roll in many cases.

This sharpened the rolls for existing rollers and put the rest well along to the path. After the group lessons were completed, Dave Ellis and Debbie worked with students to help them since thinking upside and under water is challenging. This was a tremendous start for people considering going to the pool to perfect their roll. Many thanks to Debbie and Dave.



Debbie at Mojo Rolling Clinic

Trip Report: South Manitou Island Trip, September 9-12, 2010

Jim Sprandel

Trip Sponsor: Brad Hughey

Nine Indianapolis paddlers met up at Sleeping Bear Dune National Lakeshore near Empire, Michigan (not far from Traverse City) for a Michigan Island adventure. Everyone was ready Friday morning. The marine forecast promised an easy passage out Friday morning but we were closely watching Sunday since it looked like the waves might be touchy so we might have to return on Saturday.



Paddling to South Manitou—Friday Morning

Friday: We launched from the beach near the Coast Guard Station just west of D. H. Day Campground on the mainland and paddled a course that was a tad West of North for about 8 miles to get to South Manitou. Waves were 1-3 feet and we got out there in just about 2.5 hours. Brad steered a course towards [the lighthouse on the island](#) through the entire crossing. The wind was out of the north so we were sheltered for the first two or three miles by the point north of our launching site. A fun paddle.

Once on South Manitou island, Brad, our trip leader, checked in with the Ranger and picked a site where we set up camp. For obvious reasons, the Park Service requires people to file "float plans" with the rangers and to check in when getting to their destination.

Our campsites were about 100 yards off of the beach and sheltered in trees. We got set up and then settled in for the night – everyone cooking their dinners and eating at the common fire ring.

Saturday: The next morning, rain was threatening. True to the forecast, we had rain starting Saturday morning and lasting until early Sunday morning. We considered paddling out to North Manitou island which was about 4 miles away. However, when we approached Gull Point on the Northeast corner of South Manitou, we decided to hug the coast of South Manitou since conditions seemed to be building so that returning from North Manitou might have been unsafe. At that time, the waves would have been broach (i.e., hitting the side of our kayaks) which would have made for an interesting trip..

We rounded the point and paddled along the North and West shores of the island before returning the way that we came. On the way, we saw a family of 5 eagles (2 adults and 3 immature), several swans, and mergansers. While returning to camp, the wind felt stronger and it was raining and very misty. For awhile, North Manitou island was obscured by rain/mist confirming our decision not to attempt that crossing.

When we reached Gull Point on our way back to camp, the waves were pounding into it and 3 people swam while rounding it since we didn't avoid the shallow region near it. Kellie reported that locals describe this point as "gnarly"—as one of the swimmers, I agree. Fortunately, the water at the point was very shallow and all three of us walked our



boats into shore and launched on the beach below the point. A former skipper would say that that was “a teachable moment.”

We then paddled the mile back to camp with 1-3 foot broach and quartering waves and then settled back into camp life. Several people elected to hike the island since there is an [“old growth cedar grove](#) (i.e., the original trees on the islands that were never harvested), an inland lake, a [ship wreck](#), and an [immense sand dune](#). The hike to and from the dunes was approximately 7-8 miles.

Sunday: We all got up inordinately early since the marine forecast was calling for a Small Craft Advisory later in the day and we wanted to get off the lake before it could wake up too much. We launched about 7:00 am on a glassy bay and were hoping for an easy crossing. Our crossing was going be slightly East of South and Brad had us paddle towards [a large sand dune](#) just West of the Coast Guard station on the mainland.

However, we soon discovered that the lake was already awake after we passed the point at the South Manitou Lighthouse and we enjoyed 1-3 foot broach waves which turned into consistent 2-4 foot waves after we passed below the South end of the island. Just to keep life from getting too boring, the lake mixed in a fair number of 5 and 6 foot waves during the crossing. If you have never paddled open water, you lose sight of boats near you but can still see the paddlers in one-foot wave. In three-foot waves, the waves hide the paddlers as well. In the trough of five-foot waves, you don't see much of anything. Watch [Joel's video](#) to get a feel for what big water can be like. We completed the crossing in 2 hours and 15 minutes with only one capsized. Throughout this crossing, more experienced paddlers stayed at the back and on each flank of the pack. Just in case.

Everyone made it back safely and with a lot more confidence in their boat handling. Eagle Creek will never feel the same again. More pictures and a [video of Sunday crossing](#) are available at:

<http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/showthread.php?t=3839>



Passing the Lighthouse—Sunday Morning

Trip Report—Metamora Family Affair, July 31, 2010

Trip Sponsor: John Wainscott

This trip down the Whitewater River to Metamora was originally sponsored by Brett Thompson. Unfortunately, Brett took ill and could not run the trip and he asked me to take the group. It ended up that my daughter Kaitlyn, brother Greg and his wife Marcia, and my sister Vicki and her adventurous husband Tom and I ended up as the only paddlers.

We put in just below the dam in Laurel and floated 5.13 miles

(according to my GPS) to the Highway 52 bridge. The water was a little low, clear, and very scenic.

We saw a bald eagle cruising up and down the river along with the usual sand hill cranes. I managed to sneak in a few casts at some prime spots and caught a couple of smallmouth bass.

The weather was very pleasant but the trip was short. The Metamora Ice cream shop was a real treat — great ice cream at an affordable price. We peeked in a few shops and watched the horse-driven ferry boat go up and down the canal. Then we all ate at a restaurant just down the road. A storm went through while we were eating then cleared off.

Not a bad day on the water.



Horse-Driven Ferry Boat, Metamora



Paddling the Whitewater River

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Sunrise over Lake Michigan, South Manitou Island, Sept. 2010

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Nights 7-9 pm	Pool Sessions- Thatcher Pool	March Newsletter/ Bulletin Board
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Note: Since several people have asked, the HCC will **not** hold the Pirate Party this year. Stay tuned for next year!

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

