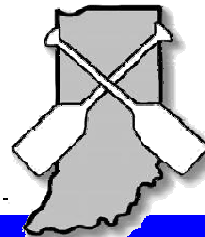


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Second Annual Pirate Paddle and Party, Saturday, October 3

The Second Annual Pirate Flotilla on the White River will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, followed by the Pirate Party at Northern Beach. This event was conceived as an outreach event for paddlers in the central Indiana region and we hope to gather an even larger group of paddlers from far and wide this year!

The day will begin with a paddle trip on the White River, Paddlers are encouraged to wear pirate-like clothing and to decorate their boats.

Pirate Flotilla on White River

Flotilla Location: Forest Park Public Access Site in Noblesville to the public access site just north of 116th Street. (A map will be provided at put-in.)

Meeting Time: The meeting time is 12:30 at the put-in at the Forest Park Public Access Site on SR 19 (Cicero Road) in Noblesville. The take out will be about 10 miles downstream at the public access site just north of the 116th Street Bridge over the White River in Carmel— just east of Northern Beach.

Boat Rental: Rentals of kayaks and canoes will be available through the White River Canoe Company. The WRCC is located on the river just south of our put-in at the Forest Park on SR 19. Call WRCC directly (317) 776-0129 by Wednesday, September 30, to reserve your boats and be sure to refer to the "Hoosier Canoe Club Pirate Paddle." Renters must arrive 45 minutes early (11:45) in order to process rental paperwork and be ready to launch with the main Pirate Flotilla.

Note: The air and water temperatures may be cold so that [cold-weather paddling preparation](#) is recommended.



2008 "Pirate Flotilla" taking off from Forest Park PAS

Pirate Party at Northern Beach, 116th and Hazel Dell Pkwy

The Pirate Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Northern Beach, 5801 E. 116th Street, Carmel. ***It's not necessary to paddle in the Flotilla during the day to attend the party, which will be held rain or shine, so feel free to encourage your non-paddling friends to attend!*** This year's party will feature classic rock and dance tunes from the 60's and 70's, performed by one of Indy's best party bands, [RetroActive](#). And our HCC's own Orange Crush has promised to light up the dance floor so we know it will be a fun evening!

The admission price per person is \$20 for the Dinner, Band and Pirate Brew (beer and wine), and \$15 for the Dinner and Band Only Option (no alcohol). Outside food and beverages are not allowed. We have to guarantee payment for the meals in advance and therefore **reservations are required by Wednesday, October 1st.** We know paddlers don't like to plan early, but hey, please make your reservation now!

Event flyers are available at Eagle Creek Kayaks, Extreme Outfitters, Nurpu, Rusted Moon, and White River Canoe Company.

HCC Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to help with the paddle and party. Contact Theresa Kulczak or Dan Valleskey if you would like to help.

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Contact Information

To volunteer to help with this event or to make reservations, please contact any of the following:

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Dread Diabolo Foxx (Sue)	sufoxx713@aol.com	(317) 543-0222
Stinkin' John Sparrow (Dan)	danpaddles@gmail.com	(317) 257-9837

For more information and directions, visit the Pirate Party website at <http://sites.google.com/site/hccpirateparty/>.

Hello HCC!

Dan Valleskey

I am pushing our Editor to his limit this month. I have been waiting for inspiration to strike me, alas, it has not yet struck, and I am hours from deadline. I would like to tell you what your club has been doing for you though.

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience will just be finishing up when you get this. With luck, we will help over 600 people to discover the fun of paddling in Indiana. The Friends of the White River and the Boy Scouts Troop 133 also helped put on this large scale event. I hope to write a glowing report next month.

We are in the middle of planning the Pirate Paddle. It will be much as last year, we will have a different band, and a slightly different take out, but the dinner will still be at Northern Beach. I hope to see you there.

The Board has started to discuss ways to educate new boat owners and renters about the dangers of paddling in moving water. The tragedy of the 2 year old drowning on the Driftwood (one of our favorite trips) hits all of us hard. I'm pretty sure inexperience was the primary cause. We have formed a committee to look at ways to educate the general public about strainers, low head dams and log jams. If you have any input to offer, or would like to help on this committee, drop me a note.

We also discussed again the possibility of further cutbacks of paper editions of this newsletter. Ultimately, I believe our goal would be to go 100 percent electronic, but for now, we will try further enticements to switch people to the e-version. We can save trees, we can save printing costs, we can save Jim's time licking stamps and sticking labels. And you almost never see an electronic newsletter that has to be folded. Look for changes soon.

Your board has not ignored the fact that we do not have a pool right now. We have talked about other options, Jordan is working hard to find out more about Thatcher, as well as the Blind School. Watch the Bulletin Board, we hope for better news soon.

It was my pleasure to help clear out a small part of Raccoon Creek. (I am starting to sound like a politician-it was not a pleasure, it was hard work! But we had fun anyway.) Watch for Dwayne's trip call in this issue, everyone should see what brings so many people to this trip every Fall.

Another committee that always forms this time of year is the Nominating Committee, headed by the Executive Officer. If you would like to serve on the board, drop me a line. I can also offer this "in between" option. If you are not sure about committing to the board, how about becoming a Committee Chair? I do know the Conservation spot will be open, and we also need help with Safety. Other needs may pop up. This gives you an excuse to come to some of the meetings (and the option to miss others). Please consider it. One thing I learned from Reggie Baker was that we need new blood, and we need to help more members have active roles if we want a vibrant club.

Dan

Karen Lunsford throws in First Ball at Indians Game

Joy Miller

Is there no end to what HCC members are doing? On August 24, 2009, the Indianapolis Indians had a home game with Columbus. At most games, there is an honorary pitcher for the opening ceremonies. That night, it was our own Karen Lunsford, wife of Chuck Lunsford. Both have been long-time and very involved members in the past. Just thought HCC should know what else our members can do when given the opportunity!



Flatwater Trips

Covered Bridge Festival - Raccoon Creek

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Trip Sponsors: Dwayne James and Jim Clendenin

Here is your invitation to the premier flatwater trip of the fall. It is Parke County Covered Bridge Festival time. Jim and I have 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. If you have not joined us before, you are in for a treat.

We will paddle on Saturday, October 17th. We could use some help with the shuttle if anyone has large capacity vehicles.

Instructions: To get there 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. 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 craft 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, but it 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 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!

Stream Clean-Up: Many thanks to Sue Foxx, Jim Clendenin, Dan Valleskey, Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel, John Wainscott, Kellie Kaneshiro, and Dave Ellis for helping me to clean out the log-choked sections of the stream. It should be a much more safer and enjoyable paddle for everyone this year due to this effort..

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. 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):

Dwayne James (317) 834-3649

kanudreams@sbcglobal.net

Jim Clendenin (317) 251-1693 home, (317) 431-1221 cell

JClendenin@pillargrp.com

Please feel free to contact us 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.



October Fish Fry Trip—Pigeon River, Mongo, IN
Trip Sponsor: Dan Valleskey

Sat. Oct. 31, Sun. Nov. 1, 2009

This year, I will be leading my Fish Fry trip to Mongo, Indiana on October 31 and November 1. We will paddle the Pigeon on Saturday, meet at 10:00 a.m. at the PAS on Hwy 327 just North of US 20, West of Angola, Indiana. Costumes will be appropriate!

Saturday night, we will find a local tavern that serves fish fry, there are several in that area. It makes a great way to top off a fun paddle.

We will camp at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife campground outside Mongo. I'll be there Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday, we will paddle something nearby, call me Saturday night if you can only join us on Sunday. We will decide at dinner what we want to tackle that next day. Several other groups will be involved, this could once again be a fairly large trip. The trips are short, the water is clear. That time of year it will be cool camping, so come prepared; and please, do join me.

Contact information: Contact me at danpaddles@gmail.com.

Touring Trips

Lake Monroe Trip —Bloomington, IN

Sat.-Sun., October 10-11, 2009

Trips Sponsors: Kevin Dogan, Jim Sprandel

Join us on Lake Monroe to welcome the onset of Fall. 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 motorboat traffic. However, the ranger has indicated that many people will have already put their boats away for the year so that we intend to explore the West end of the lake.

We will paddle out Saturday morning with our camping gear 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 (not the marina) since we will head west from there.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Hwy. 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 SRA where we will camp Saturday night. There is no charge for camping at this site. 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 recommended. We will be carrying our camping gears in our boats 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 back to Indianapolis.

Contact information: Contact Jim by 8:00 pm on Friday, October 9::

Jim Sprandel (317) 257-2063 merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net



Whitewater Trips

October Gauley Paddling,:

Sat.-Sun., October 3-4, October 17-18, 2009

Trip Sponsors: Jordan Ross & Sharon Schierling

October is a fabulous time to run the Gauley. The water is warm and the changing foliage gorgeous. Colorful leaves tumble in the green water and the weather varies from spooky fog to sparkling sunshine, often in the same day.

Two weeks after Gauley Fest, October 3-4, people will have recovered enough to make another trip. (Remember, there are only 6 weekends in Gauley season.) The HCC Pirate Party is scheduled the same weekend but non-pirates are welcome to join us as we savor summer easing into fall in West Virginia.

The last weekend of Gauley Season, generally when the fall colors begin to peak, corresponds with Bridge Day this year. Paddlers running the New River Gorge on Saturday, October 17, get the best seat in the house to watch BASE jumpers and rappellers (including Sharon and me) descending from the 876 foot bridge. Kayakers, canoers and rafters running Fayette Station Rapid are part of the show for the thousands of Bridge Day spectators. The next day, Sunday, October 18, Sharon and I will join everyone for a season-finale paddle on the Gauley.

Check the October HCC Newsletter and the HCC bulletin board for details about both of these October Gauley weekends.

Eagle Creek Triathlon Safety Success!

Jan Sneddon



HCC Paddlers at Go Girl Triathlon

Again this summer, the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club provided safety boating support for all four of the Eagle Creek Triathlons. While several boaters did directly assist boaters by allowing them to rest on their boats, most of us spent our time 'herding' or keeping participants from swimming an extra mile. We did have one scare – one of the bikes was left unclaimed in the bike corral, so they sent us back out to look for someone. Luckily, that someone was NOT in the water and did eventually let someone know they had decided not to finish. Whew!

I am so grateful to all of the support of HCC members in this effort! This year, a total of 27 club members came out early on a Saturday morning to herd and admire the guts of the hundreds of triathletes that braved not only the water in Eagle Creek Reservoir but the hills surrounding it as well! Congratulations to

Dwayne James and John Wainscott for being there for every single event! And I must point out that the highest attendance (18 paddlers) was for the final event, the Go Girl Triathlon. Hmmmm... I wonder what the draw was? A special thanks to Jim Clendenin for organizing that event on my behalf!

Many thanks Dwayne James, John and Kaitlyn Wainscott, Jim Clendenin, Joel DeLashmit, Kelly Rushing, Bob Shaw, Jan Sneddon, Linda Smith, Dan Evard, Tom Moll, Sue Foxx, Jim Sprandel, Earl King, Matt Thomas, Shelly Sturgis, Kirsten Warden, Frank Chiao, Sarah Fronczek, Andy and Davis Ratermann, Joni and Leo Carlisle, Kellie Kaneshiro, Barb Lollar, Dan Valleskey, and Ken Wright for helping.

In addition to preventing loss of life, we added \$1000 to the HCC coffers. Go Boaters!

I am already looking forward to next year's events. In fact, I am aiming to be an actual participant in the Go Girl next year – now that it's in writing, I have to, right?

Thanks to everyone! See you on (or in) the water!



Jim Clendenin herding Swimmers



Trip Report—Beaver River, September 5-7, 2009—Day 1

Randy Parker

Ed. Note: This Trip Report will be concluded in the Nov. Newsletter. Or, go to <http://www.hccbuletinboard.org/forums/attachment.php?attachmentid=531> for both days and more pictures.

The Drive: The long night started at 5:00 pm Central Time from Westville Toll Road where I picked up Nancy. We made it to Jeff Muston's at the East Race around 6:38 Eastern Time where I picked up Mike Lough, Ann Sellers, and Jeff Muston. We loaded up and took off with our next stop being Erie PA.. We arrived in Erie around 1 am where we picked up Zach and his girl friend, Elise, at the casino in Erie where they had been gambling for hours while waiting on the Crushmobile to arrive. We got settled in and drove to Croghan, New York to Camp O arriving around 7:30 am.

We got our campsite and pitched our tents. However, while pitching tents we left the doors open and the dome lights on which gave us our first debacle of the trip, yep, dead battery. Lucky for us there was

another group camped by us who were up and stirring around probably because the Crush made sure they were when he pulled in, but they were more than happy to jump the Crush off, probably because they were already planning payback. After getting jump started, we headed into Croghan for breakfast. After breakfast, we stopped at the gas station there to fill up on oil, anti-freeze (thanks Jeff) and air for Mike's inflatable, then we headed to our first run of the weekend to the Taylorsville Section of the Beaver.

Day 1: We arrived at the Taylorsville section in good time around 10:30 am (water released at 10) suited up and headed down to the put-in. The first rapid on this section is called the Beaverator, where a fine line is needed to avoid the big hole where Jeff got munched for awhile last year. However, he redeemed himself making a clean line through and so did Zach. The rest of us took the cheat line on far right.

Next up is the biggest rapid on this river called the Great White Slide, and this is where our second debacle of the trip happened. While Jeff, Zach, and Elise were planning their line, I was sitting in the eddy with Mike, when Jen and Vince finally showed up so I got out to show Vince what line I was planning on taking. In the meantime, the "hair boaters", Jeff and Zach, were already going down the toughest part of the meat catching a far left eddy before the first big wave. Well, poor Elise did not know any better than to follow these two and tried to make the eddy also but did not make it—she flipped above the eddy and ended up going down the Great White Slide upside down! After the second wave on this rapid, you are actually riding on the bottom of the river and the water is just pushing you really fast—your boat is just jumping up and down from the rocks on the bottom of this slide. In this case, it was Elise's face, head and back that were actually hitting all these rocks on the way down. Zach said later "I could feel the pain every time I saw her hit rock" while he was sitting in the eddy. By the time that Vince, Mike, and I got down, we saw Zach on an island with Jeff and Elise. Zach was holding Elise's nose with her head tilted back, that's when I asked Nancy and Ann what happened and they said that Elise flipped at the top and went down the slide upside down. I paddled over to access the damage done to this real pretty young thing and upon arrival I saw blood pouring out the nose and Zach trying to get it to stop. I called for nurse Jen to come over and after further examination from everyone the nose



Orange Crush on Beaver River



was not broken just bleeding and she suffered a huge cut below the nose and upper lip, thus earning the nickname of Scarface and now looks as ugly as her boyfriend!! But after the bleeding stopped and we got it super glued together (Ken Wright style), she pulled a “Sharon” and got back in the boat and paddled to access the next rapid (the things these women do for love)!!

After accessing Island rapid, Elise decided to carry after watching the rest of us go through and we picked her up on the other side and headed down to the next set of rapids which everyone did well on even Elise. We had no more debacles until the very last rapid which is a small waterfall drop of about 8’, the rapids leading into it are good size. Jen and Vince did not make the eddy above the falls and had to take the cheat side on the left around the falls everyone else made the run over the falls. However, in Elise’s excitement of clearing the drop, she got relaxed and forgot that there were rapids below the falls and got flipped and swam. However, we were at the take out anyway, so maybe she was just tired of paddling for the day and decided to swim to the take out—sort of like some of us do at Big Smokey Falls.

Zach, Jeff, Mike, Jen, and I decided to make another run so we climbed the pipeline and carried back up to the put-in. Jen only wanted to run the first two rapids since she missed them on the first go around and elected to follow the Crush down the Beaverator and the Great White Slide. Of course. “the hair boaters”, Jeff and Zach, took the meat lines again and showed off for everyone. I took Jen and Mike down the easy side of the Beaverator and I had promised Jen I would take her down the easy side of the Great White Slide, but I overshot the approach, I did not take her far left down the meat, but we had a little of it straight down the gut of the Great White Slide, after squirting the right side of the hole and flipping but rolling up she was all smiles and happy that she did not take the cheat side but made it down great and gave the Crush a big kiss and thank you and took off the river. Mike and I continued down and finished our run with Zach and Jeff. Afterwards, we headed into town for dinner, took showers at the campground, and had a few beers around the campfire, and after being up all night and paddling all day everyone was asleep by 10:30.

Stay Tuned for Day 2 of this trip in the November Issue of the Hoosier Paddler.

Let the Good Times Roll!

So your Mojo’s back in your kayak,
You rolled 3 times in a row,
Your hip snap’s crisp, your head is down,
And now you’re good to go!!!

This self rescue technique is a must,
It totally sets you free,
Now you can play and enjoy yourself,
Be the paddler you want to be!!

There are many tools you need to have,
In your tool box for kayak sport,
Hone each one and practice A LOT,
Cause swimming’s the last resort.

It’s always safer to stay in your boat,
A bombproof roll is your savior,
Work on your “offside” and hone that too,
And please do me ONE FAVOR.....

Next time I see you, show me your stuff,
And “hands roll” for me if you can!
I’d love to see you excel in this sport,
Then go over and “bow rescue” DAN!! (hehe!!)

IshurdoLuv2InspireU !!! :-D
(aka Debby Baker)

Debby Baker



Debby demonstrating a roll at August Rolling Clinic

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November Newsletter Deadline: Please submit articles to Jim Sprandel by Thursday, October 15, 2009. Please e-mail articles and pictures to merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or call him at 317-257-2063. Note that December and January issues of the Hoosier Paddler will not be published.

