

The Hoosier Paddler

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A note from our skipper, Sue Foxx:

Happy 2013 to all Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club members. Nine members joined me on New Year's Day for our first trip of the year and I'm looking forward to many more! 2013 is a special year for us. We were founded in 1963 so this is our 50th Anniversary. We hope to celebrate it by scheduling trips on all the scenic rivers in Indiana as well as by having a BBQ and paddle at Eagle Creek Reservoir (west side of Indianapolis) on June 15th. Be sure and mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. Speaking of attending...plan to join us for the annual Trip Planning meeting on Saturday, January 26th. This is a chance to catch up with friends and plan a great schedule for your type of paddling...flatwater, bluewater, or whitewater. These trips can't happen without trip leaders so plan to volunteer or, if you need help, be a co-leader. More info on the Trip Planning meeting is in the newsletter.

The Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club will have a booth at the Boat Sport and Travel Show. We hope you will volunteer to staff the booth and tell folks about the club. In addition, there will be a special seminar with Cliff Jacobson on Saturday, February 16th, that is designed especially for experienced paddlers. It requires that you RSVP so be sure to check out the article on the BSTS.

Hearty paddlers will want to join Dwayne James for the Ice Falls trip down Sugar Creek on February 9th! This is a perennial favorite and a chance to jumpstart the paddling season.

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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 "2012" you NEED to send me \$15 by 3/1/2013.

Link to list: <http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/HCCList2012.pdf>

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

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Boat Sport and Travel Show

February 15-24, 2013

The Quiet Sports Expo, which includes paddling, will be in the Champions Pavilion this year (East Pavilion – across from the grandstands) and is part of the Ford 59th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel show held at the State Fairgrounds (1202 East 38th St. Indpls). Check for more information at: www.QuietSportsExpo.com or www.IndySportShow.com. Our club will have a booth so if you want to volunteer for a shift, contact Dwayne James at djames4@iuhealth.org. Also, if you would like to present a trip or on a paddling related topic, let Dwayne know so he can get you scheduled.

Cliff Jacobson will be presenting this year at the Quiet Sports Expo. Of particular interest, Cliff will be offering a seminar for paddling clubs and groups. This seminar will be in a smaller room – upstairs in Champions Pavilion – and will have limited capacity. The special Club Day Seminar will assume more paddling experience than the general public seminars and will be more of a chance to meet and talk with Cliff personally. Due to the room size restrictions the seminar will be RSVP only. To register for Cliff Jacobson's seminar, RSVP at; marketing@renfroproductions.com with the following information:

Participant Name:

Email Address:

Club/Organization:

While there is no cost for the seminar, be aware that you will need a ticket to enter the Boat Sport and Travel Show and that there is a cost for parking at the Fairgrounds. Attendees can buy tickets at Marsh (\$2.00 off) or at the Gate (\$13.00). Call Candice at 765 641-7712 if you have questions. This should be a fun presentation loaded with information for seasoned paddlers. I urge you to register before January 28 when the session will be opened to the public.



Sugar Creek Ice Falls Trip

Trip Leader: Dwayne James

Saturday, February 9, 2013

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, herons, eagles, robins, and red-winged black birds returning for spring. This trip is very weather dependent for open water and appropriate dress is required. 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.

We will meet at Deers Mill Covered bridge at 10:30 a.m. The put-in is at Deers Mill bridge, next to the canoe livery at the east end of Shades State Park on Indiana 234. You must pass the entrance to Shades to get to the bridge. The shuttle should run about 11:00 a.m. The take-out is at The Narrow's Bridge with parking in the Lusk Historical building lot located at the East edge of Turkey Run State Park.

Bring a lunch and drink for the trip as there are no other provisions along the way. Some paddlers elect to eat together at the Turkey Run Inn or somewhere else before driving home. We can talk about that while we paddle and make plans for those that wish to do so.

Please watch the weather and be sure to contact Dwayne prior to the trip since this trip may be cancelled due to frozen water or bad weather. If the water is frozen, or the temperature is below 30 F for the day, or if the water level is above 3.5 feet on the USGS gauge we will cancel the trip. Follow this link to check the flow: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site_no=03339500

Dress accordingly and be sure to bring a dry bag with extra clothes in case you get wet. Please contact Dwayne by Friday evening, February 8th, to confirm your attendance and that the trip is a go. kanudreams@sbcglobal.net

Cold Weather Paddling Tips–

Jim Sprandel:

During the winter, paddling is still enjoyable but you need to dress properly to be comfortable and safe. The Fort Wayne paddling group circulated the following links on how to survive if you fall through thin ice:

<http://www.archive.org/details/ColdWaterSurvival>

<http://www.archive.org/details/YoureOutNowWhat>

<http://www.archive.org/details/Gett...tSinkingFeeling>

If you want to paddle, be sure to paddle with other people. Especially during this time of year, there's safety in numbers.

Happy 50th Birthday, HCC!

By Mariann Davis

50 years ago, on November 3rd 1963, sixteen Hoosier paddlers met to discuss plans for the creation of a Midwest Indiana canoe club. Hence, on that day the Hoosier Canoe Club was conceived, but it would not be baptized with its official name until July 26, 1964. The club members met on a “meet up” basis connecting by—none other than—telephone, or communicated through an informal transcription of the previous “minutes”. The first newsletter would not be published until 1970 which helped grow membership, no doubt, from its original 16 paddlers to the 339 members, currently.

In 2009 I took on the daunting task of researching the club's history. To the shock and amazement of the board, I exhumed relics of HCC history, tracked down relocated members and called séances to compose an 18 page photo-journalism document. Now, predictably, your “History is repeating itself” and can be found in the side bar on the opening page of the newsletter. Just, maybe, you will find it worthwhile reading and even entertaining. Each month I will briefly recognize a few of the members in the HCC History and, by no means, does any member's exclusion mean anything except the fundamental problem of SPACE.

One of the earliest members of the club, still alive in 2009, was Maxine Hill at 91 years old. Her Husband Howard had been deceased for a few years and was one of the “gang of 16” founders. He was noted as one of the early safety instructors teaching the “red Cross” safety and paddling skills at the now defunct Dolphin Club in Indianapolis. This is one of the first teaching pools used by the club.

Prior to 1967 there was very little recorded history, but the club boasted of 25 family memberships. In turn, each family took the coveted responsibility to lead a trip each weekend...”family” memberships were the largest memberships in the club during this period.

One very important, exciting family entered the “Club” scene in 1969. The “flamboyant (in the most deferential sense) Flexman's” brought kayaking flair and much personality into the new club (see club history for the classic picture). George, senior, and Juanita Flexman were fearless with unflagging spirit in the sport of canoeing. One only has to believe that: “the acorn doesn't fall too far from the tree” to understand and appreciate, George Flexman, junior's contribution to the club, also. In our 2009 interview, George spoke of his humble paddling beginnings of riding “garbage” in his parents' canoe. He very quickly became an accomplished paddler in both the whitewater and flatwater sections of the club.

“Will you be having a Kayak or Canoe with your paddle, today?”

In 1969, devotees of the classic canoe reconsidered its popularity, as Charlie Moore and Bob Frederick introduced the K-A-Y-A-K to the club membership. Both were instrumental in redirecting many members to this new paddling alternative. Charlie, ever the kayak entrepreneur, owning his own kayak sales business, built one of the first fiberglass kayaks in the club. Bob Frederick, however, is credited with helping grow the first generation of kayakers in the whitewater section of the club. According to history or lore, Bob was the impetus in the kayak revolution.

I will pause now in this “biographical eddy” until next month when more history will be revealed.



Cincypaddlers *Invite* the HCC to Beautiful Grayson Lake, May 18-19, 2013 Deadline is May 11 to RSVP or when registration is filled



It's the weekend of May 18-19, but you have the option of adding Friday. Sat., May 18 we launch for a 12.5-mile flatwater paddle. 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 little concern about rough water. There's some distance to cover, so a boat of 12' or more and sufficient skill and endurance are required. The optional Friday paddle will be on another part of Grayson Lake or one of its feeders. 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 11), 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 does fill quickly.

To RSVP, and the only way to RSVP, send \$8.50/person/night (your option is just Sat. or Fri. and Sat.) to Henry Dorfman, 1409 Amesbury Dr., Cincinnati 45231 for the camp fee. (Unrefundable after May 10th). 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 information.

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, and rain gear (you never know). **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:** As with all events posted on the Cincypaddlers board, on 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 11 or when the trip fills, whichever comes first. This trip has never failed to fill, so earlier is better. The HCC contact for this trip is Mariann Davis <mailto:marianndvs@gmail.com>

Keep Calm and Paddle On
