

The Hoosier Paddler

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A note from our skipper, Sue Foxx:

June is a very special month for the Club. On June 15th we will hold our 50th Anniversary party at the Eagle Creek Sailing Club. Plan to come and enjoy the music, BBQ, and friends who love what you love....paddling! More information about the event is below and I encourage you to register early. On the same day as our party, you have the opportunity to provide boat support for the first of the triathlons at Eagle Creek. Despite having to arrive by 7:30 am, it is always fun to see the colorful caps bobbing and to know you have made the event a lot safer. You also get a T-shirt so it is a win-win for all participants. Speaking of safety... I want to encourage members to participate in some of our training events. On June 1 there will be an Open Water Rescue class and on July 27th a Wilderness First Aid Course. Trainers are certified and your participation will contribute to the safety of everyone on club trips. See you on the river.

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HCC 50th Anniversary Party Eagle Creek Sailing Club

The spacious hillside Shelter House, with wraparound balcony, provides beautiful views of the reservoir. Bathrooms right there.
Drive-Up Handicap Access.

Please RSVP NOW - click this link: <http://formsmarts.com/form/17xt>

When:
Saturday, June 15, 2013 ---- Rain or Shine!

Where:
Eagle Creek Sailing Club – Upper Shelter House
8901 W. 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46234
Southwest Side of Eagle Creek Reservoir *

What to Bring: Salad for 8 if your last name begins with A-L, Side Dish for 8, last name begins with M-Z
Adult beverage, if you wish, Camp Chair, boat & gear including boat light (Barbecue, dessert, soft drinks furnished)

4:00 – 5:15	Mixer with Live Music
5:15 – 6:00	Pitch-In Dinner
6:00 - 7:00	Program Honoring: Paddlers Extraordinaire/Living Legends Story Telling Opportunities
7:00 - 9:00	Paddle (Need to be back by 8:30 pm)

*From the intersection of W. 56th St. & N Raceway Rd, go south on N Raceway Rd 1 mile, then east on W. 46th St for .4 mile. Balloons will mark the entrance.
Map Link: <http://mapq.st/16gGa9l>

Wanted: Paddling Stories/Memories

Email to linda@morrisprinting.com or bring with you to the 50th BBQ

Could also be mailed to Linda Smith 1502 N. College Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46202.

An example from longtime HCC member, Max Kidwell:

To my friends at the HCC: I have paddled with so many of the Lifetime members with memories that it brings tears to my eyes.

Reggie had Debbie stay with me for a week of paddling in North Carolina. I was 77 at the time. I believe Reggie thought I might pass out. Both of them treated me like family.

Dave Ellis camped with me on the North Carolina trip.

I have carpooled with Dale and Joan Perry several times and he is from my home town of Muncie. Virginia Baker has contacted me in Orlando and I Email her regularly.

Roger Beach and I bicycled Mackinac Island, camped out and paddled together. I have camped with Linda and Roger Ritchie at The Covered Bridge Festival many times. Roger and I are both retired Industrial Arts teachers. Mary Ann Crismore likes my slide pictures of camping and kayaking. I miss her, she knows so much about so many things about camping and kayaking working in an Outdoor store.

Dick Fetty was a canoe sweep on the Covered Bridge one fall. My daughter capsized her canoe. We were late getting in to Bridgeton until 9:00 PM. Dick waited for us and loaned us some warm clothes.

I miss Garry Hill and the Chili he makes at The Paddlers Rendezvous. I loved his stories of the many kayak trips to the White Water Rivers

Dwon and Joy Miller are from Muncie. Joy graduated from my school Burriss. I have paddled and camped with them many times at Covered Bridge Festival. Dwon gave me a tent one time.

Fetcher Graham was one of the first people I got to know in the HCC. I remember he always had a new girl friend on so many trips.

Robert Kirkman along with Donnis drove with me to the Current River one fall several years ago. We canoed and camped for two days.

We toured The Onidaga Cave in Missouri together. I gave Donnis my Folbot when I brook up housekeeping in Indianapolis. I did some painting for her before she sold her home in Indy. We car pooled many times and she still is a good friend. Carol and I stopped to see her in her new home in Marion. She took off work the rest of the day. She took my new wife and me on an historical trip around Marion's countryside. She still is a good Friend.

I have pictures of Jodi Pensinger and, before she was married, with their black Labrador riding in her canoe. Bill Lawles was the Skipper when I first joined. Bill's son had worn a wetsuit believing it would keep him warm on a cold spring day, he was as almost hypothermic and could not paddle any more, I put him in my canoe until we got to the takeout.

I taught printing at Arlington HS and did printing for the HCC.

I have so many good memories with the HCC, I wish it was possible for us to attend the BBQ.

I live in Orlando with my new wife that likes to kayak and bicycle mnmkidwell@gmail.com 407-298-5942 We love company.

Wednesday Night is Pool Night
(hoosiercanooclub.org)



Are you new to paddling a kayak or canoe? Want to acquire or improve a paddling skill? Come to the pool! Every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm, Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club gathers for 2 hours of training and practice. Bring your kayak, canoe, or paddle board and a swim suit to learn to roll, practice strokes and safety maneuvers as well as hang out with others who love paddling. All ages and experience levels are welcome. There are no formal classes at these pool sessions but experienced paddlers are happy to volunteer their time to teach rolling and basic paddle techniques. Call Jordan Ross at 317-460-7000 or email him at JRoss@iquest.net, in advance, if you are new to paddling or need instruction. Participants pay \$10 to help cover the cost of the pool but it can be waived if there are special circumstances. If cost is a problem, just let a member know when you arrive.

Pool sessions are held at A. J. Thatcher Park (Part of Indy Parks) which is located at 4649 W. Vermont Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222 (317-327-7390). For more information, check out our website at hoosiercanooclub.org and click on Pool Sessions on left side of the screen.

Become a ‘poolie’ and join us every Wednesday night at 7 pm at Thatcher Pool!

Please note that water sports involve some level of risk. If you desire to attend the pool or you plan to get involved in paddling, you will need to be able to swim.

Happy Birthday, Again? (Part 5 of 11)

A Pause in the Eddy—The First 20 Years Comes to a Close

Through the HCC history, many of you have been introduced to our paddling ancestors. What we know, for sure, is that our genetics have created more similarities than differences. That we have grown horizontally, to a greater extent—developing their goals (because they were good) and keeping the important mission of the club alive, especially on the conservation front. It appears, by their own admission, that the majority of our early relatives were whitewater paddlers before they were flat or blue water paddlers; that they were educators wanting to be students; that they knew the importance of exercise, recreation and friendships. And, in looking back, what we see might just be a reflection of who we have already become, and that sometimes change won't always be progress.

This article will be followed by part II next month, which will cover our middle and current history. At that time we will meet the newer members that have helped grow or sustain our club from the early/mid 1980s through 2012.

Some Interesting Highlights of the Early Years.

Membership Time Line: 1963—16 members, 1975—125 members, 1986—95 members, 1997—190 members, 2006—300 members, 2010—292 members, 2013—over 300 members

11/3/1963 The Hoosier Canoe Club was conceived.

11/1964 The club's legislative governing body was formed with the development of the HCC constitution and by-laws.

2/1965 Charlie Moore began building racing canoes for the club as owner of the Moore's Canoes.

2/1965 The first training and safety chairman, Don Woodworth, was elected. He was followed by Jerry Miller in 1968.

1966 The HCC became member of the American Canoe Association

1967 HCC became member of the Western Paddling Union.

1967 Minutes established that the Secretary should serve as the designated historian of the Club. Hence, the beginning of some recorded history with more detailed minutes.

7/1969 The first midnight trip down the White river, led by Charlie Moore. 22 people (11 couples) attended plus 1 reporter from the Indianapolis Star.

1969 The club had the largest voting membership within the USCA of over 1000 affiliated clubs

1970 HCC sponsored an adventure for about 30 un-chaperoned boys from the Plainfield Boys School. The boys were well behaved and were extremely grateful

1970 Charles Moore became the first conservation chairman

12/1970 The first rumblings of a newsletter were beginning to spread and finally the HCC work will be spread as ad packets and other info are given to the incoming members. A long range trip calendar is beginning to form.

1971 Began teaching paddling to the partially sighted at the blind school pool.

1973 The DNR solicited HCC to offer suggestions on what river and streams should hold the designation of the most recreational and scenic streams and rivers in Indiana. The HCC was honored to participate in this huge conservation effort.

1975 The State of Indiana canoe guide was published for the state of Indiana with the help of club members, Chuck Conklin and Dave Ellis.

1976 Participated in drafting a "river rights bill" to be presented to the state legislature ensuring that the public right to use the public water resources, including the right to paddle through private property without interference or prosecution. The bill would secure the right to paddle through private land giving the public access to their own rivers and streams.

1976 Developed an ambitious Historic Bicentennial Wabash River Cruise from April 24-July 4 with state-wide participation. Canoeists retraced a portion of the 71-day winter trip made by British Colonel Hamilton and 200 men and 500 Indians who captured Fort Vincennes. Later, George Rogers Clark made his famous march, recapturing the territory for the struggling colonies. The River was divided into 11 sections and was run on 11 consecutive, 2-day weekends, beginning in Fort Wayne on April 24 and ending in Vincennes, July 4. What an incredibly successful event! This is a testimony to Bob Annis' organization skills and the club's ability to conceive and deliver a masterful, educational and recreational event.

1977 It was still necessary that a potential member show proficiency in order to be accepted for membership. Minutes did not say how they imposed this but it does point to the ideal for canoe safety and education.

1977 Safety posters published by the ACA were distributed by the club for educational purposes to all the liveries.

1978 The HCC joined the American Rivers Conservation Association whereby we were able to participate in the selection of significant rivers and streams in Indiana for conservation purposes.

1982 The first New Year's Day trip



Wilderness First Aid Class

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Paddlers don't miss this great opportunity to be a lifesaver on trips! The HCC is proud to offer its own wilderness first aid class (WFA). WFA is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. Participants will learn how to assess, treat, and (when possible) contain emergencies within the scope of their training. Think how important this could be when you are on the river and far from help. This training is being provided by a certified instructor and includes the cost of the class books.

An 8 hour class will be held on July 27th in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (57th and Central) in Indianapolis. The hands on session will be completed after lunch in Holliday Park. The class will start at 8:30 am and is expected to complete around 5 pm. Limit of 30 attendees with a minimum of 12. The cost will be \$20 per HCC member. Lunch included. This is a GREAT DEAL as similar classes often cost over \$200.

RSVP by July 1 to henry575@gmail.com. Upon RSVP, payment instruction and location details will be provided.

REGISTER TODAY!

Whitewater Trip Announcement Class II Beginner's Trip Trip Leader: Robert Henry

Saturday – Sunday, June 22-23, 2013

There is a beginner's trip on June 22nd-23rd on the Tuckasegee and Nantahala near Bryson City, North Carolina. This trip has been well received last year and all had a great time. It will be Section 3 of the Tuck on Saturday and the Nantahala on Sunday. Both of these rivers are good for Whitewater paddling beginners. Those needing a little refresher or work on their roll can get some lessons Saturday afternoon on Finger Lakes Recreation Area just off of Highway 28 near the junction with Highway 19. It seems to be a great location as this lake is used by some other groups as a train up prior to running the Nanty.

If you have any questions about skill level needed for paddling, please contact me. Both of the rivers have areas that can be portaged or avoided if necessary.

Camping will again be at Turkey Creek Campground (<http://www.turkey-creek.com/Home.html>). It is a quiet, family friendly campground about 10 minutes away from the NOC.

If going on this trip or have questions about the trip, please contact Robert Henry prior to June 10th.

Trip leader will reserve camp sites for those camping at Turkey Creek Campground. All people must check in at the office prior to camping or as soon as the office opens.

Contact: Robert Henry rhenry575@yahoo.com, (317)688-7360/(317)605-3025(cell)

Sea Kayak Open Water Rescue Clinic

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Instructors: Jim Sprandel, Dave Ellis

When you paddle on larger lakes or the ocean, you get away from shore and sometimes capsize due to wave and wind conditions. When you capsize in these conditions, swimming your boat to shore and emptying it is often not viable—you have to know how to reenter your boat quickly either by yourself or with help from other paddlers in your group. You want to know how to do this quickly and on your first attempt.

Dave Ellis and I will lead a clinic on solo and assisted open water rescue methods for touring and sea kayaks. To start the clinic, we'll discuss open water paddling hazards and the personal equipment that you and your group should carry when you paddle in these conditions. After that, we'll get out on the water and practice rescues. Each student will practice how to wet exit, brace, do solo and assisted re-entries, and tow another paddler.

These are the skills that you need to paddle bigger water safely and learning them removes the "panic" if you encounter a problem in more interesting conditions. Like Swift Water Rescue for Whitewater boaters, these are skills that you should practice frequently—before a real situation arises. For this reason, keep your skills fresh and come even if you have attended previous open water rescue sessions.

A full course description is available on the Bulletin Board at:

<http://www.hccbuletinboard.org/showthread.php?4831>

There is still plenty of room available in this course so join us. Your kayak should have both front and rear watertight bulkheads for this clinic.

Contact Information: If you wish to sign up, contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, May 29, 2013. Contact [Jim](#) or [Dave](#) if you have any questions about the course.

Course Announcement— Introduction to Kayaking Clinic—Session 2 Coordinator: Jim Sprandel

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Here's your 2nd chance to jumpstart your paddling! Due to club response to our first Intro class in April, I am offering a 2nd session on June 9 at Eagle Creek. The course will run from 9:00 am to about 3:00 pm and we will hopefully have better weather.

As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around a lake or stream. However, we will work with you to make your paddling easier and more effective—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course will be based on the American Canoe Association "[Introduction to Kayaking](#)" course.

If you are interested, send me an e-mail at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net and I can send you a more complete course description. This will be a small class and attendance is limited—as of May 16, only 3 slots were still available. HCC members will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Please only contact me if you can stay for the entire course (9:00 am through 3:00 pm).

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement—

**Cagles Mill Lake Paddle from Lieber SRA Beach
2013**

Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

In the past, we have paddled on Cagle Mill Lake—heading from Cunot Public Access Site (PAS) up to Cataract Falls. However, in June, this trip is iffy because the [lake stage](#) has to drop below 630 feet before we can launch from Cunot. (As of May 16, the lake is at 671 feet.)

This year, we will launch from the beach at Lieber State Recreation Area. If the beach is still underwater, we can launch from the road down to the beach and park at the top of the hill. We will then paddle down the lake past Cunot PAS and up to the falls. I'm hoping that the lake is still high since the headwaters have a really different feel at these levels.

The trip from the Lieber SRA Ramp up to the falls is about 6.5 miles and the first 2.5 miles cross open portions of Cagles Mills Lake which can get choppy and windy so that sea kayaks or touring kayaks with spray skirts are recommended.

We will probably have lunch up at the Falls and people may elect to hike up to the Upper Falls. Shore conditions at the falls are very dependent on water level and I'll check them out the week before the trip and mail a note out to people attending and post it to the Bulletin Board.

Meeting Place: If the [lake stage](#) is below 629, we will meet at the East end of the Swimming Beach. If the lake is above 630, we will either have to unload our boats on the road down to beach or we may be able to use the ramp parking area which is a few feet higher than the beach. Watch the e-mail that I send out before the trip or check the Bulletin Board.

Directions: From I70 and I-465 on the Indianapolis West side, drive west on I-70 to the SR 243 exit (Exit 37). Drive about 3 miles south on SR243 to the Lieber SRA Entrance. (The SRA is approximately 45 minutes from I-465 and I-70 on the Indy West Side.)

Note: There is a \$5 fee to enter the park and you must have a DNR Sticker for you boat—these stickers are usually available at the SRA gate.

What to Bring: Be sure to bring water, your lunch, sun screen, and insect repellent. You might bring walking shoes since you may want to climb around Cataract Falls. I strongly recommend a spray skirt since we may be dealing with some wind and boat chop in the first 3 miles.

Paddling Distance: 12-13 miles.

Schedule: Plan on being ready to launch at 9:30 am—we should get off the water around 3:00 pm.

Contact Information: Please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by 6:00 pm Thursday, June 27 if

Saturday, June 29,



Cagle's Mill Lake—May 2012

Eagle Creek Clean-up

Saturday, June 22, 2013

When: Saturday, June 22, 2013 10:00 am - 1:00pm.

Where: Eagle Creek Park, meet at Marina (north of the 56th street bridge, where the kayak rentals are located). Let the folks at the gate know that you are helping with the Hoosier Canoe Club clean-up.

What to Bring: Some of the clean-up can be strictly shore-based. If you want, you can bring your boat and paddle along with your PFD, hat, sunscreen, drinking water, snacks, gloves, bug spray, and protective footwear. Long handled trash grabbers can sometimes be helpful - so if you have one, you might to bring it. We'll supply the garbage bags.

What area will we tackle? We'll meet at the Marina - and go from there - we often clean the area to the north and a bit south of there. We'll be flexible-some folks can do shore based clean-up, and some may paddle to another area to clean-up.

After we're done: Lots of hand sanitizer and if folks are interested and don't feel too grubby, we'll go out to lunch!