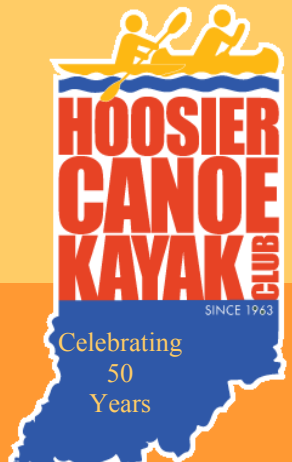


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Skipper's Message

This year has flown by and it's hard to believe that our Annual Meeting is right around the corner on Sat., Nov. 16. Plan to arrive at 11 am for the swap meet followed by a pitch in and paddling program. I hope we have a great turnout to close our 50th anniversary year. I also want you to put the New Year's Day paddle and Wilderness First Aid Course (Jan. 25) on your 2014 calendar. This is also a great time to thank the board members, chairpersons, trip leaders and all who volunteered for the club in 2013. You are all AWESOME!!!! Sue Foxx, Skipper

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Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club 50th Annual Meeting November 16, 2013

**Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
57th and Central Ave Indianapolis IN**

Time: 11 to 3 pm

Tentative Agenda:

11:00 am Swap Meet

12:00 pm Dinner

1:00 pm Meeting

1:45 pm Puerto Rico Presentation by Arnaldo Rodriguez and Maggie Burn

2:30 pm Clean-up

Come and share your paddling pictures and experiences of the past year with others while we celebrate our 50th Annual meeting and get ready to kick off our 51st year of paddling adventures. The club will provide the meats, usually a ham and a turkey or two, water, soft drinks, and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Remember to bring your extra, unneeded, or unused paddling gear to sell or swap for something better. We also plan to have a T-shirt exchange, so please bring one or more of your gently used or new T-shirts and swap with others (some of us have new triathlon T-shirts we are willing to exchange). Following a brief business meeting and the election of new officers and board members, we will have a presentation from Arnaldo and Maggie on their paddling expedition to Puerto Rico.

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcements

Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle Trip Sponsors: Jim Sprandel

Saturday-Sunday, Nov.9-10, 2013

It's Fall and Lake Monroe should be beautiful. Several people requested that we camp from our kayaks on the peninsula in Deem Peninsula rather than car camp so that's our plan.

Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is one of my favorite paddling destinations. This time of year should be great for seeing migratory birds such as loons, grebes, and cormorants. One of my best-ever loon experiences was on this same trip two years ago.

If you only want to Paddle on Saturday, . You can day paddle with us on Saturday if don't want to camp out. We will camp near the point of the peninsula in Deem Wilderness so it's only a 2-mile paddle back to Cutright.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Site. Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp that you come to within Cutright.

Note: There is a home Indiana football on this Saturday but we should be okay since everyone should all be at Cutright by 10:00 am.

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather - paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves and be able to paddle 8 miles. Due to possible lake conditions, sea kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads and spray skirts are required.

If the air/water temperature drops, wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you.

We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit before you come since the DNR office and Paynetown SRA gate were not open on that Saturday last year.

Group Meal Saturday: People should bring their own food for lunch and breakfast but we may coordinate a group meal for Saturday night. When we get closer, we will work details via the Bulletin Board and the Sea Kayak mailing list.

Schedule: Saturday -10:30 am -Ready to Launch from Cutright PAS

We will probably paddle about 8-10 miles and then settle into camp.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We'll figure out a plan Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have to be home. In the past, the group has gone straight back to Cutright and those people wanting more adventure head back out.

Contact information: Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net, 317-257-2063

Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans. We will need to know who is coming to plan Saturday's dinner.

White River Trip Report Sue Foxx

On September 28th, 9 boats headed down White River from Waverly to Henderson Ford. It was a nice combination trip..old and new members... young and old...families and singles...canoes and kayaks. Everyone was on the lookout for turtles and eagles but the closest we got was a large eagle's nest. This section of White River was slow and very shallow due to dry conditions all summer. Lunch brought good food, a nice break and good swimming for the young and young at heart. The group did the 9.2 miles in about 4 hours. Mariann Davis-- we missed you and hope you are feeling better!

Nomination of New Officers and Executive Board members for 2014 October 17, 2013

Pursuant to Article IV Standing Committees and Duties: G. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members in good standing, not more than two of which can be Executive Board members, to nominate qualified persons to each office and Executive Board positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate to the Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual November meeting date. The membership must be notified of this slate at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual November meeting date;

The Executive Board of the Hoosier Canoe Club appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sue Foxx, Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel, Mariann Davis, and Jim Clendenon to take nominations from the membership. The initial list of nominations was submitted to the Executive Board and approved. The nominees are hereby submitted to the general membership for vote at the annual meeting on November 16th, 2013. Election will be by vote of the majority of members present at the meeting.

The Nominees for consideration are:

Skipper: Jim Clendenin
Ex O: Mariann Davis
Purser: Duane Garlock
Yeoman: Jim Sprandel

Immediate Past Skipper Sue Foxx

Members nominated for the BOARD:

Jordan Ross
Dave Ellis
Shirley Gates
Matt Slagel
Konstantin Louganski
Natalie Needham
John Wainscott
Anna Riley
Theresa Kulczak
Dwayne James
Greg Rathnow
Todd Barrett

Alternative Nominations Process:

Pursuant Section 3 of Article V. Nominations and Elections: Any alternate nominations (an entire slate or portion thereof) may be submitted to the Yeoman ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Yeoman shall submit this alternate slate to the membership seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This means that any other nominations must be received by noon on November 6, 2012. The Yeoman will distribute any alternative nominations to the nominating committee and then to the membership via email no later than 9 pm on November 8, 2013. Please submit alternative nominations to sufoxx713@aol.com

Trip Report – Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario

September 2'nd – 7'th, 2013

Jeff Kuhn

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Day 2 – September 3, 2013

We awoke to clear skies and the call of loons. Paddled around Boundary Point and then north into Bitchu Lake (not a typo). The wind had come up and the waves were getting pretty big just as we rounded Boundary Point and headed into Bitchu. After that, the waves were not a problem. Bitchu Lake and Ross Lake beyond it are both outside of the park boundary. We saw a few fishermen in motorboats on Bitchu. Had a couple of beaver dams to lift over on the paddle into to Ross Lake.

Then came the killer portage I was dreading, the one-mile carry from Ross Lake into Cullen Lake and back into the park. Had to do three carries again which made our total portage distance five miles. The terrain was steep and rocky with hazardous footing all the way – typical of most of the portages we encountered. I trashed my feet on this one. Quetico trail and campsite accesses almost all require wet foot exits. My boots weren't laced as tightly as they needed to be so with wet feet, loose boots, and steep rocky terrain working against me, I rubbed serious blisters on four of my toes. The skin was torn off and the blisters were bleeding. Fortunately, I had enough moleskin to do daily repairs, although every step of every portage was painful for the rest of the trip. I was lucky. Without my first aid kit I'm not sure I would have been able to continue.

After a relatively easy portage into Munro Lake, we found a small island campsite in the middle of the lake. We spent 10 hours paddling and portaging today. That night the wind howled and my tent was flexing so much that it actually touched my head at times. I could feel the wind trying to lift me up and carry me away. I didn't sleep much that night. Fortunately by morning the wind had calmed as evidenced by the sunrise picture below.

Day 3 – September 4, 2013

Left camp around 8:30 AM and paddled to the 2/3 mile portage into Mack Lake. The skies are clear again. My feet hurt but it's manageable. The last 100 yds. are black boot-sucking mud. There is the remnant of a corduroy road, but it is easy to slip off the logs. We sunk in almost to our knees at times.

After Mack Lake, there are two short portages into Mack Creek. One of them is extremely rocky and treacherous. Definitely had to watch our footing. Had one beaver dam to lift over on Mack Creek, which flows into the Wawiag River. This is one of the most remote areas of Quetico. We paddled down the Wawiag to a rocky Class 2+ rapids that must be portaged. If I'd had one of my Royalex boats and no gear it would have been fun to run it. However, the remoteness of the location and my canoe's Carbon/Kevlar construction precluded trying anything heroic.

There is a great campsite on the portage trail that we used. In Kevin Callan's book, Quetico and Beyond, he describes that campsite as one of the buggiest in Quetico, but the mosquitoes weren't any worse there than anywhere else we visited. Slept like a log that night with the sound of the rapids in the background.

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Day 4 – September 5, 2013

Clear skies again this morning with temperatures we estimate are in the upper 40's. After the recent scorching Indiana weather, it felt pretty chilly. Other than the short carry around the Wawiag rapids, we had no portages that day. My feet were grateful. I was concerned about reports of three massive logjams on the Wawiag downstream of the rapids, but they were gone. We were told later that a series of floods several years ago removed all traces of the jams. Saved us some time getting down the river. The Wawiag empties into Kawa Bay, the northern arm of Kawnipi Lake. There is a large marshy area there where First Nation people planted wild rice. The temperature rose to the 70's by mid-afternoon.

We paddled down into Kawnipi Lake. It was kind of surreal to be on such a large body of water and not see another soul. We took a two-mile detour to see a pictograph that was shown on our map but couldn't find it. The years of weathering since it was created made it tough to identify. Since we had a long way to go, we didn't linger. Found a campsite about a half mile before the Falls Chain. A nearby marshy area made for lots of mosquitoes. We were tired when we reached camp. Paddled around 16 miles and were in the boats all day. Portaging is hard work, but it gives you a break from the boats. We could hear Kennebas Falls about a half mile from camp, although we couldn't yet see it.

Day 5 – September 6, 2013

The Falls Chain is a series of seven waterfalls with a portage around each. We are paddling through it going upstream, although there is only significant current immediately above and below the falls. Each falls has claimed a life at some point or so the story goes. We did find a pinned canoe above Kennebas Falls. The outfitter told us it has been there since 2012. The people simply stepped out of the canoe while it was empty and the current got it.

Some portages in the Falls Chain are relatively short but a couple of them are fairly long. All of the loading and unloading of the canoes for the portages along with the typical rough terrain made for a long day. My feet were killing me by the end of the day. We found the last unoccupied island campsite near where we camped the first night. It was very warm that night and I slept on top of my sleeping bag.

To be continued next month, and please, let's be careful out there! Pinned Canoe: Jeff Kuhn.



And The Birthday Celebration Continues

History of the HCC... (Part 10)

The Perry's—Paddle or Perish

If you have any doubt how long your kayaking career could possibly last, just turn to Joan and Dale Perry for the answer. They will serve it up with a big dose of optimism for paddling longevity. The Perry's now in their late seventies show no signs of throwing in the paddle unless it is to buy a new one. Surprisingly, taking up the sport in their 40's, their interest in all things paddling only gets stronger. Over the past 30+ years they have reinvented their paddling interests to include inflatable rafts and kayaks which, they say, have extended their white water life. Still travelling in search of new paddling adventures, the Perry's often haul their two canoes down to Florida with their RV and moped, for shuttle, to continue a year-round sport. Initially, paddling in duo and sometimes with other couples, Joan and Dale discovered the camaraderie of the sport when they found the Hoosier Canoe Club mentioned in the "Let's Go" section of the Indianapolis Star. At that time, the HCC offered sign-on trips directly from a newspaper ad (something the club has been reluctant to do again). Bill Lawless was their first trip leader. After joining in 1975, they became one of the biggest ambassadors for the sport, introducing canoeing and kayaking to every extended family member that was in range of their personal marketing and advertising campaign. Grandchildren as young as two years old were among some of memorable family paddling trips which, at times, included greater than 20 participating family members. Their paddling photo journalism is seen throughout the house with one museum-like room carefully displaying pictures of possibly 15-20 different flatwater and whitewater adventures.

They both became such good paddlers that Dale claims he hardly knew the difference between white and flat water up to a Class 3. In the 80's, the distinction between white and flat water paddlers was not so great within the club. Dale was an HCC board member for a few years in the eighties and Joan was newsletter editor in 1982 working her design/journalism talents in spite of using a stencil for page layouts.

Although the Perry's got some of their canoe training through the Nantahala Outdoor Center, they also credit club members including the Flexmans, Dave Ellis, and Reggie and Debbie Baker with good leadership and training expertise.

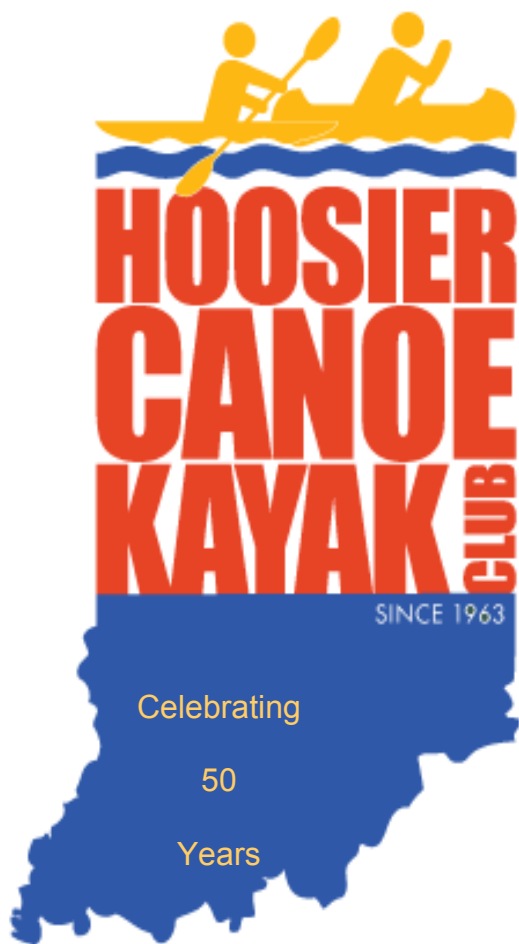
When pressed, Joan revealed her favorite river trips were the five-day Current River trip in Missouri (club trip), the Big Walnut, and Deer Creek by Delphi. But her sweetest love is the Moscow section of the Flatrock which affords both beauty and thrills with its covered bridge and famous Class 1 ledges section that allowed even those beginners with inflated courage a huge accomplishment.

The Perry's have their four canoes and three inflatables on the ready awaiting another HCC trip or a quiet duo paddle down one of Indiana's beautiful streams. Somewhere in their home is an empty picture frame awaiting another unforgettable memory on the water. Like the Flexmans, the Perry's will be inspirational to all paddlers contemplating early retirement from the sport to choose the canoe for a little longer over the couch.

See you on the water.... Mariann Davis

Hoosier Outdoor Experience September 21-22, 2013 Sue Foxx

For the past several years, the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club has participated in the Hoosier Outdoor Experience put on by the Department of Natural Resources at Fort Harrison State Park. We started out guiding trips down Fall Creek but found that smaller trips around Lake Delaware were better for families and inexperienced paddlers. This year our club ran the canoe side and I-YAK ran the kayak side of things. With lots of help from young cadets at the Challenge Academy, we put 3272 people on the water the weekend of Sept. 21-22. Our club put 2233 people in canoes while 1039 paddled in kayaks. In 2012, there were a total of 2618 paddlers. That means we increased the number of participants by 24% in 2013 and the days were shorter by 1 hour each. Our volunteers worked super hard but they put smiles on the faces of lots of kids who we can only hope become avid paddlers in the future. A BIG thank you to all who volunteered and to Dan Valleskey for his work behind the scenes!



Lack of Water

Once again we have had to deal with low or no water. Our trip leaders have been working hard to anticipate water levels these past two summers. They have been willing to re-schedule a trip or suggest an alternative route, but sometimes we just have to cancel. Please remember to always check with the trip leader the night before a scheduled trip to make sure the plans have not changed. And remember, none of the trip leaders likes to cancel a trip; we only do so because of weather or water conditions that impact safety or paddling conditions.

If a trip is cancelled and the leader has no ideas for an alternative, please feel free to suggest one that you are familiar with. Keep in mind water conditions, temperature and wind, and paddling skills required for the alternate section.

And if all else fails, we always have a lake nearby to paddle. Hope for rain next year, just enough but not too much.

See you on the water!

Dwayne James

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