

The Hoosier Paddler

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Skipper's Message

Happy New Year Paddlers as we begin our 51st year in 2014. What a great way to begin the year with 15 inches of snow - glad it is gone. Way to go to Sue Foxx who led a New Year's day paddle of 9 boats for 7 miles on the White River. The annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show is February 14-23rd and HCC is going to have a booth in the silent sports section February 14-17th. Let me know if you can help. I look forward to seeing you at the annual trips Planning Meeting on February 8th at Mariann Davis's house. We are going to have a Wilderness First Aid Class on January 25th, contact Sue Foxx if you would like to attend. Dwayne James is leading an "Ice Falls" paddle on February 22nd, contact him if you would like to attend. Canoeopia is March 7-9th in Madison Wisconsin. It would be great if we could be well represented there. Look forward to seeing you all in 2014.
Jim Clendenin
Skipper

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Volunteer Opportunity

Annual Indiana Boat, Sport and Travel Show

The annual Boat, Sport and Travel show is February 14th through the 23rd. HCC has agreed to have a booth and promote silent sports for February 14th through February 17th. In addition to a booth, on February 17th, (Scout Day) we are going to help the boy scouts learn to paddle from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Cliff Jacobson is also returning and will be doing talks on Packing and Portaging and how to change packing and portaging as one ages. We have attached the schedule on page 5. Please check the website <http://indianapolisboatsportandtravelshow.xom>, click "Show Features button", then click "Quiet Sports" then at bottom of the screen click "visit the Quiet Sports Expo Website".

We need volunteers to help with the booth (Friday through Monday) and to help on Monday, February 17th Scout Day paddle. We will work the booth 10am to 4:00 pm. Please email or contact Jim Clendenin at 317-431-1221 or JClendenin@pillargrp.com or Contact Dwayne James at DwayneSJamesA1@hotmail.com

Trip Announcement

Sugar Creek Ice Falls Trip 2/22/2014

Trip Leader Dwayne James

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 redwinged 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 takeout. This is not a deterrent but an unexpected thrill.

We will meet at Deers Mill Covered bridge at 10:30 a.m. The putin 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 takeout 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 21st to confirm your attendance and that the trip is a go.

DwayneSJamesA1@hotmail.com

Cold Weather Paddling Tips—

Jim Sprandel:

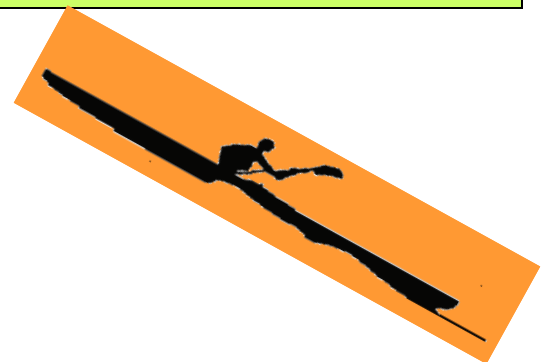
During the winter, paddling is still enjoyable but you need to dress properly to be comfortable and safe. The Fort Wayne paddling group circulated the following links on how to survive if you fall through thin ice:

<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.



Dues are Due!

3/1/2014

Dave Ellis

Dues are due! The online members list has been updated to show your dues status. If the year noted below your first name is "2014" you NEED to send me \$15 by 3/1/2014.

Link to list: http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/HCC_List.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. See

<http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/App06.pdf> OR catch up with Dave Ellis at a Saturday morning pool session with cash. Dave Ellis

Trips Planning Meeting

February 8, 2014

Sponsor: Mariann Davis

Any interested HCC members and the Board are invited to the annual trip planning Meet-up. We will discuss and create the 2014 calendar of events and exciting paddling trips for flatwater (easy river paddles), whitewater (scary river paddles) and open water (beautiful, long paddles on the great lakes and lesser). All trips are planned with the goal: there are exciting, challenging, and relaxing paddles for any paddler's ability.

So come prepared--or just to learn--to contribute ideas about great paddling possibilities or volunteer to be a trip leader on one of your favorite trips.

This is your club...Make that difference by letting us know where you want to paddle next year and, for sure: "Let's see you on the water."

Location: Mariann Davis' home...13120 Hazelwood Ct., Carmel IN 46033. 1 mile east of N. Keystone Ave (on Main St.), then, turn North onto Hazelwood Dr.; then, first Right onto Hazelwood Ct.

Date & Time: Saturday, February 8; 1-4 PM

Snacks...Of course!...bring a snack to share...bring your own adult beverage but other beverages will be provided.

I know we are all looking forward to an exciting paddling year...Let's make that happen.

See you Saturday, February 8th

Mariann Davis, Ex O

An Event of Interest!!

The Yukon 1000 Canoe and Kayak Race 2014

This is a seriously hard core race for long distance paddlers/adventure racers. It runs from Monday the 21st of July for a week, or ten days, or maybe 2 weeks, however long it takes the fleet to paddle the 1000 miles, 1600 Km from Whitehorse down the Yukon River to the last road access point where the Alaska Pipeline crosses the river North and West of Fairbanks Alaska. There is almost no white-water on this river. A brief class 2 rapid is all there is. But the race is not without its challenges. The biggest challenge is pushing yourself to paddle 18 hours a day, day after day in the very empty wilderness.

This race has been dominated by British and Australian paddlers. It is time we had more Americans in the race. For information please contact: Peter Coates, Race organiser Yukon1000 2014 pcoates@yukon1000.com or visit the website at <http://yukon1000.com>



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Trip Report – Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario September 2'nd – 7'th, 2013 Jeff Kuhn

Continued from November newsletter:
Day 6 – September 7, 2013

We decided to go for a 3:00 pickup on Hook Island. Left camp at 8:30. We repeated the portages of Dead Man's and Silver Falls in the opposite direction this time. After almost a week of portaging they didn't seem as arduous. Our food packs were certainly lighter, but I think we had just become acclimated.

A moderate headwind came up and made for a rough crossing of Cache Bay and Saganaga Lake. Both are significant bodies of water. The boats were rising on the crests and slapping down in the troughs. It was slow going fighting the wind. We called the outfitter on the satellite phone to schedule a pickup and were instructed to paddle to Rocky Point on the U.S. side. This allowed us to paddle across the international border which was kind of cool. The tow boats were waiting there for us when we got to Rocky Point. Another group was being picked up there as well.

The quietness of Quetico is awesome. The call of loons is haunting and is a trademark of the North Country. We saw countless loons and bald eagles all through the park. We also saw a couple of river otters in the Wawig River. One disappointment was the lack of sightings of larger wildlife. We saw no moose, deer, or bear although they are definitely in Quetico. If you go, make sure your food is bear-proofed, either by hanging it, or by using a bear vault.

If you plan to paddle Quetico and enter from the U.S., you will need an RABC (Remote Area Border Crossing) permit. An RABC costs \$30 and takes about four weeks to process. Each person will need one. Editors Note: I believe you will also need your US Passport and documentation for children under age 18. Please verify travel documentation requirements with the US-Canadian Border service.



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FORD 60TH ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

QUIET SPORTS STAGE

PADDLE SPORTS WEEKEND

February 14 – 16, 2014

(see schedule @ www.indysportshow.com)

Cliff Jacobson; “40 Favorite Canoeing and Camping Things” NEW! 2014

Cliff has been canoeing and camping for more than 60 years, and over time he has formed strong opinions about what works and what doesn't. In this new, fast-paced seminar, he'll show 40 of his favorite canoeing and camping items, and tell why he prefers them. Tips and laughs are naturally part of the game. The session ends with a mini-rant on tents. 2/14 @ 6:30pm, 2/15 @ 12:30pm, 2/16 @ 1:30pm

Cliff Jacobson; “Cooking Secrets”

Here's a wealth of food ideas that will make your canoeing and camping trips more fun. Emphasis is on fast-to-prepare entrees that take no more than 20 minutes to make. Discover Pita pizza, Tortilla Melts, Northwoods Stir Fry, garlic-cheese pita melts and egg McPita, caramel tortillas, and tricks for preparing meals in cold blustery weather, and for large groups. For example, how do you make Red River cereal for ten on a one burner trail stove without burning the porridge?

Learn how to modify cookware from home so you can use it afield. Discover clever ways to keep your stove in tip-top shape (did you know that carburetor cleaner unclogs stove valves?) Based on Cliff's books: Basic Illustrated Cooking. 2/16 @ 11:30am, 2/17 @ 4:30pm

Cliff Jacobson; “Packing and Portaging”

Learn how to pack efficiently for a canoe trip and waterproof your gear without relying on expensive technology. Probe the pro's and con's of various packs and wanigans (dry boxes) and learn how each is best utilized on a canoe trip. Adventurous participants may try double-packing a heavy load with a tumpline. We'll check out portage yokes, canoe tumplines and canoe lift-and-carry procedures. We have asked Cliff to talk about accommodations for aging canoe trekkers. Optional--if a canoe is available --Cliff will model how to pick up a canoe alone so it won't be damaged. Anyone can do it!. Cliff encourages a philosophy of safely getting around impassable rapids and falls. Short side show plus practical hands-on workshop. 2/15 @ 2:30pm

Cliff Jacobson; “Miracle Boats – A Scandinavian Whitewater Adventure”

When, in 2011, Alv Elvestad, CEO of Pakboats (www.pakboats.com) invited me to join him and two friends on a canoe trip in his native Norway, I was thrilled. I'd done the Canadian shtick for decades; it was time for something new. Alv proposed a trip of around 100 miles on three connecting (with “serious” portages!) rapid-filled rivers: the Poreno, Latiseino and Kautokeino, in the barrenlands region of Scandinavia where Norway, Finland and Sweden meet. The route was extremely remote (wilderness canoeing is largely a curiosity in Scandinavia) and advised that there were many long, technical Class III rapids and few resting eddies. Alv had done part of the route decades earlier, in tandem folding canoes. This time, we'd use solo's. The rapids were some of the toughest I have ever paddled in a loaded solo canoe. Though the canoes were subjected to incredible abuse, none incurred any damage. We marveled at the toughness of these canoes and began to call them “Miracle Boats”.

2/14 @ 4:30pm, 2/15 @ 6:30pm

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Boat, Sport and Travel Show Schedule continued:

Stacy Boone – Step Outdoors; “Plan Ahead and Prepare for Outdoor Recreation”

Join us for this informative and practical discussion on what it means to Plan Ahead and Prepare for your next outdoor recreation adventure. Carrying the ten essentials are a basic tool but what additional tasks can you do before reaching any trailhead that will help to ensure a successful adventure. Perfect for beginners, and the more experienced recreationalist, we will talk about regulations, weather, time commitment and personal motive and how all of these Plan Ahead and Prepare components add up for the unspoiled outdoor adventure. 2/14 @ 3:30pm

Stacy Boone – Step Outdoors; “Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop”

We only have one hour to learn about outdoor ethics in a playful and educational environment. Designed for both adults and kids, we will play games that teach us about the seven Leave No Trace principles. This workshop follows Leave No Trace training guidelines. Certificates awarded at the end of the workshop. 2/15 @ 3:30pm

Darlene Patterson; “Paddling and Exploring the Soper River, Nunavut, Canada”

Flowing for 50+ miles along the southernmost tip of Baffin Island, in Nunavut, Canada, it can be found just below the Arctic Circle. With a rich Inuit history, you can still find tent rings that date back hundreds and thousands of years. The Willow “trees” only stretch 8 feet tall. Waterfalls can be found around every bend in the river as glacier waters flow to the sea. Please join Darlene Patterson as she shares photos and stories of her experience paddling this remote river. 2/15 @ 1:30pm, 2/15 @ 4:30pm, 2/16 @ 12:30pm, 2/16 @ 2:30pm, 2/17 @ 5:30pm

Bob Hart; “Planning for Wilderness Safety and Utilizing a SPOT Device”

One of the most critical components of wilderness safety is having a communications plan. The reason is simple – you never know when something might go wrong or if your plans may have to change. The trail could be wiped out, the weather may change or someone in your group could be injured or take sick. In many wilderness settings you may be hours, if not days from the trailhead or intersecting roads - or any kind of help. For safety, you must have a means of communications – and cell phones don’t always work. In this presentation we will learn about the operation of a satellite-based communications device call a SPOT. You’ll see how easily it operates, not only for routine communications, but also for emergencies.

2/14 @ 5:30, 2/15 @ 11:30am, 2/15@5:30, 2/16@ 3:30, 2/17 @ 6:30

Divers Supply Indy; “Discover Scuba”

Thinking about Scuba as an individual or family activity? Discover Scuba with Divers Supply Indy. Try great equipment with certified instructors in the Divers Supply Pool in the Champions Pavilion. The \$15.00 fee will include instruction, equipment, towels and tank time – TRY IT OUT!

Fun Fact:

Cliff Jacobson was a member of the Hoosier Canoe Club

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