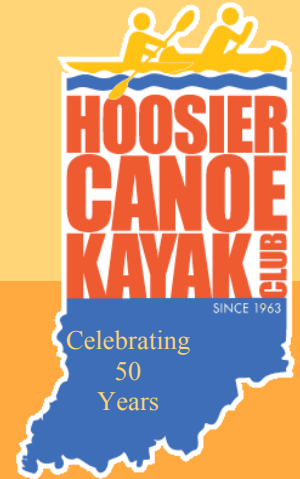


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Skipper's Message

Spring is here and we have already started having numerous trips. Flatrock was a blast and people were able to practice rescue skills with the assistance of members of Shirley Gates and her family. Big Pine was up and running and the whitewater paddlers were able to have a blast. A little over 50 of them gathered to enjoy a gauge height of 2.5 ft. Surf is up! And Richard Tekulve was able to bypass Sand Creek after it lived up to its name and led a great trip. Many more on the schedule, and our Eagle Creek Tuesday evening paddles are beginning. Please submit your trip reports, trip announcements and pictures for publication by the 17th of each month to Dwayne at dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com

Jim Clendenin
Skipper

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Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles

Jim Sprandel

Eagle Creek paddles will again be held on Tuesday evenings this year.

These Tuesday Evening paddles are provided for Hoosier Canoe Club members through a Partnership Agreement between Eagle Creek Park and the HCC. Eagle Creek grants members admission to the park at no charge any time after 1:00 pm on Tuesday. In exchange, the club will pay for these park admissions by cleaning up the shore of the Eagle Creek Lake. In September, we will be recruiting volunteers to help with this clean-up.

If you have never paddled Eagle Creek, it is an interesting and fun area with open water which can get "playful" (1-2 foot waves) for sea kayakers when the wind kicks up. Flatwater paddlers can feel at home on Eagle Creek above the bridge at Lafayette Road or up Fishback Creek which are only 1.5 miles or so from the boat ramp. There is a lot of wildlife around the lake—it's common to see ducks, geese, cormorants, egrets, herons, and even bald eagles on our paddles. Plus, we see an occasional beaver and osprey.

When: Tuesday Afternoons/Evenings - May 6 through September 30, 2014

These are not "structured" club paddles – people are encouraged to go out and explore the park or to practice paddling skills. Can't think of a better way to spend an afternoon myself.

People wanting to paddle with a group are encouraged to coordinate this through the Bulletin Board or via e-mail.



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Trip Announcement:

Blue Bliss

May 10

Trip Leaders: Sara Hare and Theresa Kulczak

On May 10th we'll paddle one of the state's most beautiful streams, the **Blue River** in southern Indiana. It's an all-time favorite of many paddlers! The trip has been cancelled for the past several years due to low water in late spring. This past October we happened to hit it at a perfect level which inspired us to offer the trip earlier in the spring so that we can hopefully catch some flow. So . . . if the river level is good, plan for paddling *14 miles* of Blue bliss! And if the water is high, expect some class I+2 rapids. If you plan to join the trip, we would appreciate your communication so that we can plan accordingly.

The meeting time is 10:00 a.m. at the Cave Country Canoe Livery in Milltown. See their website for directions.

www.cavecountrycanoes.com

It will be a full day: bring your lunch, snacks, and water for the river. Please don't forget your **Dry Bag** with an extra change of clothes and rain gear.

Depending on the number of paddlers, we may ask the livery to assist with the shuttle so bring an extra \$16 bucks with you.

Optional: There is a campground directly across the street from Cave Country Canoes called Blue River Camping located on the river. It is our recommended campground for those wishing to stay over. www.bluerivercamping.com

Questions? Contact Sara Hare and Theresa Kulczak

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Moving Water Clinic for Canoes and Kayaks — Saturday, May 17, 2014

Clinic Goals: To help beginning and intermediate paddlers learn to safely paddle more challenging Indiana rivers and streams. This course is open to both kayakers and canoeists (tandem or solo). Garry Hill, Jim Sprandel and Dave Ellis will teach on-the-water sessions for each boat type.

Target Students: Paddlers with a minimum of three months paddling experience. Students must have their own kayaks or canoes and should feel comfortable paddling on slow rivers or lakes.

Course Description: This clinic will start with a talk but will spend most of the day on the water. During this talk, the instructors will explain river features, moving water dynamics, and then how to use this knowledge while paddling the river. They will also discuss aspects of river/stream trips such as safety considerations and setting up a shuttle.

On the water, students will work on:

Refining their power and turning strokes.

Edging their boat to expedite turns and keep from capsizing in moving water.

"Reading the river" – that is, figuring out where to paddle when approaching a fast section.

Entering/exiting the current and moving across the current. These are boat control moves known as "peel-outs," "eddy turns", and "ferrying"

Equipment needed:

Kayak with spray skirt. **Note:** Each kayaker must bring a spray skirt and must know how to wet exit from their kayak. **or**

Tandem or Solo Canoe PFD (must be worn) Paddle(s), water shoes, water bottle(s), sunscreen, and lunch.

Appropriate Dress – The weather may be warm but dress for cold water since the water will probably be in the 50s. Wear paddle-specific top and pants if you have them. Be sure to carry a spare set of clothing since you will be working with new boat maneuvers so you just might get wet.

Course Plans:

Time: Meet at Meeting Place at 9:30 am and finish paddling around 4:30 pm.

Meeting Place: TBD based on water levels (location will be determined by May 10th and participants will be notified by email)

Course Size: 18 Boats – Students will be accepted on a first come – first serve basis

To enroll, please contact Sue Foxx at (317) 363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com by Wednesday, May 14th. When contacting Sue, please be sure to let her know: a) what type of boat you will be using (canoe/kayak, tandem/solo, maker-model, length), b) your paddling experience, and how to contact you...phone number and email.

Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

We had a beautiful paddle on Lake Monroe over the first weekend in April. We really lucked out since we missed the extreme winds of Friday and rain of the following Monday. Seven paddlers ventured into the Middle Fork of Salt Creek where we camped overnight in Deem Wilderness. Saturday night, we had a great campfire – complete with the swapping of kayaking stories and other tall tales. I want to welcome Jennifer and Doug Jose to the Hoosier Canoe Club since this was their first adventure with us.

Upcoming Training –

Introduction to Paddling Classes - Dave Ellis and I will offer Introduction to Paddling classes for newer paddlers on May 31, June 28, and July 26. These classes are open to HCC members who are newer Flatwater paddler, touring, or sea kayakers. Full details for these classes are in this newsletter.

Sea Kayaking Stroke Refinement Class, May 18, 2014 - We will offer a stroke refinement clinic for touring/sea kayakers on Sunday, May 18. This class is intended for paddlers who have previously completed an introductory paddling class and have been paddling for at least year since then. Dave and I will work with you to tune up your forward, turning, and draw strokes and to teach you some intermediate turning and control maneuvers. I will send out information on this class to the HCC Sea Kayak mailing list and post it to the Sea Kayak Forum of the Bulletin Board shortly.

Open Water Rescue Clinic, June 14 – We will have an Open Water Rescue Clinic on June 14. This should be a fun day where we all get to practice our solo and assisted rescues. I will distribute information for this class in May via the Sea Kayak mailing list, bulletin board, and June Newsletter.

Please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions on these classes.

Western Michigan Coastal Kayak Association (WMCKA) Symposium – WMCKA is again offering its symposium over Memorial Day weekend. This year's guest speakers/instructors are Shawna and Leon from Body, Boat, and Blade in Washington! World class instructors.

This is a great symposium for beginner to intermediate kayakers wanting to add new skills to their bag of tricks and to hone the skills that they currently have. Plus, it is only 30 minutes from Lake Michigan if we want to play hooky from class and hit the big water. E-mail me or view the WMCKA website (<http://www.wmcka.org/symposium.php>) for more information. I know of several HCCers planning to attend.

That it's for now. See all you on the water. Next month, look for a trip report on Dave Ellis's trip to Beaufort, North Carolina.

Eagle Creek Tuesday Paddles: When entering the park, be sure to look at the park's closing time that is posted at each of the park gates. It changes throughout the year and you can be ticketed if you stay in the park after that time.

Where: **Kayak/Canoe Ramp near Discovery Center**—Enter the park at either the 56th Street or 71st Street entrance and follow the signs in the park to the Discovery Center or to "Go Ape!". Use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center.

This pass is not valid at the ramp at the south end of the lake near Ric's.

Note – Changed Launch Location from Last Year – The Eagle Creek Park Staff has asked us to use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center (next to Go Ape!) rather than the marina. The marina has greatly increased the number of boats that they rent so that that beach is no longer accessible.

2014 HCC-Eagle Creek Pass: HCC Members **must** print this pass and show it to the Eagle Creek gate staff to get in without paying. Park admittance is normally \$8 for a car with one boat.

To access the 2014 HCC-Eagle Creek Pass - Go to: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BzF-e7gbsxriOHR4Nk5TVUp5MIE/> **IMPORTANT:** The Eagle Creek Park Pass is password protected. Before you can display or print the pass, you will be asked to type in the password that Dave Ellis gave you to access the HCC Membership List.

If you have forgotten this password, please e-mail Dave Ellis (riverpapaw@aol.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net). **Please allow at least one day to get the password** and be sure to include both your full name and e-mail address when requesting this information. See you on the water.

See you on the water.

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Sea Kayaking Trip Announcement

BROOKVILLE LAKE: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 9:30AM

SPONSOR: Robert Moore

This year we will return to launch at Egypt Hollow and paddle into some of the inlets in the southern half of the lake. Egypt Hollow is located between the two causeways near Everton and accessed from the west side of the lake. By water, the distance from the ramp to the dam is about 5.5 miles to the dam from the ramp. This is the open water section of the lake. Sea kayaks with spray skirts and water tight bulkheads are required. Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Natural Resources for flood control and recreation. A detailed description of the lake can be found on line (http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf).

Put-In: Meet at the Egypt Hollow ramp near Everton

From I 70, you can follow State Road 1 south through Connersville and continue south another 6 miles to Everton. Turn left at the Everton flashing light onto Everton Road. You may notice the small brown signs directing towards the Egypt Hollow ramp. At the end of Everton Rd., bare right onto S County Road 500E/S Bentley Rd. Turn Right onto E County Rd. 700 S. Turn right onto County Rd. 550 E. The road bares left and the name changes to W Egypt Hollow Rd. Follow it down hill to the ramp. There is an outhouse, parking area and small beach for ideal for launching kayaks.

Meeting time: 9:30AM. Bring Lunch.

Contact information: Robert Moore, njordball@gmail.com



A Guillemot takes off and considers the possibility of flying east towards Brookville Lake. Come out to the Brookville paddle and count the Guillemots on the lake.

Please submit your pictures
and reports to the editor



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Course Announcement—

Introduction to Kayaking Class Saturday, May 31, 2014

Instructors: Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel
Saturday, June 28, 2014
Saturday, July 26, 2014

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

Dave and I will first talk about the basics and then quickly get on the water to teach you efficient ways to move your boat forward, backwards, and sideways as well as how to turn and stop. Since the water may be cool, we will demonstrate rescue skills but you won't *intentionally* be getting into the water at this class (unless it's really warm).

This course is intended for newer HCC members having recreational, touring, and sea kayaks.

Meeting Place: Eagle Creek Park or Geist Park. I will send each participant an e-mail one week before the course with final instructions and where we will meet.

Note: If we meet at Eagle Creek Park, there is an \$8 fee to bring a kayak into the park.

Class Size: Attendance will be limited to **10** paddlers per class. HCC Members will be accepted for each class on a first-come-first served basis. If the May 31 class overflows, don't panic – there are additional classes in June and July.

What to Bring:

Please bring your kayak, life jacket, paddle, splash jacket, sun screen, lunch, water

Safety equipment that you normally carry (e.g., pump, paddle float, stirrup, tow or throw rope,) so we can demonstrate how to use them.

Paddling Clothing—Even though you won't *intentionally* be capsizing, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring a wind-proof paddling jacket since it may be cool.

Spare clothes in a dry bag! (Just in case you capsize.)

Questions — Think about what you want to learn during the class and come with questions.

Class Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm - Please be able to attend the whole day if you register.

Registration: To register for one of these classes or to ask questions about them, please contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or 317-257-2063.

If you register by e-mail, please send me your name, the kayak you will be bringing, your paddling experience, and contact information (e-mail/phone number) since this will help Dave and I prepare for the course.

One week before each class, I will send final details and instructions to all registered students.



Trip Report: Flatrock River

John Gates

Date: April 13, 2014

The Gates Family was asked to sponsor an “Old Time” trip down the Flatrock River near St. Paul, IN. Momma Gates came out of ‘retirement’ to help me sponsor and run shuttle on this trip like the HCC use to sponsor trips back when I was growing up in the club. 21 Hoosier Paddlers met at Loves Truck Stop at Exit 123 off of I-74 to get chat and prepare for the upcoming trip. We had several “new-bees” to the Flatrock and a few experienced flatwater paddlers. A little history about this section of Flatrock is that this section was used as a training run for moving water in the past. Way back when I was a young kid I learned how to do eddy turns, ferries, and surf on this section of Flatrock. When I was older I helped Team Baker, Chuck Lunsford, Dave Ellis, and others train several inexperienced paddlers in how to do those moves, so this section of Flatrock has a special place in my heart. Also it is one of my favorite rivers in the state of Indiana.

Ok lets fast forward to April 13, 2014, Flatrock River was running 700 cfs, which is a great level for surfing and playing. After the shuttle was run and we had all our boats down by the river, I gave the safety talk and set our lead and sweep boats. Something I noticed in this generation of flatwater boaters is they do not know how to play because when we got down to really nice play spot everyone had blown through there and didn’t stop and surf the waves and holes. The waves and holes at 700 cfs are long and perfect for surfing bigger boats like the touring kayaks and canoes. My daughter, Eresina, and I had some great surf in Dave Ellis’ Bluehole Canoe which is a huge boat but has great rocker for a canoe.

When the group finally stopped to wait for my wife, Kim, Eresina, and I we decided to have lunch which was right after the last real rapid on a nice sandy beach. After lunch I had decided to before the trip to do a little throw bag practice and whoever was the best thrower win a bottle of wine and whoever couldn’t throw really well would win a nice gag gift. When I ran trips in the past I would do some rescue training so the group and I could practice those skills and keep them up so when we needed those skills we had several paddlers who could help in a rescue. My 8 year old daughter who is a water dog volunteered to be our practice dumpy so she jumped into the water and swam and got throw bags thrown at her. Kim and I gave helpful tips on how to throw the bag and where to aim the bag at a swimmer. Everyone in the group practiced several times and we could see a much improvement in the ability of throws. After our lunch and throw bag practice we headed down the river to the takeout. During the trip we had no flips or swims so it was a very dry day so no “Big Nail” or “Little Nail” stories could be told at the annual awards meeting in the winter/ spring timeframe.

Once we got our boats loaded and everyone was in dry clothes we awarded our prizes. For the “2014 Best Throw Bag throw on the Flatrock River” it went to the sister duo of Allison and Lauren Sturtevant. They won a huge blue bottle of Riesling Wine. And for the “2014 Not So Good Throw Bag throw on the Flatrock River” it went to Satanay Borsa . She won a ‘special’ bottle of Boone’s Farm Wine.

The Gates Family would like to say thank you to everyone that attended and hope to see everyone in July for the next Gates Family trip!

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