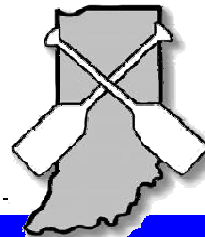


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Hello, HCC — Fall Meeting, Sunday November 15

Dan Valleskey

It is time again for our Annual Fall Meeting!

We will update you on what your board has been doing for the last 11 months, talk about upcoming events for 2010, and elect officers for next year. We hope to have a slide show with a member talking about recent special trips.

We will allow plenty of time for a swap meet; bring what you want to sell, or bring your money to spend. I've also been trying to use the Fall meeting as a reminder to myself to pay the next year dues, I'm sure Dave will be glad to take your check that day.

Pitch-In Dinner: As is usual, we will have a pitch-in dinner. HCC will supply the meat (I'm thinking of honey baked ham!) and soft drinks. Other drinks are BYOB. Bring complementary items such as mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, dressing, salads or desserts. (Bring LOTS of deserts, I like deserts.)

We want to try something different this year, if it is at all possible, please bring your own place settings. Most of the plastic ware we get cannot be recycled, your plates and utensils that can be washed at home make a little more sense for an organization that lists conservation as one of its goals. I'll probably just grab my camp kit.

When: Sunday, November 15th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Holt Community House (Scout Hut) behind John Strange Elementary School
3660 East 62nd Street, Indianapolis

John Strange is on 62nd between Keystone and Allisonville. The Holt House is behind John Strange School, drive behind the school, to the North and the East. If you need better directions or you get lost- call my cell- 413 0324 I'll post a map link on the Bulletin Board.

Last month, I talked about two of the biggest events the HCC has been involved in. I'm happy to report, both were successful. The Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOEX) at Fort Harrison drew about 13,300 people. At times, it seemed like they all wanted to paddle on Fall Creek! With the help of many club members, some DNR folk, Friends of White River people, and a few Boy Scouts, we were able to accommodate a great deal of newbie paddlers. Guests floated a picture perfect section of Fall Creek. It was next to impossible to keep good records, but I'm guessing we put about 550 people down the river in two days!

My most memorable run down our 9/10 mile course was helping out a WW2 Vet. He told me a little of his past trips to Quetico and BWCA, when he was a younger man. He allowed as he was getting old for that now, but I'll tell you, he still had a pretty mean draw stroke!

There will be a HOEX again next year, one week earlier. The HCC will still have an active role but we need to make a few changes to lighten our load. It would not be possible to hire a crew that worked as hard as our volunteers did that whole weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Theresa was happy to report that the Pirate Paddle was again a huge success. We had a good turnout, in spite of a very gray, cool day. Good thing pirate costumes can be made warm! The event did not cost the club any money, in fact we made just a few bucks. Look for the 3rd Annual Pirate Party next year. GOOD JOB Theresa, and again, thanks to everyone who helped her.

My Fish Fry trip is still a "go" for October 31 and November 1. Meet me at the Pigeon River SR327 put-in just North of US 20 at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. If you need more details, check Page 3 in this newsletter or drop me a note at danpaddles@gmail.com.

Dan

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

2010 Election of HCC Officers and Board of Directors

Theresa Kulczak

Thanks to the leadership of our two Skippers for the past three years, the HCC Board of Directors has grown immensely in enthusiasm, capability and commitment, and we want to continue to develop and refresh the Board with new talent through the annual elections. We express our heartfelt thanks to Mary Keith, John Wainscott, and Jan Sneddon who are leaving the Board this year and we look forward to seeing them on the water.

The Nominations Committee has been working to fill some of the key Officer positions and we propose the following slate of Officers and Directors for the consideration of the general membership. Currently, there is one position open for the Board of Directors and we encourage you to submit your name for this position to Linda Smith, HCC Yeoman, at smit063@comcast.net by November 5. Linda Smith will submit the final slate to the membership using the Bulletin Board and the club E-mail list one week before the Fall Meeting.

The following members are nominated to fill the club's leadership roles:

Skipper:	Dan Valleskey
Executive Officer:	Terry Busch
Purser:	Jim Clendenin
Yeoman:	Linda Smith

The following paddlers are nominated to fill positions on the HCC Board of Directors in 2010:

1. Mariann Davis
2. Joel DeLashmit
3. Dan Evard
4. Sue Foss
5. Dwayne James
6. Kellie Kaneshiro
7. Theresa Kulczak
8. Suzi Rapp
9. Jordan Ross
10. Matt Slagel
11. Jim Sprandel

See you at the Annual Meeting on November 15th.

2010 Nominating Committee: Theresa Kulczak (Chairman), Jim Clendenin, Dave Ellis, Susie Megathlin, Jordan Ross, Dan Valleskey (Skipper)

Pool Status

There is bad news regarding pool sessions this fall. Thatcher Recreation Center and their pool will not re-open until the first of the year ... maybe. After installing new A/C and heating equipment this summer, Indy-Parks just signed a contract to refurbish the pool itself—working on the plumbing, filtration, locker rooms, rolling side doors, and guard facilities.

We were able to use the pool at the Blind School this summer but it is closed due to a back-ordered mechanical part. This pool is not expected to re-open until just before the local high school swim teams take over these facilities on Wednesday evenings for practice, which effectively shuts us out. However, we will be able to use this pool for the Annual White Water Demo coming up in February.

If anyone knows of an indoor swimming pool that is available on week nights and is accessible for small boats, please let [Jordan Ross](#) know or post your ideas to the [Pool Status Thread](#) in the General Forum of the Bulletin Board since the re-opening of Thatcher Pool in January is tentative.

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest status.



Flatwater Trips

October Fish Fry Trip—Pigeon River, Mongo, IN Trip Sponsor: Dan Valleskey

Sat. Oct. 31, Sun. Nov. 1, 2009

This year, I will be leading my Fish Fry trip to Mongo, Indiana on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. We will paddle the Pigeon on Saturday. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the PAS on Hwy 327 just North of US 20, West of Angola, Indiana. Costumes will be appropriate!

Saturday night, we will find a local tavern that serves fish fry, there are several in that area. It makes a great way to top off a fun paddle.

We will camp at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife campground outside Mongo. I'll be there Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday, we will paddle something nearby, call me Saturday night if you can only join us on Sunday. We will decide at dinner what we want to tackle that next day. Several other groups will be involved, this could once again be a fairly large trip. The trips are short, the water is clear. That time of year it will be cool camping, so come prepared; and please do join me.

Contact information: Contact me by Thursday October 29, 2009.

Dan Valleskey, danpaddles@gmail.com, Cell: 317 413 0324.

Mississinewa River

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Trip Sponsor: Dick Fetty

This is a beautiful float past the Seven Pillars. The float is about 7 mile long to the take out in Peru. We will meet at 10:00 am below the dam on Mississinewa Lake.

This will be cool weather so come prepared with a dry bag and extra clothes..

Contact information: If you plan to come, please contact me by 10:00 pm on Friday. November 6.

Dick Fetty 765-754-8200

Editor's Note: I found the following additional information on the Mississinewa River and Seven Pillars: "The Mississinewa winds from it's reservoir dam ... through the Francis Slocum Forest. The river is somewhat deep and moves relatively fast. Seven Pillars is about three miles from the dam and is beautifully carved limestone made by centuries of the river's brute force." Reference: wiki.answers.com

New Year's Day Paddle—White River

Friday, January 1, 2010

Trip Sponsor: Dwayne James

Aye matey!! I will do the White River from Waverly down to Henderson Ford Bridge on New Years Day, January 1, 2010. Meet at the Dairy Queen on SR 37 and SR 144 at 10:30 am and we will run the shuttle and paddle and have fun, cold—wind, snow or sleet. If it is raining or high water, forget it.

Please be sure to check in with me since I need to paddle this section to see where and how they put that pipeline across the White River and what that might have done to the creek.

Contact Information: Please be sure to contact me by 7 pm on December 29th to let me know if you plan to paddle. Dwayne James, kanudreams@sbcglobal.net or 317-834-3649.

Whitewater Trips

Ocoee Fall Colors

Saturday October 31 - Sunday November 1, 2009

Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

This is the last scheduled release of the Ocoee and hopefully timed with a nice display of Southern fall colors. We will camp at Adventures Unlimited with its warm bathhouse (and warmer clothes driers - yay!)

We'll paddle the Middle both days (the Upper won't be running) and first-time Ocoee runners will be encouraged to put in below Double Suck rapid.

If there is rain locally, we may be lucky enough to run the nearby Tellico which is exceptionally beautiful and raft-free.

Contact Information: As usual, check the HCC bulletin board the week before for directions, last minute updates, and to let us know who is going.





Flotilla leaving Noblesville, Oct. 3, 2009

2nd Annual HCC Pirate Paddle and Party—October 3, 2009

On October 3, about 70 pirates paddled from Forest Park Public Access Site in Noblesville about 10 miles downstream to the public access site where 116th street crosses the White River in Carmel. People and boats sported all forms of pirate decoration.



John Wainscott in Pirate Kayak

The rain that Indianapolis experienced Thursday and Friday cleared so that people had a great time on the river. One bonus of the rain earlier in the week was that the river's flow level was twice last year's so that every one could make it down the river easily without scraping.



One Really Tough Pirate!

After arriving at 116th street, the paddlers then loaded their boats and gear and drove over to Northern Beach for the evening activities. About 100 people enjoyed a meal, door prizes, and dancing to music provided by one of Indy's best party bands, RetroActive.

Many thanks to Theresa Kulczak for pulling together this event and to the

multitude of HCC volunteers who made the event go smoothly. Special thanks to Sue Foxx – co-organizer and décor leader; Garry Hill, Dwayne James, Barb Lollar, Bruno Piggot – logistical support; Jeff Matthews – log jam safety support ; Susie Megathlin – super shuttle driver who ran about 5 shuttles and did not paddle; Mariann Davis and Kellie Kaneshiro – publicity. We also need to acknowledge the continuing support from our local sponsors – Morris Printing, Eagle Creek Kayaks, Extreme Outfitters, Nurpu River and Mountain Supply, and Rusted Moon.

For additional photos, go to:

Paddle: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/32990302@N08/sets/72157622566274578/>

Party: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/32990302@N08/sets/72157622441733443/>



RetroActive



Trip Report—Beaver River, September 5-7, 2009—Day 2

Randy Parker

Ed. Note: The first day of this Trip Report was included in the [October Newsletter](http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/attachment.php?attachmentid=531). Or, go to <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/attachment.php?attachmentid=531> for both days and more pictures.

Day 2—Sunday: On Sunday morning, everyone was sleeping in except for Mike. He had gotten up and went to the lake to do some fishing. In the meantime, the other campers there were up and ready to go, and as they were driving by our campground they all started honking their horns and laughing and yelling “Wake up, Crush. Time to go paddling with the Crush.” (The payoff I told you about earlier.)

So, we slowly all got up and decided it was too late for a sit-down breakfast and decided to stop at the gas station for sandwiches before heading down to the Moshier section of the Beaver River. While Crush was in line with his 3 slices of breakfast pizza, one of the clerks walked up behind me and said “My Lord, you sure are orange.” and I said “Yes ma’am, I am.”

After that we headed to the Moshier section where we met up with Jen, Rob, Vince and Bottle of Wine (Mark). Crush was ready to take it on, I had plenty of sleep and knew I had to bring an “A” game all day today. We all headed down to the put-in of the Class 4 section of the Beaver. After a little flat water warm-up paddle of about 200 yards, we came to the first rapid of this section which is a 10’ waterfall drop. We all ran this cleanly except Jeff and Zach who were over on the far right going down some ‘Hair’ and they ran it clean.

Next rapid, next debacle. We all got out to scout the next one—a sloping waterfall drop with about 8’ at the



bottom of the falls to maneuver and all the water pushing you into rocks and downed trees. The object here is to land flat and paddle hard to the far right eddy. Otherwise, you get pinned on these obstacles and get trapped or flipped which sends you down the next rapid which is right after the eddy on river right. The water at the bottom of this drop has a strong pull into the rocks. If you don’t make the eddy far right, you have to go down the next rapid which has a huge hole river left. There is a quick right turn here that has to be taken, stay on river right to the next drop which is also run far river right.

After looking for awhile and watching all kind of carnage, the crew decides to go. Crush was the first one to go over, landing cleanly, and making the eddy. After



making the eddy, I look up to watch Vince come over the falls since he was following me down. Unbeknownst to me, he flipped on the rapid above the falls and came out of his boat! While sitting in the eddy, I watch his blue boat come over the falls with no one in it, Bottle of Wine and Rob quickly grab the boat since they are standing on the rocks below the falls, and I look up and here comes Vince tumbling over the falls lands cleaning on the far left side. Thank God, because otherwise he would have gotten swept down the next rapid if he missed the rope, but he was able to swim out. With Vince safely to shore, everyone else came over the falls cleanly and went through the next rapid where we picked up Vince. Vince was shaken a little and had sprained his ankle but other than that he was okay, got back in his boat and paddled on down. Vince upon arriving above the Moshier Falls section opted to take out and walk and so did Jen who volunteered to pick up all the carnage at the bottom of the section like she did last year. The rest of us got out and scouted and prepared for our biggest run of the day so far!

Moshier section of the falls consists of a quarter mile of 4 nonstop rapids with the first two being more slide than falls and the last two actually are waterfalls. With the first fall being a small horseshoe shaped, you need to make a boof high off the left side rock. Otherwise, you get trundled in the middle of the waterfall, my mistake last year, which cost me a swim over the falls and Jen gathering my equipment.

Different story this year. We all got out and made a quick scout of each drop. Seeing that nothing had changed from last year except maybe a little more water, we put in. Hair boaters, Zach and Jeff, went first while Mike and I were getting ready on shore. I did not see their run but according to everyone I



talked to they put on a great show—made it look easy. Mike and I set up in the eddy. He was going down in the big yellow inflatable of Big Drop's. We pulled out. I had a slight problem at the entrance and did not get as far right as I wanted to but still made the eddy above the second drop. Mike missed the eddy and blew on down, making the second drop clean, then disappearing over the 3rd drop out of sight from me. I found out later he did not get high enough on the boof, fell into the middle of the falls, got trundled and swam, but luckily was roped out before going over Moshier's Falls (where was that rope guy at last year)! I set up for the second drop, hit it perfect coming up right where I wanted to be, hit the boof high off left rock, landed flat above the falls on 3rd drop upright, knew I had cleaned it, threw the paddle up in one hand, and begin pumping up and down. Then, I remembered that I needed to catch the eddy, caught the eddy, cleaned Moshier Falls upright, and then began another celebration.

The hair boaters, Jeff and Zach, decided to make another run— they thought there was an eddy they should have caught and missed somewhere so they went back. The Crush was perfectly happy with his run and waited because we still had a class 5 section of the Beaver, the Eagle, to do next. The hair boaters came down clean on their second run and decided they did get all the eddy's on this run. We all got off the river, and said our goodbyes to Jen, Vince and Rob who were headed back to Old Forge for fireworks. My crew loaded up and went to the Eagle section.

The Class 5 Eagle section of the Beaver is only about three quarters of a mile long with 6 very good rapids. The 3rd rapid of the river, Eagle Falls, has a very hard entrance but once you line it up right you are headed down a chute which you disappear into at a high rate of speed before dumping into a big hole at the bottom.



You can walk along a very nice sloping rock bank and scout every rapid; pretty much every rapid here is run on river left. Mike and I walked the bank, scouted, watched a few go down, and then I headed up to go down. I actually thought the hair boaters were already on, I looked for them, but did not see them, so I figured they wanted to get several runs in so Mike and I would do it together. I headed up to the put-in and put on. Unbeknownst to me, I did not know I was the probe until I saw Jeff at the second rapid with rope in hand on shore. The first drop is a little slide drop at the entrance which drops into a pool—that was easy. Next drop is another slide drop but with two curlers bouncing off the right wall sort of like Big Smokey Falls on river left—I got hit by one, spun around backwards, and went down backwards catching the eddy on river right. Sat in the eddy for a little bit and did not like my run down that one with the big one coming up, Eagle Falls. I definitely did not want to go down the next one backwards or upside down (according to Nancy and Ann there was some that did go down backwards on purpose) good for them, not me!

The approach to Eagle Falls is the hardest part—you start on the left side. Upon approach of the falls, there is a curler there that wants to kick you right. I saw some have trouble even upside down there but hit their rolls quickly before going into chute. The curler kicked me just a little not much, I had a good line above the falls, and I fell into the chute. Man, what a great ride that was!!! However, you get going so fast through that chute when I hit the hole at the bottom of the chute it felt like a hundred bees had just stung my face all at once (it was like doing a belly flop except on your face) and even though I was wearing a life jacket my chest stung too like someone hit me with a sledgehammer, but other than that it was fantastic, came out clean at the bottom heard the cheers from the top, did the Crush celebration with the pumping of the paddle raised over head in one hand. I sat in the eddy for awhile catching my breath then went on down, cleaned the next 3 drops, went to the take out, got to the van, and the celebration started!!!

In the meantime, Mike put in below the falls had good runs on the next three rapids then joined me for beers at the take out. The hair boaters came next, I got to watch the video of their runs. Jeff Muston's run was awesome (small boat, big boy) at the bottom of Eagle Falls—he disappeared into the hole completely out of sight, then like a missile shot from a submarine exploded out of the hole about 4 ft. from it, flew completely into the air, I mean a good 2 ft. out of the water, did a back flip in the air, landed upside down, and then rolled up. He got a lot of cheers from top. When you see this run on video, it's awesome because it all happens in about 5 seconds. The other hair boater's run went well to but wasn't as exciting as Jeff's but he ran it clean. They paddled to the take out had some beers and everybody was so happy about their runs that day that the party lasted around the campfire for awhile that night and our motto was "We STOMPED IT"

After having to bring an "A" game all day long, it sure took a lot out of the Crush mentally and physically. I was really needing a quick fix of tequila around the campfire that night and there was this guy at the campfire named Bryant Williams now called (Tequila) offered the Crush some of his! Tequila never tasted as good as it did that night!

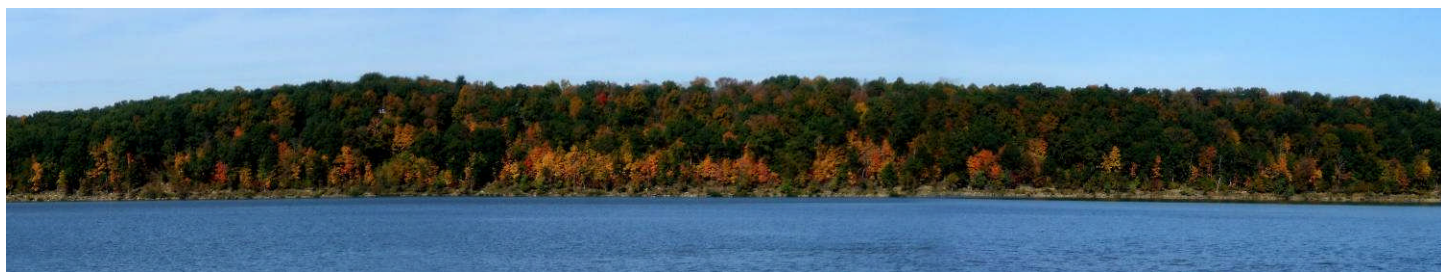
Another good thing about this trip is that we got to meet some new people, some we knew from last year like Nick who gave my van the jump on Saturday morning and Wayne Guzman and Bottle of Wine. We got to meet some new paddlers—one couple who were born and raised in Indiana, one being a region rat from Hammond, Tony and Jessica who now live in New York, Jimmy Dean (Sausage) and his wife Fawn and Bryant who was mentioned earlier also from Pennsylvania, Rex and his son Dillon, and Dan Siger. Rex says he met me at Stoneycreek, says I gave him a big kiss when he came to the pavilion that night because he was wearing orange (I find that hard to believe). Jen called me later in the week and said that Rex had put in his trip report to his paddling club that the Crush gang was there in upstate New York paddling that weekend.

Day 3, The Trip Home: Monday morning—travel day home. We put on the Taylorsville section that morning since the Moose was not running. I ran straight through and wanted to get the van organized for trip home. The hair boaters played a little while on it, then we packed it all up and left. Thoughts were to come back next year. I figured I would do something else next year, but if the hair boaters want to go back, I'm in!!

I want to give a big thanks to Nancy, Ann, and Elise for shuttling, being our biggest cheerleaders, and for taking great pictures of all of us, especially the Crush.

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Fall Panorama on Lake Monroe from Cutright PAS—October 10, 2009

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February Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of the Hoosier Paddler will be February 2010. Please submit articles to Jim Sprandel by Friday, January 15, 2009. Please e-mail articles and pictures to merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or call him at 317-257-2063.

