

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

October is one my favorite months to paddle. There is no better way to enjoy the brilliance of autumn's leaves on display than on a river followed by good company around a warm fire. It is by no accident that some of the club's best trips also come in October. This year happens to be a Pirate Paddle year! Occurring only every other year, the pirate paddle encompasses the true spirit of all paddlers. Dress as pirates, paddle down a great river, be welcomed by a pirate band, then get refreshed with food and drink before the second band gets onstage and dance the rest of the night away! All this for \$25! AND...we are doing an intro fundraiser for First Descents, an organization that helps cancer patients and survivors connect to the outdoors through climbing, kayaking, and other great activities. We're hoping this is just a scratch on the surface and we can do more for this amazing group next year!

Another paddling classic returns this year as well... enjoy the covered bridge festival via canoe or kayak while paddling Raccoon Creek. This is a gorgeous paddle, usually accompanied by a cool, crisp wind while paddling under historic covered bridges. The lunch break usually includes portaging boats around a low head dam and through part of the festival, where you can get some great snacks and maybe even a little shopping in.

Other important dates coming up that are later than October, but good to keep in mind: November 12 is our annual member meeting. Get a summary of what we've been up to, enjoy some food, guest speaker, and vote on some important stuff that will get our club up to the next level. See this month's newsletter for more info.

Also in our newsletter this month is a reminder for the Uganda trip in December. Kayak the Nile posted an update that the dam construction is moving ahead, and this will most likely be the last year to kayak the Nile River's rapids and enjoy the lush surrounding jungle as it is today. Remember, we have a world class club organizing and going on world class trips almost every weekend, year-round. Hope to see you all on the water at some point!

Natalie

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Eagle Creek Clean Up October 1, 2016

Sponsor: Kellie Kaneshiro

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, October 1st. Eagle Creek reservoir is home to enjoyable Tuesday evening paddles May through September. The Club also has volunteer opportunities for safety boating during the park's moonlight paddles run by the Eagle Creek Outfitters. The clean-up is a great way to "give back" to the park.

If you have paddled Eagle Creek, you know that the shoreline becomes littered with "mementos" that have been left by other park guests or that have washed down Eagle Creek. While some of us do smaller shore cleanups throughout the year, we will have a concentrated effort on Saturday, October 1st. Details: We will meet at Eagle Creek Park Canoe and Kayak put-in at the southwest end of the Discovery Center Parking Lot - ready to launch at 10am. Bring your lunch or snacks, we'll plan to work until 3pm or until we run out of trash to pick up. Plan to stay for all or part of the clean-up. Besides lunch, bring snacks, gloves, good water shoes, water, and your canoe or kayak. Trash bags will be provided and I have about 6 of those grabber thingies. Please tell the person at the Eagle Creek Park entrance that you are an HCC member here for the shoreline clean up. Brittany Swinford, Senior Park Manager, Eagle Creek Park, has added us to the park calendar. She also advised that REI is holding a wilderness first aid class that day so the parking lot may be full. If so, she said for us to go ahead and unload our boats and then park in the overflow lot (Peace Learning Center lot - you pass by this lot on the way to the Discovery Center).

Questions? Email me at knkane@gmail.com

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PIRATE PADDLE & PARTY

Saturday, October 15

Register Here: <http://formsnarts.com/form/1hvx?mode=h5>

Aye maties, prepare to “release the kraken” . . . ! Callin’ all river pirates and creatures of the deep! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin’ for the White River Flotilla and Party on Saturday, October 15th. We be expectin’ paddlers from the seven seas . . . and perhaps some creatures from davy jones locker and the black lagoon . . . The event begins with a 9-mile float on White River in Indianapolis during the afternoon, with a flotilla of paddlers dressed as pirates and sea creatures. Following the flotilla, the pirates convene for revelry and good cheer at the **White River Yacht Club**, a grand place for a river gathering. The WRYC is located just north of Broad Ripple, with a large, covered party deck on the river. New this year, the paddlers will be welcomed to the banks of White River by the pirate sea shanty band, “**Red Rum**”! While you’re unloading your gear at the put-in you’ll be entertained by some swashbuckling songs and fun!

In the evening, the Pirate Party will feature dance music of “**First Time Caller**”, a five-piece band with great vocal harmony playing some of the best party and rock music ever written. Whether you want to dance off your peg-leg or sit on your stool and listen, “**First Time Caller**” has something for everyone!

First held in 2008, the Pirate Paddle & Party is a signature event of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, presented every other year though the support of generous sponsors. Aye, all paddlers be welcomed! Please share the good word with friends, fellow paddlers, and other paddling clubs!

The \$25 registration fee includes the White River flotilla, a buffet dinner and beer, and two bands.

The pirate boat decorations on the flotilla and the pirate party make for a memorable gathering . . . Prizes for best boat decor and best costume. Start workin’ on your riggin’ maties!

This year’s pirate event will be designated as a fundraiser for the not-for-profit organization **First Descents**. First Descents offers young adult cancer fighters and survivors a free outdoor adventure designed to empower and inspire them to climb, paddle and surf beyond their diagnosis, defy their cancer, reclaim their lives and connect with others doing the same. Following the conclusion of the pirate event, the HCKC will donate any proceeds to First Descents. Help the HCKC “release the kraken” on cancer, and provide a wonderful way for paddlers to share the experience of the river!

FLOTILLA PUT-IN: White River at 116th Street

1:00 Arrival, Registration, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla on White River

PIRATE PARTY: White River Yacht Club, Indianapolis, 6:30 pm

1400 E 74th Street, (just upstream from Broad Ripple) Indianapolis 46240

Contact THE BLACK TOAD (Theresa) at tkulczak@comcast.net 317-409-6771

The Pirates Salute Our Sponsors:

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Trip Announcement

Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek: Saturday, October 8, 2016

Time: 10:00AM

SPONSOR: Robert Moore

Last year we launched at Tanner's Creek and paddled downstream past Aurora, around Laughery Island and made a brief excursion up into Laughery Creek to see the Old State Road 56 truss bridge on the return trip. This is a very scenic stretch of the river particularly when fall foliage is in full color.

The previous year we paddled up stream to the "ghost ship" in Taylor Creek and continued up stream into the Great Miami River. The "Ghost Ship", as described in several articles on the web, was launched as the Celt by a railroad executive in 1902. It was used as a wartime patrol and training vessel, fishing boat, private yacht, tour boat and backdrop for a music video. The names include Sachem, USS Sachem, Phenakite, and later Sightseer and Circle Line V as a New York city tour boat until 1983. It was purchased by a Cincinnati resident in 1986, repaired and used briefly before being abandoned.

This year the proposed route will depend upon the preference of the group. One possibility is to head over to Taylor Creek to the Sachem. From there we could continue upstream onto the Great Miami, or downstream towards Aurora. Aurora is about 2 miles downstream from Tanner's Creek. We can explore the North and South branches of Hogan Creek at Aurora, or paddle another 2 miles to Laughery Creek. The trip is covered on Ohio River Charts 109-110 US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District.

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water, occasional barge traffic and light current. Total paddling distance is expected to be about 12 miles. Half of the distance will be against some current. We will stop for lunch along the way so bring something to eat.

Put-In: Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Tanner's Creek Drive (old Reese Drive) at the traffic light. Tanner's Creek Drive ends at the boat ramp parking area. This is a well developed ramp park with plenty of parking and picnic areas. Unfortunately the only restroom facility is portable toilet (not always present) so you may want to stop off at the fast food or filling station at the intersection on the way to the boat ramp.

Meeting time: 10:00 am - launch by 10:30

Contact information: Robert Moore, njordball@gmail.com Those interested please respond via email no later than October 6th.

Sea Kayak Thoughts – October 2016

Jim Sprandel

Fall is a great time of year to be out especially after the heat that we had this summer. The Sea Kayak fleet has several upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

Please note that I have moved the date of the Grayson Lake Trip. The Ohio Parks are having their Annual Halloween Celebration on the 22nd and the campground is full so I have moved it back one week.

Upcoming Events:

Sat.-Sun., Sept 24-25, Ohio River Overnight on 12-Mile Island - Trip Announcement Below

Sat. Oct. 1, Eagle Creek Clean Up - Watch this e-mail list and the October Newsletter for details

Sat. Oct 8, Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek (Ghost Ship) - Trip Announcement Below

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 28-30, Fall Grayson Lake Trip, Grayson, KY. Grayson Lake is amazing – watch for details later this month in this E-mail list and the October Newsletter. (Can paddle Sat.-Sun. only as well.)

Sat.-Sun, Nov. 5-6, Fall Lake Monroe Overnight

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Fall Grayson Lake Trip –

Saturday October 29 – Sunday October 30 plus Bonus Day Friday October 28

Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Grayson Lake is amazing with its cliff lined corridors and waterfalls. We should be in fall colors and with luck we might even get some fog again which makes the area a bit eerie. This is a sea kayak paddle since Saturday's paddle is a 12 miles paddle through Grayson's Canyons.

Friday (Optional) – We will paddle for a few hours and then set up camp.

Launch Time: 1:30 pm Boat at Ramp

Put-In: Grayson boat ramp/beach: On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit. The turn for the ramp will be on the East side of the road and is about 0.8 mile south of the Entrance to the State Park which is well marked.

Note: This is not the main marina at the dam, which you will pass a few miles north.

Mileage: Negotiable.

Saturday – We will meet at the put-in and paddle about 12 miles up Grayson Lake to the Friday Put-In. This is an amazing section with cliffs lining most of the 12 mile stretch. There are also many waterfalls (if it rains in the day or two before the trip).

Time: 9:30 am - Boats at Put-In and we'll run our shut-then. If you're driving down from Indy, you will probably want to drive down Friday night.

Put-In: Rt. 504 turnoff: On Rt. 7 (west side), 17.6 miles south of the interstate exit. When you turn right (West) onto Rt. 504 it, it's another two miles to the ramp.

Take-Out: Grayson boat ramp/beach (Same as Friday Take-Out): On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit.

Mileage: About 12 miles - more or less – depending on how much you explore.

Sunday – We will paddle up Clifty Creek to the Grotto. There should be enough water to get into the grotto this year – there wasn't last year.

Time: 9:30 am

Put-In/Take-Out: The launch ramp is on Rt. 7 about 10 miles south of the interstate on the west side of the road and north side of the creek (if you get to the golf course, you overshot about a mile). This ramp is on the west side of the road and just about 1.3 miles north to the Entrance to the State Park on Rt. 7.

Mileage: 6-10 miles depending on what people are up for.

Camping – We will be camping in the Grayson Lake State Park Campground. I have reserved Campsites 13 and 14 in the Campground for Friday and Saturday nights. This is enough room for 4 tents and 4 cars. There are "walk-in" camp sites close if we need additional space. We'll worry about that when it's an issue. The campsites are \$23/night and allow 2 tents and 2 cars.

Directions to Grayson Lake State Park Campground: The entrance to the State Park is on your right side as you are heading south on Rt. 7. Google Maps gave the address of the State Park as: 314 Grayson Lake Park Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164

Note: Grayson is a 4-5 hour drive from Indianapolis (Google Maps says 3h43m from my house) so plan accordingly. I've set the Friday Start Time to 1:30 pm so people can drive in that morning.

Contact Information – If you plan to attend or have questions, please send me an e-mail at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net



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Trip Announcement

Uganda Trip

December 15, 2016 - January 2, 2017

Please join the Hoosier Canoe Club on one of the final descents of a rare whitewater gem in Uganda. This will be a once in a life-time trip and we hope you can join! Please see the preliminary itinerary below, along with additional information about the dam construction. Please contact Hasina for more information or if you have any additional questions. hasinamk17@gmail.com
“The Isimba hydropower project is well underway in Uganda and the unfortunate truth is that we will soon be losing some of the whitewater on this section of amazing rapids.

There is a lot of misunderstanding around, and it is hard for people to find out accurate information on what is happening, so we have set this page up to provide kayakers with information about what is going on to the best of our knowledge.”

<http://kayakthenile.com/isimba/>

Preliminary Itinerary

Thurs, Dec. 15: Leave for Uganda

Friday, Dec. 16 afternoon: Arrive in Entebbe, Uganda; take shuttle to Jinja

Saturday: Raft the Nile, \$140

Sunday-Friday: Kayaking, stay at Hairy Lemon, bfast, lunch and dinner all included

Saturday: Christmas Eve : Arrive in village, Muira. Bring supplies for clinic.

Sunday, 26: Christmas Day: Stay in Village, Muira

Monday, 27: Go to Safari at Murchison Falls and stay at Jinja

Tues, 28: Murchison Safari

Wed, 29: Murchison Safari

Thurs, 30: Return from Murchison Safari

Fri, 31: New Years Eve, Hairy Lemon or Jinja

Saturday, Jan.1: Travel to Entebbe

Sunday, Jan. 2: Fly back to US

Vaccinations, Travel Clinic

Hep A and Hep B, Meningitis, Polio, Rabies, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Tetanus Booster, Malaria Pills

\$100USD cash for Visa to Uganda at the border

Kayaking: \$695: lunch, boat, paddle, pfd, helmet. Can bring your own helmet and pfd.

Rafting: \$140

Lodging: \$30/day



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Trip Report

Trip Report: West Fork of the White River...From Edgewater Park in Anderson to the SR13 bridge in Perkinsville

Date: September 18, 2016

Distance: 15 miles

Total time: 4H 45min

Water: 257 cfs

Sunday was a fabulous day. 10 paddlers turned out for the West Fork of the White River paddle: This section

of the White gave us riffles and some wave trains and good energy...15 miles from Edgewater Park in Anderson to Perkinsville, SR 13 bridge is bound to be an annual paddle for the club. **Trip leaders: Mariann Davis and Sue Fox** with Steve, Bob, Jeff, Johannes, Laurie, Kari, E.B.& John celebrated the weather gods. Next year we will combine it with an after-



paddle meal at Bonge's Tavern, right across from the Perkinsrill take-out...

See you next year!

Mariann Davis



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The Castaways bid farewell...Hello HCKC

The new cast of 100 Wild Islands



Ernie, Jim, Mariann, Jack, Skipper Doug, Martha, Dave & First Mate Jennifer

HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB INVITATION

Annual meeting, dinner, & swap meet with guests: Doug & Jennifer Jose Presenting:
NOVA SCOTIA'S 100 WILD ISLANDS... WITH CAMEO APPEARANCES BY YOUR
OWN INTREPID PADDLERS...+ ACADIA, THE PREQUEL

DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2016 TIME: 1-5 PM Dinner around 1:30/1:45 PM

WHERE: INDIANAPOLIS SAILING (NOT YACHT) CLUB, ON GEIST, 11325 FALL CREEK RD. INDIANAPOLIS IN. 46256. (GOOGLE MAPS OR MAPQUEST)

EVENT: HCKC ANNUAL MEETING & PITCH-IN DINNER. (CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN COURSE AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS)...BYO ADULT BEVERAGE

SWAP MEET: Throughout meeting (except during presentation). Bring camping or paddling gear to trade or sell.

****RSVP:** NECESSARY TO marianndavis@aol.com

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Aye Maties . . . **RELEASE THE KRAKEN!**

Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club
PIRATE PADDLE & PARTY
Saturday, October 15, 2016

PIRATE FLOTILLA ON WHITE RIVER

Put-in at Wapihani Drive (access from Eller Road)
just north of 116th Street, Fishers

1:00 Arrival, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla

Paddling distance 9 miles

Pirates and creatures from the deep!

Prizes for best boat rigging and pirate costumes!

PIRATE PARTY @ 6:30 p.m.

White River Yacht Club

1400 E. 74th Street (Broad Ripple)
Indianapolis 46240

FEATURING the music of two live bands:

"Red Rum" and "First Time Caller"

Pirate Paddle & Party Registration: \$25

One price for flotilla, buffet dinner, soft drinks, beer, and two bands!

Proceeds will benefit **First Descents**, a not-for-profit organization empowering cancer fighters and survivors www.firstdescents.org

For more information and registration: www.hoosiercanoecub.org

Contact The Black Toad: tkulczak@comcast.net

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Trip Report

Maine / Nova Scotia

Sponsor: Jennifer Jose

Over a year ago, Doug and I learned about the *100 Wild Islands* on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia and thought it would be a great paddling destination for the club. We hoped that a



few people would be interested, so we put together an itinerary and added three days at Acadia National Park. Here is the report of our adventure. We arrived at Acadia on Sunday, July 31st and camped at Blackwoods, a wooded campground in the park and conveniently located near Bar Harbor, where we dined “mainly” on lobster. Monday morning we launched from a sandy beach in the town of Bar Harbor. With calm seas and little wind, we headed out to the Porcupine Islands just before high tide. Crossing over to Sheep Island and around Burnt Island, we came to Rum Key, a small private island. Long Island was next. It is owned by the Nature Conservancy and is a protected nesting area until mid-August. The Hop is a small island which bridges to Long at low tide and provided a good lunch spot. The layers of geological formations, bald eagles and osprey made for a great first day of paddling.

On Tuesday we launched at Seal Harbor for destination Cranberry Isles. As we paddled out of the harbor amid a variety of sailboats, a Harbor Seal swam past looking for its next meal. The Cranberry Isles are a group of islands on the south side of Mt Desert. We crossed open water to the east side of Sutton Island, and then went further south between Great Cranberry and Little Cranberry Islands and into the “pool”, a large almost-enclosed inlet into Great Cranberry Island. We paddled the perimeter of the salt marsh shore and stopped to rest at a small weathered marina and dock. From there we crossed over to Little Cranberry in

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hopes of having a lobster

roll at the restaurant.

The restaurant was closed but box lunches were available. After lunch, we paid a short visit to the artists' studios and a museum on the history of the Cranberry Islands. Back in our boats, we paddled north to Sutton Island and around the west end of it. The north shore of Sutton was the most rugged and beautiful scenery of the Acadia trip: High cliffs of granite, shallow caves, and an old osprey nest perched high on a rock. Back to Seal Harbor with the tide almost low, we had a much longer haul from the beach to our cars.



Our last day in Acadia and we had three other paddle

left:

The Bartlett Narrows, Mt. Desert Narrows and Somes Sound. The sound divides Mt. Desert almost in half and is the only fjord in the eastern U.S. The entrance, called the narrows has a "swift tide". The description sounded good, but in reality the fjord wasn't as imagined and the narrows weren't so narrow. There was boat traffic, a busy marina and homes along the coast. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable paddle and there was a nice lunch area in a park-like setting up on a hill. We all met back at camp to carpool to Southwest Harbor for our farewell dinner at Beal's restaurant. UGH, more lobster... The next morning we said goodbye to the Cannadays and Theresa and journeyed to Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore.

Friday, August 5th we launched from Murphy's Campground. There were lots of small islands that sheltered us as we approached the north end of Borgles Island. We paddled along the small inlets of Deep Cove and around to Tucker's Point. The wind had picked up so Martha scouted around the headland to check out the seas. Some confusion ensued as Doug followed to see her signal. The rest of us thought it was a go, so we followed. We crossed in 2-foot plus waves with winds gusting to 20 mph. Fortunately, it was only a mile and a

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half crossing. We found a place to camp but there was a nicer place around the bend. Doug, Dave and Martha paddled south through rocky islets to scout Big Sandy Cove. A paradise awaited us: a wide, sandy beach with clear turquoise water. The plan was to stay two nights, but with bad weather coming the next day, Doug and Martha decided (at 5:30 a.m.) that we needed to pack our bags and head for more protected waters.

We paddled back over to Borgles Island, then along the north shore to the steep cliffs at Borgles Bluff, and crossed over to the Baltees in rolling 3-foot waves. Deep inside an inlet on Inner Baltee, it was a little tricky finding the north passage between the Baltees. After scouting a known campsite on Baltee, we decided to continue across to Sandy Cove, our preferred destination. It became our camp for the remaining four nights: another beautiful, wide beach with hiking options and large rock formations. We pitched our tents in the shelter of the woods. The storm didn't hit until later that evening.

On Day 3, with light wind in the morning we rounded Sandy Cove Point and crossed over to Gerard Island. We were planning to go around Gerard Head and then into the mouth of the "Bawleen". Martha and Dave scouted around the bend and reported rough water. So instead, we paddled north along Gerard to investigate "The Portage" into the Bawleen. Several of us walked it, but no one wanted to carry boats. The thought of having fish and chips for lunch at a nearby restaurant on the mainland enticed us



. Alas, the restaurant was closed due to a death in the family. Despite three foiled plans, we headed back to camp, knowing that it was still a great day of paddling in such beautiful scenery. Along the way, we checked-out "the carrying place", a short-cut back to Tangier Harbor passible only +/- 20 minutes of high tide (we missed it).

On Day 4, we all paddled back across Tangier Harbor to Baltee Island. Doug, Ernie and I turned north while Dave, Mariann, Jack and Martha took off for Tangier Island. After a relaxing lunch, we paddled to Coastal Outfitters in Tangier, where we said goodbye to Ernie. With winds and 1-foot trailing seas, we made it back to Sandy Cove quickly. As for Tangier Island, you'll have to read Dave's report on their exciting day.

On Day 5, we went to the Bawleen. This is a reference to the baleen whale, which has comb-like projections that filter their food from the sea water. Gerard Island wraps around the north side of the Bawleen, with Phoenix Island and numerous long parallel rock formations on the south side. Seals are known to beach themselves in this area especially at low tide, which was around 7 a.m. that day. We got there around 10 a.m., and while we didn't see the seals, Martha spotted mussels. Out of her boat she went, plucking them from the submerged rocks. Doug and Jack gathered quite a few as well.



Mussel tonight! Our resident chef, Jack, chef, scrubbed, rinsed and steamed them in sea water. Delish! It was a wonderful ending to another day in paradise. We went to bed with clear skies and the moon shining through the door of our tent. The sound of a distant fog horn and waves lapping on the shore could be heard for our last night. These memories will be with us forever and will warm us throughout the cold winter. Doug and I would like to express our thanks to the HCC for making this trip possible and to our dedicated paddlers, Theresa, Martha, Jack, John, Sharon, Mariann, Dave, Jim and Ernie that put their faith in us and were great companions. A special thanks to Dave and Martha for keeping us safe!

For more pictures go to: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskGgYZFV>



Follow Me!!! Our Adventurer of the Summer: Mariann Davis

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Something of Interest

Hard Rivers, by Craig Howard

I was a month old and I hear my mom had to brave the blizzard to get my formula. Others were doing something pretty extraordinary at the same time. Check out this description and offering from Craig Howard.

-Natalie

Forty years ago this coming January, the Hoosier state was host to a unique group of paddlers. Sixteen Chicago-area teenagers dressed and traveling as voyageurs had come all the way from Montreal following the route of La Salle to the Gulf of Mexico to claim the Mississippi watershed for France.

But 1976-77 marked the coldest winter in the history of the Midwest. Lake Michigan and all the rivers had turned to ice. After dragging their canoes through the South Bend portage from the St. Joseph to the Kankakee, where they gave first aid to an injured snowmobiler, the boys stored the canoes and followed the highway. Near Hebron, the sight of 17th century voyageurs walking U.S. 231 caused two trucks to slow, then crash into each other and into the line of march. Four boys were hospitalized.

*The story of this epic journey, told in the words of those who lived it, is described in my book, *Hard Rivers: The Untold Saga of La Salle: Expedition II* (River Grove Books, \$17.95 softcover, \$8.99 ebook). I write to you in the hope that the members of the Hoosier Canoe Club might like to read it. I attach two photos from the crew's time in Indiana to whet your appetite.*

Thanks for your consideration. Let me know if there's any information you'd like from me.

Best,
Craig
more at www.craigphoward.com

