

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

Happy New Year! If all has gone well, by the time this has been posted and published there is a group of four of us representing the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club on the rapids of the White Nile in Uganda and there was a local paddle here in Indy on New Year's Day. That's a pretty good range in trips, don't you think? This is your club and we need you to help keep our calendar booked with exciting trips year-round. Be sure to check out the details of the trip planning meeting in our January newsletter and help keep 2017 packed with adventure, paddling, camping, memories, and comradery. January will also usher in a new Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club website; promising to be more user friendly and modern compared to the existing one. There will be a transitioning period between both sites, please see Jon's blurb in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all on the water at some point in 2017!
And stay tuned for some pretty awesome trip reports from Uganda.

See you on the water Natalie

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Trip Planning Meeting January 21, 2017

Have a favorite river you want to share? Want to help train some newbies? We're always looking for trip leaders, various volunteers, new rivers to paddle, new ideas, and section chairs and co-chairs. Bring your paddling ideas and get an early peek at our trip calendar for the year. If you're interested in being a trip leader or other type of volunteer, but not quite sure what to do; sign up anyways! We'll show you and guide you on what to do. We're all here to have fun. J

We will be laying out our 2016 Trip Calendar on Saturday, Jan.21 @ 1 pm at Duane Garloch's home
Duane's Address: 2755 Sawtooth Oak Circle Westfield, IN 46074-5854

Duane will be making beef chili and vegetarian chili. Bring a dish to share and BYOB and RSVP to Duane at duane.garloch@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Thanks,
Duane Garloch

Trip Report

New Year's Day Paddle on New Year's Eve day on Fall Creek

Sponsor: Dwayne James

I had to attend to a family Christmas dinner on Sunday so we moved our annual New Year's Day paddle to 12/31/2016. We chose to do Fall Creek as it offered a number of trip length options and it was mostly protected from the winds. In spite of some big winds (gusts 30-40 mph, steady at around 15 mph) and a few spots of brief rain, we had a nice day with temps in the mid 40's and a good flow to Fall Creek. We had a good turnout with Mark and Susan Handy, Judy Thompson, James Kendall, Sue Foxx, Cliff Cooper, Mark Bonifer, Jeff Stejskal and myself. Although Mark and Susan Handy have been members for a few years, this was their first official club trip and their first winter trip. I wondered what they were thinking when a half hour into the trip we hit an open stretch where the huge gusts made it real hard to make forward progress and it started to rain. They handled everything great and finished the trip with smiles. And we had our last official on purpose roll of the season as Cliff ended the trip with a very nice roll. Remember, since this trip actually took place in 2016, the chances to win the annual awards for first swim of the year are still open. And a big thank you to our shuttle bunny for the day---Theresa Kulczak. I hope to see everyone on the water this year.



December 31, 2016 Fall Creek New Year's Eve Paddle



Future Newsletters

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com. I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font.

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

American Whitewater Association by Natalie Needham



Yours truly had the honor of having this photo I took published in AWA's 2017 calendar for the month of November. In the photo is one of our newer members, Heather Harvey, paddling on the Tuckasegee River in North Carolina about 2 years ago. This was my very first white water river experience, as well as hers. Long-time member and veteran trip leader Rob Henry ran this beginner's WW trip in North Carolina, and it was beginners that Rob got! First paddling the Tuck and then the Nantahala, I lost count of how many swims I had that weekend; even having to portage around a couple of rapids. However, that trip opened up a whole other world of paddling and rivers to me. Since then, I've been to so many beautiful rivers and met even more great paddlers; being mentored the entire time by some of our best WW paddlers in the club. I would like to remind you that the AWA is a great organization that fights for conservation and river rights for paddlers, and we support and promote this association. The Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club is an affiliated AWA club, so your HCKC membership will get you a discount for the AWA membership. If you are interested in supporting the AWA, please contact our membership chair Dave Ellis riverpapaw@aol.com to see how you can benefit from our club affiliation.

More information and swag available here: <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/>

Pool Sessions

Pool sessions are still only \$10 for 2 hours of practice and/or instruction. Remember, it's not just for white water. Learn how to self rescue in your canoe, learn how to roll, or just have some bonding time with your boat if you miss sitting in it. The pool is heated and please make sure your boat is clean first.

**Located at Thatcher Pool, from 10-12 every Saturday starting in December.
4649 W Vermont St, Indianapolis, IN 46222**

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