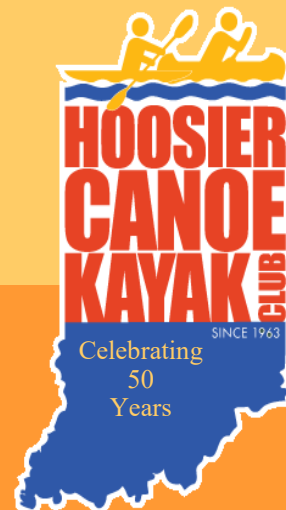


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Skipper's Note

I have been honored to serve as you Skipper, and look forward to the upcoming leadership of Toni Harris and the new board. Next year will bring new trips and more training opportunities for members. Be sure to come to the annual meeting on November 16th to meet the new leadership, meet other members in person, check out some fun presentations and some great food.

See you on the water! Duane

Annual Election of Officers and Board Members November 16, 2019

We will elect our 2020 HCKC officers and board members during our Annual Meeting on November 16. The Nominating Committee would like to present the following slate for the 2020 HCKC Officers and Board.

Skipper (President) - Toni Harris

Executive Officer (Vice President) - Linda Decker

Purser (Treasurer) - Jim Clendenin

Yeoman (Secretary) - Jim Sprandel

Board Members at Large:

Current board members are designated with an asterisk.

John Carlson*	Richard Clapham*	Mariann Davis*	Dave Ellis*
John Gates*	Natalie Needham*	Earl King*	Tim Owens
Brent Saucerman*	Judy Thompson*	Jeff Stejskal*	Jon Reneberg*

Duane Garloch will continue to serve on the board as Past President.

Per Article V, Section 3 of the [club by-laws](#), anyone wishing to submit their name or alternative nominees for consideration in the election as an officer or board member can send an alternative slate (partial or complete) to the [Yeoman](#) by November 6.

HCKC Absentee Voting Procedure

If you would like to vote in the election but will not attend the meeting, you may send an absentee ballot to the HKC Yeoman, Linda Decker. To submit your Absentee Ballot, you may either e-mail your vote to the Yeoman, [Linda Decker](#), with the subject of "HCKC Absentee Ballot" or mail it to her. You must send this information early enough so that Linda receives it at least one day before the Annual Meeting.

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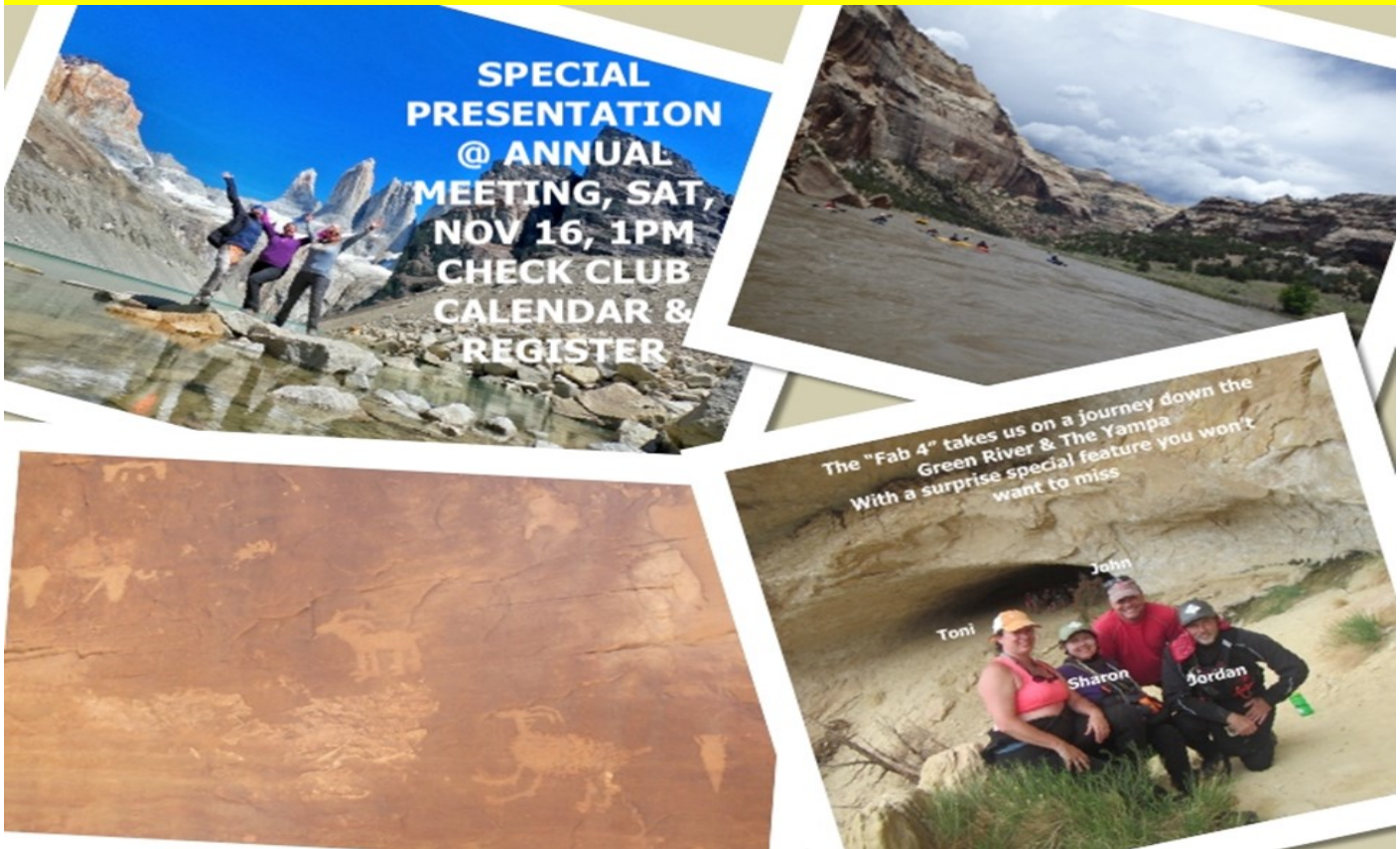
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Please send reports, pictures or items for sale to me.

**REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON THE HCKC
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**DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE A MEMBER FOR AN
“EINSTEIN” OR “DARWIN” AWARD: A RECOGNITION OF A HUMOR-
OUS OR SERIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE CLUB...SEND NOMINA-
TIONS TO:**

riverpapaw@aol.com BY 11/8



SEE YOU OFF THE WATER, MARIANN

Annual HCKC Meeting/Party

When: November 16, 2019 1:00 PM, EST

Where: SPIRIT LAKE CLUB HOUSE; 6720 PAGE BLVD. WESTFIELD BLVD.
AND 67TH ST. INDPLS

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Trip Announcement

Sea/Touring Kayak Trip Announcement Annual Fall Lake Monroe Overnight Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 2-3, 2019

We will camp on the peninsula in Deam Wilderness across from Cutright Public Access Site. The North and Middle Forks of Salt Creek will be closed but there is still a lot of Lake Monroe that we can explore such as the lake area down toward Patton Cave or up to the Pine Grove Ramp. On Sunday, we can venture over onto the wild (West) side of the causeway if people are interested and conditions allow.

If you only want to paddle on Saturday, join us during the day – it is only a 2-mile paddle back to Cutright from where we will probably camp if you don't want to stay overnight.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Area. Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway across Lake Monroe while going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp area that you come to in Cutright.

Driving Note: There is a home Indiana Football game this weekend and Highway 37 is eternally undergoing construction so factor in a little extra time if you come that way. You can type “Cutright State Recreation Area” into Google Maps to get driving directions or time from your home (it's about 1h40m from the Glendale area).

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather. Paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves from all directions and be able to paddle up to 6-8 miles. However, lake conditions are usually not this severe so check Bloomington's weather the week before the trip. If you have a questions about probable conditions, e-mail me.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and appropriately warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you.

If the air/water temperature drops or the wind/waves kick up, wet or dry suits are recommended. We will be camping from our kayaks and you will have to pack all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Boat Requirements: Kayaks with fore/aft bulkheads and perimeter deck lines are required.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit before you come. You can probably get one at the DNR office on the west side off 446 or the Paynetown SRA gate if you need one.

Schedule:

Saturday –10:00 am Arrive at Cutright PAS (10:30 am – Packed & ready to launch)

We will probably paddle 3-4 miles, set up camp, have lunch, and then explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We can return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We as a group will figure out a plan Saturday night. In the past, some people go straight to Cutright and the rest go on from there for a bonus paddle.

Contact information: Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Friday before the trip if you want to come. Please contact me since I will monitor weather that week and will notify people if weather is iffy and we need to adjust our plans.



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We have one more “official” sea kayak paddle before the end of our season – our annual overnight trip on Lake Monroe. However, we may do some day paddles during November if the weather is reasonable. I am thinking about a last trip to Cataract Falls or Summit Lake.

November is a really interesting time of year to paddle because you see migratory birds passing through. At Eagle Creek, it is common to see loons, grebes, other migratory ducks, and terns on the lake plus occasional pelicans. On many afternoons, I have also heard Sandhill Cranes overhead. Between the color in the trees and the varied birds, it’s a great time to be out.

Think about 2020 – We need your Ideas: We will be having our 2020 Trip Planning meeting next January. We need to start planning our 2020 adventures since camping at many places fills quickly. Already, there are discussions for trips to Maryland, South Carolina, Door County, the Apostles, and Voyagers National Park. As trip sponsors commit to dates and destinations, we’ll e-mail them out and post them in the Event Calendar.

If you have ideas about a place where you would like to paddle, contact Linda Decker or me with your ideas. This could be an Indiana lake or river for a day/weekend trip, a Lake Michigan weekend event like we had last year, or an extended trip to somewhere our club has never been. If you would like to sponsor a trip but don’t feel ready to lead the trip yet, we can pair you up with an experienced trip sponsor who can teach you the ropes.

Fall Lake Monroe Overnight, Sat.-Sun. November 2-3: Details are in this newsletter and in the [HCKC Event Schedule](#).

Learn to Roll: There will be pool sessions at Thatcher Pool this winter. Through Thanksgiving, these sessions will be on Wednesday nights and will shift to Saturdays after that point. Check the [HCKC Training Calendar](#) for details. This is a great opportunity to pin down your combat roll. Several of us will be working on Greenland rolling techniques over the winter.



Trip Report

Location: Raccoon Creek

Date: October 19, 2019

Location: Parke County (Ferndale, Mansfield, Bridgeton), Indiana

Sponsor: Toni Harris

Absolutely beautiful weekend for paddling Raccoon Creek! Along with temps pushing well into the 70s we were blessed to have a 500cfs release courtesy of the US Army Corps of Engineers 😊 :) Twelve Boats, fourteen paddlers in all made this Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Annual Tradition one of the biggest in recent years.

Reverse shuttle arrangement proved to be incredibly successful and we were all on the water by about 10:30am!

Cleanups earlier this year were successful with only a single mega sycamore just downstream of the lunchstop that most had to portage. One minor swim but everyone worked together to have a great time! Good flow meant we had about an hour to have fun in Mansfield for lunch! Corndogs, BBQ, Pumpkin Ice Cream and Apple dumplings were the faves for the group. Got back on the water below the Mansfield dam and several honed their surfing skills (or tried it for the first time). After the portage just downstream, the second half was just as beautiful as the first...finished the day at 4pm...plenty of time for some shopping and eating in

Bridgeton 😊 :) Saturday night a small group of us enjoyed some homemade chili and brownies at camp then made our way home Sunday morning.

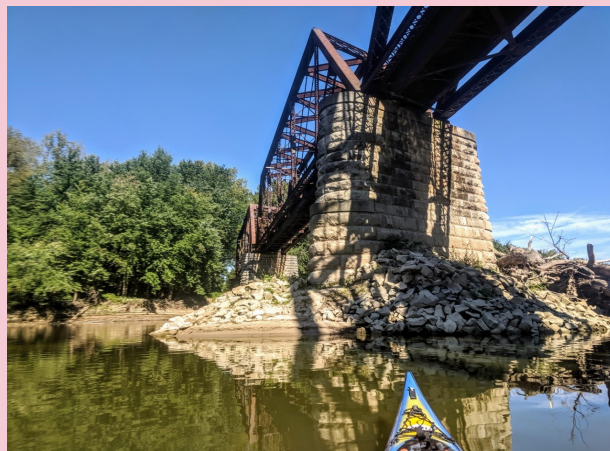
Trip Report

Location: Wabash River Terre Haute IN

Date: 9/14/2019

Sponsor: Marcia Evrard Dwayne James

Marcia invited the club to paddle one of her favorite backyard spots and we had a beautiful day to paddle. Regina and Jen, two new members, joined Marcia, Judy, Jeff, and myself for a really nice paddle as Marcia pointed out the old fort and remains of the canal. Along the way we had to dodge those pesky Asian carp as they would jump out of the water when we disturbed them. I can see how those would hurt a bit if one were powering down the river in a motorboat. A very pretty stretch of river even as it flows right through the city.



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Trip Report: Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Kentucky
October 18-20, 2019
Trip Sponsors: Linda Decker & Jim Heichelbech



Land Between the Lakes is a huge recreation area with numerous camping and paddling options. This trip had 6 paddlers that spent 3 sunny autumn days exploring areas in Land Between the Lakes. As we paddled the undeveloped shoreline, we saw abundant wildlife and changing fall colors. We camped in a primitive camping area called Pisgah Point. We were nestled in the trees with a waterfront view and we were able to launch from our campsite.



Thursday
Friday

Camp set up and an evening paddle on Kentucky Lake
Kentucky Lake: Campsite Launch to Duncan Bay Refuge Area (12+ miles)
We explored the bays and shoreline and spotted Otter and Eagles

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Land Between the Lakes continued



Saturday

Taylor Bay to Honker Bay Woodland Nature Watch Area (10 mile round trip paddle)
We saw a large flock of White American Pelicans along with other birds. We were surprised with many jumping Chinese Carp and Jeff took a hit in both the shoulder and the jaw! From Honker Bay we hiked (5 miles round trip) to the Woodlands Nature Watch Station where we saw rescued animals natural to the LBL area and the historical ruins of the Center furnace in the Hermitite Community.
In the evening we drove through the Elk and Bison Refuge and we were able to see both Elk and Bison grazing.



Sunday

Two of us paddled (12+ miles) up to the Canal to Lake Barkley from the campsite while a few others went on a tour of the Kentucky Dam Operations Center.

Trip Report

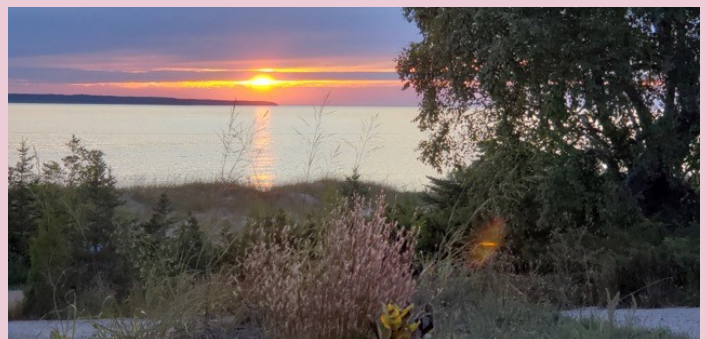
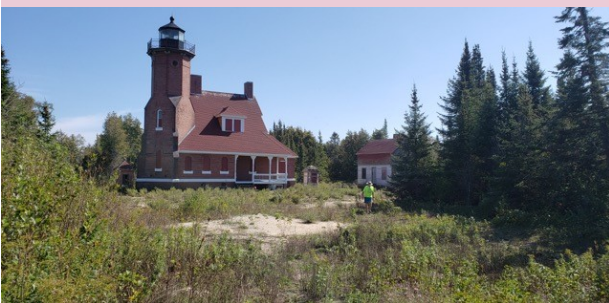
Beaver Island Sept 2019

Sponsor: Dan Cavins

In September I finally got to go to Beaver Island, MI. A beautiful place with an interesting history. We had a great crew of seven people, able paddlers and nice people to be on an island with. We started with a two hour, very pleasant, ferry ride from Charlevoix. Then set up home at St. James campground.

There are several islands around Beaver and Monday we explored Garden Is. Tuesday one of the inland lakes and scouted out some launching points. Not knowing the island we had to figure some things out. The locals were helpful and it was fun. Wednesday was a big paddle, we went to Squaw Island with a stop at Whiskey. Squaw has an old lighthouse complex that was fascinating to explore. You had to imagine what life was like out there years ago. The wind and seas were more than we expected that day so we took a straight crossing back to Beaver Is. to keep our bows into it. It was a six mile slog, a bit slow, and I quite enjoyed it. Fifteen miles over all. Thursday was declared a free day. No one paddled. Everyone just explored the island how they liked, bike walk, doze in chair. Good day. Friday it was back to work. High Island. We knew it was there but couldn't see it, shrouded in fog. A compass course of 270 should get us there. It was three miles out and one mile from the island when it finally came into view. The sun came out showcasing the clear water and green island. Eagles to greet us. After circling the island we b-lined home for a twenty mile day. Early Saturday morning we stuffed our damp tents into our trucks and caught the ferry home. There's a whole lot more to it but I'll just say I'd go back in a minute.

More pics at [dancavins.smugmug.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157711151478741) if you care to look. More from Dave Ellis here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157711151478741>



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Fantastic Krueger Sea Wind Kayak for Sale

After many happy trips with the club, I'm giving up. My Krueger Sea Wind kayak with 2 piece spray skirt, retractable rudder is available for \$3500. Also Aqua-Bound 2 piece paddle if you want.

See Krueger website for details of great kayak with larger than normal cockpit, great for long legs or wide hips.

**I'm 20 minutes west of Bridgeton, if you're going on covered bridge trip.
Jack Fenoglio (see members list for phone number) jcfenoglio@att.net**



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