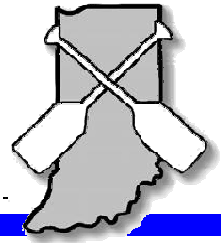


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HCC Fall Creek Clean up—Volunteers Needed Saturday, June 5, 2010

Dan Evard

Plans are underway for a HCC Fall Creek Clean Up Saturday, June 5th, 2010. This year's event will be very similar to Kellie's hugely successful effort of 2009. Once I have a chance to "get on the water" to scout the creek, I'll know exactly where we'll put in and take out. Last year, we ran from Camp Belzer to the 56th Street bridge; a little over three miles. We'll post specifics on the bulletin board and send out emails once exact details are determined. Plan on meeting at 9:30 and we should be off the water about 1:00. We're trying to set up a picnic immediately following, for those who can attend.

Friends of the White River (FOWR) will also be participating in this event. Another group, Millersville at Fall Creek Valley (www.millersvillefcv.com) will be conducting a shore-based clean up the same day, possibly in the same area, so ours will be strictly water-based.

If you are not familiar with Fall Creek, it runs from Pendleton above Geist Reservoir as well as below the reservoir. Some good websites are: <http://www.fallcreekindiana.com> and the Fall Creek Trail, Indy Greenways website at <http://www.indygreenways.org/fallcreek/fallcreek.htm>.

There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities (besides the clean up part), such as paddling the lead boat, the sweep boat, first aid (just in case), organizing the shuttle, distributing supplies (trash bags, gloves, drinking water, etc), photographer, and festivity planning. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

What to Bring: Your boat and paddle (of course) along with your PFD, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, drinking water, work gloves, and protective footwear.

Contact information: Dan Evard (317) 753-1226, danevard@aol.com



Dan Valleskey removing Bicycle

Hello, HCC

Dan Valleskey

Spring is sprung, no doubt about that. I hope you have been out paddling as much or more than I have (10 days so far in 2010). With all of the HCC offerings in the future, it should be easy to keep your paddle wet.

We have good chances coming up for almost everyone to take a class. On May 8th, we will be doing a moving water class, most likely on Fall Creek. The blue water folks have worked out an Open Water Rescue Clinic for touring and sea kayaks on May 29. We will be working with the East Race club to offer a safety clinic in August. And due to many requests, we will be offering a class for beginners starting May 12. Details are still being hammered out for some of these but check Pages 4 through 6 in this newsletter for more information.

Mark your calendar for our June 5th Fall Creek clean up. Dan Evard is heading it up. I don't know what section he is looking to cover but we never bite off more than we can chew. Expect a short trip, with some nice scenery, on the prettiest little urban stream you could ever want. If you've never done a clean up, you will be pleasantly surprised at how much fun they are. You will get dirty and you will not cover much distance for the effort you put into your paddling. All the starting, turning and stopping is great practice. And you will have a wonderful sense of accomplishment. We will invite the Venture Crew kids. We also hope to have some folks from Friends of White River helping, and people from the Millersville Fall Creek Association. This is my chance to give something back to the river, so I'll see you there!

We have noticed a few HCC trips showing up on other paddling groups' calendars. Sometimes, this is the will of the

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Trip Sponsor. But sometimes other people are passing the word along in an attempt to help bolster attendance. It is my feeling that any of our sponsors can promote their trips as they see fit. But no one else should be promoting their trips without their permission. Exceptions can be made of course. If you need to find a driving partner to get to the river, by all means, send some emails around looking for someone to be the Starsky to your Hutch. (Showing my age, I know.) But don't post the entire trip notice on another club's email list.

I think it is good that we do not require trip participants to be members (for most events). And I would hate to have to go back to hiding the newsletter behind a password. (I could never remember that darn password!) But if too many non-members show up on too many small scale club trips, we will have to do something. By all means, invite your co-worker out, if he has suitable gear and skills, or if you are willing to work with him. But we need to avoid having people show up without the right skills, without the right gear or expectations. We could go back to insisting that all trips use RSVP's. Again, I'm not sure that is a step in the right direction. Sometimes I don't decide to load a boat until 15 minutes before I need to pull out of the driveway. (Of course, if I don't RSVP and no one is at the expected put-in, I only have myself to blame.)

The situation of trips being cross posted is of course related to the proliferation of e-groups and email list paddle groups. Computers make it easy to cut and paste and distribute to hundreds or even thousands of paddlers with just a few clicks. It could be argued the HCC is sliding in that direction, with the changes we have made to our newsletter distribution. We are sending only about 25 percent hard copies now. But I believe we still have much more to offer paddlers than any e-list in the state. Our classes are one important example. The Safety Outreach program is another. We are back on track for the time being with the Wednesday night pool sessions and the Eagle Creek paddles will start up this month. I hope you feel that your membership is important and valuable. No other group in this area offers so much.

Last month, I talked about the causeway over the White River at 465 on the North side. The situation has changed slightly. Because the chosen portage path was long, they have abandoned that idea. Now they will just be posting "keep away" signs. But since the company had an obligation to install a path, they are taking the approach of looking the other way if a paddler wants to carry his boat through the job site. I understand they will not bother us a bit. However, when a friend went to check on progress, he was showered with welding sparks. Not a malicious thing, just some guys doing their job. So maybe you should carry your boat over your head! Work will go on until November.

The HCC Venture Crew is rolling along. We have had two inside meetings and two outside events. Check the web page if you want to know more. <http://sites.google.com/site/hcccw/> Every time I post anything about the crew, I get offers to help teach it. For now, we have enough adults. What we need are kids! Any boy or girl between 14 and 20 is eligible. Drop me a note if you want a Welcome Letter to hand to any young person that wants to paddle.

I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't make one more plea to find a newsletter editor for 2011. Jim has paid his dues, done his time, and is ready to move on to other goals. To be honest, I am excited to hear about some of his plans. But those plans do not involve further newsletter editing. So, if you think you can help with some small aspect of this publication, please talk with me.

Okay, I'm ready to go paddle. I hope you are too.

Dan Valleskey (danpaddles@gmail.com)

HCC-Whitewater Warehouse Pool Demo attracts 30 Paddlers

Over thirty paddlers met at Thatcher Pool on Saturday, March 27, for the 5th Annual Pool Demonstration. Bernie Farley and Jeryl Yantis of Whitewater Warehouse from Dayton, Ohio brought over two dozen boats for people to test paddle and play in including the new Jackson Fun series. They also brought two stand-on-top boards to play with.

Whitewater Warehouse is located in Dayton, Ohio and offers a selection of recreational, whitewater, and touring boats as well as a full line of paddling gear. They also carry a selection of [used boats and gear](#).

Last year, several HCC paddlers tuned up their whitewater skills by taking classes through Whitewater Warehouse. For example, they are offering an "Introduction to Whitewater" series, a Playboating clinic, and a clinic for intermediate Whitewater paddlers this April. Some advanced classes are taught by manufacturer professionals. If you are interested in a boat, gear, or classes, check out their web site at: <http://www.kayakdayton.com/>.



Jeryl Yantis showing Demo Boat to Sherri Guthrie



Eagle Creek Thursday Evening Paddles

Kellie Kaneshiro

Eagle Creek Tuesday evening paddles are moving to **Thursday!**

Changes have been afloat at Eagle Creek Park. Their popular Jazz concerts are moving to **Wednesday** evenings. HCC members get to paddle on Thursday evening May through September, think of it as a preparation for going on a great club weekend trip

Volunteers Needed: In exchange for the Thursday evening paddling privilege, HCC volunteers will help clean the Eagle Creek shoreline and one lucky volunteer each week will help with Eagle Creek's **Tuesday** evening canoe paddles for the public. These paddles run from 6-8 pm - June 1 through August 24. I'm pleased that several folks have already volunteered to help out. The park has asked that the HCC volunteer on Tuesdays provide basic paddling instruction. Don't worry—nothing complex since many folks who come to these paddles have never been in a canoe or kayak before! The only catch is that I do not yet know if they would like the volunteer to teach canoeing or kayaking!

If you're interested in helping with the clean ups or Tuesday evenings for the public, please contact: Kellie Kaneshiro at ecreek@hoosiercanoeclub.org.

If you're going to help with the Tuesday evening paddles for the public and would like to learn more about the program, we have the following invitation from Carrie Williams, Acting Co-Manager for Eagle Creek Park:

Please join us for a night of canoe refresher information. This will cover registration, safety, communication, and any questions or suggestions you can think of. Hoosier Canoe Club will again be partnering with us and provide a volunteer or two per class. HCC members are welcome to attend! This is not mandatory, just a good opportunity to touch base and see what we can improve. Please RSVP and if you cannot make it, I'll email the information and any comments that arise.

*Canoe Refresher Training: Earth Discovery Center
Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6-8pm (good chance you we may finish early)*

Why Eagle Creek Reservoir?

Joel DeLashmit

Some of us enjoy the exhilarating thrills of whitewater. Others enjoy the tamer streams of Indiana and some the endurance of touring. As members of the club, we all have a wonderful resource in our backyard, the Eagle Creek Reservoir.

It may not go to the extremes of whitewater or take the endurance of extended touring but there are many reasons why you may wish to join us on our weekly paddles this year. The reservoir contains over 1,300 acres of water with coves and headwaters to explore. Fast motor boats are rarely seen.

However, much wildlife can be seen. Over the past few years, we have consistently seen bald eagles, cormorants, blue herons, egrets, a variety of ducks and geese. So come out and join us this years to enjoy the beauty and nature of our weekly paddles at Eagle Creek.

2010 HCC Pass

Access directions for 2010 HCC Pass to Eagle Creek:

To access the 2010 Eagle Creek Park Pass, go to:

<http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/2010EagleCreekPass.pdf>

IMPORTANT: The Eagle Creek Park Pass is password protected on the Hoosier Canoe Club Website. Before you can display or print the pass, you will be asked to type in a password. Enter the same password that Dave Ellis has sent you last year to access the HCC Membership List.

If you have forgotten this password, please e-mail Dave Ellis (riverpapaw@aol.com) or Jim Sprandel (editor@hoosiercanoeclub.org). Please include both your full name and e-mail address when requesting this information since we will check you name against the membership list.



Learn to Paddle in 2010

If you are a club member and have been waiting for “the right time” to learn how to paddle a kayak, that time has arrived. This spring the HCC will offer an introductory training course suitable for all paddling styles. It’s designed to take beginners from clueless to comfortable as quickly as possible. The course entails two sessions, one evening session at Thatcher Pool and a follow-up session for additional practice at Eagle Creek Reservoir the following week.

Intended Students: Participants may be complete beginners who want to learn to paddle.

Expenses: There is a \$10 pool fee that must be paid when you attend the first session.

In addition, all students must be HCC members with a signed waiver on file prior to the first session. If you are not a member, Visit www.hoosiercanoecub.org and then click “Join Us” in the left-hand menu to get a membership application. The HCC’s membership fee is \$15 per year.

Registration: The class is limited to 7 students, first come—first served. If there’s significant overflow, we’ll look into adding more sessions at a later date.

To sign up or for more information, call Terry Busch at (317) 695-1825 or send e-mail to him at buschterence@sbcglobal.net.

Session 1– Thatcher Recreational Center, Wednesday, May 12, 2010

The first session gives you the foundation needed to get the most out of paddling and to be safe. The class will start with a “chalk talk” introducing basic paddling concepts, types of boats and paddles, necessary equipment and its function, and key safety concepts. We will then move to the pool to learn and practice some foundation skills for paddling. You will learn how to adjust outfitting; how to hold the paddle, entering and exiting the boat; basic strokes (forward, reverse, sweep, draw) and the beginning of body mechanics for boat control (using torso rotation, paddling “in the box,” leaning and edging.) Students will learn how to cope with a tip-over and be introduced to concepts of proper self-rescue and safe swimming.

Location: Thatcher Recreational Center, 4649 W. Vermont St., Indianapolis, IN

Date: May 12th , 6:30 to 9:00 PM,

Equipment needed: For this session, all you need is a swim suit, your PFD, and a towel. Students are encouraged to bring their own boats and other gear to this first session but are not required to. (Note: Thatcher asks us to make sure all equipment is completely clean, free of mud, sand or other debris.) We’ll have “loaner” boats and paddles at the pool. While no boat is required for this session, you will need to provide your own boat for the session at Eagle Creek.

Session 2– Eagle Creek Park, Thursday, May 20, 2010

While you can learn the basics at the pool, it’s hard to really get a feel for paddling. In the second session, we’ll hone what you learned at the pool and practice your strokes, stopping your boat, and boat control on a bigger body of water. In addition, we’ll talk about carrying your boat, paddling etiquette, and entering your boat. During the session, we’ll do slalom practice and possibly other games where you will exercise everything that you’ve learned.

This session will be led by Joel DeLashmit. Students must attend the first session to qualify for the second.

Location: Boat Rental Beach near Marina, Eagle Creek Park (Gate pass will be distributed at First Session)

Date: Thursday, May 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM,

Equipment needed: Kayak, paddle, PFD (must be worn), proper clothing for possible immersion (i.e., no cotton—While immersion is not planned for this session, it could happen.), and signaling device (Indiana Law).

Eagle Creek Triathlons

John Wainscott

This is a reminder that the first triathlon is Saturday, June 19th. I seem to fail to mention previously that for all those who participate as a safety boat get a free tee shirt. These are great high quality shirts that all participants get for the triathlon. Not only do you get to paddle you get a shirt for your efforts! Hope to see you at the triathlons.

John Wainscott
wldleak@sbcglobal.net



Open Water Rescue Clinic for Touring and Sea Kayaks Saturday, May 29, 2010

When paddling on larger lakes or the ocean, you get away from shore and you may capsize due to wave or wind conditions. When you capsize in these conditions, you have to be able to reenter your boat quickly. Joel DeLashmit will lead a clinic on solo and assisted rescue methods for touring and sea kayaks

To start the clinic, he'll discuss hazards associated with open water paddling and the personal equipment that you and your group should carry when you paddle in these conditions.

After the on-shore discussion, you'll get out on the water and practice rescues. Each student will practice how to wet exit, how to empty a kayak, how to swim with their kayak, how to do solo and assisted re-entries, and how to tow another paddler. You need to practice these techniques in calm water before attempting them in the conditions where you might need them. Knowing these skills, lets you approach bigger water safely and removes some of the "panic" if you capsize in more interesting conditions.

Note: This training is strongly recommended for all paddlers going out on open water. The trip sponsors for the Lake Michigan trips this year may require this or equivalent training before you can attend.

Course Details

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2010

Location: Eagle Creek Park Marina (You will have to pay a park admission fee of \$5/car to enter the park as well as an additional fee of \$3/boat.)

Schedule:

9:00 am	Meet at Eagle Creek Marina
9:15 am	Introduction/Shore-Based Training
10:15 am	Start on the water training
1:15 pm	Lunch – Questions/Answers

Required Equipment:

Touring Kayak or Sea Kayak (Should have deck lines and must have fore/aft bulkheads or flotation), PFD, Spray Skirt, pump, sponges, water, food, dry clothes

Recommended Equipment: (Please bring if you have.)

Paddle Float, tow rope, throw bag

Wet or dry suit if you have it. The air and water temperature should be comfortable in late May but we'll be practicing multiple rescues.

Materials Provided: Rescue Stirrup, Course Hand-Outs

Contact Information: If you have questions or wish to sign up, contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or (317) 257-2063 by Thursday, May 27, 2010 so that we have enough materials to everyone.

Moving Water Clinic for Canoes and Kayaks — Saturday, May 8, 2010

Goals: To help intermediate paddlers learn to safely paddle more challenging Indiana river and streams. This course is open to both kayakers and canoeists (tandem or solo). Garry Hill, Joel DeLashmit and Dave Ellis will teach on-the-water sessions for kayakers and Dan Valleskey will teach canoeists.

Trip to Practice Moving Water Skills: The club has set up an optional trip to the Whitewater River on the day after the class (Sunday, May 9) and students may want to take this chance to practice the techniques that they learn in this clinic. The trip announcement for this trip is on Page 7 in this newsletter.

Target Students: Participants must have enough paddling experience to already comfortably paddle in swifter water and currents. Students must have their own kayaks or canoes and paddling gear.

Course Description: This clinic will start with a bank-side talk but you will spend most of the day on the water. During the talk, the instructors will explain river features, moving water dynamics, and then how to use this knowledge while paddling the river. On the water, students will work on refining skills and increasing control.

Equipment needed:

- Closed-cockpit Kayak or Tandem or Solo Canoe
- Important** Each kayaker **must** bring a spray skirt and must know how to wet exit from their kayak before



coming to the clinic.

- PFD (must be worn)
- Paddle(s), water shoes, water bottle(s), sun screen, 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 Plan

Location: Fall Creek with put-in to be announced

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Course Size: 18 Kayaks and 6 Canoes. Students will be accepted on a first come basis. On April 15, the course was over half full so register as quickly as possible.

Registration: \$10/student registration fee. Please mail your check made out to *Hoosier Canoe Club* along with your name, E-Mail address, phone number, type of boat, and paddling experience to:

Sue Foxx, 5241 Whisperwood Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Notification of Details: The instructors will pick where the course will be held by Wednesday, May 5 and Sue Foxx will e-mail the location of the meeting place to all participants by the evening of Thursday, May 6. If you have registered and have NOT heard from her by Thursday evening, contact her at 317-363-4074 (cell), 317-543-0222 (home), 317-233-3598 (work), or sufoxx713@aol.com.



Paddle Fishing

Paddle Fishing

I have nothing to report on fishing as I am still recovering from a broken shoulder. Looks like it may be a while before I am back in the saddle in my yak. I am considering installing a trolling motor on my boat so I can get out in the water. If anyone has anything to report, say it on the HCC Bulletin Board or email [Jay Moyer](#) or [myself](#).

I observed an interesting fact in the Kayak Fishing Forum of the HCC bulletin board. Since 3/13/07, there have been 8 posts, 11 replies, and 3,993 views! How can almost 4000 people read posts on kayak fishing and not get involved? As I said in my previous article, "it is time we get out of the closet and admit our fishing obsession". Are all those people reading the post really interested in paddle fishing? Well time will tell.

Good Fishing,
John Wainscott (wldleak@sbcglobal.net)

Waveland Lake Fishing Trip Trip Sponsors: Jay Moyer

Saturday, May 1, 2010

On Saturday May 1st, my wife Gina and I plan on fishing Waveland Lake near Shades State Park. This little jewel of a lake has provided much enjoyment for us and hopefully the paddling anglers out there will enjoy it as well. We will be on the water at 9:00 am but if you decide to come later by all means come on out, put in at the ramp, and join us later in the day.

There is a nice fish cleaning house at the ramp and there are charcoal grills. If you want to fry up your fish, we plan on staying till the late evening. And if enough people want to, we can camp overnight and fish the next morning as well.

Please remember to bring your poles, life vest, and fishing license. If you have never canoe/kayak fished before, get on the HCC Bulletin Board and ask some questions on the [Fishing Forum](#) of the HCC Bulletin Board.

Directions: Lake Waveland Park is about 5.5 miles east of Turkey Run State Park on State Road 47, north side of the road, easy to find. There is a gate fee of \$5 per car for day use (if my memory serves me correctly) and DNR lake sticker which should be available at the gate (if not Turkey Run down the road should have them).

Contact Information: Please call Jay Moyer by Friday up until 11:30 pm and tell him if you plan on attending or to find if it has been canceled due to inclement weather. 765-376-6316



Flatwater Trip Announcements

Whitewater River

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Trip Sponsors: Richard Tekulve, Garry Hill

Traveling 96.9 miles, the Whitewater River drains part of thirteen different counties (ten in Indiana and three in Ohio). Although not the fastest stream in the state, it has the distinction of being labeled the "fastest flowing river in Indiana". From its humble beginning in southern Randolph County to its final descent into the Great Miami River west of Cincinnati, Ohio, it adds 1474 square miles along its course. With a gradient of over seven feet per mile, the river could be titled the "Impatient One". Always moving and never one to stand still, the stream is characterized by easy, continuous Class I rapids, challenging side currents, and numerous washed rock and sand/gravel bars. It is obviously one of the better rivers to test a person's moving water skills.

Our scheduled trip will be an old HCC favorite as "the Connersville Section" will be paddled this year. We will run 9.6 miles from the Waterloo Bridge to a newer (Fayette County Parks) Mahan Park Public Access which is 3 miles South of Connersville.

This trip announcement will be sent to several paddling groups from Cincinnati to Northern Indiana. Please contact either of the trip sponsors for any other questions.

Date: Sunday, May 9th, 10:00 am

Meeting Place: Connersville McDonalds—located on SR 1 (30th Street) on the far North side of Connersville (Delorme Atlas, page 47. B-8)

Best Route from Indianapolis: Take U.S. 40 East to SR 1 South, or Interstate 70 East to Exit 137, SR 1 South.

Trip Details:	Distance	9.6 miles
	Gradient	7.2 feet per mile
	Time on Water	3-4 hours
	Put-In	Waterloo Bridge at Co. Rd. 440 N.
	Take Out	Mahan Park Public Access Canoe Ramp at junction of 3 Mile Bridge and Williams Cr. (3 Miles S. of Connersville on SR 121)
	Shuttle:	19 miles round trip

Paddling Conditions: Fast flowing clear water with easy continuous rapids/riffles

Contact Information: Please contact us by 10:00 pm Saturday, May 8th if you plan to attend:

Garry Hill (765) 628-3155 (h), (765) 432-6782 (cell), garryhill@aol.com

Richard Tekulve (812) 346-7921 (h), (812) 592-0661 (cell), canoeindiana@yahoo.com

South Fork of the Wildcat.

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Trip Sponsor: Jeff Matthews

Come paddle the slightly smaller brother of the Wildcat. The South Fork drains Clinton and Tippecanoe counties as it runs west, then north to meet the main branch of the Wildcat trio. Running through farm and forest landscapes, it gathers considerable volume picking up water from several feeders—Prairie, Kilmore, and the Middle Fork along with smaller streams. Always good wildlife viewing, including sightings of great horned owls hunting during the day. Plus, eagle sightings are up from previous years.

The South Fork is a flat stream, but frequent tight turns and timber that seems to have legs require basic maneuvering skills. It may be May, but the water will still think it's March. Dress for the weather, but carry extra clothing packed in water tight bags just in case. All other club safety requirements apply.

I have paddled the creek down to 75 cfs. High water is always relative to the skill levels of the individual paddler. I will run the creek during the week prior to the trip (again) and make a determination regarding high water if it is an issue.

Meeting and Launch Location: We will meet at the access site on St Rd 38 east of Dayton. The take out will be Wildcat Park at the confluence with the Wildcat (North Fork).

Directions to Meeting Location: The Dayton PAS is located on Tippecanoe county road 800 E, just north of Hwy 38, at the bridge. The easiest route is I 65 to St Rd 38 (Dayton exit), then east on 38, 1.5 miles. Cross the creek and immediately turn left on 800 E. You will see the PAS at that point. Turn left on the first drive off 800 E. If coming from the east or northeast, using U.S. 31 as a reference, take St Rd 26 west to U.S. 421 at Rossville, then south to St Rd 38, and west through Mulberry into Tippecanoe County, and on to the bridge. Turn right on 800 E, then left at the PAS. Arrive by 10:00 am.

Trip Length: 9.5 miles.



Contact Information: Contact me by telephone or E-mail anytime for questions, and within 5 days prior to the trip to confirm your intent to be there. I can be reached at riverdog_46041@yahoo.com or 765-427-8499. If water conditions dictate a change, I will post on the Club bulletin board site Friday prior, and be at the put-in regardless, on the day of the trip. Thanks, see you there.

Driftwood River Trip

Saturday May 22, 2010

Trip Sponsors: Dan Evard, Linda Smith

The Driftwood River, flowing from the confluence of the Big Blue River and the Sugar Creek, winds through farmland with wooded strips bordering both banks. Our trip will begin in a secluded state wildlife preserve and continue through a part of Camp Atterbury wilderness area. Deer, beaver, heron, osprey and wild turkeys have been spotted along this area. We will travel from Furnas Mill Dam on the Sugar Creek to Heflin Park (8 miles) or to Lowell Bridge PAS (15 miles) depending on water flow. This trip is appropriate for all skill levels.

Meeting Place: The Shell Station at Exit 80 on I-65 south at the intersection of State Hwy. 252 and I-65 south.

Schedule:	9:30 am	Arrive at Meeting Place - The Shell Station at Exit 80
		Travel to Put-In
	10:00 am	Run Shuttle
	11:00 am	Start Paddling
	Lunch	Break
	4:30 pm	Landing at Take Out

Note: Those wishing to rent canoes or kayaks from Blue's Canoe Livery (812-526-9851, www.bluescanoelivery.com) and participate in the trip are welcome to do so. Contact Dan or Linda to coordinate.

Contact Information: Please contact one of us by Friday, May 21st to confirm your attendance and to make sure the water level is sufficient for this trip to be a go.

Dan Evard (317-753-1226, danevard@aol.com) or Linda Smith (317-450-5638, smit063@comcast.net)

(Canceled) Memorial Day New River/Gauley River Trip, WV

May 28-31, 2010

Shirley Gates indicated that she and John have canceled this trip.

Whitewater Trip Announcements

16th Annual Cheat Fest—Albright WV

Fri.-Sun. April 30–May 2, 2010

Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

This is the biggest event of the spring whitewater calendar. Dozens of HCC'ers come to Albright, WV to paddle, party and run into long-time friends at this classic festival with all it's great music and vendors. For local fans, this is as much a music fest as it is a paddling event. Proceeds go to restoring the Cheat River which at one time was listed among the most endangered in the country, running orange with acid coal mine waste.

Camping will be at Teters Campground next to the fest site. Hopefully, we'll have some folks down there early to grab a good site. This a boisterous event so if you want quiet camping you'll have to look elsewhere.

A group of Hoosiers will be there Friday to paddle. Based on numbers and ability, we may split into two or more groups each day. The Class III-IV Cheat Canyon is the main attraction but there's plenty of other paddling from the easier Cheat Narrows, Upper Big Sandy and Lower Yough to the demanding Lower Big Sandy and Upper Yough.

Our own "Big Drop" "Piano Man" Bob Heckler has a loyal following and will likely play Friday and Saturday night as late as the Teters folks will let him. Bring your "dance Crocs". Oh, and there will be "Kompetition Kayak Kornhole" on the lawn.

It appears that you can purchase festival tickets early online and save \$5. Check out the Cheat Fest website: <http://cheat.org/festival>

Be sure to check in on the [Bulletin Board](#) as the event gets closer to coordinate rides and paddling plans.

Contact Information: Post a note in the [Cheat Fest Thread](#) of the Bulletin Board or let me know otherwise if you are going so we can keep a count. Jordan Ross jross@iquest.net



Ridge Fest—Nantahala, Ocoee, Nolichicky
Trip Sponsor: Randy Parker (Orange Crush)

Friday-Sunday May 14-16, 2010

Ridge Fest will be held at Brian Aubin's house (directions below). We will plan on running the Nantahala, Ocoee, Nolichicky, or whatever else that might be running that weekend.

Come and party with friends, food, drinks, and entertainment, and help celebrate the Crush's 55th birthday that weekend. Our very own Big Drop will provide the entertainment hopefully with a little help from the Tennessee boys.

Directions to Brian Aubin's Cabin: Here are directions to Brian Aubin's cabin and Ridge Fest. South of Highway 129 on Highway 74, approximately 3.5 miles from where Highway 74 goes down to 2 lanes, take a right on Sky Ridge Drive. The cabin is located approx. 0.5 mile down hill on the left called The Ridge. If you get to the Amoco (Bud's Store) or the NOC, you have gone too far south on Highway 74. The phone number to the cabin is 828-488-1942.

Contact Information: If you questions, e-mail [Orange Crush](mailto:OrangeCrush) or leave a note for him on the Bulletin Board.

Class 2 Trip on Nantahala River
Trip Sponsor: Barry Welling

Friday-Sunday May 14-16, 2010

This trip will be held at the same time and location as Ridge Fest (See Trip Announcement above). However, this targets newer paddlers and will head to the Nantahala river—a Class 2-3 river while the group led by Crush and Big Drop will tackle tougher streams.

The Nantahala river is an easy class 2-3 river. It has a few class 3 rapids, most notably the benchmark Nantahala Falls. The river is a drop pool in character making for easy recovery should your roll abandon you. The river is easy enough that almost everyone can enjoy it, and if they so desire can be made quite challenging for those looking to hone skills for larger things.

The thing you should be made aware of is the notoriously cold character of the water. Since the water comes from the bottom of a lake, it's chilly even in the heat of summer, so dress warm. Dry tops or splash tops are strongly recommended for those unfamiliar with it.

Camping is right near the take out (just up the hill) at Brian Aubin's house, directions above.

Directions: See the "Directions to Brian's Aubin's Cabin" in the Ridge Fest Trip announcement above.

Contact Information: Call me if you're planning to paddle the Nantahala with me, or if you have any questions:
(317) 727 6237

Boater Chick Fest - Nantahala, Ocoee and Cheoah (NC, TN)
Sponsor: Susan Rapp

Fri.-Sun. May 21-23, 2010

Chicas, come on out and play at the Boater Chick 2010 Festival! Accompanying gentlemen paddlers welcome too. A squirt boat clinic and playboat clinics are being held on the Nanty and Ocoee this year. There is also a creeking clinic and the Cheoah Boatercross on the schedule as well! Beautiful rivers, fun filled kayaking, great music at night, a silent auction and a boat raffle mixed in camaraderie with fellow female paddling friends is what Boater Chick is about! The word is, if it's anything like the last two years it's going to be great! Plan on coming out.

Also, the website is currently down, but check out their Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=44651539257>

Camping arrangements are not definitive at this time. Please check the Whitewater Forum of HCC BB for updates!

Contact Information: If you are interested in this trip, please contact:

Susan Rapp (Indy Area Code) 289-7480 or ww@hoosiercanooclub.org.

Wisconsin Memorial Day Trip (II-IV)
Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

Sat.-Mon. May 29-31, 2010

Time to start thinking about this annual Wisconsin pilgrimage. Even in drought years there's always something to paddle there, unique rapids such as Sullivan Falls, The Dells, Monastery Fall, Horserace, Piers Gorge and Big Smoky. There are river choices for every skill level. This is a great destination for the beginner/intermediate paddler. Those energetic enough can easily do five river sections in three days and still have time to party with "Big Drop" Bob Heckler each evening.

Once again, we'll be based at the Bear Paw Resort: <http://www.bearpawoutdoors.com/index.html>, (715) 882-5302.



Contact them or go on-line to reserve your campsite or cabin. Other accommodations are available in nearby Langlade. There are rafting opportunities for families and friends on several of the rivers we will run. Call me if you need advice. See you all "Up Nort' Der"!

Contact Information: Post a reply on the Bulletin Board or send me an email if you plan to go so I can keep count of everyone. Check the bulletin board for updates in the week or two before the trip.

Jordan Ross, jross@iquest.net, (317) 460-7000

Touring Trips

Grayson Lake Trip, Ashland, Kentucky

Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, 2010

Joint Trip with CincyPaddlers, Elkhorn Paddlers, and HCC

Trip Sponsor: Todd Sullivan

This year, CincyPaddlers is partnering with the Elkhorn Paddlers (Frankfort) and Hoosier Canoe Club, some of the friendliest paddlers you'll ever find. While that's a lot of paddlers, it enables us to break down into subgroups of those who enjoy various paces.

Enjoy the magnificent, wind-carved sandstone cliffs, formations and waterfalls of Grayson Lake (near Ashland, KY). We go every year because it has to be some of the most spectacular scenery east of the Mississippi. See for yourself in these pictures from last year's trip: <http://tinyurl.com/y95yjg7>

This trip is the weekend of May 22-23, but you have the option of adding Friday. **Saturday, May 22**, we launch for a 12-mile flatwater paddle. That evening, we group camp and party nearby. It's tent camping with facilities. You will not have to carry your gear in your boat. **Sunday morning**, we do a seven-mile paddle in the most beautiful stretch. This is more canyon paddling than open water, so little concern about rough water. Still, there's some distance to cover, so I'd strongly recommend a boat of 12' or more, unless you're an exceptionally skilled paddler.

The optional Friday paddle is poking around the rocky coves of Paintsville Lake (south of Grayson). We'll camp at Grayson that night (add the extra night to your camping deposit below).

Signing Up: When we've reached the RSVP deadline (May 12), I'll send out a group email with detailed instructions/directions, and we can facilitate carpooling. RSVPs are accepted on a first-come basis. **Space is limited, so RSVP early to avoid being closed out.**

The only way to RSVP is to send \$8/person/night (your option is just Saturday or Friday and Saturday) to: **Henry Dorfman, 1409 Amesbury Dr., Cincinnati 45231** for the camping fee. (This is not refundable after May 10th).

Your RSVP must include names of people in your party, number of vehicles (contact me before mailing if you contemplate RV, boat trailer or anything else that takes up extra space), your email address and phone number.

The deadline for receipt of RSVPs is May 12 or when the trip fills, whichever comes first. This trip has never failed to fill, so earlier is better.

What you need: kayak, paddle, PFD, camping gear, food for on the water and off, and rain gear (you never know).

Contact Information: If you have questions, HCC members should contact Todd Sullivan at todsullivan1@mac.com. As noted above, mail your check directly to Henry Dorfman to register.

Carlyle Lake at Boulder Illinois

Thurs.-Sun., June 10-13, 2010

Trip Sponsor: Joel DeLashmit

Join us for an exciting journey through some areas of Illinois's largest man-made lake. The lake itself is 26,000 acres, 15 miles long and about 3-4 miles wide. The average depth of the lake is only 11 feet which means a slight breeze will produce 1 to 2' waves and, on a very windy day, I was told the waves can reach 7'.

One day, we will tour North of the causeway (active railway) at the Fish and Wildlife Area. The speed boats are not allowed to speed in this area. The Wildlife area is about 2.5-3 miles wide and about 4.5 miles long—5,800 acres. There are numerous islands and lots of shoreline to explore. Last year, we saw [several hundred White Pelicans](#). Over the course of the day, we saw literally thousands of other birds of many different species.

Another day, we may make some longer open water crossings to explore the far shore and some of the coves in the State Park. Join us for one or more days, I will be arriving on Thursday evening and leave Saturday evening.

Daily Trip Length: 10-20 miles

Special Requirements: Large waves are possible so decked boats with float bags or bulkheads will be necessary. Boat length should be a minimum of 12'. At times, the nearest shoreline will be about an hour away. Food, water, and medications will need to be on the boat with you. Rescue gear and self rescue skills are strongly recommended.



Agenda: Our first trip onto the lake will take place at 10:30am on Friday June 11. If you are not camping Thursday evening, Carlyle Lake is about 3-1/2 hours from Indianapolis. The campgrounds are very clean and have modern restroom and shower facilities. Our second trip will be at 10:30am on Saturday.

Camping Information and Reservations: Please call Joel to get specifics before making reservations.
http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Carlyle/Reservations/Reservation_Splash.htm

More Information on the Lake
<http://www.carlylelake.com/>

For a review of last years trip with pictures, visit:
<http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/showthread.php?t=3276>

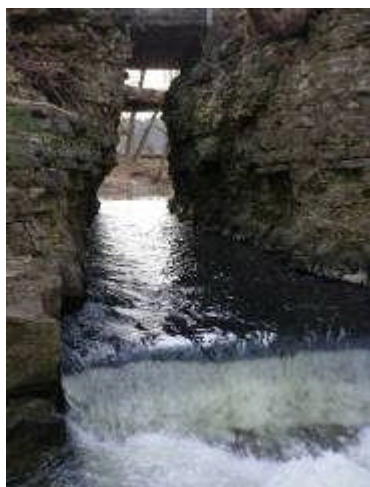
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Trip Report: Sand Creek, April 3, 2010 Brewersville to Scipio, Indiana

Richard Tekulve

Trip Sponsor: Rick Tekulve, North Vernon

Trip Participants: Frank Chiao, Mark Cowser, Laura Rutledge, Ian Pope, Dan Evard, Jim Sprandel, Linda Smith, Nils Parnell, Susie Megathlin, Mary Keith, Mariann Davis, and Theresa Kulczak, Jack Cavanaugh, Mike Galyan, Garry Hill, Ellen Popodi, Wayne Stearns and Richard Tekulve



Mill Race at Kellar Grist Mill

Eighteen HCC members journeyed to Southern Indiana to enjoy the always clear flowing waters of Sand Creek. Questionable weather conditions cut back the participation to about 1/2 of what was expected for the turnout. Also, lower water levels upstream forced the trip to be moved further downstream than originally planned. Nevertheless, the continuous limestone bluffs, rock formations, and mild rapids made for some easy laid-back paddling.

The route travelled took the group past five historical structures, some dating back almost two centuries. The put-in was just upstream from the historic Kellar Mill (1813) at Brewersville, one of Indiana's oldest mills. Continuing downstream, was the Brewersville R.R. trestle remains (1887), old State Road 3 Iron Bridge (1897), Geneva Ford Iron Bridge (1907), and the take out underneath the Scipio Covered Bridge (1886).

The total distance was 10.4 miles with a gradient of 4.4 feet per mile. A rain-soaked lunch break was soon replaced by clear, blue, sunny skies that characterize a typical Hoosier Springtime day. One of the highlights of the trip was the spotting of two heron rookeries. Of Sand Creek's 59.0 miles of flow, it is dominated by a continuous 34 mile section of scenic rock structures that is probably unmatched by Indiana stream standards.

Trip Report – Summit Lake, Saturday, March 20, 2010

Joel DeLashmit

On Saturday, March 20, nine HCC members, one guest, and one dog met to explore Summit Lake in New Castle, Indiana. The weather was pleasant with highs in the mid 60's. However, the water had not had a chance to warm yet and was about 37 degrees.

We started on the South shore and paddled East. We explored a few coves before heading West along the North shore. We stopped for a break on a beach area by Perch Island. After the break, we paddled parallel to the dam and around Big Island before following the South shore back to the launch site.

I recall seeing turtles, geese, several songbird species and the elusive Bufflehead ducks. Overall, we had a nice relaxing paddle of about 9 miles to welcome in the Spring of 2010.

Additional photographs are available in the [Photo Gallery Forum](#) of the HCC Bulletin Board.



Kellie Kaneshiro and Sue Foxx on Summit Lake

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June Newsletter Deadline: Please submit articles to Jim Sprandel by Saturday, May 15, 2010. Please e-mail articles and pictures to merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or call him at 317-257-2063.

