

# The Paddling News

Trumbull Canoe Trails

August 2009

## *Our President's Message*

Hi Folks,

Well the hectic, fast, cold water of spring has given way to the smooth, flat, warm water of summer. On these summer runs you should come to spend the day at a leisurely pace, enjoying the warm days and nice nights. Don't be in a rush to get through these outings. Take the time to just float along and enjoy the scenery, smell the flowers, dip your feet in the water and just relax. My tag line on our old message board was a quote I cut out of the paper a long time ago and was taped to the beverage fridge down the cellar where I keep most of my camping and recreational equipment, the authors name forgotten. The quote goes something like this: "If you're losing your leisure, lookout, you could be losing your soul." I think it's good for the "soul" to get out and do whatever it is you think is relaxing. Most of us have chosen paddle sports as the way to do this. Whether it's getting your mind off work, or the fact you may not be working at all, or just getting away from the same old, same old, you need your leisure time. So join us on our Moonlight Run or the Allegheny/ Foxburg trip this month for some leisurely paddles on the water. Your "soul" will thank you! Ed Trumbull Canoe Trails- For the People!

## **Trumbull Parks**

By Ed Rigby

Before our picnic last month at Canoe City, I went to check the park condition because I heard the funding had been cut for the Metro parks system. The park was a bit untidy. I picked up 2 trash bags of garbage and junk, cleaned up broken glass, raked up bits of papers and butts and shoveled out the grill. This was just in the area we were using. I also heard that Foster Park was in

bad shape too. I plan on stopping at Foster Park on the way to the Moonlight Run to see for myself. If need be, I'd like to organize a clean-up day at the Park sometime. This park was established years ago with the help of TCT members and I would hate to lose it to neglect. After all, it is named for one of our founders and member, Preston Foster. I'll give a report at the Moonlight Run.

Ed

## **Summer Camp Trip**

By Ed Rigby

The un-official summer camp trip on the Clarion will be on August 14th, 15th, and 16, going from Ridgeway to Clear Creek SP, about a 35 mile trip. Some friends and I have been doing summer trips on the Clarion for many years before I joined the club. For more info contact me, and check our website for updates.



## **Moonlight Run – August 7th**

By Nora Campbell

Our Moonlight Run will be held on August 7th (Friday) at 9pm at Pointview State on Lake Milton. Hot dogs and buns will be provided and you can bring some other finger foods to share. Don't forget to bring some type of light for your boat. Light sticks or some other type of glow lights work well enough.

Nora Campbell 330-538-0558

Directions

I 80 west to I 76 west, get off at the Rt. 534 exit left (south) on 534 to Mahoning Ave.

Right (west) on Mahoning Ave to South East

River road. Just before the bridge left (south) on South East River Rd. about 2 miles to Pointview Rd. on the right, Pointview ends in the park. Check our map on the website also.

### **Allegheny River -August 23rd**

By Ed Rigby

We will have a run on August 23 going from Emlenton to Parker on the Allegheny River. This run has been popular the last couple of years partly because of the beautiful and scenic river and partly because of the lunch stop at the Foxburg Inn. We will meet in Parker and be shuttled up to Emlenton to begin our float. A stop in Foxburg for lunch, and then float down to Parker to our waiting vehicles. The lunch in Foxburg can be varied according to what you want to make of it. You can eat at the Allegheny Grill with their excellent Sunday brunch, choose to go to the new pizza and sub shop for a bite, go to the winery and grab a bottle and a cheese plate, or head to the bar and have a micro brew and some appetizers. Don't forget the chocolate shop up the road. And it's all within walking distance of each other.

This year the club will pick up the fee for the shuttle for all PAID MEMBERS in the club. We still encourage you to bring friends along, but they have to pay their own shuttle fee. This is one of the perks of membership.

We may stop for a swim after lunch, or paddle up the mouth of the Clarion River where it enters the Allegheny and do a little more site seeing, or just lie on the shore and digest a little! It's kind of just do what you want after lunch on this one.

You will need to be at Canoe Parker canoe livery by 10:30am to give us enough time to load boats on the trailers. Shuttle leaves promptly at 11:00am. Captain Dick has a business to run!

Directions:

I 80 east to the Emlenton exit (exit 42) turn left and go a short distance to Rt. 208 and turn right (east), follow 208 to the bottom of the hill then

follow Rt. 268 along the river to Parker Canoe. Parker is about a mile past the Big Blue Bridge on the left.

Please let me know by FRIDAY, Aug. 21st if you are going, and if you plan on eating at the restaurant or not. I have to call to let them know a group is coming so they can seat us together.

Call Ed at 330-568-1619 or [earth16@aol.com](mailto:earth16@aol.com)

### **Picnic Recap Trip Report**

By Mary Kane

The Annual Trumbull Canoe Trails Picnic, held this year at Canoe City along the Mahoning River, was AGAIN, a smashing success! Thank you to our President and fearless leader, Eddie Rigby, who worked for HOURS getting the park "picnicable" by cutting grass, clearing debris and, most importantly, cleaning the port-o-potty! Ed also set up a perfectly sized 'canopy' to give us cover from the sun. Well done, Ed!! The club supplied the burgers, dogs and drinks, and members enjoyed a spread befitting kings and queens (who had a clean THRONE!)

In addition to myself and Eddie, other paddlers included Don Jessup (and his sea kayak everyone got to paddle), Alan Adair, Peppy Laasko, Betka Axe, Stan Shiderly, Jim Richards, Joe Johnson & his granddaughter Sydney, and Jonathan (who's friend Ray Anne made KILLER antipasto salad). Rich and Patty came but did not paddle because Patty was in a cast, Tom & Joan Griffiths and Don & Judy Moler also came but stayed ashore.

The paddle headed up the Mahoning River, a couple of miles past Eagle Creek. We paddled across 3 other kayakers (we hoped were not pirates), and we invited them to head to Canoe City for a bite of dessert. (They did stop and obtain membership information from Judy.) It was a beautiful day and a slight breeze assisted our paddle back for more "eats." Stan brought his laptop and we all enjoyed watching videos of the Beaver Creek paddle earlier in the spring. It was a beautiful day of friendship and camaraderie and we may





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