

The Paddling News

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CLUB OFFICERS

- Ed Rigby—President
- Mary Kane— VicePresident
- Patty Allen — Treasurer
- Betka Axe—Secretary
- Rich Allen—Trustee
- Preston Foster—Trustee
- Brad Adair—Trustee

Hi Everybody!

You know if you can't get out to actually canoe and kayak, the next best thing is to stand around and TALK about canoeing and kayaking!! And our group can do that alright! We will talk about boating, our schedule and more at this months planning meeting. Speak up if you have a favorite run but be prepared to lead it if you want it on the schedule. Now, I've got to tell you that some people have already been lobbying me for certain dates and runs and that's OK with me. I may have a few of the blanks penciled in on the schedule when we get to the meeting. But, as they say, "everything is on the table"

when we start the scheduling.

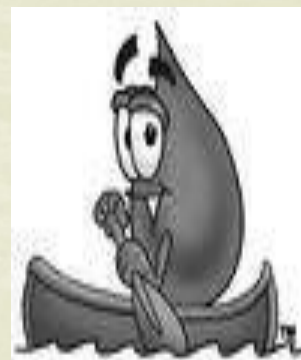
I want to thank you for letting me be your President again this year. I really don't enjoy writing stuff every month, but I do enjoy getting out with the people in the club and kind of being the cheerleader for the club. Our other officers this year are:

Mary Kane - Vice President
 Patty Allen—Treasurer
 Betka Axe—Secretary
 Rich Allen joins Preston Foster and Brad Adair as trustees. We can't have a club without people working together to keep it together!

We can look back at the history of the TCT at the next meeting also. We have some

old (late 70's early 80's) scrapbooks of club clippings and other interesting stuff Club patches and stickers will also be available.

See you at the meeting.
 Ed



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The two best reasons to buy a kayak rather than just renting are sunsets and sunrises. - Thomas P. Jones

Our planning meeting will be held at Frankie's Main Street Café @ 368 North Main Street in Hubbard, same place as the dinner party last month. We will meet at 2PM in one of the rooms in the back to set up our outings for the year. The club will provide some money for snacks and coffee (about \$25) but that might not go to far. I'm going to ask everyone

to pitch in another 2 bucks and I'll make sure we get some snacks. Of course you can order sandwiches or dinner off the menu if you want. Let's face it, 2 bucks is less than you would spend buying chips or cookies to bring to my house and it should be better. Frankie's will let us use the room for free, even if we don't buy anything, but we can't

bring our own food in unfortunately. And the parking should be better too. No one will have to move their car to let someone else out!

Please call or e-mail me by Feb. 20 if you plan to attend. 330-568-1619 or eartt16@aol.com. Thanks and hope to see you there.
 Ed

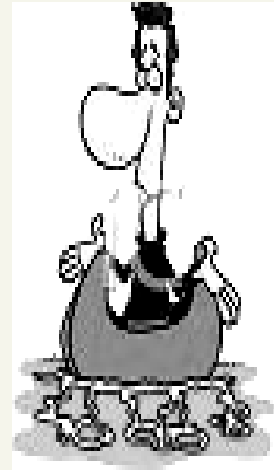
CHILLY CHILI RUN

I said in our last news letter that this run has a little bit of a "nut factor" to it, but it's one of the club's traditional runs. We had 20 "nuts" come out for this event and 12 of those went for an hour and a half paddle. The group went up the Mahoning and hung a right at Eagle Creek and went until a tree completely blocked the way. You could break ice in some places. It was a nice day for

December with temps in the mid 30's and calm with a little bit of sun shining through thin winter clouds. When we got back to Canoe City Park the others had the fire burning, the chili hot, and dogs almost done. There was also hot cider and cocoa, cornbread, beerbread, brownies, cookies, cheese and crackers. A fine winter picnic! Thanks for bringing all the good stuff everyone.

We hung out for another hour or more and kicked around a few ideas for 2010 and finished off the chili. Special Thanks to Judy for the 2 pots of chili. It was great.

Ed



The drive to and from the river is your most deadly obstacle on a paddling trip. Watch out for road fatigue, poorly secured loads, bad roads and deer! -- Thomas P. Jones

The annual "Procrastinator's Christmas Party" in January was another big success, as 31 people gathered for dinner, drinks, camaraderie and a meeting. Rich Ellers began as our speaker from the Mahoning River Consortium and he invited our club to join the day long paddle down the 23 miles of the Mahoning river on Saturday, June 12th, 2010. It is the 2nd annual "Get Outdoors Day" and he hoped to have biodegradable litter bags for all members of our club taking part.

Frankie's offered a limited menu for our club for dinner and everyone enjoyed their selections. A meeting followed dinner and our fearless leader (and President) Eddie Rigby again volunteered his house for the planning meeting on February 21st at 2 pm.

TRUMBULL CANOE TRAILS PROCRASTINATOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

That meeting will set our entire schedule for all trips this year and will instead take place at Frankie's Main Street Café (apparently, Ed's wife Eileen is NOT so fearless). For those who have not been to Frankie's, it is located just off I-80 on Main Street (Rts. 62 & 7) next to Auto Zone and across from St. Patrick's Church.

The election of Officers followed and Ed Rigby is still our President, yours truly, Mary Kane is still the VP, Patty Allen is our Secretary, and returning Trustees are Preston Foster, Alan Adair, and Brad Adair with Rich Allen stepping up to fill the vacant Trustee spot. New member Sue Delo is our new newsletter editor (Thanks Sue).

The evening concluded with the drawing for the door prize

which Ed Rigby won. Thanks to all who attended, and be sure to be at Frankie's on Sunday, February 21st for the club's planning meeting.

