

The Paddling News



Trumbull Canoe Trails

July 2009

Our President's Message

HI Everybody!

Its summertime and nothing says summer like a picnic! Ours will be coming up here soon, and I hope to see a lot of you there. We will eat, paddle, play some games and eat some more! We will also be holding a meeting, so anything you want to discuss or complain about, this would be the time to bring it up.

Our last meeting (planning meeting) was the first time I got to run a meeting as president and I found out I don't know squat about running a meeting. I mean what needs to be voted on and what doesn't? When do you make a motion for whatever? What are the yea's and nay's of a properly run meeting? Fortunately we have people that have been involved with more serious types of organizations (labor unions, teachers associations and park boards) that can help us out. The last group I was with was the Boy Scouts! Now some might ask why so serious about a meeting? Well, I bet a lot of new people don't know that we are not just a fun canoe club; we are actually a 501c non-profit organization! (Put that in your pipe and smoke it!). Because we collect and spend money there are certain rules we must follow to keep that status. Holding meetings and keeping good records is a couple of those things. We need to do those things to keep Uncle Sam happy because they do check on us once in a while.

Now I have a better appreciation for what each officer must do. I also learned what the trustees are supposed to do and why we have them. I thought a trustee was some kind of honorary position that you gave to long time members, but no, they are supposed to do some things that we may

discuss at the meeting. The only position I can't figure out what their responsibility is, is the vice president. Is their job to stay in an "undisclosed location" (I've only seen her once this year) unless the president dies? Hmmm... You better hope I stay healthy Mary, or you might have to do something!!! See you at the July runs.

Ed



July 12th - Picnic By Mary Kane

Our picnic this year will be at Canoe City on the Mahoning River in Leavittsburg on Sunday, July 12th beginning at Noon. The club will pick up the cost on burgers, dogs and soft drinks and we'll again ask everyone to bring a covered dish. Please let Mary Kane know what you'll bring ASAP and how many people will accompany you.

Canoe City is a small park on the banks of the Mahoning River and is located on North Levitt Road which is off West Market Street, Warren. It can be reached by taking the Rt. 5 & 82 bypass around Warren, then head east on West Market and turn left on N. Levitt Road, the park is on the left.

Call Mary at 330-534-3258 or email her at Skifaremare@aol.com ASAP.

Newport Lake @ Mill Creek Park **By Pete Milliken**

"Explore Mill Creek Park's Lake Newport, the Newport Wetlands and Mill Creek on Saturday, July 25. Meet at 10 a.m. at the East Newport Boat Launch, and Pete Milliken will guide us through the lake and wetlands and up Mill Creek to Shields Road and back. The wetlands are teeming with wildlife, including ducks, geese, great blue herons, deer and beaver. We may even see a bald eagle as we did on this trip last year. Call Pete at (330) 747-1471, extension 1284, if you need more information.



French Creek Trip Report **By Ed Rigby**

A big "Your Welcome" to all the people who thanked me for putting on this run and for the website comments and e-mails also. This section of French Creek sells itself though. I think the 18 people that went would agree. Franklin is a nice town with a boat launch area with good parking. Utica was an easy drive with a small but well kept boat launch area. It's a very scenic and fun creek. It was a little low (2.3ft) but we didn't have much trouble, just a bit of dragging bottom here and there. A few rapid sections (class 1+) were really fun and kept everybody smiling. Even the 2 guys in the canoe that went over (Joel's buddies) came up laughing. Good thing it was a sunny, warm day! You could choose to go left or right around the many islands on the creek also. Don't choose wrong! There was a riverwide ledge down near Franklin that caught some people off guard. It was about a 2ft sloping drop and the person in front of you just seemed to disappear for a second. We all made it over with a lot of, WHOA'S, yelling and laughing.

Many comments were made about doing this section again next year, maybe a little

earlier when the water is higher.
Thanks again to all that came to my run.

Carson's Landing Trip Report **By Betka Axe**

After a bad start due to the high water on the lake, we had eighteen boats on the river. There were four canoes and fourteen kayaks. Despite three phone calls to the Lake Milton State Park during the prior week, they did not mention the high water, or that the road down to the lake was blocked. But with a lot of help from the men, who carried all of the canoes and kayaks down to the lake, we then had a good trip up the river. Several paddlers were able to maneuver up past the rapids, but the current was too strong for most of us. We held to tradition when one of our kayakers tumbled into the river. But we got him out ok with some help from people on shore. After we came off of the river, we moved our dining up the lake about a mile to Pointview, where a pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone.



1000 Islands **By Alan Adair**

I'm often asked about where to paddle. We cover most water here, so let me point you northward. The Thousand Islands is the St. Lawrence River that is the boundary between the U.S. & Canada in New York that eventually flows from Lake Ontario into

the Atlantic Ocean. There are actually more than 1000 islands and the scenery there is stunning. The fishing is unbelievably great too. And you can see ocean going ships coming & going (HUGE BOATS) to & from the seas to the Great Lakes. Spent a week up there with one of my sons fishing and would like to go back. The places to paddle & explore there are mind blowing. There are cabins, camping, hotels or motels. If you are looking for a paddling trip, check out the area. Fantastic!!

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