

# The Paddling News



Trumbull Canoe Trails

May 2009

## *Our President's Message*

**H**i Folks!  
Here we are almost into May, my favorite month of the year. Maybe it's because of the warm days and cool nights. Everything starts to turn green again. Maybe it's because that's my birthday month. There's a 3 day weekend at the end of it too.

Well, I'm sitting here in late April looking over the stuff I need to get together for an overnight trip on the upper Clarion and thinking we are off to a good start this year. Three things about April...we have had new people show up at both runs that are great. Most people show up prepared for conditions, and the group showed a little spirit on both trips by going a little farther than planned (a few, not all). Then there is a camping trip.

Now we are going into May with some more good trips. May 2nd is Beaver Creek. That one sounds like fun! May 9th is the ACV River Classic canoe and kayak race in Emlenton. It is a fun race with a class for everyone, there is more on our web site. May 16th and 17th is the ever popular Clarion River at Cook Forest with camping if you wish.

Then there is Memorial weekend. We don't have anything planned, but I hate to waste a long weekend. Keep an eye on our web site for something. By all means if you have a run you want to do that weekend, or on the 30th or 31<sup>st</sup>, let me know or just put it on our site. I have a few places in mind.

May's going to be a good month, always has been!

Ed

P.S. Sometime around May 10th, Eileen and I are going to be gra...grand....GRANDPARENTS!!!

AHHHHHHH !

We only thought that was for people MUCH older than us.

## **Little Beaver Creek – May 2nd By Dustin Beach**

On Saturday, May 2nd - 11 am our next trip is on the Little Beaver Creek. We will meet at the Sprucevale access parking lot and will be paddling the lower section from Sprucevale to the RT 68 Bridge. The rapid just downstream of the Fredericktown bridge, Eagle rapid (class II), is the biggest on the creek. There are some other mild class I rapids on downstream. The stream bed is mostly rocky, with serious strainers being a rare occurrence. It will take approximately 3.5 to 4 hours for the 10.5 mile trip. Pack a sandwich & drinks as we will pull over to eat. Please call or email me by April 29th if you plan on attending the trip. Leave a message with your name, number and how many people. Thanks For directions go to this link:  
[www.trumbullcanoetrails.org/Gmaps/lbcs2rt68b](http://www.trumbullcanoetrails.org/Gmaps/lbcs2rt68b)

Cell: 330-766-1933 or email:  
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## Clarion River Run – May 16th

By Rich & Patty Allen

The section of the Clarion River we will be paddling is designated as a wild and scenic river. We will be floating about 10 miles of this beautiful river. Pack a lunch and bring the sun screen.

If you want to camp or stay in a cabin call Macbeths at 800-331-6319 or check the internet for places to stay at Cook Forest, but call quick they fill up fast.

**Meet:** at 10:00 am. On Saturday, May 16 at the Cook Forest Park Office.

**Directions:** Interstate 80 East to Pa. Route 66 North to Pa route 36 go east, about 7 miles to the river turn left at the bridge the park office is on the left as soon as you make the turn.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 9:45 pm call Patty and Rich at 330-542-2891 or email at rja1623paa@zoominternet.net we will be camping so call before May 15



## Trip Report - The Upper Cuyahoga River, April 4th

By Alan Adair

The opener was held on April 4 on the Upper Cuyahoga River at Russell Park. Five people showed up in 4 kayaks & 1 canoe. The day was cool but dry. We had high winds and high water with the river overflowing its banks.

We decided to paddle north to avoid the wind and open areas on the lower river. The sun broke out making it quite pleasant.

I jumped a groundhog, getting with-in 10 ft of him before he was spooked and ran off for his burrow. Birds were active but no blooms yet. This would be a better paddle in mid to late May with blooms and bird activity. Still it was an enjoyable day.



## Trip Report - The West Middlesex Run, April 18th

By Jim Bozdog

What a beautiful day! Fourteen boats paddled and enjoyed each other's company as we floated down the river. We enjoyed lunch alongside the rocky shore. One unintentional swimmer tested the water temperature, advising us to stay in our boats. Some extended the trip four more miles, which included running the rapids below Pulaski Bridge.

Thanks to Ed and to all who helped in the shuttles. See everyone on the next adventure.

## Correction to the Paddling Schedule

By Peppy Laakso

Change - The Moonlight Run will at Lake Milton Pointview Boat Ramp on August 7<sup>th</sup> with the Trip Leader being Nora Campbell

For Sale - I have a Baja Vinyl Dry Bag, Seal Line #30, brand new. Retail price \$24.95 Sale price \$20.00 or best offer. Call Peppy at 330 538-3271

## Events

By Ed Rigby

- Allegheny Clarion River Classic May 9th
- Solo Canoe Rendezvous June 12th – 14<sup>th</sup>

Check our web site for more information:

[www.trumbullcanoetrails.org](http://www.trumbullcanoetrails.org)



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