

The Paddling News



Trumbull Canoe Trails

October 2009

Our President's Message

HI Folks! In last year's October news was an outline of a man holding a rake and the caption said, "This is the TCT! Put the rake down and back away slowly!" That reminded me of an incident from a few years back. I'll tell you the story; it's true (mostly). The names have been changed to protect the innocent, and to protect the writer from getting smacked.

There was a couple whose husband was a paddling enthusiast. I'll call them Fred and Irene. One fine October Saturday morning Fred was looking at the paper, and he found out it was going to start raining on Sunday and throughout the next week. So he told his wife this and said he was going to go up to the lake and get a good paddle in while the weather was still nice. She said to him, "If it's going to start raining, you better get out there and rake up the leaves or you're going to have a big soggy mess by next week." Fred knew she was right. Fred was finding out she was often right. So instead of grabbing a paddle and heading for the lake, he headed for the yard and grabbed the rake.

After a couple of hours, Irene came out to tell Fred that lunch would be ready soon, and ask how it was going. "Not too bad" Fred said. "You know, this is good practice for paddling", he said. Irene had a puzzled look on her face. "Look" he said, "If you hold the paddle like so as you rake, it's like your basic paddle stroke. If I reach out to my side to pull leaves out from under this bush, it's like a draw stroke. And if I turn my back to the pile, reach out and pull it back fast and turn the rake and bring it back for more leaves, it's kind of like a "J" stroke and

recovery. See, almost the same as paddling and using the same muscles. O-o-o-k Irene said, "You have fun and come in when you're ready."

Fred finished up and headed in to have a beverage, maybe two because he did such a good job. As he sat down to have a sandwich, Irene asked if he was done with the front yard. "Yup" Fred said, "all done". "Great" Irene said. "When you're done with lunch, you can go "paddle" around the back yard for a while". Fred looked up and she had a great big smile on her face, then she busted out laughing. Oh no, Fred thought. In a moment of enthusiasm, he had let something out of the bag that he shouldn't have, and now it was going to be used against him.

And so for the next couple of weeks, as the leaves continued to fall, he would get a jab now and then like, "Looks like you can get some "practice" in the back yard. (ha-ha-ha). Looks like the front yard could use a little more "paddling" "this week (snicker-snicker).

The next year Fred bought a leaf blower!

Now, I'm not sure what the moral of the story is here. Maybe, don't mix work and play. Or, always let them (wives) see you sweat. Because you might get some sympathy and a back rub for muscles that got sore working, but never any for sore muscles gotten while playing!

But I know Fred. And I know that the leaf blower can't get everything. And when the rake has to be used, I, I mean Fred, likes to pretend he's paddling across the lake or down the creek as he rakes. He just doesn't tell the wife what he's thinking.



Trip Report – Presque Isle By Ed Rigby

Finally, we had a dry run at Presque Isle. It has rained there the last 2 years, but this one had some nice weather. We did the big loop through the ponds and into the marina bay, then out to Presque Isle Bay and followed the shore line around to the Perry Monument and back around to the canoe launch area. The bay was a little choppy but the wind was at our backs as we finished the 2 hour paddle. We had a little picnic after the run then split up to see different parts of the Isle .I stopped at beach 10 to watch the kites for a minute, some others stopped to see the lighthouse. And it wouldn't be a trip to Presque without stopping at Sara's for one of their vanilla- orange sherbet twist cones! Good stuff! I don't know why you can't get them around here with all the ice cream places we have.

I think we had 12 people for this run and we may have a new member or members soon from talking to people up there.

Ed

Trip Report – Allegheny River By Rich & Patty Allen

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Allegheny River, Kinzua Dam to Betts Park. Even with the threatening rain, the weather held up for our trip. We had thirteen people and nine boats on the trip. Some people came for the day, while others camped all weekend. The run had some wind but most of it was to our backs. There was some excitement by the rapids near the refinery. Most people got a little wet, but had a good time. Our thanks to Tom for driving all the way up there to do the shuttle so we didn't have to go all the way back up to the dam. The people staying in camp made a great canoeing weekend into a really great canoeing weekend.

Rich and Patty

Mill Creek Park – October By Ed Rigby

I just got an e-mail from Ray at Mill Creek Park to let us know about a few more outings at Newport Lake. They will be held on October 24th and 31st and on November 7th. He will post more info with start times on our website later this month.
Ed

Pymatuning Creek, October 18th By Ed Rigby

We will be doing a run on Pymatuning Creek October 18th. Meet at Andy Dorick Park on route 609 in Orangeville at 11:00 am. We may just go up and back on the creek from the launch area in the park, or we may put-in below the dam at the park and go down into Shenango Lake. I will have to wait and see what the lake level is just before the run and make a decision on which section to do. We WON'T be going up to Milligan Road to launch from the old bridge. Tried that a few weeks ago and found it very difficult due to downed trees.

We will also have a club meeting before the paddling begins. Anything you want to bring up for club business or to improve the club or anything else, you're welcome to do it at this time. Also, we will need the trustees there to go over a few things and maybe make some recommendations for club officers. Anybody want to be an officer next year?

Directions:

Route 7 north past Hartford
make a right on route 609 into Orangeville.
Park is on the left in downtown Orangeville.
Check our website map also.

Newsletter Editor Needed for 2010 By Jim Bozdog

I will publish my last newsletter this coming December and TCC needs an editor for 2010. I can share Microsoft format and files if needed. Please contact Ed or myself at jbozdog@zoominternet.net.



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