

The Paddling News

Trumbull Canoe Trails

September 2009

Our President's Message

Hi everybody!

Do you ever get out in your boat as much as you want to? I know I don't. But August was a pretty good month. A couple of day solo trips on the Shenango Lake, a 3 day camp trip on the Clarion River, and the Moonlight and Allegheny run with the club. Not too bad of a month for a paddler. And not a bad month for a paddling club! We had about 20 people on each of our last 2 runs and it wasn't the same 20 at each event. We have people that like the lakes, and we have people that like the rivers. We try to get everybody involved with a diverse schedule that will attract a cross section of kayakers and canoeists. We have had big turnouts at many runs this year including Shenango, Beaver, French Creek, Carson, and the picnic. Again, a mix of fast water, slow water and lakes.

Membership is up this year too. I was going through my canoe club files, which consist of a clipboard and an old notebook stuffed with papers, and found our membership roster from 2005. We had 30 individual and family memberships that year. This year we have 47! Some of this is due to our excellent website, but more often I think its word of mouth that get people interested. So as I have said before, tell a friend about the club, bring a guest, and hopefully the club will keep growing. The more members, the more potential trip leaders. The more trip leaders we have, the more trips we can have. Then maybe I can get out as much as I want to!

Trumbull Canoe Trails. For the People!

Ed

p.s.

Our good friend and fellow club member Tom Griffith will be undergoing treatment for cancer this month in Pittsburgh. Please

try to send a note or card to let him know your thinking about him and Joan.

Tom and Joan Griffith

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Presque Isle – September 13th

By Ed Rigby

Our next trip will be up at Presque Isle on Sept. 13th, meeting at noon, at the canoe rental area. We will paddle the Ponds and back waters of Presque Isle, then across the Marina Lake and into the bay and back around to the start. Bring a picnic lunch for after the run. What the heck, bring your swimsuit if it's hot or you can bring your bike to ride the bike path. The canoe launch is near the Perry Monument.

We are going to do this a little different because we don't have a trip leader for this one. Something came up and he won't be able to make it. We will just wing it and see who shows up. I'll post something on our website, and if anybody wants to volunteer to lead please post a message there.

Thanks.

Ed

Allegheny River – September 26th

By Rich & Patty Allen

WHEN:

Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.

WHERE:

Allegheny River; Kinzua Dam to Betts Park

DIRECTIONS:

East on interstate 80

Exit at route 8 north

Follow rt. 8 to route 62 east

Follow route 62 to Warren

Follow route 6 around Warren

Turn left on Kinzua Rd. and follow this to the dam.

The launch is at the beginning of the parking lot.

We will paddle from Kinzua Dam to Betts Park. This is about an 8 mile trip. We will meet at the dam and then shuttle cars to the park. Bring a lunch and something to drink. For those who want to camp, we will be camping at buckaloons on Fri. and Sat. nights. Contact us before Fri. the 25th. since we will be camping.

Moonlight Run Trip Report

By Ed Rigby

I would like to thank Nora for putting on a nice event for us on Friday night. I think there were 18 people attending. She brought hot dogs, buns and toppings, coffee and drinks, a fire ring and wood and a lantern. She also brought hot dog sticks and enough glow lights for everybody. The TCTer's brought an assortment of other goodies like brownies, pumpkin roll, cookies, chips and dips, cheese plate. The only thing missing was the moon for our paddle across the lake. It was a little cloudy.

It was good to see Preston Foster out paddling with Peppy in his "beater boat" (which is much nicer than any of my boats). The combined age in that boat was around 150, and yet they took off like it was 1970 something again! All we saw were glow lights heading across the lake.

The late night picnic and paddle didn't break up until after 12:30.



Allegheny River Trip Report

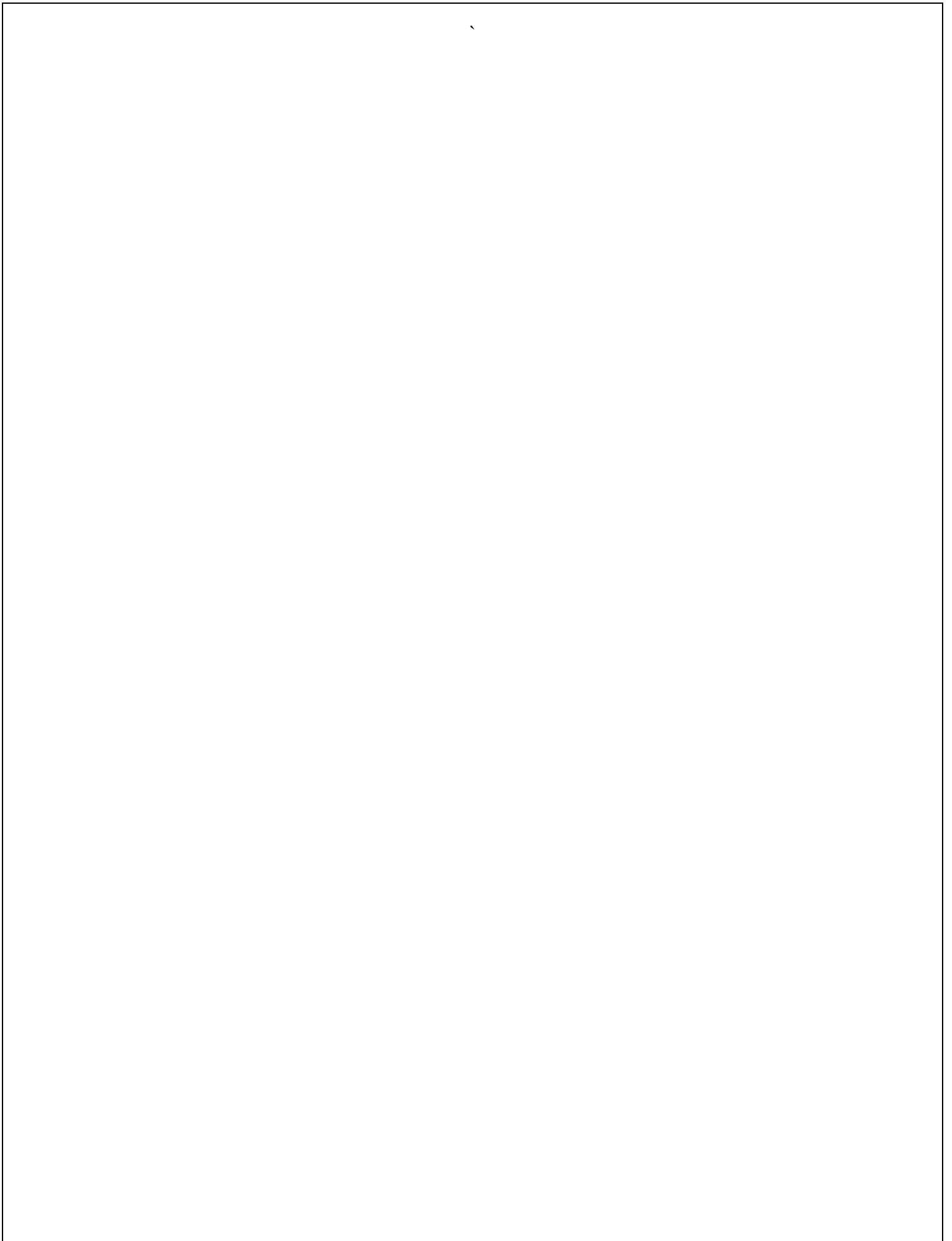
By Ed Rigby

Hey, another nice trip on the Allegheny. The day was a little cloudy, but the recent rains in the area left the river full and flowing nicely. You almost didn't have to paddle. Just float along. Good thing too. I took Eileen along on this trip. I told her for her birthday I would take her for a cruise and treat her to some fine dining. "I have to go with the canoe club if I want to eat at Foxburg, don't I "she asked." Ahhh, yeah honey". But I sweetened the deal by telling her she didn't have to paddle, and everything was OK.

It's a fun time though. The shuttle is a hoot, trying to get 20 people organized, loaded up and on the river. The river has some nice scenery. The lunch stop was great. The restaurant was ready for us and was able to seat us together. Eileen and I had the buffet and thought it was yummy. I was a pig (5 plates). After lunch a few of us went to the winery, some went to the chocolate shop and some just looked around the area. When we got back on the water, we split up at the Clarion River mouth with about half of us going up the river a little ways. It was amazing how quiet it got only a few bends from the Allegheny and away from the road. We paddled for about 20 minutes and then turned and headed back to Parker and our cars.

Thanks go out to the 20 people who came out to support this run. Big groups are a lot more fun. The shuttle and restaurant people like to see our group come to town also. And if the water is up next year, like it was this year, we may have to try the 12 mile trip again. Whadda ya think?

Ed





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