



In The Year 2013

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Early March found part of the club up in Madison Wisconsin for the annual “Canoecopia”. It’s the largest paddle sports expo in the Midwest. Great seminars and spending money on new gear were the highlights of that trip. Near the end of March we paddled the Kokosing River in beautiful, record setting temperatures and the water level was great. The Kokosing is a wonderful, centrally located stream, perfect for paddlers from novice to advance.

April was on Ohio Brush Creek in Adams County. A new adventure for me and paddling new streams and rivers is what it’s about. The now drought conditions in the state was rearing its ugly head. Poor Liz put some deep gouges in her carbon fiber canoe thanks to rocks and stones. It rained some later in the trip but not enough to help.

May was also on a new river for me. We put in at the spillway on Indian Lake and canoed the Great Miami River down to the Oakdale Campground. The next leg of the weekend took us to the city of Sidney. The upper Great Miami is secluded but the lower sections have major cities along it like Piqua, Troy and Dayton.

June was very hot and dry. Jock had scouted Symmes Creek in the southern portion of the state but had to change venues. Symmes Creek was way too shallow so Jock moved the trip to the Hocking River. That Friday evening was when a major storm hit the state, downing trees, power lines, etc. Paul and Harold both reported detours around blockage on state highways causing extra travel time. Paddling in 95-100 temperatures can really question a person’s sanity.

July’s outing was on the Tuscarawas River where again water levels dictated the trip. We only made 6.5 miles of paddling for the weekend but we then spent time in Zoar Village learning about history. Harold treated everyone to movie night, showing paddling films on a laptop computer.

August and the Mad River always goes together. The spring fed Mad has water even in the worst of years and it did not fail us. We welcomed new members Steve and his daughter Erica on that trip.

September was also a new adventure for me. Wil planned a trip on the upper Little Miami River. We camped at John Bryan State Park and shuttled to a put in just west of Xenia. The river was low but solo paddlers fared OK. Not the tandem folks. Lots of walking in spots. The Little Miami is pretty secluded for being in such a heavy populated area of the state.

October was Ted’s annual Little Miami trip. The section we usually paddle in the fall. We couldn’t ask for better October weather and the river had a couple inches of extra water for us. I can now say I have paddled from Xenia all the way to Morrow, Ohio.

The annual planning meeting in November saw 15 members present. We had a two and a half hour meeting. The longest since I have been a member. But we did accomplish a lot, especially on the 30th reunion gathering we are having this year.

One of Wil’s favorite sayings is “It’s great to be us” and I couldn’t agree more. Good friends, paddling and eating makes for a wonderful weekend and for those of you who we haven’t seen in a while, just remember: “A bad day canoeing beats a good day at work!!” Hope to see everyone this year when we again paddle:

“Around the Bend.”

Tony

2013 Trip Schedule

It's time to mark your calendars and gear up for another exciting canoeing season. If you have any questions about a planned trip or if you want to schedule a trip, call any number below. You can also send an e-mail to manager@ohcra.org and we will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Let's get on the water and see what's "Around the Bend"

| <u><i>Date</i></u> | <u><i>Location</i></u> | <u><i>Contact</i></u> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| March 22, 23, 24 | St. Mary's River | Wil (419)234-7380 wib@wcoil.com |
| April 18, 19, 20, 21 | Black Fork Mohican River camp along the river | Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com |
| May 16, 17, 18, 19 | Maumee River camp along the river | Tom (419)388-0693 tsburger@windstream.net |
| June 21, 22, 23 | Paint Creek | Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net |
| July 19, 20, 21 | 30 Year Reunion - Indian Lake | Wil (419)234-7380 wib@wcoil.com |
| August 23, 24, 25 | Lower Mad River | Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net |
| September 20, 21, 22 | Allegheny River, PA camp along the river | Liz (440)799-1881 eclingman@sbcglobal.net |
| October 11, 12, 13 | Adirondacks, NY | Larry (330)461-2346 lmorton001@roadrunner.com |
| October 18, 19, 20 | Whitewater River, IN | Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net |
| November 3 | Annual Trip Planning Meeting ODNR Complex, Morse Rd. Columbus, Ohio | Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com |

Check the website regularly for updates on upcoming trips.

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OHCRA 2012 PLANNING MEETING NOTES

OHCRA Members Present:

Tony & Alice, Jock & Debbie, Harold & Laurie, Ted & Connie, Wil & Gloria, Tom & Sharon, Steve, Larry & Sophie

Treasury Report:

Tom read and provided copies of the Treasury Report. OHCRA's balance as of 10/30/12 in the checking account is \$1937.33. After income and expenses we had a deficit of \$74.10 for the year. The CD value is \$5500.

Old Business:

Ted read the minutes from the 2011 Planning meeting. Following is the status of issues remaining from that meeting:

- There was some discussion related to the revised brochures. Tony will look into making them available to print from the website.
- Harold provided an update on Paul Wood. Some members talked with Paul on the phone after the meeting. Paul says he is doing okay.
- OHCRA 30 year reunion outing (Wil). This is discussed in detail below.
- Membership was discussed. We went through the list and eliminated a few names.
- Wil presented the extensive progress he has made on the event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first Across Ohio Adventure. The following are a few key points discussed with results:
 - The dates were previously set for July 19 thru 21, 2013.
 - Location is Indian Lake, OH.
 - Wil has an option to stay in 2 cottages with a carriage house overflow that can accommodate about 25 people.
 - Cost will be \$20/person or \$30/couple. This includes a full hot breakfast cooked by the cottage owners. It was agreed to accept this option.
 - An option for camping at the campground was discussed, and accepted, to provide for canoe equipment for those wanting to canoe or camp vs. the cottages.
 - Meat options were discussed. It was decided that Tony will obtain pulled pork for the main dish. Side dishes were selected which Wil will obtain.
 - It was agreed that OHCRA would pay for the food, invitations and leather canoes, and individuals would pay for their lodging (cottage, camping or other), and shirts.
 - It was agreed that the invitations (Jamie/Wil) would go out soon with an RSVP date of 3/15/12. A form (Wil) for ordering T-shirts and Hoodies and choice of camping or cottage, etc., will be attached to the invitation. Payment to OHCRA required to be returned with invitation.
 - Activities:
 - Friday – arrival and get together for hello's, reminiscing, etc. All should bring photo albums, slides, videos, etc., for sharing.

- Saturday – breakfast at 0800, shuttle at 1000 for those interested in boating, more camaraderie and reunion. Saturday evening – dinner and more hellos’, reminiscing, etc. All should bring photo albums, slides, videos, etc., for sharing.
- Sunday – breakfast at 0800, nothing else planned.
- All will receive a small leather canoe as a memento from the reunion.

New Business:

- Jock made a motion that OHCRA give a copy of the “Basic Canoeing Handbook” to Erika (Steve’s daughter), in appreciation of her effort and to foster her interest in canoeing. All agreed and a copy was signed by those present and given to Steve.
- The 2013 trip schedule was discussed. The resulting schedule is attached.

2013 Proposed Trips/Schedule:

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| January | Nothing Planned | |
| February | Nothing Planned | |
| March 22/23 | St Mary’s | Tony/Wil/Steve |
| April 18-21 | Mohican, Black Fork | Wil/Tony |
| May 16-19 | Maumee (IN) | Tom/Tony |
| June 21/22 | Paint Creek | Tony/Ted |
| July 19-21 | 30 th Reunion (Indian Lake) | Wil (others) |
| August 23-25 | Mad | Ted |
| September 20-24 | Allegheny (PA) | Liz/Tony |
| October 18-20 | Whitewater (IN) | Ted |

(Larry & Sophia will be going to the Adirondacks again in October. All are welcome to join them, as they will help anyone with shuttles, etc.)

November 3, 2013 11:00 AM OHCRA Planning Meeting in Columbus, OH Tony

Please suggest any other rivers (in or out of Ohio) that anyone is interested in doing!

Our Passion

If you find yourself longing to know what river travel in Ohio was like or are just looking to spend some time outdoors, OHCRA can answer those interests and curiosities for you.

Members have found that river travel is an excellent way to capture a sense of Ohio's history. Participating in OHCRA events offers an eye-opening look at the natural beauty of Ohio. Through first-hand experience members grow to understand the dependence Native American and European explorers had on river travel in Ohio.



Visit Our Website:
<http://ohcra.org/>

Or Contact Us:
manager@ohcra.org



OHCRA membership will provide an opportunity for you to gain more knowledge about the rivers of Ohio while having fun paddling and camping with others. We meet once a month on various waterways in Ohio. So bring your canoe or kayak and join us.

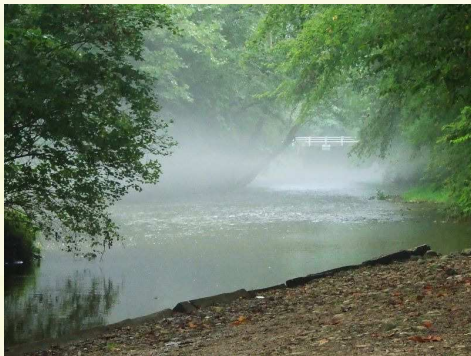
OHCRA Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association



Join Us



Members' canoes on the Cuyahoga River



Foggy morning on the Mad River

OHCRA Membership Form

Return to:

**OHCRA c/o Tom Burger
11071 State Highway 109
Delta, Ohio 43515-9754**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name of spouse, children:

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

One-time initiation fee: \$10.00
(includes entire family)

OHCRA T-shirt: \$10.00*
(Adult sizes, please circle size)
MED LARGE XLG XXLG

*Please add \$3.00 for shipping on T-shirts

Tax deductible donation \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____



My Interests are: (check all that apply)

___ History ___ Natural History

___ Day Trips ___ Extended Trips

___ Fishing ___ Hunting

___ Historic Tours ___ Canoeing Skills

___ Re-enactments ___ Geocaching

As a member you can help increase the public awareness about the important role the rivers of Ohio have had on our past. You can also help explain the need to preserve these rivers.

CANOEING PADDLE STROKES:

- Forward stroke – Back stroke
- Superior stroke – Sweep
- Indian stroke – Pitch stroke
- Pry stroke – Running pry
- Sculling draw – Reverse scull
- Draw – Cross Draw
- J Stroke – C-stroke
- Push-away stroke –

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canoe_paddle_strokes

Who knew there were so many strokes to choose from? As kayaking is over taking the paddle sports world, canoeing techniques such as the above canoe strokes are rapidly diminishing.

The younger generation doesn't appear to take to the water and woods as willingly as generations past. Video games and cell phones do not always work in the "boonies" and I know my adult kids feel naked without their cell phones.

So the question begs answering, how do we draw more children, teenagers and young adults into the canoeing scene? My answer a few years ago was the website. By keeping trip reports with pictures accessible to anyone and everyone I thought interest would grow. I even started a Facebook page but I admit to not knowing much about that and not keeping it up to date.

Joining a canoe club really brought awareness of many different aspects of the sport more into focus for me. Not only did I learn from others in the club, I think some may have learned a few things from me.

So members, please help me help us by talking to and persuading new members of ALL ages to join us for an outing. Let new folks see the beauty of Ohio from a river and maybe the next generation can keep OHCRA alive for many years to come. We have made 30 years, let's shoot for another 30!!



Brochure

The preceding page is the club's newest brochure thanks to Jamie. There is a link to it on the website under the membership tab. Anyone wishing to print it, fold it in thirds and distribute it to garish new members is more than welcome to do so. Let's get the word out about OHCRA.

Reunion

OHCRA is celebrating 30 years this year and a reunion of all past and current members is being planned. In July we are meeting at Indian Lake to share stories and pictures of the past and paddle.

Jamie and Wil are working hard on pulling it all together and invitations will be sent shortly. Please respond so we know who is and who is not coming. We plan to have a great weekend and do not want anyone to miss it. See "ya all" there.

OFFICERS

President – Tony Sands

Secretary – Ted Spradlin

Treasurer – Tom Burger

Assistants – Harold Scobie, Paul Kerlin



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OHCRA Membership

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Name: _____ Date: _____
 Name of spouse, children: _____
 Address: _____
 _____ Zip: _____
 County: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

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| One-time initiation fee (includes entire family) | \$20.00 |
| OHCRA T-shirt (Adult sizes) | \$10.00 |
| Tax deductible donation | _____ |
| Total enclosed | _____ |

My Interests Are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-enactment's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural History | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting, Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Day Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing Skills |