



In The Year 2008

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The early afternoon sun was hot, streaming through the windshield of my pick-up truck as I drove to the OHCRA meeting spot.

I loaded the gear and the canoe the night before and went to work for half a day this Friday. The 4 hours went slow, as I knew what fun the weekend had in store for me. At 11:30a.m. I punched the time clock and was on my way, with visions of cool, clear water gliding under my Wenonah solo canoe. There would be green, tree lined banks, shading the springtime sun from burning my winter induced, white fair skin. The smell of a campfire fills my memory. For a second I really thought I did smell oak burning.

Ah, but first I still have the 2 hour drive to the Friday night camping spot.

I'll be there in no time, setting up my tent and picking out a good spot around the campfire for my lawn chair. That favorite hot or cold beverage will soon be in my hand as I'll settle down for a nice relaxing evening, shooting the "bull" with the rest of the crew that'll be on deck for the weekend trip.

I'm sure Jock, the human alarm clock, will be there. Treasury Paul will have a past memory to share and Ted, hopefully with maps to ponder over, will also be on hand. And George, maybe Ron and Paul K. Harold will have us pondering some far fetched scheme and Wil will pull in after dark. Larry & Sophia may be there with their American flag proudly perched in the bow and Jonathan with his children, laughing, while splashing in the river water.

But is that ALL???

I haven't met all the members of the association. Not many show up these days.

But hopefully this year will be different, and I'll get to canoe with many more of you folks. We can canoe at our own pace. If someone canoes faster than you or I, then they'll just wait longer at the shuttle point. It'll be fun. I can't wait for ya all to join me for some great canoeing and comradery.

See ya on the river.

Anonymous

A bad day canoeing,



Beats a good day at work!!

2007 IN REVIEW

We started the canoeing season in March with the Mohican River. It was warm for March 24 but also very wet. The swollen Mohican River prevented us from canoeing on Saturday, so we ate and played games instead. Two of us did canoe a 10-mile stretch on Sunday with Irv, the journalistic tour guide that joined us for the weekend.

April found us again at the Greenville Creek where the weather was beautiful and the water even better. New member Guy joined us for the paddle.

May was the Olentangy River from Delaware downstream to Columbus. The water levels were starting to drop but there was still enough to keep us happy. For being so close to Columbus, the lower Olentangy is a nice paddle.

June took five of us up to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota where lots of lake canoeing and portaging awaited. What a way to spend a summer vacation. I love the area but some members (I will not say who) despised portaging so the phrase “Shut up and Portage” was created. If five guys can spend eight days in the middle of nowhere with each other and not want to kill one another, that shows how tight knit we are as a group.

July had Jocks annual “White Mans Fire” and the hospitality he and Deb always provide. We also managed a short paddle on the Hocking River from ten miles north of Logan, back to town. The lack of rain was really starting to affect the rivers.

In August, we tried to paddle the Paint Creek-Rocky Fork area but water levels were way too low to even attempt it. We camped at the Great Seal State Park and attended the Tecumseh drama on Friday night. Saturday afternoon we went to the Ross County Fair and had a wonderful time. It was so hot on that weekend that after the fair we just sat around eating and playing cornhole and sweating, even in the shade.

September was Ted’s Little Miami River outing. Canoeing after Labor Day really makes a difference in the amount of canoes on that river.

October was on the Walhonding River where we had three new members join us. Judy, Mike and Nancy. A short 8-mile paddle was accomplished and most members went to the Roscoe Village Apple Butter Stirrin Festival.

All in all a great 2007 paddling season. As always, there was lots of good food, fun games, great company, oh and of course canoeing. The pace has slowed somewhat from when I first joined OHCRA and that is a good thing. We can always schedule a long and short trip on each of the outings if anyone is interested. So there really is no reason not to show up for a planned weekend of fun, whether you chose to canoe or not. There is always something we can do to make your weekend enjoyable. So don’t just sit around the house all summer, get your butt outside and joins us as we paddle “Around The Bend”

Tony

President for Life (As they tell me and whose life are they referring to anyways?)



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2008 Trip Schedule

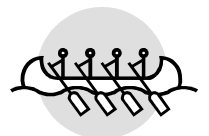
It's time to mark your calendars and gear up for another exciting canoeing season. If you have any questions about a planned trip or if you want to schedule a trip, call any number below. Or you can send an e-mail to manager@ohcra.org and we will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

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>
January 19/20	Old Mans Cave Annual Winter Hike	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
February 16 or 23	Winter In Michigan	Lance lancealot111@yahoo.com
March 7/9	Canoecopia Madison, WI http://www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
March 15/16	Little Auglaize / Auglaize Rivers	Wil (419)695-0411 wib@wcoil.com
April 19/20	Little Beaver Creek	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
May 17/18	Big Darby Creek	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
May ??	Buffalo River, Ar	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
June 21/22	Big Walnut Creek	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
July 19	White Mans Fire	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
July 26/27	Buckeye Lake	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
August 16/17	Mad River	Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net
September 13/14	Grand / Cuyahoga Rivers	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
October 11/12 or 18/19	St Joseph River	Wil (419)695-0411 wib@wcoil.com
November 9	Annual Trip Planning Meeting	ODNR Columbus, Oh



There are more than half a million styles and sizes of camping tents



OHCRA - Planning Meeting Minutes - 11/18/07

Members Present:

Ted, Connie, Harold, Laurie, Tony, Jock, Paul K, Paul W., Wil

Old Business:

There was no outstanding old business

New Business:

Paul Wood presented the Treasury Report. We had some income this year due to a few new members and sale of inventory. Income about covers cost of newsletter, etc.

Lot's of discussion was held regarding 2008 trips. There was strong desire to do some different rivers, especially by a few that have not done several of the streams in Ohio. This was the approach taken in choosing the 2008 trips. Below are the proposed trips/events and dates for 2008.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Stream or Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>
January	Hocking Hills Winter Hike	19/20	Jock & Debbie
February	Snowmobiling in Michigan	16/17 – 23/24	Lance
March	Canoecopia in Wisconsin	7-9	Tony & Alice
March	Auglaize/L. Auglaize	15/16	Wil
April	Little Beaver	19/20	Harold & Laurie
May	Big Darby	17/18	Jock
May	Buffalo River (Ark)	??????	Harold & Laurie
June	Big Walnut	21/22	Tony
July	Buckeye Lake Pub Paddle	26	Ron & Tony
July	White Man's Fire	19	Jock
August	Mad	16/17	Ted & Connie
September	Grand (Cuyahoga)	13/14	Harold & Laurie
October	St. Joseph	11/12 – 18/19	Wil
November	Planning Meeting	9	Tony

The Hocking Hills Hike will be a non-canoeing fun weekend. Expect to stay in cabins, etc. Watch website for details.

The snowmobiling outing will depend on details worked out by Lance. All are urged to come that can and are interested. It's been a while since an OHCRA winter outing, so we wanted to schedule one, especially since we had an OHCRA representative in Michigan. Watch website for details.

The "Canoecopia" is canoe convention of sort. Lots of trade goods etc. Call Tony or see website for details.

The Buffalo is a trip that Harold & Laurie are doing anyway, so it was thought that we could make another OHCRA out-of-state event out it. Watch website for details.

The Buckeye "Pub Paddle" is a pending event. A great time was had last time it was done with the "voyager" canoe. Watch website for details.

Since we all can't make every outing, everyone is welcome to add more options and relay that to Tony so it can be put on the website. Some may be able to make different trip times than was agreed on for those listed. So, plan more trips!

Timely Matters

By John Foshee

(Reprinted from Paddling Magazine 1985)

Ever been out on a river late in the day and wondered how much time you had before the sun dropped out of sight? If so, here's a quick – and surprisingly accurate – way to figure it out.

Face the sun and point your fully extended arm at it with your fingers together and your hand held as if you were covering your eyes. Block out the sun so that the top edge of your forefinger just covers the sun's upper rim. Now count how many of your fingers it takes to fill the space between the sun and the horizon. Each finger represents about 15 minutes.

Remember, this is not the time until darkness, just the time to when the sun will vanish below the horizon. And your calculations apply only to the spot where you first made them; if you used a hill as your horizon line, for example, and then paddled out into an area with a lower horizon, you'd obviously have more time before the sun dropped from view.

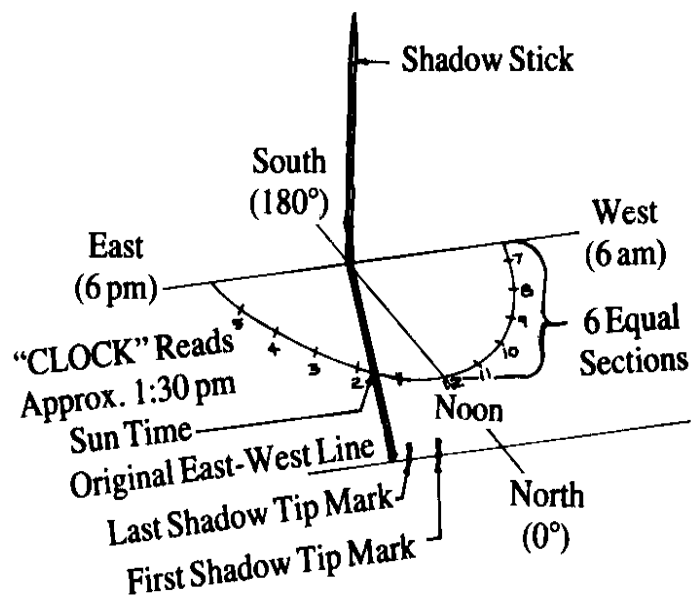
Now that you can *predict* time left, here's a good way to *tell* time without a watch. Not only is it a help if you really need to know the time and haven't a watch, but it's also a great way to overwhelm your fellow paddlers with your vast knowledge of trivia!

You'll need a compass. Orient it so that the needle is lined up with North. Your North mark (0°) functions as 12 noon; East (90°) is 6 p.m.; and West (270°) is 6 a.m. Mentally visualize this 12-hour period divided into 12 equal sections, each representing one of the hours between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. This is really very simple, as each 15° mark will serve as one hour. You now have your clock face.

With the sun falling on the compass, hold a small, straight stick (a safety match works well) vertically over the pivot pin of the compass needle. You can read the time by seeing where the sun casts the shadow on your "clock face." (This of course, is simply a reversal of using a watch face as a compass.)

No compass? There's another way of telling time that's almost as simple, provided you have about 15 or 20 minutes to spare – how about an impressive lunch-stop feat?

Place a three – to four-inch-long straight stick vertically into the ground in a flat, sunny place, and use a pebble or peg to mark the very tip of the shadow it casts. (A shorter, thin stick will cast a sharper shadow and be easier to work with, but the



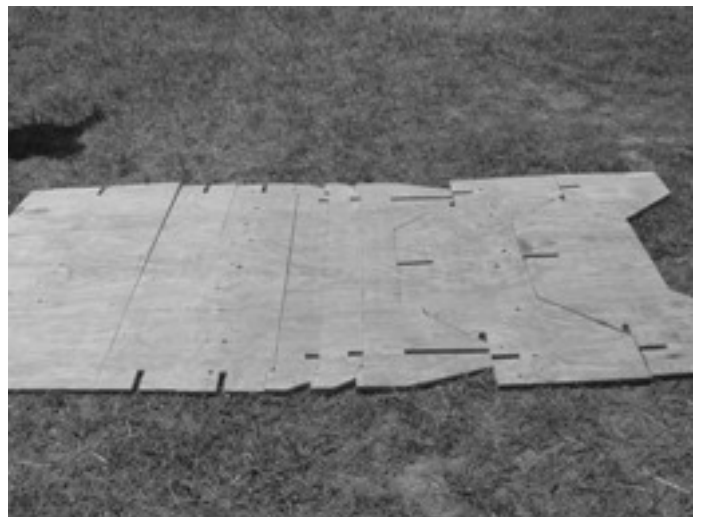
longer one emphasizes the shadow's movement and therefore helps to determine the time more quickly.)

Wait until the shadow tip has moved a short distance (about 15 minutes will do, although 30 minutes will provide greater accuracy). Mark the new location of the shadow's tip, and scratch a straight line in the dirt, connecting the two points and extending it two to three feet longer. This is your East-West line, with west being your first shadow-tip mark and East the second. Scratch a perpendicular line from the base of the shadow stick. Obviously, this is North-South, and you now have a "compass."

To tell the time, draw a third straight line through the base of the shadow stick parallel to your East-West line. Using this line as a base, draw an arc roughly half the radius of the shadow being cast (the radius of the arc isn't really important, so just draw it a convenient size for you). Divide the arc into 12 equal sections and read what the shadow says, assuming North is noon, West is 6:00 a.m., and so forth, just as you would with a real compass. If you draw and divide the arc fairly accurately, you should be within 15 minutes of the actual time. Remember, however, that whether you are using a real compass or one drawn on the ground, you are reading "sun time," so you'll have to adjust for Daylight Savings Time.

After such an impressive demonstration, your friends will think you're marvelous – or, they'll buy you a watch!

Cut this portable picnic table out of one piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood. It's easy to transport and setup for canoe outings when there are no picnic tables available. No screws or nails are needed for setup. It just slides into slots and Bam, your very own picnic table. Originally published in Popular Science January 1977. Detailed drawing on the following page. Check out the website under 2007 trips, White Mans Fire, for these original photos. www.ohcra.org



one sheet
Plywood $\frac{3}{4}$ "
4' x 8'

Circular saw
Jig saw

Belt sander
Palm sander

Rasp
Square file

Machinist square
4' straight edge

Drill

Table
TOP

Seat

Seat

Seat support

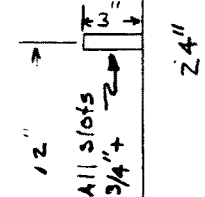
Seat support

Center Frame

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These 2 cuts
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blind slots -
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the slot.

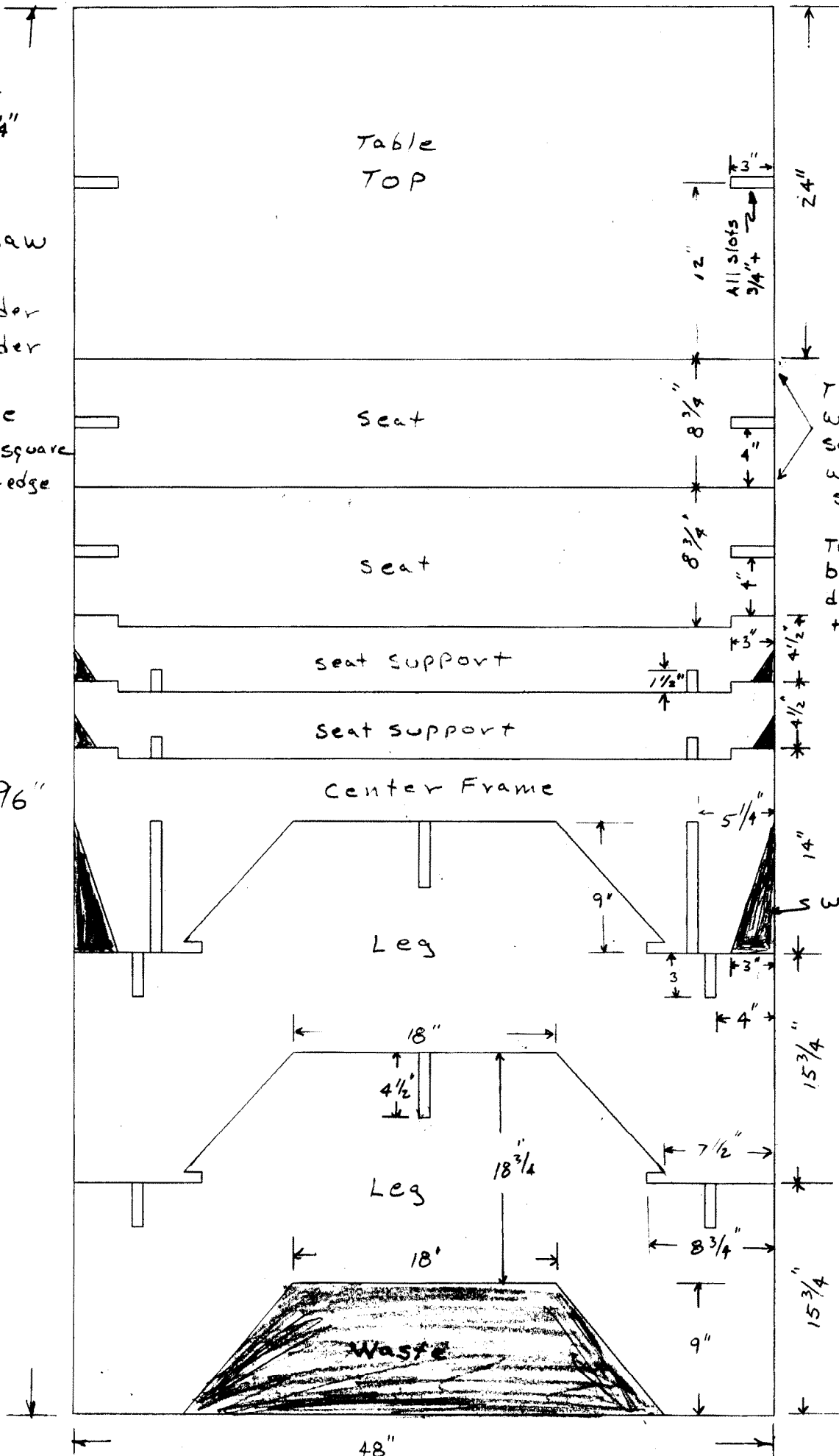
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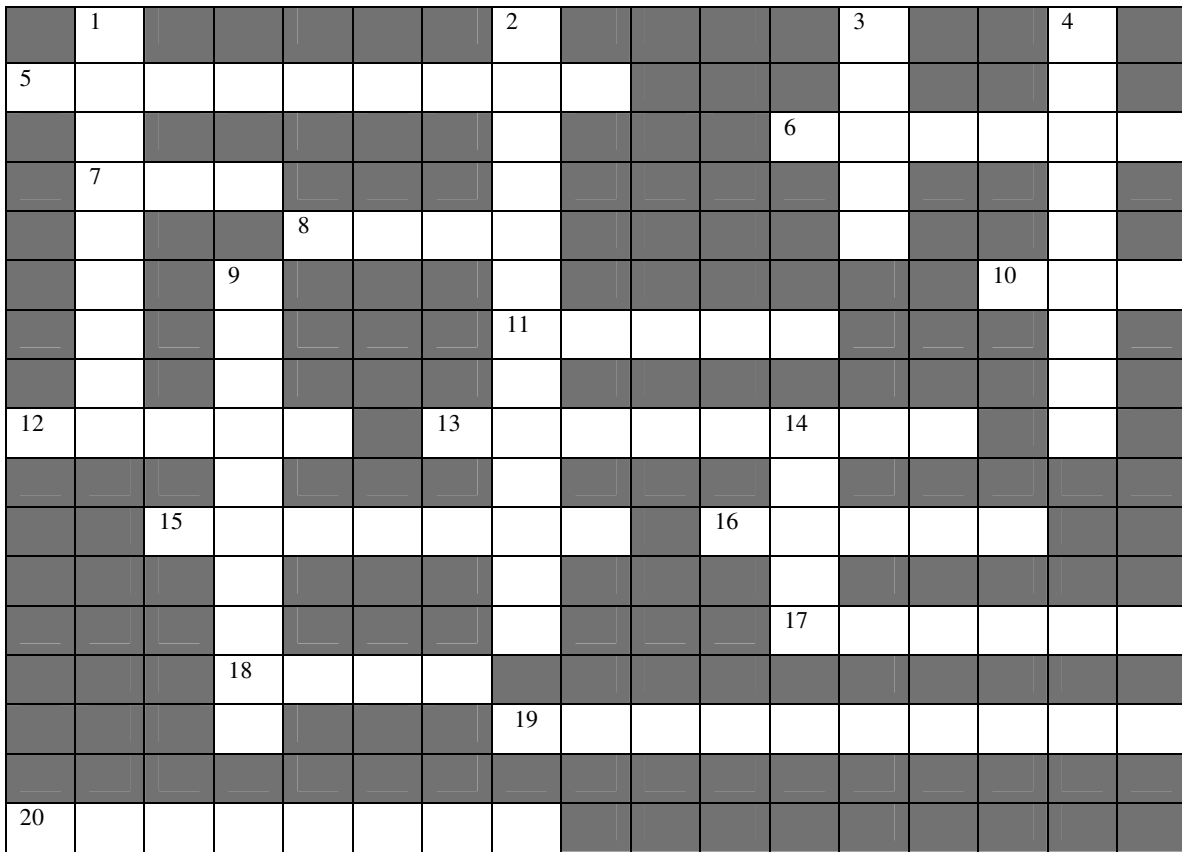
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How well do you know OHCRA, Your Canoe and The Rivers of Ohio?



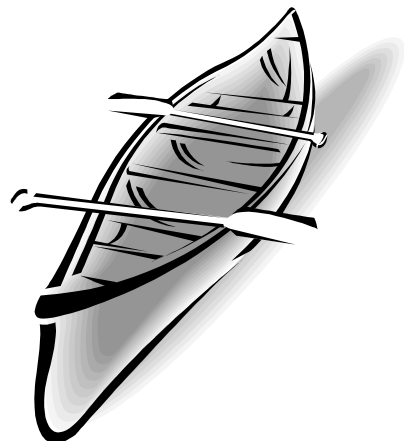
Across

5. Year OHCRA was Created.
6. Wyandot Indian Word for Deer.
7. What all OHCRA Members have at the Canoe Outings.
8. Indian Word for Great, Grand or Beautiful.
10. The Front End of a Canoe is The?
11. A Boat with Both Ends Sharp.
12. How Many Across Ohio Routes are There?
13. River in the Middle of the State that flows North.
15. Creek that Flows Past Bob Evans Farms.
16. There are more than Half a Million different Styles and Sizes of These.
17. The One Item Lacking on Canoes Trips the Last 15 years.
18. A Current of Water Running Contrary to the Main Current.
19. Last Club Outing of 2007 was on this River.
20. What Young Kids do not get Enough of these Days.

Down

1. Founder of OHCRA.
2. Club Website Address.
3. Club Initials.
4. Currently our Favorite Cookware.
9. Safety Item Required for all Watercraft.
14. Name of the Last or Rear Canoe in a Group.

For a copy of the answers email:
manager@ohcra.org



Deodorizers for Skunk Smell from *Outdoor Life*, October 1997

I tried no. 1 on some road kill and it does work. Keep in mind that if you use the smoke method you will have to wash out the smoke smell.

- 1.) Use as a spray or wash – this does not have much shelf life
 - a. 1 quart 3% hydrogen peroxide (drug store type)
 - b. ¼ cup baking soda
 - c. 1 teaspoon liquid soap
- 2.) Smoke from: (the smell is neutralized by the smoke, not heat)
 - a. Leaf fire (smudge fire)
 - b. Bee keepers smoker
 - c. Corn meal in a hot frying pan (hang clothing in the smoke)
- 3.) The article also mentions a product named “Super Odor Eliminator” that is available in a spray can. The author says that the shelf life is questionable and that an old can of this may smell worse than the skunk.

Exaggerated Canoeing Distances

I think that most of us some-what hard core types have pondered the question of exaggerated distances and here are a few reasons thought of:

- a. Newbie’s need bragging rights.
- b. Wimps will be intimidated and not show (thus causing fewer headaches).
- c. They measure the distances with a ruler and apply a fudge factor.
- d. They use a key chain or stretchable string to measure distances and don't consider the slack in the chain/string
- e. livery operators take exit polls of paddlers and average the results (see no. 1).
- f. To give people like us something to do in the winter.

Cornhole Board Substitutions

We need to think of a substitute form of cornhole for BWCA or those possible times when we all forget to bring the boards.

A few ideas come to mind:

- 1.) Draw a couple of circles on the ground and chuck small rocks.
- 2.) Sharpen some sticks and try to get them to stick inside the circles.
- 3.) Draw a couple of circles and toss those small, fabric discs (Frisbee types).
- 4.) Make a pile of rocks and try to hit the pile with the discs. If you cover the pile it is 2 pts. Etc.
- 5.) Make a circle of the sticks stuck in the ground and toss the discs. Hangers = 1 pt. etc. Do this with the rocks and if you break a stick you get negative points.
- 6.) Tie a designated loser to a tree and try to hit him with the rocks, sticks, or discs. Any hit is two points, if you miss twice; you get tied to the tree next.
- 7.) Other

Have a nice day.

Cuyahoga Man



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Tax deductible donation	_____
Total enclosed	_____

My Interests ARE:

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<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