



In the Year 2010

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Another canoeing season is in the “history books” as they say and after 27 years, the Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association is still paddling strong. We organized ten trips this year, starting in January, with the now annual “Old Mans Cave Winter Hike”. For the second year in a row Jock acquired a cabin at Camp Akita as our base camp, for hikes into Conkles Hollow and the Rock House. After hiking in a wintery mix of cold rain and wet snow, it was back to the warm cabin where good food and great company was enjoyed in front of a roaring fire. We are going again this January so check the event schedule page, on the website, for all the details. www.ohcra.org

March found us north of Covington where we paddled the Stillwater River. The water levels were low but as always, we made the best of the weekend with help from trip leader Wil and the warm March weather.

April was up north on the Vermilion River and I for one really liked the speed of the water and the obstacles we encountered. Being a seasonal river, April was a good month to be there and it also marked the first trip Judy has organized. She did a fine job.

May found us again up north only this time it was the Ashtabula River. Jock did great setting up a trip so far from his home. And meeting the right people makes life easier and that’s where Matthew Smith, Assistant Scenic River Manager of the Ashtabula River came in. His knowledge of the access spots and river mileage was right on.

The next month was again Jock’s trip as we got to spend an overnigher on the Hocking River. That’s my style of canoe-camping. Yes sir, carrying all your gear in your boat and PORTAGING! Right Ted? It was also the same weekend as Ron’s unfortunate run in with a hammock and a dead tree. We are very glad everything healed Ron.

July was the Tuscarawas River with side trips to see the outdoor drama “The White Savage”

and “Trumpet in the Land.” It’s not all about paddling anymore, as there is so much to see and do in Ohio and thanks to Harold and Laurie for enriching us on that weekend.

Lance got credit for his initial sponsored trip in August on the Rock Fork. It was a little on the dry side, but we still got in some miles and saw the wonderful Seven Caves area. Some of us took to the mountain bike trails and rode around the Paint Creek State Park. Others paddled on the lake after buying kkkayaks in Chillicothe.

Always dependable, the Mad River made the September trip enjoyable. Camping as usual at Birch Bark Canoe Livery brings back memories of my first year paddling with the club.

Some of us had a double dose of canoeing in October, starting with a wonderful trip to New York and the Adirondacks, thanks to Larry and Sophia. The fall colors were at their peak and six of us took in all the beauty the area had to offer. Then it was off to the Little Miami River and Morgan’s Campground. There is a Renaissance Festival in the area and this coming year we are incorporating a trip to it with the Little Miami outing, again in October.

Seven new members came on board for the year although we have not met all of you yet. I think there are still some new members from last year I have not met. On the subject of members, as we enter the 28th year of OHCRA, what do you say we have more of you folks that we have not seen for awhile, join us on the river. If paddling is not your sport anymore, then just come out for some camping, food, drink and warm hospitality. As I like to say, a bad day canoeing beats a good day at work, so hopefully I will see more of you as we paddle... Around the Bend!

Tony

Rope Tricks

Coiled, Ready And Out Of The Way

MOST sailors know that loose ropes and rough seas don't mix. So they meticulously coil and secure all lines to strong cleats on the masts or deck. But canoe paddlers tend to be a bit more casual: a painter left loosely coiled in the bottom of the boat or haphazardly tied around a seat or thwart is often seen as "good enough." Unfortunately, that kind of

"good enough" won't do much to ensure your safety in a rough-water capsize. Getting tangled in dangling ropes while swimming a rapid is bad business. On the other hand, it's equally risky to have your throwing lines stowed so well they're not readily available.

Here are a couple of convenient ways to belay your utility ropes and throwing lines, yet keep them handy for whatever emergency arises.

Utility Ropes (Method A)

Nylon utility ropes are best coiled and bound by the old Navy method indicated below. Ropes secured in this fashion remain intact in a capsize and make reasonably snag-free throwing lines.

1) Coil the rope and put your thumb through the coils to hold them in place. Leave about three feet of rope uncoiled (Photo 1).

2) Grasp the rope in one hand and pinch it at the waist to form an "eye." Coil the free end (tail) around the rope, upwards towards the eye. Overlap the first coil to lock it in place. Wind evenly and tightly (Photo 2).

3) Form a loop near the end of the tail and pass the loop through the eye (Photo 3).

4) Grasp the collar (wound coils) in one hand and the rope body in the other. Slide the collar up the rope to lock the loop in place. (It may be easier to hold the collar firmly in one hand and pull downward on the body of the rope.) The rope is now secured; a pull on the tail will release it (Photo 4).

Stuff the rope under a pack flap or tie it to a canoe thwart. (Pass the free end of the rope around the thwart and through

the eye, then tie it off with a half-hitch or two.)

Throwing Lines (Method B)

This is "SOP" (Standard Operating Procedure) for emergency throwing lines. Each coil is carefully laid in place so it won't snag when the rope is played out, and the binding is finished with a quick-release half-hitch. Use 3/8-inch rope for throwing lines, quarter-inch stock for utility work.

1) Coil the rope carefully. Leave about three feet of rope uncoiled (Photo 5).

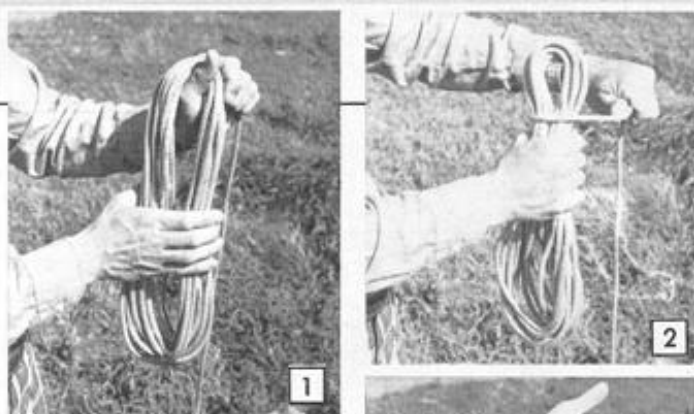
2) Wind the tail tightly around the coiled rope. Overlap the first winding to lock it in place (Photo 6).

3) Make a loop near the tail and work it under your last winding (Photo 7). (The "tail loop" may be inserted through either the left or right side of the winding.)

4) The rope is now secure. A pull on the tail will release the bind (Photo 8).

5) Secure the rope to a thwart as shown (Photo 9) or tie it on board with a length of parachute cord (use an overhand knot and simple "bow").

— Cliff Jacobson



OHCRA 2009 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

OHCRA Members Present:

Tony & Alice, Jock & Debbie, Harold & Laurie, Ted & Connie, Paul & Paul, Larry & Sophia, Judy & Rick, Ron Mills

Treasury Report:

Paul presented the 2009 Treasury report. Summarized:

Income: \$70 – new member dues, \$52 – Tee shirts, \$17 – donations, \$213 – CD interest = \$355.99 total

Expenses: ~ \$126

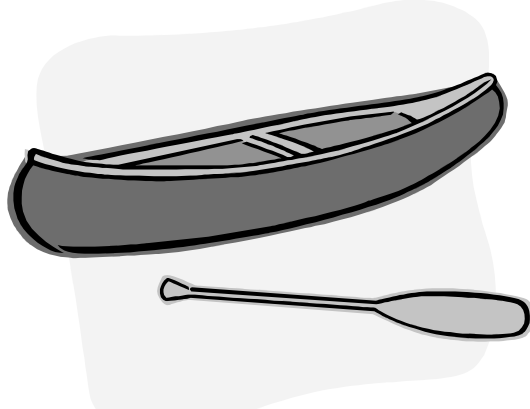
Profit: ~ \$229

Old Business:

- Still need a new screening vendor for new Tee shirts
 - After discussion, Tony will talk to prison to find out about having prisoners do screening
- Still feel we need to eliminate names from membership list that are very old, no longer active, no longer interested, dead, etc. This will save a lot of money for mailing of Newsletter
 - After discussing each name on list, 33 names were eliminated

New Business:

- Harold discussed the club guidelines and trip leaders checklist recently prepared, reviewed by members, and now posted on website. Trip leaders should use this for their trips
- Paul Woods mentioned that we need to address updating our OHCRA brochure
 - After some discussion, Judy agreed to review latest brochure and submit a revision to the club for review
- Jock & Paul K brought up the subject of participants “grandstanding” (taking risks) while on OHCRA sponsored trips. Should we do anything to prevent or discourage this? After discussion, it was agreed that we will try to avoid this by advising against such actions, and if it happens the individual will not be welcome on OHCRA trips, will not be included in shuttle, and any other actions felt needed by trip leader
- Rick suggested that we make an “honorary” recognition and lifetime membership of famous people that had ties to river activity. Rick will draft something for members to review



The river has great wisdom and whispers its secrets to the hearts of men.

2010 Proposed Trips/Schedule:

January 15-17 or 22-24	Winter Hike at Hocking Hills	Jock & Debbie
February 12-15	Winter Tubing @ Perfect North Slopes, IN	Ted & Connie
March 19- 21	Huron River	Judy
April 9-11	Mohican River	Tony
May 1-2	Loramie Creek/Blanchard	Wil
June 11-13	Whitewater River, IN	Ted
July 24-25	Cuyahoga River	Harold
August 21-22	Mad River	Ted (Tony)
September 17-19	Sandusky/Black River	Judy
October 15-17	Little Miami River	Ted

(Larry & Sophia will be going to the Adirondacks again in October. All are welcome to join them)

November 14	OHCRA Planning Meeting in Columbus, OH	Tony
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Please suggest any other rivers (in or out of Ohio) that anyone is interested in doing!



Guidelines for trip participants and trip leaders:

These statements are provided to assist in planning our outings. These are guidelines only and are not intended to guarantee anything. Note that the overriding principle is that all participants are self reliant and self sufficient.

Participants:

Canoeing and camping are inherently dangerous and everyone is responsible for their own safety. You are required to sign a release from liability before you will be allowed to camp or paddle with us.

All participants are expected to be able to handle their canoe in moving water. Everyone must be able to swim well enough for self rescue. Expect to get wet and expect to capsize your canoe. Our trips are Class I and Class II and depending on weather conditions there may be some Class III. If you do not know what the classifications are then go to a library and study a Red Cross canoeing manual.

We do not normally teach people how to paddle. As stated above, you are expected to be able to handle your canoe in moving water.

Read the page about the Trip Leader. It will give you an idea of what to expect before the trip starts. The trip leader may or may not address all the items on the list so be prepared to ask questions and to take care of yourself.

The group operates on the understanding that all participants are essentially self sufficient and self reliant.

Everyone is expected to be ready to shuttle in a timely manner, both at the start and at the end of the trip. We will not abandon anyone during the shuttle or on the river. So, keep in mind that each of us is responsible to the rest of the group. Therefore, do not dawdle to the point that everyone is waiting a long time for you.

Whether on the river or during the shuttle, follow any directions that you are given. If you get lost we will search for and find you, even if that means altering the trip. We would not want to be left behind so we will not do that to anyone else.

Listen to what the trip leader says. The trip leader has the final word while on the river. There are times when the trip leader doesn't know what your abilities are so until he knows he might be a little cautious of you. No grand standing. If you don't want to listen to the trip leader on the river then you are not invited to paddle with us.



Trip Leader:

The trip leader is responsible for the planning, research, organizing, communicating the information and executing the trip. To give members time to plan their involvement and gear requirements the trip information should be sent to the web master at least one month prior to the trip. The trip leader is expected to notify the group if there are any changes in the published information. Remember, someone will always be driving 3 or 4 hours to get to your trip. So keep in mind that if you were the person driving that far, what would you expect to find when you arrived at the campsite or put in.

The following are items the trip leader needs to think of, prepare for and communicate to the group:

River: Maps

- Weather

- Canoe Route

- Classification; I, II, III, IV

- Anticipated river conditions, hazards

- Expected time on the river, lunch stop(s)

- Put In and Take Out locations; planned, alternate and emergency

- Shuttle; time, length, trailer, no. of vehicles, cell phones/radios, maps

- Lead Canoe and Sweep Canoe

- Other groups on the river

Camp Ground:

- Reservations and fees

- Adequate number of tent sites

- Toilets

- Drinking water

- Picnic tables

- Saturday night potluck

- Firewood – remember the quarantine

- Dining Fly/EZ Ups/Shelter House/ Tarp(s)

- Trash – most places do not provide trash cans at each site

- Other groups using the camp ground

- Other group's activities at the camp ground

- Camp Ground Rules: quiet times, use of alcohol etc.

- Emergency phone numbers, camp office, Ranger, Sheriff, etc.

- Restaurants, grocery stores in the area

- Motels in the area

- Directions to the camp Ground

- OHCRAs signs showing turning points on the roads

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2010 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>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 15/16/17	Old Mans Cave Annual Winter Hike	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
February 12/13/14	Snow Tubing at Ted's	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@comcast.net
March 19/20/21	Huron River	Judy (419)271-2252 watergirl785@yahoo.com
April 9/10/11/12	Mohican River	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
May 1/2	Loramie Creek or Blanchard River (water level dependent)	Wil (419)234-7380 wib@wcoil.com
June 11/12/13	Whitewater River in Indiana	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@comcast.net
July 23/24/25	Cuyahoga River	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
August 20/21/22	Mad River	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@comcast.net
September 17/18/19	Sandusky or Black Rivers (water level dependent)	Judy (419)271-2252 watergirl785@yahoo.com
October 15/16/17	Little Miami River and Renaissance Festival	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@comcast.net
November 14	Annual Trip Planning Meeting	ODNR Morse Rd. Columbus, Ohio

Check the Event Schedule page on the website for details of each trip as they become available.
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It might be said that the river
flowing by is the present time, upriver is
the past, and downstream lies the future.

-Harlan Hubbard-

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OHCRA Membership

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

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

My Interests ARE:

____ History
____ Natural History
____ All Day Trips
____ Extended Trips

____ Re-enactment's
____ Hunting, Fishing
____ Historic Tours
____ Canoeing Skills