



*In The Year 2011*

*Volume 29*

For 28 years now, members of the Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association have plied the rivers and streams of the Buckeye state. From one mans idea, hundreds of people have met for weekend outings, to see what's around the next bend of their favorite waterways. Three original members, Paul Kerlin, Jock Klinger and Ted Spradlin, are still very active in the club, providing guidance to the new paddlers who have "found" our club.

The pace of the outings has slowed somewhat as age and a different mentally has sat in. It's not so much of hurrying downstream to see as much of the countryside as it is the social interaction of the friendships that have been created. As birds of a flock come together, so to do the paddlers of canoes and kayaks.

What better way to enjoy an interest than to share that joy with others. Joining a club expands the possibilities available to each and every person involved. By sharing new ideas or reinventing long forgotten techniques, your club can keep that sport exciting for many years. With a roster of close to 70 members, OHCRA is still very much alive and thriving. There are many members who have not paddled lately and some new members who have yet to share the experience.

As OHCRA starts its 29<sup>th</sup> year, make a New Years resolution to get out and see Ohio from the water. Make or rekindle friendships with people that love the same outdoor activities as you and breathe in the clean fresh air of rural Ohio.

As the title of this publication says, let's all see what's  
"Around the Bend".

Editor



## A Few of My Favorite Things

Watching the swirling water of my partners bow stroke pass as we continue our journey.

Turning around the bend to find the Great Blue Heron still escorting us down the river.

Smelling the pine.

Hearing the wind.

Feeling the waves glide under the canoe.

Having a deer run across the river right in front of you.

Seeing an Eagle.

Seeing a Bear.

Seeing a Fish jump into the air.

Smelling the smoke of a fire of Oak.

Drinking in life.

Drifting to sleep.

Sharing these times with the friends that I'll keep.

Dan Bryda



## MY THOUGHTS - OUR FLOWING

Leaders Come And Leaders Go,

That is part of a Natural Flow.

Let them Go.

Rivers Change But Remain the Same.

Fast and Slow, High and Low,

Twist and Turn, Wild and Tame,

We must *Learn to Play* that Game.

For we are really all the Same.

Each struggling to keep their paddle in the Stream,

Each striving to fulfill our Dream.

Till just around the bend,

We discover the Flowing Will never end.

Dan Bryda

## Kayaking Joke

Saturday morning I got up early, put on my long johns, dressed quickly and slipped quietly into the garage to put the kayak on the truck and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. There was snow mixed with the rain and the wind was blowing 50 mph. I turned on the radio and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation and whispered, "*The weather out there is terrible.*" My loving wife of twenty years replied, "*Can you believe that idiot husband of mine is out kayaking in that shit?*"



# 2011 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](mailto: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 Date TBA	Dog Sled Races Punderson State Park	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
Feb 25/26/27	Snow Tubing at Connie & Ted's	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@fuse.net
March 25/26/27	Raccoon Creek	Lance (513)289-3537 lancealot111@yahoo.com
April 15/16/17	Little Beaver Creek	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
May 12/13/14/15	Big Darby Creek	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
June 24/25/26	Blanchard River	Wil (419)695-0411 wib@wcoil.com
July 15/16/17	Charles Mill Lake	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
August 12/13/14	Little Muskingum	Jock (740)385-4346 jockklinger@msn.com
September 23/24/25	Little Miami River	Ted (812)577-0248 canoeted@fuse.net
October 14/15/16	Kokosing River	Tom (419)290-6922 tsburger@metalink.net
November 6	Annual Trip Planning Meeting	ODNR Morse Rd. Columbus, Ohio



ADOPT THE PACE OF NATURE, HER SECRET IS PATIENCE. R W EMERSON

# Year in Review

Our first outing of the year was again at Camp Akita near Logan. Jock organized a winter hike for us at Clear Creek Metro Park. The 40 degree weather made for some fun hiking in wet, slippery, melting snow, but no one slid to the bottom of the hills. The cozy cabin fireplace felt like heaven as we relaxed and enjoyed each others company and ate like royalty.

February found us at Ted and Connie's home in Indiana. It was supposed to be a snow tubing weekend at the local ski area. We never did make it snow tubing. But what a great time we had in their basement playing Wii video games, poker and just harassing each other. We are going to try tubing again this February. Get your winter clothes ready.

March started the paddling season on the Huron River. Judy set up a nice trip where we camped at one of the Erie Metro Park locations called the Coupling Reserve. We slept in railroad cars. The weather was cool and the Huron was low but we still got a 10 mile trip in. March weather can be so unpredictable.

April found us on the Mohican River. Some members paddled the whole 46 miles in 4 days from the dam at Charles Mill Lake to the merger with the Kokosing River. The first day was cold and miserable but by the 4<sup>th</sup> day spring weather was all around. And paddling that early in the season we had that very busy river to ourselves.

May took us to Lake Loramie State Park where Wil pieced together a paddle on the river upstream of the lake, then a lake paddle back to camp. Ted hates paddling on lakes, especially into the wind. Said it reminds him of Boundary Waters! It was still a great time and workouts like that are what some of us need to keep in shape.

June was again at Ted and Connie's where we were supposed to enjoy the Whitewater River. Whitewater it was as the heavy rains in that area raised the river to 14 feet above flood stage. Way to dangerous for even the most experienced of paddlers. It's nice that the Casino is only a mile away.

July found everyone at the Cuyahoga River where Harold secured campsites at the Camp Hi Canoe Livery. 16 miles of the Cuyahoga were paddled for the weekend while Saturday afternoon was spent mostly under the picnic shelter. Too much sun was the cause not rain for a change.

August and the Mad River just go together. The searing heat of summer is kept at bay by the clear cool waters and tree lined banks. And being spring fed keeps

the water flowing all year. Since it is Connie's favorite river, we always make Ted organize that trip.

September was on the dry Sandusky River. The lack of rainfall in late summer forced us to paddle the section downstream of the Ballville dam. Judy and Paul got us all set up at the Wolf Creek campground where Saturday evening we all helped Paul Wood celebrate his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday. Later in evening Ralph Billows stopped by for a visit. Oh the stories.

The beautiful fall days of October and Morgan's Canoe Livery on the Little Miami River soothed our souls. We knew winter was soon on its way. Being close to Halloween, Morgan's started a new adventure of a haunted rafting trip. Setting around the campfire Friday and Saturday evenings, we could hear girls screaming as the ghouls and goblins reached out to grab them. The weather was perfect for the end of another canoeing season.

Mark your calendars and get the gear ready. Next year will be here before we know it.

Tony



*The problem with a canoe is that it's got a big hole on top that lets in the water and limits the paddler's ability to avoid sinking.*

*I have never seen a river that I could not love. Moving water . . . has a fascinating vitality. It has power and grace and associations. It has a thousand colors and a thousand shapes, yet it follows laws so definite that the tiniest streamlet is an exact replica of a great river.*

-- Roderick Haig-Brown--

# OHCRA 2010 PLANNING MEETING NOTES

## OHCRA Members Present:

Tony, Jock & Debbie, Harold & Laurie, Ted & Connie, Paul & Paul, Larry & Sophia, Wil & Gloria, Tom

## Treasury Report:

Tom read the treasury report for 2010. We have \$625 in the checking account. It was also noted that our \$7000 CD has matured. We need to decide what we want to do with it next. There was a lot of discussion but no final decision was made.

## Old Business:

- Still need a new screening vendor for new Tee shirts.
  - Tony reported that using inmates is no longer an option
  - After lots of discussion Wil & Gloria to check with a couple vendors
- The OHCRA brochure was discussed again. Paul K indicated that Judy is still working on it.
- Trip waivers and following trip leader direction was discussed again. Things are better now. Leaders should try to ensure all participants have signed one.

## New Business:

- The State contact renewal was mentioned. Tony & Tom to follow up.
- The website domain name expires in February. Tony to renew as needed.
- It was discussed and agreed to send Morgan's on the L. Miami 2 T-shirts and a leather canoe.
- Jock mentioned cabins for dog sledding would be about \$184/night, sleeps 6
- Next years trips were planned, as follows:

## 2010 Proposed Trips/Schedule:

January (TBD)	Winter Dog Sledding	Jock & Debbie
February 26-27	Winter Tubing @ Perfect North Slopes, IN	Ted & Connie
March 26-27	Raccoon Creek	Lance
April 16-17	Little Beaver	Harold
May 14-15	Big Darby	Tony
June 25-26	Blanchard	Wil
July 15-17	Charles Mill Res (Reunion)	Harold/Tony
August 13-14	Little Muskingum	Jock
September 24-25	Little Miami	Ted
October 14-16	Kokosing	Tom

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

November 6                      OHCRA Planning Meeting in Columbus, OH                      Tony

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

## David Thompson

(April 30, 1770 – February 10, 1857) born **Dafydd Thomas**, was an English-Canadian fur trader, surveyor, and map-maker, known to some native peoples as "Koo-Koo-Sint" or "the Stargazer". Over his career he mapped over 3.9 million square kilometers of North America (one-fifth of the continent) and for this has been described as the "greatest land geographer who ever lived."

His contemporary, the great explorer Alexander Mackenzie, remarked that Thompson did more in ten months than he would have thought possible in two years.

Despite these significant achievements, Thompson died in Montreal in near obscurity on February 10, 1857, his accomplishments almost unrecognized. He never finished the book of his 28 years in the fur trade, based on his 77 field notebooks, before he died. In the 1890s geologist J.B. Tyrrell resurrected Thompson's notes and in 1916 published them as *David Thompson's Narrative*.



The Voyageur Brigade Society is organizing with the David Thompson Columbia Brigade, an adventure of paddling the southwestern part of Canada, down thru Washington and into Oregon. Check out the link below for more information.

<http://voyageurbrigade.org>

## Original member, Robert Russell Stein

90, of Tiffin, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at St. Francis Home, Tiffin.

He was born Dec. 26, 1919, in New Washington, to Robert and Arevilla (Willford) Stein. He married Gertrude A. Willman Oct. 28, 1950, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tiffin. She died July 6, 2010.

Robert was a 1938 Columbian High School graduate. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1939 and served the duration of World War II in the South Pacific, surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor. He attained the rank of Fire Control Man First Class on the destroyer USS Hopkins and the USS Moale, and was later stationed on the Battleship Texas (BB-35).

He was a lifetime member of the NRA and shot yearly at the National Matches at Camp Perry. He was also a member of the OHCRA, having a passion for canoeing. He and fellow members of the Juquindendak Canoe Club canoed the three historical canoe river routes of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, starting from Sandusky Bay. It was at this point the French Canadian voyagers began their canoe trips, hauling their cargo in the late 1700s. He also was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tiffin.

Burial took place in St. Joseph Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by the United Veterans Council of Seneca County.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Masses, and to the Seneca County Humane Society, in care of Traunero Funeral Home and Crematory, 214 S. Monroe St., Tiffin, OH 44883, (419) 447-3113.



Don't forget to visit the OHCRA website at:

[www.ohcra.org](http://www.ohcra.org)

## **Tonys top 10 reasons for buying a Canoe over a kkkayak:**

**10- Canoes sit up higher giving you a better view of the water,**

**9- Canoes are easier to portage,**

**8- Double paddles keep catching the brush and tree limbs,**

**7- Canoes offer a variety of sitting and kneeling positions,**

**6- Higher skill level needed to paddle a canoe therefore making you more educated,**

**5- Easier to enter and exit,**

**4- Water drips down the kkkayak paddle shaft onto your hands,**

**3- Canoes can be paddled solo or with several passengers,**

**2- Ever try making love in a kkkayak?**

**1- Canoes have a greater beer capacity than kayaks,**

Rebuttals expected, but only in person and at an outing!!

One night a young amorous Sioux  
Had a date with a maiden he knew  
The coroner found  
The couple had drowned  
Making love in a leaky caniou – Anonymous

What the camel is to desert tribes, what the horse is to the Arab, what the ship is to the colonizing Briton, what all modern means of locomotion are to the civilized world today, that and more than that, the canoe was to the Indian who lived beside the innumerable waterways of Canada. -William Wood-

## **Thank You Paul Wood**

Paul has officially stepped down as the Treasurer of OHCRA. After many years of taking great care of our finances Paul has turned those duties over to Tom Burger. We thank you for all your dedicated service Paul. You are the best!!

And if you haven't read Paul's interview in the Fremont newspaper, here's a link to it on our website.

<http://ohcra.org/Misc.%20Files/Paulwoods.htm>

Anyone interested in writing future editions of the OHCRA newsletter please step forward. I have used up what little creative juices I've had and would like to give someone else the stage. I do not want to see the newsletters stop but they may without your help.

Please support YOUR newsletter. *Tony*

**Anyone who says they like portaging is either a liar or crazy -- Bill Mason 1929-1988**

.. and to any others who have felt the thrill of the back country and still long to explore what might lie just around the next bend. I know of no better way of doing just that, than having a fine canoe under one's seat, a sleek paddle in one's hand, a little bug dope in your pocket and a harmonica near the top of your pack." Book dedication from Kenai Canoe Trails by Daniel Quick



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## OHCRA Membership

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 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:

<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