



In The Year 2014

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2013 Review

The club started the year in **March** on the St. Mary's River in Indiana. Member Lance lives in Fort Wayne so lodging was great. The weather was very cold so Saturday's launch could not happen until ice was broken out of the way. We paddled eleven miles from Wilshire, Ohio to Decatur, Indiana and 5.5 miles from just outside Fort Wayne to Lance's apartment. The St. Joseph River merges with the St. Mary's in Fort Wayne to form the Maumee River. Why wasn't the Maumee River called the Jesus Christ River?

April found us dodging rain and cold while trying to paddle the Black Fork of the Mohican River. We had permission to camp at the Wolf Creek Grist Mill which was moved to that spot then restored to working order. The whole troop took a hike in Mohican State Park on Saturday since the weather wasn't conducive to canoeing. On Sunday 3 of us did get to paddle the 5 mile Clear Fork, in snow flurries.

May's weather was better with a 2 day "overnighter" on the Maumee River. It was hot this trip but very enjoyable. Independence State Park was the base camp for the weekend for the folks not camping on the river. Paddling on that stretch of river is as Ted says, "Like paddling on a lake" and with the strong winds, it felt like it at times.

June's outing was on lower Paint Creek. The entire Paint Creek Valley is beautiful and we had great water levels and sunny skies. It's no wonder the Mound Builder Indians loved this valley. Camping was at the Water's Edge Canoe Livery and with a Southern Ohio Cancer Survivors party there on Saturday evening, we had live music for our listening pleasure.

July was the big month for the year. OHCRA turned 30 years old and we had a reunion at Indian Lake. Five charter members were present with three of them still paddling today. Thunder storms and lightning prevent any paddling during the day but the festivities in the evening were just grand. We did get to play the bobber race which was a new experience for many and oh what fun it was. 31 folks enjoyed memorabilia from years past and wonderful food

complete with an OHCRA cake. After dinner everyone sat around reminiscing about the ole days and remembering members that are paddling in the great beyond. We just wish there were more current and former members that could have made the reunion.

August was on that tried and trusted Mad River. It always has water and warm temperatures when all else fails. The 14 miles from Birch Bark Canoe Livery to north Springfield is always interesting and dependable. What is summer without the Mad River trip?

September took us to new territory. Liz sponsored a trip on the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania. We had scheduled to paddle Friday, Saturday and Sunday, camping on an island Saturday night. Friday was beautiful and the 15 miles from upstream back to a campground was great. Saturday morning the rain started at 3:08 am and rain it did, all day. A break in the clouds convinced 6 brave souls to paddle 10 miles but as soon as we got started it rained on us the whole trip. We again stayed at the campground instead of a wet island.

October and the last trip of the year was again in Indiana on the Whitewater River. Staying at the Whitewater Canoe Rental in Brookville, we had a shelter house at our disposal. Good thing we did because Saturday morning guess what...yep, it started raining. And rain it did. The temperatures cooled but with Ted's 30 x 40 foot tarp wrapped around the shelter house and a campfire built inside of it, we stayed comfortable. Sunday we did get to canoe a 6 mile stretch of river from camp downstream.

All in all it was another fine year of exploring the rivers and streams of Ohio and surrounding states. Eight more trips are already planned for next year and hopefully the weekends we have scheduled will be in between rain showers and snow flurries. If not, then chalk it up to experience or stupidly which ever you want to call it. We do have fun and if canoeing isn't your foray any longer than just join us for the comradely of being together and of course the food!!

OHCRA 2013 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

OHCRA Members Present:

Tony & Alice, Harold & Laurie, Ted & Connie, Wil & Gloria, Tom, Steve, Chuck

Treasury Report:

Tom read and provided copies of the Treasury Report. Costs associated with the 30 year reunion totaled \$2004.50 with OHCRA's checking account balance as of 11/1/13 being \$865.84. The CD value has increased by very minimum monthly dividends. So it should be just over \$5500.

Old Business:

Ted read the minutes from the 2012 Planning meeting. There were no outstanding issues of old business.

New Business:

The 2014 trip schedule was discussed. The resulting schedule is attached.

Ted Spradlin

OHCRA Secretary www.ohcra.org

2014 Proposed Trips/Schedule:

January / February	Nothing Planned	
March 15/16	River in Kentucky (TBA)	Ted
March 28/29	Jersey Paddler Show (In New Jersey)	Tony
April 12/13	Greenville Creek	Wil
May 10/11	Wills Creek	Tony
June 7/8	Sandusky	Steve/Chuck
July 19/20	Mad River	Ted
August 16/17	Cuyahoga River	Harold
September 27/28	St Joseph or a Michigan river	Tom
October 18/19	Whitewater River (IN)	Ted
November 2	OHCRA Planning Meeting in Columbus, OH	11:00 AM



2014 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 14, 15, 16	River in Kentucky, TBA Later	Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net
March 28, 29, 30	Jersey PaddleSports Show http://www.jerseypaddler.com/general-information/	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
April 11, 12, 13	Greenville Creek	Wil (419)234-7380 wib@wcoil.com
May 8, 9, 10, 11	Wills Creek	Tony (419)845-2010 tbonecanoes@hotmail.com
June 6, 7, 8	Sandusky River	Steve (419)543-1250 seidt81@frontier.com
July 18, 19, 20	Mad River	Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net
August 15, 16, 17	Cuyahoga River	Harold (330)328-7354 hscobie@aol.com
September 26, 27, 28	River in Michigan, TBA Later	Tom (419)388-0693 tsburgere@windstream.net
October	Larry & Sophia will be going to the Adirondacks in October. All are welcome to join them, as they will help anyone with shuttles, etc.	Larry (330)461-2346 lmorton001@roadrunner.com
October 17, 18, 19	Whitewater River, IN	Ted (513)742-2459 canoeted@fuse.net
November 2	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: www.ohcra.org



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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:

<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