



Around the Bend

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2004 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

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| March 7 | Planning Mtg., 11 a.m., ODNR Fountain Square, Bldg. E, Columbus, OH |
| April 24/25 | Greenville Creek/Stillwater River Ted Spradlin 513.742.2459 |
| May 15/16 | Big Darby Creek Jim Wolf 614.836.5549 |
| June 12 | Hocking River Clean Up Jock Klinger 740.385.4346 |
| June 12/13 | Olentangy River Tony Sands 419.845.2010 |
| July 10/11 | Fremont- Paul Wood /Paul Kerlin 419.547.6343 |
| August 21/22 | Little Miami River Ted Spradlin 513.742.2459 |
| September 18/19 | Little Muskingham River George Tompkins 216.963.6441 |
| October | Suwannee River, FL Brad Buck 614.476.2840 |
| November 14 | Planning Mtg., 11 a.m., ODNR Fountain Square, Bldg. E, Columbus, OH |

From the Editor

I want to do something here I have not done in a while; just write something. Anything, having to do with a canoe or canoeing would be nice. However, it is difficult. There is a disconnect from the subject. Heather and I have been able to get on the water once in the last year (could that be possible?) Excuse me, AC/DC just came on the stereo...Ok, so, we need to make more canoe trips this year, as many as possible. Work, work, work; is that the culprit? There has been plenty of it for us. Too much work at times. I hope all of you are as fortunate. Sometimes the weather was culpable. There is a rule we have about outdoors; if it is raining hard before you leave and there is no chance of it letting up for a while, we stay home. Once we are out of the house, if it rains we will tough it out. It seemed to rain here frequently on canoe weekends. Then, there was life. Yes, life has a funny way of intruding on your hobby. However, considering the alternative it is not such a bother. Therefore, more canoe trips are the prescription for this disconnect. There are more stories to hear and more wonders to see.

We hope to see you all, on the water this year. -
E. Smith

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**Notable Changes To 2004
Schedule**

Due to rising costs and declining attendance, you may notice that there is no Summer Outing scheduled for 2004. There is also a very adventurous trip to the legendary Suwannee River in Florida being planned by Brad Buck. There are no firm dates for the trip yet. **Check the website for up to the minute changes.**

Safety Tip

Everyone thinking about going out on swift water needs to consider the following. The strength of moving water increase exponentially when the current speed is doubled. Example: 10 mph current can carry a 10 lb rock. 20 mph current will carry a 100 lb rock. Be smart, be safe.

Greenville Creek April 24 & 25

Ted has secured permission to camp free in Treaty of Greenville Park. The Treaty of Greenville was signed between the United States and representatives from 12 of the native tribes that occupied the Ohio area at the time.



The Treaty of Greenville

There is a restroom with cold water available, but no fire pit on site. There are grills nearby though.

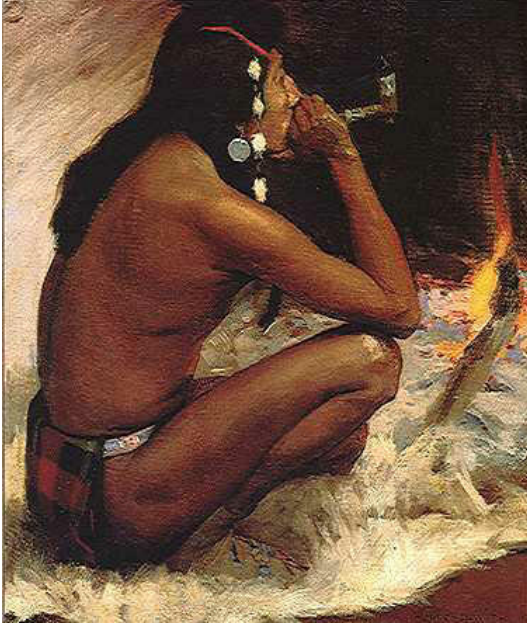
From your particular point in Ohio, you will need to access Route 36 in to Greenville to the city circle. Turn right from the circle onto State Route 571 and cross Greenville Creek to the first stop sign. Turn right at Broadway Street then immediately right on Locust St. You will be in the park then; look for OHCRA signs.

Greenville Creek is just about the same size as the Little Miami and can be smaller in some stretches. The water level will be a factor. Let's have a great turnout for the first trip of the year!



Big Darby Creek May 15 & 16

Anyone who has been on a Darby trip knows that this is a great way to spend a weekend. The creek is challenging in spots, but never dangerous and it is always a beautiful river. There is currently a struggle going on to save this watershed and keep it wild for years to come. Come out and experience the serenity of this gem of a creek located just a short distance removed from the hustle and bustle of downtown Columbus. You will need to keep an eye on the web site (www.ohcra.org) for updates on camping and directions for this one.



Olentangy River June 12 & 13

New member Tony Sands has put together a trip on the upper Olentangy River. Trip length for the weekend should be around 24 miles; 15 on Saturday and 9 on Sunday.

Camping will be at the River Bend Campground located at 1092 Whetstone River Rd. in South Caledonia, Ohio. There is no info yet on fees, but expect some.

The campground is on the river and we will be launching from there at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Tony asks that if you are planning on arriving that morning to let him know in advance.

Directions to the campsite are as follows: from Interstate 71 take the State Route 95 exit West approximately 17 miles. Whetstone River Rd. intersects S.R. 95 in Claridon. Turn to the South and drive 3 miles to the camp entrance.

Tony has posted all this information on our web site.

Ohio River Paddlefest

The Ohio River Paddlefest, the largest canoe and kayak festival in the Midwest, is expanding to a two-day event this year. Festivities will include a gear swap, yard sale, silent auction, boat shows, safety clinics, live music, a paddling film festival and much, much more.

You can find out more information on this event at www.ohioriverway.org.

Paddlefest raises money to fund a hiking, biking and paddling trail along the Ohio River from Maysville, KY to Madison, IN. Thanks to Brad Buck for this heads up.

Sad But True

For the first time since Heather and I became members, there will be **no OHCRA Summer Outing this year**. Due to rising costs and lower attendance, a decision was made to forgo the event this year, at least. This is sad on a couple of different levels for us, because as some of you know, we were lucky enough to be married at a Summer Outing a few years ago. **Why is attendance dropping?** Visit the web site and present your ideas, or drop me an email. There has been some discussion floated about having an OHCRA “family” reunion. We need input from all members on this; past, present, active or not.





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