



Around the Bend

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From the Editor,

Somewhere between Thanksgiving and Christmas...another year is coming to a close. Things that I am thankful for this past year? That Heather and I got to spend so much time with our grandson, Dominic. We were able to watch him grow and learn, at an incredible rate it seemed at times. I am thankful for the time we were able to put on a river with our friends somewhere and paddle. I am thankful for our time together. This coming year I resolve to get more time on the water and to try some new rivers. I want to become a better paddler.

We discussed many things at the November planning meeting. One of the ideas discussed was trying to make our trips a little longer. One idea is to have an early take out for those wanting a short paddle and then for those wanting to go a little longer, a take out further on. Or possibly rating the outings in the newsletter so that we all have a better idea of what the weekend trips may be like. Input anyone? Jock told us about the successful efforts of the Friends of the Hocking River to prevent a developer from building a dam across the Hocking River. He would like to see us get more involved with local river groups. I agree. This past year, on behalf of OHCRA, I, along with others, lobbied the Army Corps of Engineers and State Legislators to prevent serious degradation of the Hocking River. We also helped lobby and win a public canoe access on the Hocking. We can do more. We should do more.

One last note as you look over next year's schedule. There's plenty of weekend's open. You too can plan an outing. Plan it and we will come.

I guess that'll do it for now, see you on the water.

Bert & Ernie



"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 follows laws so definite that the tiniest streamlet is a exact replica of a great river." – Roderick Haig-Brown

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2001 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

January 14	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH	
March 11	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH	
April 21/22	Rattlesnake/Paint Creek	Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
May 19/20	Sandusky River	Paul Wood (419) 332-6970
June 9/10	Tiffin River	Paul Wood (419) 332-6970
June 23/24	Little Scioto River	Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459
July 21/22	Summer Outing	Jock Klinger (740) 385-4346
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September 8/9	Lower Cuyahoga River	Ernie & Heather Smith (440) 944-1067
October 6/7	Grand River	Ernie & Heather Smith (440) 944-1067
November 11	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH	

Does anyone else have a river or creek to run? If you have an idea for a trip but have never sponsored one and are not sure what to do, ask one of us for help. We all planned our first trips with some fear of something going wrong, but it always works out ok! Everyone has a bad trip now and then.

JOIN US!



The United States Canoe Association supports a Five Star Program of Cruising, Camping, Conservation, Competition, And Camaraderie. Also, receive many discounts, *Canoe News* magazine, and as an Ohioan, become a member of the Ohio Division for free. Ten + USCA members equals one delegate to the USCA Board of Directors to represent YOU.

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Annual Membership Dues run from January 1 to December 31.

Planning Meetings

Planning meetings are held 3 times a year, usually in January, March and November. **The November meeting is when trips are discussed and planned for the following year.** New officers are nominated and elected as well. If you would like to see the association do something different or suggest a new river to explore, this is the time to come out. Meetings run about an hour or so. We meet at the ODNR, building "E" at Fountain Square in Columbus. To get there make your way to Morse Rd. which runs East and West between I-71 and I-270. Fountain Square is between Karl Rd. and Cleveland Rd., just East of the Northland Shopping Mall.



Dick Winkler, Ron Mills and Paul Wood share a laugh.



It's Time For Dues!

Just a friendly reminder that in order to keep this insightful, witty, informative and award winning newsletter coming to your mail box this coming year, you need to break out your check book. Do it now. Don't make us send someone.

Association News



We learned at the November Planning Meeting that **Justine Feinstein** and **David Hammerstein** are expecting in January. Congratulations and best wishes. You may not know, but **George Tompkins** retired in September. Congratulations to George. It was also put to a vote and decided that Life Time Membership be afforded to **Dick Winkler**. Dick is a long time member of OHCRA and one of the original paddlers to cross the state. Paddles up to Dick.



George "No Clock To Punch" Tompkins

Rocky Fork Update

Dave Caplinger announced at the November Planning Meeting that the bid for property at the Beaver Mill dam site on the Rocky Fork has been withdrawn. The trust purchased a site further down river. If you sent a donation for the Beaver Mill purchase and would like your money returned you can contact Paul Wood, 914 June St., Fremont, OH 43420. If you have further questions you can email Dave Caplinger at dvdhlnicap@aol.com. Dave has been our point man and can explain in more detail about the change of plans. There may also be more details at www.Fallcrk.com/sanctuary.



Some Timely Political Humor (I Hope)

Two opposing county chairmen were sharing a rare moment together. The Democratic Chairman said, "I never pass up a chance to promote our party. For example, whenever I take a cab, I give the driver a sizable tip and say, 'Vote Democratic.'" The Republican said, "I have a better scheme and it doesn't cost me a nickel. I don't give a tip at all. And when I leave, I also say, 'Vote Democratic!'"

The major difference between death and taxes is that Congress can't make death any worse than it is.

It isn't necessary for a politician to fool all the people all the time. A majority on Election Day is enough.

A tourist climbed out of his car in downtown Washington, D.C. He said to a man standing near the curb, "Listen, I'm going to be only a couple of minutes. Would you watch my car while I run into this store?" "What?" the man huffed. "Do you realized that I am a member of the United States Senate?" "Well no," the tourist said, "I didn't realized that. But it's all right. I'll trust you anyway."

"Thunder in the morning, all day storming.
Thunder at night, canoeist's delight." – from the
Canoeist's Little Book of Wisdom



Alison Petrik enjoys a song by Jeff Hartley at the Summer Outing

Let's Try Something New

I may be spitting in the wind here, but aren't there a few waterways in Ohio that we haven't paddled, in a while, or ever maybe? I'd like to see someone put together a trip this coming year on a new stream. Last year we paddled the Little Muskingham for the first time in a while and it was a great weekend. Let's try another "new" one, maybe the lower part of the Mohican, where it meets eventually with the Walhonding and Kokosing. I enjoy all of the rivers I have been on since joining OHCRA, I'd like to try some others. The month of August is open for anyone willing to take the challenge to plan a new trip.

I noticed from reading past newsletters that the incoming president usually would usually write a few words for the newsletter. Well, since I get to say my peace four times a year now, I just thought I'd write a farewell as your out-going president.

Farewell from Your President

Heather and I will be sad to see our tenure end. We will miss all of the attendant duties of president. Trying to keep rowdy planning meetings on track is a chore indeed. We especially enjoyed all of the gala balls and dinners we attended. The trips abroad to canoe in foreign lands were a thrilling experience. Being president involves many decisions (Miller Lite or Bud Lite, rain fly or no rain fly, paddle in the front of the pack or take it easy in back)? Our advice to incoming President Jim Wolf, go with your gut instinct on these decisions.

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words. – unknown author

Teaching Paddlesports to Kids

Many factors influence the success of teaching a child to paddle. The goal is to have fun. Here are some ideas to help accomplish this:

Attention spans are short. Keep directions and descriptions brief followed with active examples.

Free Time - Just that – free time. Let a child be a child. Give them room to experiment.

Be Patient - Concentrate on one thing at a time. Praise often, but only when deserved.

Communicate - Be very specific. Listen to every word. Don't just think it, say it.

Fun - No learning process is 100% fun. But fun must remain to ensure future participation.

Riddle Me This

What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it you'll die? (the answer next year)

For Sale

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