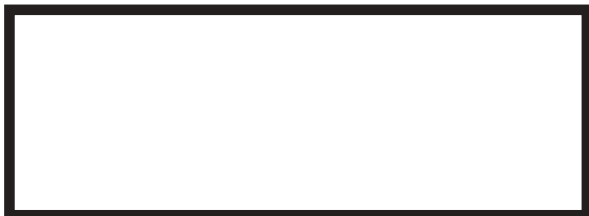


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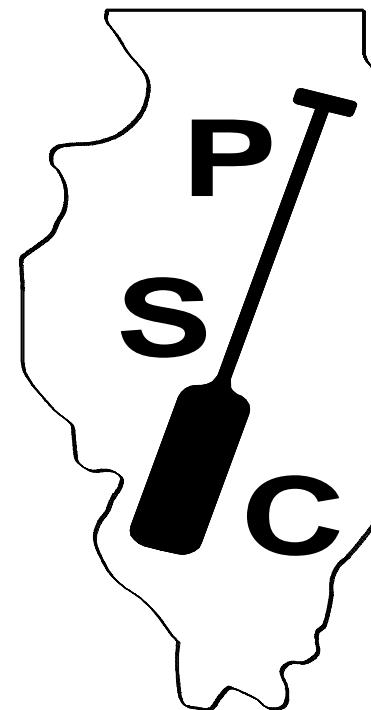
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From The Chair:

Your club exists through the strength, commitment, and passion of members like you. Leading trips, volunteering at events like Paddling in the Park, teaching others new skills, and serving in appointed or elected offices of the club are just some of the ways that the members have built a club as respected, thriving, and enjoyable as Prairie State Canoeists.

The treasurer plays a vital behind-the-scenes role in the club. Donna Goldman, our current treasurer, will be stepping down this November at the end of her term. She's doing an excellent job and hers will be hard shoes to fill. We are seeking someone for this position who is passionate about the club. The treasurer should also be organized, skilled in using spreadsheets or databases, and have a general understanding of finance. Donna is ready to begin training someone for the position, so if you are interested, please let me know immediately.

Four positions on the board of directors come up for election this November. Joann Benedetto has several terms as a board member, as well as club secretary. She is also a certified instructor. Tom Lindblade, in addition to being a first-time board member, is also a certified instructor and our co-training coordinator. He's brought lots of great ideas about training and trainers to the board. John Shaw has served several terms as a board member and as an officer (including co-chair and chair). Ray Ziemer, too, has served several terms on the board, and regularly steps up when volunteers are needed to represent the club at events in the region. All of these talented individuals have given countless hours to the club, and we hope to have their service for years to come.

Board members attend the three regularly scheduled board meetings at the spring dinner, the fall dinner, and the trip leaders' meeting. Other meetings are occasionally held as needed. Board members also listen to the questions, concerns, and suggestions of the general membership, and bring these to the attention of the board. I hope many of you will consider becoming a board member, an interesting and rewarding role within the club.

If you are interested in joining the board this November or at some time in the future, please let me know.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2004		
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4	May 1	June-July
5	July 1	August-September
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PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

DUES: \$15.00 (Dues paid after Sept 1, are applied to next year.)
 NEW MEMBER RENEWAL NEW ADDRESS/PHONE

Please make checks payable to: PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS
Complete & SIGN then mail to: c/o Donna Goldman
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Trip Reports (con't)

makes for a very comfortable day. The rendezvous at the Isle a la Cache museum made for a totally delightful lunch stop. Beyond the island though not high enough to be worrisome or threatening, the water level was definitely conducive to delightful haystacks and absolutely no scraping through the stretch below Illinois 7 bridge or through Fishnet Rapids section itself. The haystacks through the latter section were *great!* Our only problem of any significance came at the take-out, and that was due to the water level. The eddies at the take out were greatly reduced in size and a little challenging to catch. Plus, with high water and high weeds which were greatly enhanced by so many weeks of heat and rain, blazing the trail up to the road was a little like an Indiana Jones movie. As usual, the abundance of wildlife, which is apparently thriving down in the Lower Des Plaines River valley, comes as a total inspiration to the heart. **Louis, Ruth and Tyler Igyarto**

Jun 12-13, Fawn & Pigeon Rivers

After the storms that went through the area on Friday Night, we thought that we may have problems on the river with down trees and flooding; just the opposite. We paddled the Fawn on Saturday, and had a great time. Although the Fawn was high with a good current, we had no problems. We did have a couple of deer cross the river in front of us. Saturday night the forecast as for more rain; which didn't come. The Pigeon did come out of

its banks, but we had camped on high ground to prevent any problems. Sunday canoeing the Pigeon was like canoeing a bayou. The river was completely out of the banks with more than one choice as to what direction to take. We did have to carry the canoes over a tree one time. Thanks to Mike Budrys and his agility, this was done with no problems. Thanks to all who took part. We all enjoyed ourselves. **Paul & Alice Clifford**

Jun 26, Eagle Lake

The Horicon Marsh trip scheduled for June 26 was canceled because of high water and dangerous water. I found a substitution and most of the people accepted. The water level and weather were fine. We saw some shore development and natural scenes 'too numerous to mention'. And the final trite comment is "A good time was had by all!" **Jerry Kolar**

Jun 27, Fox River (Yorkville)

Scenery, wildlife, side-trips, obstacles, points of interest, lunch stop details, etc. It was a great Sunday to be out on the water. We had never met all the 13 folks who joined us. They were all new or relatively new members to PSC. We enjoyed their company very much. The Fox was still high despite a recent dry spell so the trip ran faster than usual. We enjoyed a nice lunch stop at Silver Springs State Park. Special thanks to our car shifters Ben Auliff and Dan Benthall; and also to Lewis and Lance Johnson for being sweep. **John & Barb Shaw**

Additions/Corrections to the Directory Listings

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Announcements

I am looking for five canoe paddlers who are interested in learning some *Rescue Skills on flat water and moving water*. The class is scheduled for **August 29** and, depending on water level, will probably be taught at the Janesville Dam. The instructors will be **Tom Lindblade and Allen Close**. Responses or questions can be sent to Steve LaPorte stevelaporte@earthlink.net; 630-665-5707.

The PSC Paddler needs Volunteers. I am moving to Naperville and am looking for a **new printing establishment and help to process the mailing** of the newsletter every other month. If anyone has resources/contact with a **business in the Naperville area** that can work with me to produce the bi-monthly publication (hopefully in the same booklet format) is asked to contact me **ASAP**. I would hope this new printer can handle processing the mailing as well, but just in case, if there are volunteers that would be willing to come to my home in Naperville to process (stamp, fold, tab and label) the newsletters for mailing (it should take only 1-2 hours) usually around the 15th - 20th of the odd numbered months, please contact me ASAP. This move will happen in early August and will affect the next issue of the PSC Paddler. Thanks! **Sherri Johnson; newsletter@prariestatecanoeists.org; 815-353-2924.**

The Website <http://www.terraserver.com/> is familiar to many of us for use of great aerial photos that are really handy for planning and taking paddling adventures. You can download free and/or cheap software to manipulate the Terra Server maps from <http://jdmcox.com/> and make your own maps for trips all over the country.

Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

Wanted: Kayak suitable for use on rivers by a 4'8" child who's a serious kayaker. Please call Sharon 708-524-0863

For Sale: Please contact 847-991-1618 regarding any of the Yakima items: Complete set of Yakima 1A rain gutter towers with 78" bars including gunwale brackets. \$50. 1 set of Yakima 1A rain gutter towers. \$25. 4 gunwale brackets for Yakima system padded with indoor/outdoor carpet. \$5/bracket

For Sale: Loon Works 13' Nakoma wood/Ceconite canoe. Cherry and walnut woods with a satin finish with a kneeling thwart. Approx. 40 lbs; \$2,300 Marie Bohnen 847-991-1618

For Sale: Mad River Guide "Special Edition" 14.6' Solo canoe-Kevlar, Hardwood Trim, 42-lbs-Sand Color-Excellent Condition-\$950 Mike 847-336-0126

Trip Announcements (con't)

Jul 31-Aug 1, Sat-Sun Wildcat Creek, IN
Clean-up

This trip is canceled.

Jul 31, Sat Kankakee River, IL
(State Line to Mومence)
Beginner

Sherri Johnson 815-353-2924
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(Also see trip listing for Sunday, August 1—Join us for one or both days and/or camping overnight at Kankakee River State Park if there is enough interest and prior notice.) We will paddle from the IN/IL state line to Mومence. This is a really nice trip especially for mid summer and it is close to home. The view at the put-in is rather amazing. When you look upstream you see the Kankakee River Ditch in Indiana that was engineered by the US Army Corps of Engineers. When you look downstream, you see the natural curves and shoreline to the portion in Illinois. The stretch has some cottages on it but is usually quiet. **Directions:** The put-in is at the intersection of State Line Road and the River at the North side (DO NOT try to access this from the south—the bridge is closed!). You may access State Line Road from IL RT 17. Go south of RT 17 approximately 3 miles to the closed bridge at the river. There is a large gravel parking lot on the left. Carshift at 10:00 am; please call/e-mail if you plan to attend, especially if you want to camp. **Camping arrangements will only be made if advanced notice is given to leader.**

Aug 1, Sun Kankakee River, IL
(Bird Park to Kankakee River State Park)

Beginner

Sherri Johnson 815-353-2924
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(Also see trip listing for Saturday, July 31—Join us for one or both days and/or camping overnight at Kankakee River State Park if there is enough interest and prior notice.) This is a really nice trip especially for mid summer and it is close to home. We will paddle from Bird Park in Kankakee to the Class D Campground or boat landing just west of Warner Bridge Road/Kankakee River State Park. This stretch is known for more rocks, gradient, numerous islands and some beautiful limestone outcroppings. We usually stop to have lunch at the picnic tables in the State Park and later hike the Rock Creek Canyon if there is interest. **Directions:** Take IL RT 17 or IL RT 113 to where they intersect on the west side of Kankakee at the Kankakee River. On the west side of the river, IL RT 113 (Wall Street) ends at IL RT 17. Go south on Wall Street to the very first driveway; turn left into Bird Park and follow the road to the left under the bridge (RT 17) to the boat landing. Carshift at 9:30am; please call/e-mail if you plan to attend—especially if you want to camp. **Camping arrangements will only be made if advanced notice is given to leader.**

Aug 7-8, Sat-Sun Sugar River, WI
Beginner

Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
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Contact leader for details....

Trip Reports

April 26-30, 2003, Quietwater Rivers of the Florida Panhandle - Eglin Air Force Base

Rain flirted with our hardy group of twelve, but didn't come down heavily until our last day, when four of us tackled Boiling Creek. Like other creeks on Eglin Air Force Base, its white sand bottom is filled with clear spring water. Pitcher plants and white and yellow water lilies were blooming. Titi Creek was a favorite as boaters enjoyed maneuvering through black gum trees in a freshwater swamp. On Turkey Creek, we found a 2" softshell turtle, gray with white spots, protruding eyes, and a short square snout, probably a recent hatchling not savvy enough to evade capture. When released, it took no time to swim to deeper water, to burrow into the protective sand, its long neck allowing it to breathe while hidden. Rocky Creek was a glorious, leisurely run down a pristine creek, with the added benefit of ending at our campground. Paddling the upper and lower Shoal River provided a contrast, with the upper Shoal revealing high banks of compressed, orange-tinted sand.

Paddling on Eglin is never dull and the roar of airplanes or choppers not distant! Around the bend on Boiling Creek, we discovered our lunch spot occupied with inflated Zodiacs, ready for an evening maneuver. The military presence didn't disturb us, however, anymore than it disturbs the birds, turtles, snakes, and alligators that make Eglin their home.

Getting around on Eglin presents something of a challenge; not all roads are on the map, nor are they easy to identify. As guides, we gratefully drew on the talents of Martha Szymoniak and Bill Hay of the West Florida Canoe Club. The readiness of all paddlers to pitch in and help made this trip a joy. Special thanks to our shuttle drivers: Mike Budrys,

Richard Delezen, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Stan Goldfarb, Art Mayfield, Martha Szymoniak, and Ron Thompson. **Carole Snowdon**

May 15-16, South Branch Elkhart River/Chain of Lakes, IN

The first day was a little on the chilly side. The river level was average; lunch stop very enjoyable. We saw Akobi spanning the along the river bank under the lunch stop bridge. Farther along on the trip in the mallards roost area we encountered 3 SandHill Cranes guarding their nests; quite interesting. Thanks to Erich Guenther for car-shifting. The second day on the Chain, the channels were loaded with geese and their young. It was beautiful weather on this day. **Jerry Emerson**

May 29-31, Wisconsin River, WI

This trip was aborted at the put-in due to high water and very ominous weather forecast for continuous severe storms throughout the entire weekend. You can never count on the accuracy of the weather forecast; but in retrospect, it turned out to be the right decision. **Louis, Ruth and Tyler Igyarto**

Jun 13, Lower Des Plaines River, IL

We surely were blessed with God's many blessings on this trip. High water can be a blessing or a curse. Several weeks of excessive rain found the Chicago area main runoff channel at just a delightful level for our use on this morning. While not quite high enough that we could *paddle* through the trees and into the backwater swamps which would be created at flood stage, we had no shallows to watch out for and a current which was just *almost* strong enough to counter the headwind. In regard to the headwind...it also was a Godsend as it kept the bugs totally at bay, which likewise, also

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at 8:30. Put-in is on the east side of the river at the edge of town at 9:00. Please call /e-mail if you plan to attend.

**Sep 25-26, Sat-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater
(Beginner/Intermediate whitewater)**

**Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net**

Another beautiful fall weekend (if we're lucky). Time to paddle - Pike, Peshtigo, Wolf Rivers; selection will depend upon water levels, paddler interests, and weather. Call leader for details.

**Sep 26, Sun Upper Fox River, WI
Beginner**

John & Barb Shaw 630-961-3479

This is an easy paddle through southern rural Wisconsin only about 1 hour from O'Hare. Forget the chores and join us! **Directions:** Take I-94 to Highway 50 in Wisconsin. Go west on Highway 50 to Highway 83N. Take

83N towards Burlington until you reach County Highway JB (Approximately 2.3 miles). Go east (right) on JB to the bridge (.2 mile). PFD'S are required, dump clothes always recommended. Carshift at 9:30 am sharp.

**Sep 28, Tue Des Plaines River, IL
Full Moon Cruise**

**Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com**
Andy Cocalis 847-949-7203

Meet at Riverside Park at 6:30 for supper or 7:30 for car shift. **Directions:** Take 294 north to Route 176; go west to St Mary's Road. Go left (south) to first light, Old Rockland Road. Take a right, (west) over the river to first street on the left, River Road. Go south 1 block to Riverside Park. We will paddle two small portages if water is low. Take out is in Lincolnshire south of Route 22. Bring a flashlight. Please let us know you are coming. Trip may change if water is too low.

For Future Planning

Oct 2-3, Sat-Sun	Fawn & Pigeon Rivers, IN
Oct 3, Sun	Rock River
Oct 7-10, Thu-Sun	Wolf River-Whitewater (Biking & Paddling)
Oct 8-11, Fri-Mon	Pine/Little Manistee Rivers, MI
Oct 17, Sun	I & M Canal
Oct 17, Sun	Sugar River, WI
Oct ??, Sat	Raccoon Creek, IN (Covered Bridge Festival)
Oct 24, Sun	Illinois River
Nov 7, Sun	Mystery Trip
Nov 14, Sun	Fall Dinner (Tentative)
Nov 29-Dec 3	Quietwater Rivers of Apalachicola National Forest, Florida Panhandle
Mar-Apr 2005	Quietwater Rivers of Cumberland Plateau, TN

PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20)

are available for purchase. You may make arrangements for UPS delivery or in person at some trips by contacting: **Christina Taylor: 312-203-8950 or peace4368@aol.com**

Trip Announcements (con't)

**Aug 8, Sun Chicago River, IL
Flatwater Classic-Race**

**Ray Ziemer 630-836-0086
rgziemer@worldnet.att.net**

Join hundreds of paddling Friends of the Chicago River in a friendly race from Clark Park on the North Side, through the Canyons of Downtown Chicago, to the Chinatown Finish Line. Registration, \$25/adult fee, free shuttle bus, all race details are organized by the Friends of the Chicago River, 312-939-0490. Call or download complete information and registration form from website at <http://www.chicagoriver.org/news/flatwater2004.asp> Contact Ray with questions and to earn paddle points.

**Aug 10-15 Tue-Sun Pine and Manistee Rivers, MI
Advanced Beginner**

**Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com**

Camping and canoeing in Michigan is beautiful. The rivers have clean spring fed challenging but forgiving rapids. This is a good opportunity for moving water skill brush up for experience paddlers who would like to work on their eddy turns, peel out and ferrying skills on the Peterson to Low Bridge section of the Pine. **Directions:** Take I-94 east to I-196 to US 131 to Highway 10 at Reeds City and go west to Baldwin where you take M37 north, about 20 miles, to the Paddlesports campground, on the west side just before the Pine River bridge. Please do not bring firewood. It will be available at the campground.

Aug 13-15, Fri-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater(Michigan UP as backup)

Intermediate/Advanced whitewater

**Bill Barclay 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net**
**Larry Rice 309-246-3757
lrice@mtco.com**

We will paddle Whitewater Rivers in northern WI including the Wolf and the Peshtigo. The choice of rivers will depend upon water levels and temperature. The rivers will include Wolf (Section IV if accessible) and Peshtigo (Section III). On Sun we will run (several times) the Wausau whitewater course.

**Aug 14, Sat Kankakee River, IL
(Momence-Aroma Park)
Beginner**

**Larry Forgala 708-425-0733
larryfor@msn.com**

The current is usually fast enough to make this a somewhat quick trip. Lunch will be at the take-out, or, for those who wish to, at the glad fest in Momence. **Directions:** TAKE I-57 South to Rt. 17 East. Go east on Rt. 17 until just before the ford dealer outside Momence. Turn left onto River South Road and continue approx. 1.0 miles to the put-in. Carshift at 9:30 a.m.

Aug 21, Sat East Branch of Pecatonica

**Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500
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Contact leader for details....

Trip Announcements (con't)**Aug 22, Sun Kishwaukee River, IL
New Members Trip**

Bill Kessler	708-547-5314 Kslr@aol.com
Joan Taylor	630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS TRIP. This is a special invitation to NEW MEMBERS (and veterans) of Prairie State Canoeists to meet other club members and enjoy a popular river trail. We will put in at Cherry Valley. Remember, you must have your own canoe or kayak and paddles and a PFD for each person. Bring lunch, drinking water, and a change of clothes in a dry bag. Contact the leaders and let us know that you are coming. **Directions:** Take I-90 toward Rockford. Take the Rockford/Rte 20 exit after mile-post 61. Go east on Rte 20 a short distance and turn right at the light onto Mill Street, then left on State and right into Bauman Park. Be ready to car shift at 9:30am

**Aug 28-29, Sat-Sun Wisconsin River, WI
River camping**

Sherri Johnson	815-353-2924 canoesew@sbcglobal.net
June Huffman	847-872-6836 padler2@yahoo.com

We will paddle from Muscoda to Boscobel, spending two leisurely days camping on the sand bars. Bring enough water for the whole trip. **Directions:** Take 14 from Madison, WI to Gotham. Go west on 60 to highway 80 which is a four way stop. Turn left, cross the bridge, and take the first left at the sign saying Victoria Park. Go about two blocks and take a left to the landing. Please be at the landing by 9 A. M. to unload so we can car

shift at 9:30. We'll be camping in the group campground at Victoria Park on Friday night.

Aug 29, Sun Lower Des Plaines River, IL

Rich Rothrock	630-325-7019 richrothrock@yahoo.com
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This is a Historic canoe route, Willow Springs to Isle a la Cache in Romeoville (approx. 12 miles). Put-in at Columbia Woods Forest Preserve canoe landing, downstream right from the Willow Springs Road Bridge, west side of Willow Springs Road 1/2 mile north of Archer Avenue (Hwy 171). Entrance into Columbia Woods is between the railroad overpass and the gas station. Car shift 9:30 a.m.

**Sep 4-6, Sat-Mon Namekagon River, WI
Advanced Beginner/River Camping**

Sherri Johnson	815-353-2924 canoesew@sbcglobal.net
John & Marilyn Ziegler	847-742-7316 canucamp@ix.netcom.com

This river is part of the St Croix National Scenic Riverway. We will paddle from the County K landing below the Trego Dam to Riverside landing of the St Croix River. We will be river camping at campsites that are maintained by the National Park Service. The sites have pit toilets, fire rings and drinking water. The Namekagon flows an average of 3 miles per hour in this stretch. The river is rated as Advanced Beginner as it has lots of ripples and things to negotiate but isn't considered to be technical. We will do about 14 miles on Saturday, 12-17 miles on Sunday, and 4.5-7.5 miles on Monday. This shouldn't be too taxing and should allow us all to be setting

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up camp in mid-afternoon Saturday and Sunday and to be on the road heading home around noon on Monday. The drive to the Trego, WI area requires approximately 4 hours from Madison, WI but worth the trip! If you would like to participate in a community/shared dinner on Saturday night, please let me know. You **must call or e-mail** for more details and to sign up for this awesome trip!

**Sep 4-6, Sat-Mon Wisconsin River, WI
River Camping**

Bob Fenger	847-356-2171 Rafcanoe@aol.com
Louis & Ruth Igyarto	847-587-7462 imtngl51@cs.com

Contact leader for details....

**Sep 11-12, Sat-Sun Pine River, MI
Advanced Beginner**

Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel	708-386-1371 chocolate.house@verizon.net
Paul & Alice Clifford	815-886-2554 Pclifford38@hotmail.com

We will paddle two days on the Pine River (Elm Flats to Low Bridge), returning to camp after the first day. The Pine is a beautiful river with moderate to quick current and one stretch of Class I rapids. Tight bends and chutes, especially on the second day, require basic paddling skills e. g. draws, pries, etc. The Pine is part of the wild and scenic river program. However, because we have moved this trip beyond the permit expiration date, we will not be required to obtain permits; the parking fee will be in effect, however (\$5 for the weekend). We will camp at Pine River Paddlesports Center on the left (west) side of highway 37 just before you cross the Pine River going north.

Sep 12, Sun Lower Fox River, IL

Rich Rothrock	630-325-7019 richrothrock@yahoo.com
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This section of the lower Fox River from Sheridan to Wedron (approx. 11 miles) is always interesting with the rock formations. Hoping for a beautiful early fall trip. The put-in will be at Scooters on Robinson Road at the river just north of downtown Sheridan. We will take-out at either Ayers Landing or C&M canoe. There is a \$1.00 fee for putting-in and a \$3.00-\$5.00 fee for parking and take-out. This is a longer trip than just the Rte. 52 to Wedron section, which is the second half of this trip. Carshift at 9:30 am

Sep 25-26, Sat-Sun Kickapoo River, WI

(Fall Colors Trip) Advanced Beginner	
Sherri Johnson	815-353-2924 canoesew@sbcglobal.net
John & Marilyn Ziegler	847-742-7316 canucamp@ix.netcom.com

This is our annual fall appreciation trip. Usually the colors are phenomenal and the river valley as seen from the lookout at the Wildcat Mountain State Park is breathtaking. It is known as the 'crookedest river in Wisconsin." Saturday night we like to have a feast/community dinner. We have a group site reserved at Wildcat Mountain State Park (the one in the trees). Call for details, to sign up for what to contribute to the dinner and to reserve your spot. **Directions:** Take I-90-94 west from Madison. Exit RT 82 at the Mauston (Milepost 69). Follow RT 82 west to RT 80. Go south through Elroy to RT 33 at Union Center. Take RT 333 west to Wildcat Mountain State Park or on to Ontario to the put-in. We will carshift from the campground