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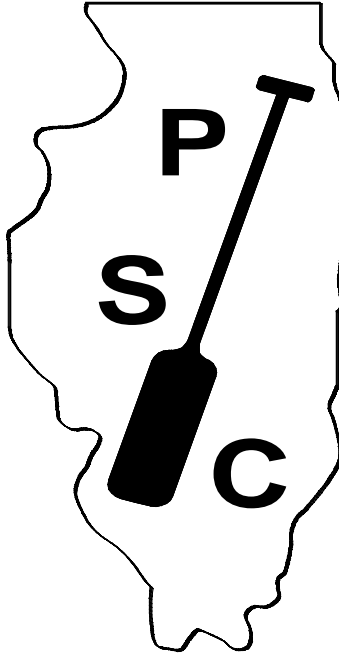
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Visit our website at: <http://www.prairiestatecanoeists.org>

Spring paddling opportunities are abundant!

Please note that the New E-mail address for the PSC Paddler is:

newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org

In this Issue:

You will find **almost 40 Trip Announcements** for May and June! And since most of them are local trips, this makes it really easy to get the paddling season started. Our annual Training Trips are also included which give excellent opportunities to build skills and develop new ones. Check out **Trip Announcements** starting on page 6.

Announcements this time include information about the **43rd Annual Fox Valley Canoe Race, The Great River Rumble and Paddling in the Park**; page 4. Also be sure to read **From the Co-Chair** on page 3 and **Paddlers Marketplace** on page 4.

Please note the new E-mail listed for the newsletter

Our Webmaster, Milt, has set up the following e-mail for the PSC Paddler Editor: ***newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org*** Please send all future Trip Announcements, Reports and information for the newsletter to this address. This will make it much easier for us to process information so please update your listing today! Remember, Trip Reports for the Website (including pictures) should also be sent to this address as I will be adding them to the website as well.

We are working on a method to send out an e-mail notification to members who want to be notified when the Website has been updated. This will include changes to the master list, additions to the Trip Reports and Hot Line pages. We are also working on making the PSC trip Report and signing sheets available in electronic format for easier transfer of data.

Don't forget, this newsletter is for you, the members of PSC, and we always welcome ideas and information.

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: 708-455-087 or peace4368@aol.com

Newsletter Deadlines for 2003

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1	November 1, 2002	Dec 02-Jan 03
2	January 11	February-March
3	March 1	April-May
4	May 1	June-July
5	July 1	August-September
6	September 1	October-November
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You may e-mail copy (preferred) to:

newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org

OR to FAX : You must call 815-634-2811 first

OR mail to: PSC Paddler, 570 Trotter Drive, Coal City, IL 60416

From The Co-Chair:

I recently received a call from a club member looking for information on a river. As I was going through the files I discovered that no trip reports had been added to the archives in the last few years. I mentioned this at the March 2, 2003 board meeting. We realized that with the advent of the electronically submitted trip report the trip report forms have not been submitted. Without the form's format valuable information was not being reported and nothing was being archived.

The board agreed that maintaining these records is of value to the club. Wanting to make the tasks of our volunteers as easy as possible we brainstormed around how best to do this. As a first step, Sherri Johnson is changing the trip report form into a new and improved document. Trip leaders will be able to complete this form electronically and email it to Sherri and me. The Board has also approved my motion to have both the sign-in sheet and the trip report forms available on the web site. (Give us a little time on this one.) These forms will serve as a back-up if forms are misplaced, extra trips are added at the last minute... We will, of course, still welcome the paper version.

I welcome your thoughts and comments.

Christina Taylor, Co-Chair

Welcome New Members

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Lake Zurich, IL 60047	

Paddlers Marketplace

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

For Sale: Fiberglass, Blackhawk Zephyr - \$500; Dagger Ovation, used approximately 10 times - \$500; Poke Boat - \$150. Also ladies large one-piece drysuit - \$60. Rose Kirwan, 847/356-6772 or e-mail r.kirwan@worldnet.att.net

For Sale: Pakboat Puffin folding kayak for sale. Ultralight (20 lbs.) \$650. Dennis Fisher 815-941-2462. Information on Pakboat can be found at: <http://www.pakboats.com>

For Sale: Dagger Encore whitewater solo boat, red, wood trim, float bags, tie downs, saddle. \$350. Old high volume C-1. \$300. Very old, outdated K1's (2) that I used as extras for the kids (now moved out) make an outrageous offer, also wood racks for vehicles with gutters. Rick Fleming 847-253-9383 or rick24fleming@attbi.com.

For Sale: 17' Klepper folding kayak, expedition model. Complete w/ rudder & 2 sets of paddles; loading hatch, lifelines, D-rings, keel strip, paddle pockets. Tandem or solo use w/spray deck. Like new \$3,500.00 Marie & Ken 847-991-1618

For Sale: Wenonah Rendezvous, 15'-10" solo, Royalex, with air bags, light use, very good condition, selling to purchase a kayak, \$675 Dave and Sherri Johnson 815-634-2811 or djohnson@uti.com

Announcements

PADDLING IN THE PARK

July 26-27, 2003

Twin Lakes Recreation Area, Palatine, Illinois

This is a two-day canoeing and kayaking festival - a combination work shop, history lesson, and trade show as the Chicago Tribune called it. ACA instructors teach two-hour lessons in solo and tandem canoe, river and sea kayaking. For the more adventuresome there are freestyle and whitewater canoe clinics. A children's paddling playground keeps the youngsters occupied, and the whole family can enjoy group paddles in a voyageur canoe and dragon boat. Learn to sail a canoe or find out about marathon racing boats. Meet area paddling clubs and river conservation organizations. Lectures, displays and a raffle ensure a fun, educational and entertaining day for all. All the leading area paddlesport retailers will be present with canoes and kayaks to test paddle.

NOTE: PSC typically provides volunteers to help with organization, safety boats, and a booth to hand out information about our club. Please contact Sigrid Pilgrim at sigpilgr@paddlinginthepark.com or 847-328-0145 to volunteer to help with the event now. There is always work to be done before the event.

Announcements

The **43rd Annual Mid-American Canoe Race** sponsored by Fox Valley Park District will run on **Sunday, June 1, 2003** on the **Fox River**

This is an amateur canoe race open to paddlers 14 years of age and older. One thousand canoe teams from throughout the United States are expected to compete in this annual event. Participants may compete in the racing hull division or in one of 9 cruising hull divisions. There is also one kayak division, an open division, and a recreation class.

The race features computerized timing which enables officials to post times quickly. The contestants also receive complimentary food and beverages at the finish line along with an official giveaway bag which has a t-shirt and other prizes and coupons from local merchants.

This race is a cooperative Fox Valley community effort with more than 500 individuals donating their time and talents in race procedures, water and land safety, race communications and programming at the various cities by its groups and Park Districts

\$15 per person - \$30 total/2 person team
\$30 total per open class entry

The official website for registration, where you can download an entry form is: <http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/midamerican/reginfo.html>

Completely fill out entry form for each team. Mail each entry form along with a check or money order for the correct amount to:

Fox Valley Park District, 150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora, IL 60506

The Great River Rumble 2003 on the Mississippi River Saturday, July 26 - Saturday, August 2

The Great River Rumble is an annual weeklong canoe/kayak trip. Each year it travels a different section of river, usually on the mighty Mississippi. Please come and join your friends as we paddle on the Mighty Mississippi River from Savanna, Illinois to Burlington, Iowa (approximately 133 miles).

Each year the Great River Rumble is put on by **Midwest River Expeditions, Inc.**, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people enjoy the rivers and promote environmental consciousness. This trip would not be possible without the tremendous efforts of a great many people. This is truly a trip "by the people, for the people".

For more details:

Visit the official website at: <http://www.riverrumble.org>

write to: **Great River Rumble, P.O. Box 3408, Dubuque, IA 52004-3408**

or call **Rex Klein at 708-747-1969**

Trip Announcements

23-Mar Sat

**Piscasaw Creek
Advanced Beginner**

(Note that the date changed for this trip)

Vic Hurtow canoedic@iwc.net

773-777-1489

The Piscasaw Creek is an interesting and intimate tributary of the mighty Kishwaukee and the only trout stream in the Prairie State. I had originally planned to run this trip on the 16th of March but need to push it back a week...seems that I forgot about Canoeecopia when scheduling. I need to limit the # of boats to 9 including myself and we have 3 going so far. If you have any questions please call me during the week. Vic

5-Apr, Sat

**Kishwaukee River, IL
(Belvidere-Cherry Valley)**

Vic Hurtow canoedic@iwc.net

773-777-1489

Trip is limited to 8 canoes, please call Vic for details.

5-Apr, Sat

**DuPage River, IL (Shorewood to Channahon)
Beginner**

Paul Clifford

815-886-2554

Ray Ziemer

630-836-0086

We will canoe from Shorewood to Channahon. This is a nice section of river that you can use to practice your skills. Directions: Take I-55 to Route 52 in Shorewood, IL. Go west to Route 59 (Stop Light). Turn right (North) on Route 59 and go about 1 mile to Hammel Woods Park entrance on right. Follow the road through the park bearing to the right to the parking lot by the dam. Bring dump clothes, lunch, drink and PFD. Carshift at 9:30 a.m.

6-Apr, Sun

**Little Vermillion River, IL
Advanced Beginner**

Bob Kane paddler@cbcast.com

815-744-8129

Pray for rain! This river drains fast, so call me by Saturday. To get there, take the Rt34 exit off of I-39. Go west to Troy Grove. Take the first left to the river. We will carshift at 9:30. Bring a lunch and dump bag

12-Apr, Sat

**Moving Water 1-DuPage River, IL
Training**

Bob Kane paddler@cbcast.com

815-744-8129

Sandy Bate

847-587-7623

This workshop's purpose is to provide a moving water paddling foundation in line with the requirements of the American Canoe Association.

It is designed to build on the previous class or equivalent. Focus will be on safety, river reading, control within the current, ferries, eddy turns, and peel outs. The class will be taught by ACA certified instructors and competent aides. The cost of the class will be \$5.00 and \$5.00 for an ACA event membership. ACA members do not need to purchase the event membership but must bring their current ACA membership cards. A limit will be placed on the number of participants to assure proper student/teacher ratios, please register with Bob Kane by April 1st. Further information will be sent to each participant after registering.

13-Apr, Sun**DuPage River, IL****Beginner****Bob Kane****paddler@cbcast.com****815-744-8129****A. J. Jacobin**

From Chicago go south on I-55 to the Jefferson St. exit (US RT 52) Go west to the first light (IL RT 59) Turn right (north) on IL RT 59 and go three miles to Caton Farm Rd. Turn right (east) and cross the river and turn right (south) on the west frontage road. Take this to the Park District put-in on the right. Carshift at 9:30 A.M. Bring lunch and dump bag.

13-Apr, Sun**Kishwaukee River, IL****(Cherry Valley-Rock River)****Vic Hurowy****canoedic@iwc.net****847-803-4575**

Contact Vic for details on this trip.

13-Apr, Sun**Nippersink Creek/Chain of Lakes, IL****Beginner****Bob Fenger****Rafcanoe@aol.com****847-356-2171****Louis Igyarto****imtng151@cs.com****847-587-7462**

We will paddle the Nippersink Creek to the Chain O' Lakes by way of backwater channels, and lake paddling. We will end our trip at the Chain O' Lakes State Park. Bring dump clothes. Directions: Take RT 12 north through Fox Lake. Look for the up-side-down canoe on top of the Forest Preserve sign, 1/4 mile after State Park Road. Turn right into the Canoe Base and go to the end of the road. Car Shift will be at 9:00 am. Call leader for details.

13-Apr, Sun**Chicago River, IL --IPC-Kick-off****Beginner****Sigrid & Al Pilgirm****847-328-0145**

This trip is organized by the Illinois Paddling Council. Details can be found at the website: <http://www.illinois paddling.org>. Or look in the Announcements in the last issue of the PSC Paddler (Vol 35 #2-February-March 2003).

**16-Apr-22-Apr, Wed-Sat Black Creek, MS
West Florida Canoe Club**

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

This will be river camping with friends from the West Florida Canoe Club. Call or e-mail for more info.

**18-Apr-20-Apr, Fri-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater
Intermediate/Advanced whitewater**

**Bill Barclay 708-386-1371
Larry Rice 309-246-8351**

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). Join us for this trip while water levels are still good (we hope). Wet/dry suits, helmets required

**19-Apr, Sat Mazon River, IL
Advanced Beginner**

**Sherri Johnson canoeseew@uti.com 815-634-2811
Rosetta Kessler 815-729-0713**

The Mazon River is truly one of the 'GEMS' of undeveloped areas within a short drive of the Chicago suburban area. This is one our regular 'play' trips on the Mazon and we tend to be in no hurry to get down the river. The idea is to enjoy the river and take turns playing in the current, eddies, etc.... This is rated 'Advanced Beginner' because there is a potential of the one Class I rapid and there many riffles that require maneuvering skills above a 'Beginner' status. The trip is dependant on the water level. In the past we have had everything between barely enough water to scrape through, to flood stage — this is to be expected for this unspoiled, undeveloped Illinois stream. We have to contend with the change in access since the bridge replacement in 2000, so we still need everyone to call us since the put-in parking is tight and a long walk to the river. We always keep a small group. We're trying out a new takeout this year.

**20-Apr, Sun Kyte Creek, IL
Advanced Beginner**

Bob Kane paddler@cbcast.com 815-744-8129

Lots of fun; lots of deadfall; but worth the carry-overs. Take I-39 to Rte.38 Go west to the end (Rte.251) Turn right to Flagg Rd.(2 lights) Go West to the river. Just past the river on the right is Skagg Park. This is where we will put in. We will carshift at 9:30. Bring a lunch and dump bag.

24-Apr-27-Apr, Thu-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater
Advanced--(paddling and biking)

Rick Fleming rick24fleming@attbi.com **847-253-9383**

I will probably head up to Central WI Thursday to bike on one of the trails, camping up north and biking again Friday, then heading to the Wolf River for a short trip thru Gilmore's Mistake. Sat and Sun river sections according to group skill level, quite possibly the Red on Sat as it is a good warm-up river. Join us for bike and paddle or paddle only. Call or write for meeting times and campsites.

26-Apr, Sat Salt Creek of the Des Plaines River, IL. (Riverside)
Advanced Beginner

Glen Jensen Mixinmimi@aol.com **708-795-7995**

A western suburban adventure that begins at the Graue Mill and winds through various forest preserves, splits Brookfield Zoo, and ends at Plank Road Meadow Forest Preserve (Ogden and First Avenue). This narrow and shoally creek with many riffles, flanked by a heavily wooded forest, will be a ten-mile delight for any city denizen. This is probably the west-side's best kept secret. The paddlers who went on this trip in October were pleasantly surprised at Salt Creek's beauty and remoteness despite that it flows through urban sprawl. Getting to Graue Mill is easy. Take 294 to Ogden Avenue (Route 34) and drive west to York Road, turn north and proceed to the Southeast parking lot at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve. If you arrive early, make sure to walk over to the mill that was once a stopping point on the Underground Railroad during the antebellum era. The short six-mile car shift will begin at 9:30 am

26-Apr, Sat Des Plaines River, WI
Advanced Beginner

Jerry Kolar **847-336-1187**

We'll start in Wisconsin from a place determined by the water level and end in Illinois. Expect to see the usual birds and spring flowers. Conditions may indicate a boat limit.

26-Apr-27-Apr, Sat-Sun Tippecanoe River, IN
Beginner

Gerry Emerson **219-662-1296**
Bob Kane paddler@cbcast.com **815-744-8129**

We will camp at Tippecanoe State Park and carshift from there each day leaving at 9:00 am on Saturday and 8:30 am on Sunday (Chicago time). We will camp at the park but will NOT be launching there so do not pay the fee upon arrival. **You must call the leader if you plan to attend.**

27-Apr, Sun

Mazon River, IL

Advanced Beginner

Sherri Johnson canoesew@uti.com

815-634-2811

Rosetta Kessler

815-729-0713

See Trip Announcement for April 19—same details...

27-Apr, Sun

Kishwaukee River, IL

Advanced Beginner

Bob Fenger Rafcanoe@aol.com

847-356-2171

Come to paddle the Kishwaukee River from Cherry Valley, to Atwood Park. Carshift will be at 9:30 am. **Directions:** From Chicago take I- 90 west. Exit I-39/US-51 south toward Rockford. Take US-20 east exit number 122b towards Belvidere. Merge onto US-20 west. Turn right onto Mill RD; left on State St; right on Walnut. Follow into the park.

27-Apr, Sun

Rock River, IL (Oregon to Dixie)

Beginner

Vic Hurtow canoevic@iwc.net

773-777-1489

Contact Vic for details on this trip.

27-Apr, Sun

Sangamon River, IL-Picnic

(Irwin Bridge-New Salem)-Mackinac & Rock River Canoe Club

Dave St Jern

217-546-5474

Contact Dave for details on this trip.

3-May-4-May, Sat-Sun

Middle Fork, Vermillion River, IL

Advanced Beginner

Larry & Evelyn Tennyson

630-497-2516

We will be leading the trip for PSC on the Middle Fork Vermillion, (Illinois 1st National Wild & Scenic river), and hope you will join us for one day or two. We will meet each day at the river bridge in Kickapoo State Park at 9:30 AM. From there we will proceed, all together to the put-in that we select that morning. Take I-57 south to I-74 at Champaign-Urbana. Go East on I-74 to the exit marked Kickapoo State Park and follow signs to the park. Get there early and reserve a campsite for the night. Tell the ranger you are with PSC. We will try to camp all in one area. Allow 3 hours driving time from Chicago. Join us for dinner at a steakhouse in Danville Saturday night, if you wish.

**3-May, Sat****Fox River, IL****Advanced Beginner****Jerry Kolar****847-336-1187**

This will be a leisurely sight seeing trip from Chain O' Lakes State Park. We'll start about 9:30 and paddle north in a no-wake zone. After lunch we'll slowly paddle back.

4-May, Sun**Bark River, WI****Advanced Beginner****Bob, Charlie & Austin Fenger****Rafcanoe@aol.com****847-356-2171**

The Bark River is spring fed. It has three personalities. The first section has tight bends. The second is straight and canalized; the third is wooded and shaded. **Directions:** Route 12 north into Wisconsin. Route 12 will become 12/67 for approx. 7 miles. Route 12 will take a left turn, and 67 will continue straight. Stay on route 67 north until you meet Rt 18. Turn left on Rt.18 proceed 1.75 miles to river. Turn left into the park.

8-May-11-May, Thur-Sun**Upper Peninsula MI Whitewater****Advanced Whitewater****Bill Barclay****708-386-1371****Tom Lindblade****815-963-5945**

The UP has some great whitewater rivers and beautiful scenery. We haven't done this trip in a few years but we are going back. Possible rivers include the Montreal, Black, E. Branch Ontonogan, Presque Isle, and others. We will paddle all four days but plan to get off the river on the last day early enough for people to drive home. Call the leaders for details regarding camping and meeting places. Wet/dry suits, helmets required

9-May, Fri**Fox River, IL****Advanced Beginner****Jerry Kolar****847-336-1187**

A no shuttle trip will start and end in McHenry County. We'll have a close view of a large rookery and paddle some backwater. There's a possibility of an occasional powerboat causing a wake. There is a boat limit.

10-May, Sat**Chicago River Rescue
Clean-up****Vic Hurtow****canoedic@iwc.net****773-777-1489**

Contact Vic for details on this Clean-up trip.

10-May, Sat Open Canoe Workshop
Moving Water II - Vermillion River

Sandon Bate**847-587-7623**

This workshop's purpose is to provide a moving water paddling foundation in line with the requirements of the American Canoe Association (ACA). It is designed to build on the previous two classes or equivalent. Focus will be on safety, control within the current, ferries, eddy turns, and peel outs. The class will be taught by ACA certified instructors and competent aides. The cost of the class will be \$5.00 and \$5.00 for an ACA event membership. ACA members do not need to purchase the event membership but must bring their current ACA membership cards. A limit will be placed on the number of participants to assure proper student/teacher ratios, please register with Sandon Bate by May 1st. Further information will be sent to each participant after registering

10-May-11-May, Sat-Sun Sugar Creek, IN Wine & Cheese Fest
Advanced Beginner

Bob Kane**paddler@cbcast.com****815-744-8129****Paul & Alice Clifford****815-886-2554**

Come join us for our annual wine & cheese festival as we paddle Sugar Creek through the scenic Turkey Run State Park area. Bring a dish to pass around for Saturday night. Paul, Alice, and I will provide adult beverages and soda. We will carshift from Shades State Park at 10:00am on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday. **To get to Shades** from Chicago take I-80-90 into Indiana. Exit US RT 41 south. Proceed to Indiana RT 234 (about 120 mi) and turn east to Shades (8 mi). Ask for a campsite on the far curve in the Raccoon Run area. Please call leaders if you are going.

15-May-18-May, Thu-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater
Advanced--(paddling and biking)

Rick Fleming**rick24fleming@attbi.com****847-253-9383**

I will probably head up to Central WI Thursday to bike on one of the trails, camping up north and biking again Friday, then heading to the Wolf River for a short trip thru Gilmore's Mistake. Sat and Sun river sections according to group skill level. Join us for bike and paddle or paddle only. Call or write for meeting times and campsite.

17-May, Sat Bark River, WI
Beginner

John & Marilyn Ziegler**canucamp@ix.netcom.com****847-742-7316**

We have a new put in; please call for more info.

17-May-18-May, Sat-Sun**Chain of Lakes, IN****Beginner**

Gerry Emerson**219-662-1296****Bob Kane****paddler@cbcast.com****815-744-8129**

We plan to be paddling the South Branch-Elkhart River on Saturday and the Chain of Lakes on Sunday. Carshift at 8:30 am *sharp* both days from the campground. Bring lunch for each day. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner on Saturday evening at an Amish restaurant in Topeka.

Directions: Take Indiana Tollway/I-80-90 to Indiana RT 13. Go south on RT 13 to US RT 6. Go east on US RT 6 to IN RT 9 and south on RT 9 through Albion until you see the sign for Chain of Lakes State Park. Please call leaders prior to the trip.

18-May, Sun**Des Plaines River Marathon****(Libertyville-Des Plaines, IL)**

Ray Ziemer**630-836-0086**

Join hundreds of paddlers for this annual event; choose any category of competition or just float along for 19 1/2 miles of river fun. Start times from the Libertyville put-in are assigned after registration. The scene at the finish line in DesPlaines is always exciting and fun for the whole family. Shuttle buses are available. Visit the official web site for information, photos, tips, and more:

<http://www.canoemarathon.com> Call the hot line: 847-604-2445. Or contact Don Mueggenborg: **<mailto:DONMUEGG@avenew.com>**. Sign in with Ray Ziemer for PSC paddle points. ***This is also an opportunity for us to set up a booth to hand out information about our club.*** Contact Ray if you are interested in helping with a PSC booth at the marathon or paddling.

22- May-26-May, Thu-Mon**Memorial Day Weekend**

Wisconsin Whitewater (paddling and biking)

Rick Fleming**rick24fleming@attbi.com****847-253-9383**

I will probably head up to Central WI Thursday to bike on one of the trails, camping up north and biking again Friday, then heading to the Wolf River for a short trip through Gilmore's Mistake. Sat and Sun river sections according to group skill level. Monday paddle with whomever remains around, as I head home early to avoid the traffic. Join us for bike and paddle or paddle only. Call or write for meeting times and campsite, which will probably be at the Bear Paw.

**24-May, Sat Eagle Spring Lake+, WI
Advanced Beginner**

Jerry Kolar 847-336-1187

About 20 miles SW of Milwaukee we'll paddle two lakes, a marsh and a crooked creek. Lunch will include a hike. Limited parking at the put-in and lunch will cause a boat limit.

**24-May-26-May, Sat-Mon Wisconsin River, WI
Beginner Camping**

Louis & Ruth Igyarto imtngrl51@cs.com 847-587-7462
Bob Fenger Rafcanoe@aol.com 847-356-2171

From Chicago: Follow I-90 (N/W Toll way) north to Madison, WI. Get off at the exit for US 12 & 18 west. Follow 18 west to Dodgeville. In Dodgeville pick up SR 23 north to SR 130 north. Follow 130 until it turns into SR 133 west. Follow 133 into Muscoda. Turn right (north) and proceed through town to Victoria Park, along the river, just before the bridge.

**26-May, Mon Memorial Day, Lower Fox River, IL
(RT 52 to Wedron)**

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

Join us for an early season paddle through the "Dells of the Fox". Hopefully Mother Nature gives us a pleasant spring day. **Directions:** Take I-55 south to RT 52 (Shorewood exit west). Continue west on RT 52 approx 26 miles to the river. Put-in is at the NE corner of the bridge. Carshift will be at 9:30am.

31-May-1-Jun, Sat-Sun Grant River, WI

Bob Kane paddler@cbcast.com 815-744-8129

We will carshift both days from the Grant River Rec. Area at 9:00A.M. Reservations are strongly recommended. Reserve on the Internet at <http://www.reserveusa.com>. To get there take I-90 west to US RT 20 west to IL 84north (becomes WI RT 80 in WI) to WI RT 11W to Hwy 61N to Tennyson. Take RT 133 from Tennyson through Potosi. As you leave town, RT 133 makes a sharp right turn. Just before this right a road goes off to the left. There is a sign to indicate the Rec. area. Please call if you are coming.

**31-May-1-Jun, Sat-Sun Open Canoe Workshop
Beginning White Water - Wisconsin**

Sandy Bate 847-587-7623

This workshop will be an American Canoe Association (ACA) registered event for club members interested in learning whitewater-canoeing

skills. Attendance is limited to eight students, so call early if you are interested. There is a \$15 per person fee for the workshop (ACA members receive a \$5 discount). The workshop's purpose is to build on the skills learned at the Open Canoe Moving Water Workshops (or equivalent). The more you know, the more you will enjoy the sport. We will be paddling on whitewater this time so that you can practice what you have previously learned and add some new skills. The agenda for the workshop includes: outfitting your canoe, entry and exit, trim, moving forward and reverse, stopping, spins, sideslips, bracing, use of eddies, ferries, surfing, running ledges and negotiating rock gardens. We will be paddling in Northeast Wisconsin. Participants need to supply their own equipment. Boats are to be outfitted with extra flotation. Helmets and PFD's must be worn at all times on the river. To assure that we adhere to ACA requirements on the ratio of students to instructors, you must register by May 15th, 2003. Call Sandy if you would like to register for this program.

For Future Planning...

1-Jun, Sun

Des Plaines

(New Members Trip)

Joan Taylor

taylorjrs@aol.com

630-495-1565

Bill Kessler

708-547-5314

Details in next issue.

2-Jun-6-Jun, Mon-Fri

Little Missouri River, ND

Advanced Beginner

Paul & Alice Clifford

815-886-2554

Kim Parsons

262-567-3995

We will be canoeing the Little Missouri River in the far western end of North Dakota. This is through the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This will include some hiking to various points in the Park. This will be river camping for 5 Nights. **You must contact the leaders prior to May 1 with your intentions and for directions.**

2-Jun-6-Jun, Mon-Fri

Arkansas & Missouri Rivers

Advanced Beginner

Carol Snowden

414-962-0879

Karen Wedde

920-235-7159

Originating in the Boston Mountains, Arkansas' Mulberry is jewel-like green, a river whose upper reaches are surrounded by the Ozark National Forest, largely protecting it from development. Missouri's Ozark National Scenic Riverways includes the Eleven Point, Current and Jack's Fork Rivers. First-magnitude springs, such as Greer Springs (Eleven Point), Alley (Jack's Fork), and Big, Blue, and Welch Springs (Current), contribute to the clear blues and greens so enjoyable in these Ozark Rivers. Springs and caves can be explored from the rivers. **CONTACT TRIP LEADERS SOON FOR DETAILS.**

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