
**7-June, Sat DuPage River Sweep
Clean-Up**

Ray & Dawn Ziemer 630-836-0086
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DuPage River Sweep is a county-wide stream clean-up held during American Rivers Month. We will be cleaning up a stretch of the North Branch. It will be a great way to practice skills, enjoy a pleasant paddle, and improve the quality of our local stream, too. Supplies and technical support are provided by the Conservation Foundation and other sponsors & partners. Carshift at 9:30. Please call for directions. Would you want to include a link to the Conservation Foundation Website? Check out: <http://www.theconservationfoundation.org>

**8-June, Sun DesPlaines River
Advanced Beginner**

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The Forest Preserve District of Will County will be hosting the 19th Annual 'Island Rendevous' at the Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville. A Voyageur encampment, craft and souvenir vendors, etc. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. We will be stopping here for lunch. From Chicago take I-55 southwest to the Lemont Road exit and go south. After Bluff Rd. the next right is a frontage road prior to crossing the big bridge. Take this frontage road over the river to the put-in, under the bridge on the left. Carshift is at 9:30 sharp!

**14-June, Sat Fox River, WI
Advanced beginner**

Jerry Kolar 847-336-1187

Somewhere near Muckwonago we'll paddle a section of the Fox River and perhaps a tributary if I scout it in time. There should be enough water and the scenery is mostly pre-settlement for an enjoyable trip. There is a boat limit.

**14-15-June, Sat-Sun WI Whitewater
Intermediate/Advanced**

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

Another chance to paddle rivers like the Wolf and Peshtigo but in warmer weather (we hope). Wolf IV will be open by this date and that will be one of our choices. Others will be dependent upon river levels and interest. Call the leaders for details. Wet/dry suits, helmets required.

**15-June, Sun Dowagiac River, Michigan
Advanced Beginner**

Joan Taylor TAYLORIRS@aol.com 630-495-1565
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Paddle a delightful, narrow, shaded river in Southwest Michigan. Carshift at 9:30. Put in at the Dow-Wah-Jack's Canoe Rental (There is a \$. per canoe/kayak charge. These folks do a great job of keeping the river clear.) Take 94 east into Michigan to exit 4A. Take U.S. 12 east 22 miles to Business 12/Niles turnoff. Take Business 12 into and through Niles to junction with M51 just past S. Joseph River Bridge. Go north on M51 to the Dow-Wah-Jack's Canoe Rental. (4 miles north of Dowagiac.) Please let us know you are coming.

16-22-June, Mon-Sun (or come for the weekend)

**Pine and Manistee Rivers, Lower Michigan
Exp paddlers only**

Joan Taylor TAYLORIRS@aol.com 630 495-1565

Come and paddle on the beautiful, exciting but forgiving rivers of Lower Michigan. We will camp at Paddlesports Center and Campground just south of the Pine on Route MI 37. We will car shift each day from the campground at 8:30 a.m. Chicago time. Please let me know when you plan to paddle. Take I94 east to 196 to MI 37 and go north to the campground or take 196 to 131 to Highway 10 at Reeds City and go west to Baldwin where you take 37 north to the campground. The camp is 300 miles from the western suburbs. Paddling permits are needed for certain sections of the river and can be obtained in Baldwin at the Forest Service office on the south side of town during office hours. Parking permits can be purchased at the campground

**21-22-June, Sat-Sun Pere Marquette (MI)
Beginner**

Barclay/Strobel 708-386-1371
Anita and Mike Budrys 847-735-0810

The Pere Marquette is one of the most beautiful rivers in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It is a fairly gentle river that winds between sandy and wooded banks with one short Class I rapids. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, blue heron, beaver, etc. On Saturday the car shift from the campground will be at 9:30 a.m. (Chicago time). The Pere Marquette is part of the wild and scenic river program and paddlers are required to obtain permits. You must contact the leaders at least two weeks in advance to assure permit availability; there is a new \$2/day permit charge. Directions: from Chicago take I-94/I-196

to Grand Rapids. Take MI 37 north 65-70 miles to North Avenue (1 mile north of Baldwin MI.) Turn right for 1 mile and then left at Putnam's. Sites will be reserved for PSC. Alternate route: from Chicago take I-94/I-196 north to Holland; then take MI 31 north to MI 10, near Ludington. Go right (east) on MI 10 to MI 37 and then right (south) to North Avenue and left to Putnam's.

**22-June, Sun Lower Fox River
Beginner**

John & Barbara Shaw 630-961-3479
Contact John & Barb for details.

**28-29-June, Sat-Sun Beginning Whitewater
Training**

Bill Barclay 708-386-1371
Kim Parsons 262-567-3995

This trip is designed for paddlers learning the art of whitewater canoeing. We will paddle rivers in northern WI, with the choice of rivers dependent upon water levels and the groups' interest/experience. Likely candidates include the Pike (Yellow Bridge Falls at paddlers' option), Oconto, Wolf (Sections I and/or II), Peshtigo Section II, etc. There will be no rapids rated above Class II on this trip. This is a chance to build skills and confidence with support of other paddlers. Call the leaders for details regarding camping, meeting places, etc.

**28-June, Sat DuPage River
Advanced Beginner**

Joan Taylor TAYLORJRS@aol.com 630 495-1565
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We will do a pleasant paddle starting at Hammel Woods. Take I-55 south to Rt. 52, exit west to Rt. 59 (1st light). Turn right going north to 1st light, Black Road. Turn right again and enter Hammel Woods. Proceed to the canoe access. Carshift at 9:30. Bring lunch, dump bag, registered boat, and life jacket. Please let us know you are coming.

**29-June, Sun DesPlaines River Cleanup
Advanced Beginner**

Joan Taylor TAYLORJRS@aol.com 630 495-1565
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This is an opportunity to practice your retrieval and maneuvering skills. Carshift is 9:30. We will paddle from below Dam One to Big

Trip Announcements

**1-June, Sun Des Plaines River
New Members Trip**

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This is a special invitation to NEW MEMBERS (and veterans) of Prairie State Canoeists to meet other club members and enjoy a trip through a beautiful, wooded river trail. If you are a novice, veteran paddlers will help you improve your skills. Remember, you must have your own canoe and paddles, and a PFD for every person. Bring lunch, drinking water, and a change of clothes in a dry bag. We will put in at the Illinois Route 60 launch site just east of Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21). Carshift at 9:00 AM. Please contact Bill Kessler to let us know you are coming or if you have questions.

**2-6-June, 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.

**2-6-June, Mon-Fri Arkansas & Missouri Rivers
Advanced Beginner**

Carol Snowden 414-962-0879
Karen Wedde 920-235-7159

Originating in the Boston Mountains, Arkansas's 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 include 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 FOR DETAILS.

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Corrections/Additions to the Directory

Nelson, Ed & Elaine Correct e-mail address: enelson@mc.net

Announcements

PSC is going electronic with the organization of two Yahoo Discussion Groups and use of electronic files for Trip Reports. By using the Internet and its power, we are reducing the costs of postage and improving the communication between members. At this time there are 430 member/families in PSC and 297 of them have listed at least one e-mail address. Members will continue to receive newsletters and the directory via regular postal mail unless 'e-mail only' is requested.

Yahoo Discussion Groups provide a free venue for people from diverse geographical areas to form groups of individuals interested in common activities for sharing ideas and conversation.

Pscpaddlers@yahoogroups.com is a Yahoo Discussion Group that was formed for open discussion about paddling in general and as related to Prairie State Canoeists. It was organized by Vic Hurtowy a few months ago. You can sign up for this group by going to: pscpaddlers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

PSCNotfy@yahoogroups.com is a new group that has been created to provide an easy way for members to be notified of: last minute trips/changes to trips, when the newsletter is available on the PSC Website and other pertinent changes to PSC Events. It is meant to be a low volume, one-way communication to members. To sign up, send and e-mail to: milspec@att.net.

Trip Leaders with e-mail addresses may be contacted to participate in the use of electronic forms for PSC Trip Reports and Sign In sheets. We are developing a process that will eliminate postage costs and still allow us to maintain club records. Hard copies of the forms are still available for leaders who do not have Internet connectivity/e-mail.

Bend Lake. Take 294 North to Willow Road. Go west on Willow Road to Sanders Road. Go north to Route 68. Go west on 68 to a road on the east side of the river. Go south to Dam One. Bring gloves, a rake or stick with a nail on the end, lunch and lots of water. **Please let us know you are coming.**

5-6-July, Sat-Sun Little Manistee River, MI

Beginner and Intermediate trips

Paul and Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
Barclay/Strobel 708-386-1371

This is a surpassingly beautiful river in lower Michigan not yet (and maybe never) in the Wild and Scenic River program (between the Pere Marquette and Pine Rivers off highway MI 37); crystal clear water and more wildlife than people. The first day is a beginner trip; the second day is an intermediate trip because of fast water (no rapids) and tight bends. Paddlers will need ability to back paddle, ferry, draw, pry, and eddy to do the second day. We will stay at Bear Track Camp ground: Rte 31 north from Ludington to Freesoil Rd; go right (east) on Freesoil Rd to Campbell Rd (approx 8 mi); go left (north) on Campbell Rd to Riverside Rd (4-5 miles); go right (east) on Riverside Rd. to the campground (approx 4 miles). Call the leaders for a map and additional details.

6-July Surprise Birthday Trip

Vic Hurtowy canoedic@iwc.net 847-803-4575
Contact Vic for details on this trip.

8-13-July, Tue-Sun (or come for the weekend)

Pine and Manistee Rivers, Lower Michigan Exp Paddlers Only

Joan Taylor TAYLORJRS@aol.com 630-495-1565
For more info, see above write up for Pine, June 16-22.

12-July, Sat Fox River (RT 52 to Wedron) Moonlite

Advanced Beginner

Larry Forgala larryfor@msn.com 708-425-0733
Let us see if Mother Nature is kind & gives us a clear night on the river. In any case, lets get together, have a picnic dinner & enjoy a night on the river. Directions: take I-55 south to RT 52 (Shorewood exit west). Continue west approx. 26 miles to the river. The put-in is at the NE corner of the bridge. Carshift at **6:30 pm**.

13-July, Sun **Kishwaukee River**
Beginner

John & Barbara Shaw **630-961-3479**
 Contact John & Barb for details.

19-July **Fox River**
Clean-Up

CANCELED

20-July, Sun **Kishwaukee**
Clean-up

Joan Taylor **TAYLORJRS@aol.com** **630-495-1565**
Mark Morrall **merri.morrall@gte.net** **815-765-3402**

We will clean up this pleasant area of the Kishwaukee from Belvidere to Cherry Valley. Take 90 west to Genoa exit. Take Genoa right to U.S. 20. Turn left onto 20 and go west to the 3rd exit that is South Appleton Road. Turn right onto So. Appleton and go north. Cross the Kishwaukee and immediately turn left into the parking lot. Bring PFDs, gloves, dump clothes and lunch. (A rake or stick with nail or hook is helpful too.)

24-July, Thur **Turtle Creek, WI**
Advanced Beginner

Joan Taylor **TAYLORJRS@aol.com** **630-495-1565**
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847-428-8618/815-623-9878

Come for a pleasant quiet rural paddle on a nearby creek near Rockford. Carshift is 9:30. From I-90, take 43 east to 140, go north to Creek Rd, and turn right. Go past O'Riley Rd to put in at Turtle Creek. Please let us know you are coming. Bring lunch; dump bag, registered boat, and life jacket.

25-July, Fri **Fox River, WI**
Advanced beginner

Jerry Kolar **847-336-1187**

A leisurely trip from Chain-O'Lakes State Park will allow us to view some beautiful lotus beds and maybe see Sandhill Cranes. After lunch we'll mostly drift back.

Renewals that missed the Directory

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several brave souls paddled from Belvedere to Cherry Valley. Thanks to Mark Morrell for leading the carshift. **Sherri Johnson**

16-22-Apr Black Creek, Mississippi

Four canoeists, one kayaker and one friendly dog paddled 5 days on the Black Creek, Wild and Scenic River, in DeSota National Forest. The high lights of the 52 miles included getting to know friendly folks from the West Florida Canoe Club, Mountain Laurel, Wisteria, Magnolias, beautiful sandbars, perfect weather, only a few mosquitoes and graceful swallow-tailed Kites. **Joan Taylor**

19-Apr Mazon River (moved to the DuPage River)

The Mazon River, suffering from the dry spring like most streams in the area, had not yet come up from the winter level (no flow at all) which forced us to either cancel the trip or move it to an alternative location. Since there were no other trips on the schedule for the day. We decided the DuPage from Shorewood to Channahon was a good choice. There were 12 paddlers in 9 boats— kayaks and solo/ tandem canoes and one dog on the trip. We had a nice day even though the water level was comparable to the levels of a typical July trip on the DuPage. Thanks for a great day on the River!! **Sherri Johnson**

26-Apr Des Plaines River

It was a cool and windy day so Jim Hart and Rich Rothrock warmed up with a short hike before paddling. Special sights were a mink, sand hill cranes and beaver dams. Both Illinois and Wisconsin had prescribed burns on the east side of the River. Donna Fontana and Jim Hart helped with the shuttle. Jim always earns gold stars for sawing low branches that were a canoeing hazard. **Jerry Kolar**

3-May Fox River

First we paddled to the edge of Grass Lake for a distant view of a 27-acre island under construction. The island will become a home for Forsters Terns. Guests Deb and Dennis Nelson were our birding guides. They pointed out Forsters terns, Solitary Sandpiper and Sandhill Cranes. After a cool wind it turned into a pleasant day. **Jerry Kolar**

3-4-May Middlefork of the Vermillion River

Saturday morning we met with our friends at the river bridge in Kickapoo State Park. Checking the water level, we found it low at 1.7 on the gage, still enough to paddle. We drove to the put in at Kinney Ford and paddled to our favorite sand bar for lunch. After

From The Chair:

70+ people at the Spring Dinner!!! It has been a long time since we had such a turnout. A good time was had by all, judging by the smiles and “doggie bags” being taken home. White Fence Farm is an interesting place with good food. A number of people enjoyed the door prizes; we had some good ones. We would like to extend many thanks to the Chicagoland Canoebase & Gander Mountain for their generous contributions. Unfortunately technical difficulties prevented us from viewing “Exploring the Isles of Fiji” by Tom Lombardo, but we will schedule it again in the near future. Many thanks to all who helped to make the dinner a success; especially all who attended. It was a pleasure to see some of the ‘old faces’ and to meet some of the ‘new faces’. If you enjoyed the spring dinner, mark November 1 on your calendar. That is the date of the fall dinner; more info in the next newsletter.

Larry Forgala

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: Blackhawk Nighthawk, 13'3" Beige; fiberglass; wood gunnels; pedestal seat; with (2) floatation bags; good condition. Call Tom or Carol at 630-469-0070

FOR SALE: Two Wenonah racing canoes. One is a single 18' Kevlar 180 (asking price \$250). The other is a tandem 18'6" carbon-fiber Marathon (asking price \$400). Mark at 815-568-3551.

FOR SALE: Swift Osprey 15' Solo Canoe · Kevlar Hull with Sliding Seat, Skid Plates and Oiled Wood Trim · Very Good Condition · \$1,400 New · Sell \$750 · McHenry County, Illinois · About 30 Miles Northwest of O'Hare · Dave at (847) 275-8423 or fdc030@motorola.com

The PSC Directory was compiled from the membership list and what was printed was based on the information you entered on your membership application. There are 3 choices for printing in the Directory: ‘Print Address’; ‘Print Phone’; and ‘Print E-mail’. If you didn’t explicitly check ‘YES’ to these items, it was assumed as a ‘NO’ and was not printed. We apologize for any misunderstandings and ask that you pay close attention to the form when you send it in at renewal time.

In this Issue:

We're heading into the middle of the paddling season full swing. With low water starting the season off slow, we still have a good offering of trips for June and July. Many of the trips are not as close to home as those listed in April and May but a good variety all the same.

There is information about the **PSC Goes Electronic**, the **PSC directory** and the **Membership renewals that missed the Directory**, a call for **Volunteers to serve for PSC** and a heads-up for the **Fall Dinner**. We have the usual **Trip Announcements**, a few **Trip Reports**, **Welcome New Members** and the **Future Planning** with info on the trips listed for August.

Announcements

Volunteers needed to be Officers/Board Members

Now is the time to start talking about who will be on the slate of officers and board members for the election at the Fall Dinner/Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving as a PSC officer or Board Member, please contact a current Officer or Board Member soon.

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:

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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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lunch it was on to Windfall Prairie and a hike to the Indian mounds. As in the past, Clark Bullard from Champaign explained some of the history of the river and the age-old Indian culture that abounds in the area. The red bud and dogwood was in full bloom. There was Indian Paintbrush among many other beautiful and fragile plants blooming on the hillside prairie. Everyone who took the hike thought it was well worth the effort. On down river, birds were numerous and bird watchers had a great day. With the low water level there were some challenging spots along the way. If you used your best river reading skills, there was always a way thru without getting stuck or wet. By day's end, nearly everyone was ready for a steak dinner they didn't have to cook.

Sunday started out warm with a slight threat of rain. We paddled the Salt Fork, which had more water and fewer challenges. After lunch it started to sprinkle and what seemed like a break in a long dry spell, everything became fresh and green. We saw several Canadian geese with their hatchlings, some wood ducks and a few vultures overhead. **Larry & Evelyn Tennyson**

For Future Planning

2-3-Aug, Sat/Sun	Sangamon River, IL Mackinaw Canoe Club
9-10-Aug, Sat-Sun	Sugar River, WI.
9-Aug, Sat	Kankakee River, IL (Momence-Aroma Park)
10-Aug,Sun	Kishwaukee River, IL
10-Aug, Sun	Chicago River, IL-Flatwater Classic
16-17-Aug,Sat-Sun	Mecan River, WI
18-24-Aug, Mon-Sun	Pine & Little Manistee Rivers, MI
23-Aug, Sat	Kankakee River, IL (Bird Park to Kankakee River State Park)
24-Aug, Sun	Kankakee River, IL (State Line to Momence)
30-Aug-1-Sep, Sat-Mon	Wisconsin River, WI
30-Aug-1-Sep, Sat-Mon	Namekagon River, WI
30-Aug-1-Sep, Sat-Mon	Michigan Rivers

PSC Fall Dinner will be Saturday, November 1, 2003

The next Issue of the PSC Paddler will have details but be sure to mark it on your calendars now....The Spring Dinner was well attended with door prizes and good food. We will have the same at the Fall Dinner along with the Election of Officers and Board Members for the next year.

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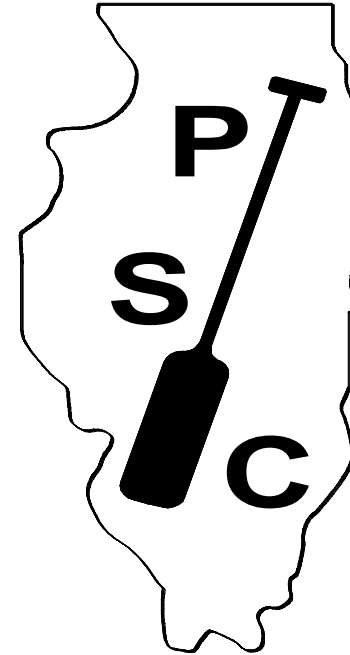
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