



MIAMI VALLEY OUTDOOR CLUB

January 2007



Coming up:

**Feb. 12 - 17,
Cross Country
Skiing at Stokely
Creek Lodge,
Ontario, Canada**

There is still time to sign up for this popular winter outing. If anyone is interested, call Jeanne Boeke at 937-299-4102. You can check out the lodge at their website: www.stokelycreek.com. It looks like a beautiful place!
(above: 2006 Stokely Creek cross country ski trip by Dwight Gehring)

*“Backpacking in
the Grand Canyon”*

**Membership Meeting,
Tuesday, January 2**

Our January membership meeting will feature the (mis)adventures of Jim and Connie Steele on their five-night backpack trip in the Grand Canyon last September, when they hiked alone on one of the canyon's primitive, less traveled trails. The talk will start about 7:45 p.m., preceded by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:30 for socializing and trip planning. The meeting will be at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler.

**Hocking Hills State Park
42nd Annual Winter Hike,
January 20**

Enjoy winter's splendor on this six mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave. Layered clothing and good footwear are recommended. Refreshments are available at Cedar Falls for a donation. (Bean soup, cornbread, and hot chocolate.) A shuttle bus returns hikers to Old Man's Cave. If interested call Gary Mount at 937-367-6702 nights or 937-229-8592 days.

January Activities

Urban Krag Wednesdays January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

by Donna Gehring

It seems that the youngins who usually climb at the Urban Krag have moved on to more grown-up things. I have volunteered as the new contact person. I haven't climbed at the UK for several years. The last time I tried, I was 15 pounds heavier. It must have been a sorry sight. The only route I could climb was the extremely easy route usually occupied by the boy scouts. I'm ready to take another run at it. But, I expect some company in my moment of humiliation. I'm looking for 3 or 4 over 40 types to to participate with me. No experience required. If you are interested contact me. There is a climbing fee, a rental fee for harness and shoes and a one-time-only short instruction session for an additional fee. We will be there to climb at 6:00 p.m. Contact person: Donna Gehring 836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Volunteers Needed for Miami Valley Adventure Summit, Jan. 27 & 28, 2007

Wright State University and Five Rivers MetroParks will be hosting the 2nd annual Miami Valley Adventure Summit at Wright State on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, 2007.

It will include a large expo area, back to back presentations, workshops and demonstrations. MVOC plans to have an information table set up at the event. It's a great opportunity to tell people about the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and it is really a lot of fun trading stories with other lovers of the outdoors. Want to know more about the event? Check out their website at www.theadventuresummit.com. To volunteer, contact Connie Steele at connsteele@msn.com or 698-5397.

26th Annual Carter Caves State Resort Park Crawl-A-Thon , Jan. 26-28, 2007.

Time is running out to register for this popular caving event. The 2007 website is now online at www.crawlathon.com. Find out how to sign-up, what to bring, cave trip info, lodging, a list of events, maps and directions, vendors, photos and more! Some MVOCers have already registered. Contact Shari Christy at jc65000@worldnet.att.net or 937-879-7241 if you are interested.

Board Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 11

This month's Board meeting will be at Marion's Pizza Restaurant, 3443 N. Dixie Dr., 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

Activity Reports

Annual Auction & Feast a Success! Dec. 5, 2006

The auction following our annual holiday feast once again was a great success. We made \$170 which will be divided in half and donated to both Glenn Helen and Bruckner Nature Centers. Dave and Sandy Todd did an outstanding job as auctioneer and his lovely assistant. They ought to be in show biz! The event was well attended and the food was delicious! And, as we had hoped, Geoff and Katie Frank brought their new son Christopher Joseph to his first MVOC event and he made lots of new friends.

John Bryan State Park to Clifton Mill Light Hike, Sat., Dec. 9, 2006

by Donna Gehring

Seven MVOCers began our hike at the park office. Since the campground access road has been rerouted down the hill and across the creek to the parking lot adjacent to the park office, the state park does not close its gates at sundown. So, we could park our cars in the parking lot next to the office and expect to be able to have access to it after the hike. After placing vehicles at the Clifton Mill end of the

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trail, we hiked the stage coach trail all the way along the river to the stairs leading up to the rim trail. We then continued along the gorge and the various glorious views of white water and icicle laden rocky cliffs to Clifton Mill.

A big change at Clifton Mill is the audio/visual strobe opening to the evening's events. We viewed it from the bridge (I made a video). The lights in the distance danced to a recording by the TransSiberian Orchestra and culminated with the complete lighting of the entire location. Afterwards we ate dinner at Peaches Bar and Grill for dinner before going our separate ways. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Other Items of Interest

Volunteer to be a MVOC Board Member!

Elections are coming up in February, and most positions are available except newsletter editor and vice president. The board meets one Thursday each month. It's a great way to get to know your fellow MVOCers better! Please consider volunteering for an office! If you are interested contact Connie Steele at connsteele@msn.com or (937) 698-5397.

Membership Renewal Time!

Be sure to renew your membership in January, so you won't miss out on any MVOC activities

in 2007. A membership gets you the monthly MVOC newsletter, email notices and lots of outdoor opportunities. It's important that all new and renewing members send a membership response form along with the 2007 dues. Encourage your friends and family to join so they can enjoy an entire year of fun in the outdoors!

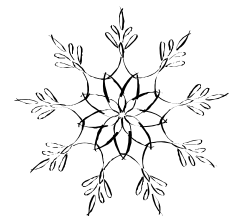
More Photos Needed for Exhibit

The last day to turn in photos for MVOC photo exhibit at the Dayton Metro Library is **Wednesday, January 10**. The library would like at least ten people to participate. 1 - 8 photos per person and a total of 40 photographs - in color, of scenic vistas or outdoor club activities - local, state, national and international - showing the club's wide-ranging interests and travels. Print them on gloss or semi-gloss photo paper, unmounted, approximately 8.5"x11" or 11"x 14". The library art department will mount them all.

To make arrangements to deliver your photos call Lindy McDonough, the library's exhibit coordinator, at 496-8583. Your photos will be returned to you after the exhibit.

Attach this information to your photos:

Name, address, phone number, email address, photo title, photo location and/or activity, year of photo and whether it is digital or 35mm.



right: Stokley Creek Lodge, Ontario, Canada, setting for the 2006 MVOC cross country ski trip, photo by Dwight Gehring

Membership Response Form

Annual dues are \$16 for singles or \$24 for families. New members joining after July 1 may pay half a year's dues.

Name _____ I'd like to join _____ I'd like to renew _____

Address _____ I'd like more information _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please circle one: (Include) (Do not include) my name and information on the annual roster sent to all MVOC members.

I hereby declare that I am at least 18 years of age and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. I do hereby relieve the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and/or its officers and members from all responsibility and liability regarding any loss, injury, or accidents incurred at, or related to, any club activity or function.

Signature _____ Date _____

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