



MIAMI VALLEY OUTDOOR CLUB

August 2007

Raptor Center to be Featured at August 7 Membership Meeting

Director of the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Raptor Center, Betty Ross, will be the guest speaker at this month's MVOC membership meeting, Tuesday, August 7. Ms. Ross will talk about the rehabilitation center for birds of prey located on Antioch University's 1000-acre nature preserve in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She will explain the center's history and mission, the raptor rehabilitation process, what to do if you find an injured raptor, the new 100-foot flight cage for recovering birds, and the future of Glen Helen Ecology Institute and the Raptor Center now that there are plans to close Antioch University in 2008. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Come at 6:00 p.m. for socializing and trip planning. The meeting will be at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton.

Mad River Inner Tube Floaters,

July 14.

Top from left:

Linda Boonshoft,

Jim Glidewell,

Trudy Krisher,

Bridget Maline,

Dave Wood and

Dwight Gehring.

Bottom from left:

Lucy, a friend of

Bianca (next) who

is Dave Wood's

granddaughter, and

Donna Gehring.

Behind the

camera: Lindy

McDonough

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August Activities

Board Meeting, Thursday, August 16

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.

Mad River Float Trip Part II Saturday, August 11

This is a repeat for those of you who missed the outing in July. The trip will last about two hours and take place on the Mad River north of Springfield and slightly north of Tremont City. We hope to be floating on the river by 12:00 noon. So, we will meet in Springfield at 11:30 a.m. at the Speedway station on Upper Valley Pike. The Mad River is spring fed and consequently, very cold. We should be out of the river, dried off, and packed up by 2:30. If you are interested in cycling back to your car after the float, please give me that information when you call or email me regarding your intent to attend at dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 836-8515.

Kiser Lake Campout, August 18 - 19

I have reserved a group camp site at Kaiser Lake State Park. This is a good place to swim, canoe, windsurf, hike, bike, and star gaze. Saturday afternoon there will be a bike trip to Davey Woods Nature Preserve 5 miles away. Sunday morning Jim and Connie Steele will be leading a 20-mile bike trip. Let me know if you plan to attend. Donna Gehring 937-836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Camping, Hiking and Caving at Wyandotte Caves & O'Bannon Woods State Park in Indiana, August 24 - 26

Escape the summer heat and enjoy some of Mother Nature's free air conditioning while exploring Historic Wyandotte Caves, located in Corydon, Indiana. Wyandotte Caves has one of the world's highest underground mountains along with rare helictite formations and is home to the endangered Indiana bat.

Our plan is to arrive and set up camp on Friday evening in time to take a short, scenic drive to dine at the nearby Overlook Restaurant, known for its beautiful sunset views along the Ohio River. Then back to camp for socializing around the campfire. Saturday and Sunday may include a variety of

activities, anything from going on a cave tour, canoeing the Blue River and hiking the approximately 15 miles of trails accessible from the park.

If you still have energy after all of that, and don't know much about Southern Indiana, other possible activities in the nearby area include Marengo Caves, Squire Boone Caverns, the Indiana Railway System and French Lick Winery just to name a few. Should be a weekend chock full of something to do for everyone!

Contact Sheryl Faulkner at 937-974-1567 or pepsibloo@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up. More information and maps will be available at the next club meeting.

Evening Bicycle Rides

Anyone interested in riding Monday evenings in August, please call Jeanne Boeke (299-4102) at least the day before to find out the location. We ride for about an hour or so on one of the local bikepaths. Dinner afterwards is a possibility if there is interest.

Trip Reports

Little Miami River Group Campout, Oregonia, June 30 - July 1

by Donna Gehring

Morgan's Canoe campground 1.2 miles south of Morgan's Canoe Livery was the location of our campout. Six MVOC'ers attended overnight - Dwight and I, Lindy Mc Donough, Mike Nelson, and Jenny and Max McConnell. We set up camp around noon. Then we drove to the canoe livery and made arrangements for the 12-mile trip that I had reserved for us.

There was some confusion on this very busy day on the river. But, at last, they agreed to take us and our rented canoe to the put-in. Max and Jenny had their own canoe which Morgan's gladly transported for a price. We floated down the very busy river to the canoe livery. It turned out to be just over 8 miles. I know because I used my waterproof GPS device.

By the time we got back to camp around 5:30, Linda Hahn had arrived with her chosen bikeway vehicle. We had a nice dinner of broccoli salad, potato salad, hot dogs, chili and other wonderful food. After dinner Dwight and I and Linda Hahn went riding on the bikeway. We returned to the camp for a campfire and smores. Just before dark we gathered at the riverbank where our camp

hosts set off a half hour fireworks display that had been installed in a canoe and anchored in the middle of the river. We turned in around 11:00.

Next morning we were up early and on our way to the summer and winter solstice markers. We walked 1.2 miles to the livery and walked across the river on SR 350, turned left into Camp Kern and quickly found both solstice markers. I marked the location with my GPS device and began tracking. Around that time Max and Jenny had a “deja vu” moment. They were convinced that we were in the field they found on their Saturday evening walk through the campground. Because they thought the campsite was a very short distance away, we decided to take the “short cut” back to camp. 2.4 miles later (including one wrong turn on the Silver Mocasín Trail, we arrived back in camp, after finally crossing the field that Jenny and Max had seen the night before.

Max and Jenny: “Welcome to the Fugarwe Tribe, you really belong with us.”

It was a nice hike. We broke camp and left for home. I really must say that Morgan’s Canoe campground has greatly improved. It was not as nice last time I stayed there.

Annual Picnic, Tuesday, July 3 at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering

On a glorious summer afternoon, more than thirty MVOC’ers and friends gathered for our annual July picnic. For the first time we met at Indian Riffle Park, a great alternative to Delco Park. The shelter was quite roomy and large shade trees throughout the park made it a perfect setting for the festivities. Dwight Gehring and Dave Todd did a super job grilling the burgers and tubular meat products and everyone brought a delicious array of side dishes, salads, fruits and desserts. Two newcomers joined on-the-spot and all had plenty to eat.

Mad River Inner Tube Float, Saturday, July 14

by Donna Gehring

Ten people showed up for the inner tube float trip including Dwight and I, David Wood, his granddaughter Bianca and her friend Lucy. Also along for the float were Bridget Maline, Linda Boonshoft, Jim Glidewell, Lindy McDonough, and her friend Trudy Krisher. We gathered at the Speedway in Springfield on Upper Valley Pike where the inner tubes were topped off or filled with air. We made last minute purchases and plans for

what vehicle went where and headed north past Tremont City.

After positioning most vehicles at the take-out and bringing the drivers back to the put-in we descended the river bank and entered the river. No one tipped on entry and everyone managed to stay on top their tubes throughout the afternoon. There were two strainers to be concerned about and one tree across the river to overcome. The river was cold and clean and the scenery was peaceful and green and beautiful. Two people over shot the take-out and had to wade back upstream. Afterwards the hike was cancelled because everyone had other plans. We all had a safe, and pleasant afternoon and finished between 2 and 3 o’clock

Sad News

Old time, former MVOC member Rod Joblove passed away July 10, 2007 after a long illness and stay in a nursing home.

Memberships now half price!

Starting July 1, the yearly memberships were reduced to half price. For the remainder of the year, dues are: Singles \$8, Families \$12. All memberships end December 31.

Coming Up

- Aug. 11..... Mad River Inner Tube Float
- Aug. 16..... Board Meeting, Marion’s Pizza
- Aug. 18-19..... Kiser Lake Campout
- Aug. 20..... Deadline for September newsletter
- Aug. 24-26..... Indiana Cave Country Campout
- Sept. 4..... Membership Meeting, Allen Johnson on Biking to the Arctic Circle or Canoeing the Wabash or Walking Hadrian’s Wall or Kayaking Around Iceland.
- Sept. 7-9..... Junction Trail Festival, Milford, OH
- Oct. 2..... Membership Meeting, Rubin Battino on Tramping and Touring in New Zealand.
- Oct. 6..... Outdoor GearFest at 2nd St. Market
- Nov. 6..... Membership Meeting, Andy Niekamp, “5,000 Miles On a 2,200 Mile Trail - Lessons Learned From An Appalachian Trail Section Hiker”
- Dec. 4..... Annual Holiday Feast & Auction
- Feb. 7-9..... Miami Valley Adventure Summit, Wright State University

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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*Don't miss the Raptor Center
program Aug. 7 at Wegerzyn!*