



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

January, 2009

January 6 Meeting:

Rubin Battino on Mt. Rainier National Park

The program for January will feature Rubin Battino speaking on Mt. Rainier National Park. His presentation will feature slides and a video of bears catching salmon. Join us at 6:00 for socializing and trip planning followed by the business meeting at 6:30 and 7:00 for the featured presentation. The meeting will be held at the Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton.

Upcoming MVOG Activities

Cross Country Ski Trips for 2009

The winter season is fast approaching. We are saving the dates of Jan 9-11(12) and Jan (16)17-19 as possible weekend trips. Our long trip is scheduled for February. Hope you can join us. David and Virginia Wood

Weekend trips:

On Wednesday/Thursday we decide where to go within a 6 hour drive of Dayton if there is snow. Favorite spots are the metro and county park systems around Detroit and Cleveland. Motel accommodations. Ski and snowshoe rentals available.

Midweek trip: Sunday-Saturday February (7) 8-13 (14)(15).

We are leaving the location open this year. We will go within a 10-12 hour driving time to where ever the snow is. Use motel accommodations. Cabin/home accommodations if available. Possibilities are Somerset area (Laural Highlands) in PA or Grayling and points north in MI. Ski and snowshoe rental dependent upon location.

If interested in any of these trips contact David or Virginia Wood 937-426-9875 or e-mail dvwood@donet.com.

Planning Meeting:

Sunday January 25 **Planning meeting** for those interested in going on the Midweek Sunday-Saturday Cross Country ski trip. We will meet at 6:30pm at Marion's Piazza 3434 N. Dixie Dr.

At the meeting we will consider car pooling and equipment needs as well as activities available based on the skill level of those people wishing to participate.

Please let David or Virginia Wood know that you will attend the meeting or are interested but cannot attend. Call 937-426-9875

Members@MVOC.net

Find an interesting website? A great new outfitter? Something else to share with members that won't wait for the next newsletter? Just send an email to members@mvoc.net and your message will go to all MVOC'ers using email.

Adventure Summit Looking for Volunteers

Miami Valley's Adventure Summit is coming Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, 2009. To learn more about the volunteer opportunities, you are asked to attend one of the volunteer orientation sessions held Feb. 4 6:00 to 7:30 PM or Feb. 9 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the MetroParks classroom on St. Clair Street. Walkins welcome, pre-registration requested. If you are interested in volunteering for this year's event or need more information contact Rachel Brand at Rachel.Brand@MetroParks.org or 937-564-5431. <http://www.metroparks.org/adventuresummit/volunteer.aspx>

Trip Report

Clifton Mill Light Hike

Saturday December 13, 2008

We do this every year. It is a nice break from the hectic holiday preparations. Virginia, David Wood and their granddaughter Bianca along with Lindy Mc Donough, Mike Nelson, Jeanne Boeke and Bonnie Spitskeit met us at the John Bryan State Park Office to hike the 3 miles to Clifton Mill. We arrived with a few minutes to spare. We watched the lights dancing to the beat of the Trans Siberian Orchestra music and at the end the whole place lit up.

Most of us elected not to pay the \$10 per person to go into the Mill property. David and Virginia took Bianca for a closer look at the wonderful display. The rest of us drove to Young's Jersey Dairy for dinner.

Carter Caves 28th Annual Crawlathon

January 23-25, 2009

Ready for some cavin'? Crawl out of the cold and into the warmth of a cave in Kentucky. The Crawlathon, sponsored by Carter Caves State Resort Park, is a popular caving event with wild

cave trips and programs for all skill levels. Registration begins mid-December. Register early as trips fill up fast!

For more info visit www.crawlathon.com.

Contact Andy Niekamp at andyniekamp@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or what to bring. The view photos of last year's event visit <http://www.niekamp.org/cthon2008/>

MVOC News

Board Meeting, Thursday, January 15

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Piazza, 3434 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

Elections

Elections are coming in February so it's time to think about club leadership. Would you like to take a turn? Know someone who would? Several officers are stepping down and won't be available next year. In reality, all offices are open. Even if the incumbent for a given office is running, don't let that stop you from offering your services or convincing someone else to run.

Membership Renewal Time Coming Up

This word from Dale Bockhorst, Secretary/Treasurer: February 1 is the start of the new membership year. Don't risk missing any of the 2009 newsletters; email notices about impromptu outings and last minute changes; lots of fun activities; guest speakers; our annual July picnic, December feast and auction and mid-winter chili cook-off; announcements of other outdoor activities in the Miami Valley like GearFest and the Outdoor Summit; and the comraderie of people who love the outdoors! Renew today! You'll find a membership form on the back of this newsletter.

Annual Chili Cook-off Superbowl Sunday

More specifics and contact info to come next month.

Auction proceeds The annual Christmas feast and auction of everything from camping equipment to a REEL lawnmower produced \$255, with \$20 coming from Gary Mount after he sold a few alcohol stoves. Half will go to the Brukner Nature Center and half will go to the Glen Helen Raptor Center.

Newsletter Expense

Printing and mailing the newsletter to some 75 members each month has become a MAJOR expense to the club.

The club officers are considering going to email only delivery of the monthly newsletter.

(Thanks to those who already chose email only delivery.) What do you think?

Come to the monthly meeting to discuss the options or let your voice be heard by contacting any of the club officers. Their info is on the back page of this newsletter.

Other Activities: What do do when there's nothing to do

State Park events

THE 44th ANNUAL HOCKING HILLS WINTER HIKE

Saturday January 17, 2009

On Friday January 16 warm up by the fire at the Hocking Hills

dining lodge lounge starting at 6:00 PM for a pre-hike talk and the 8th annual 'Winter Hike' game. Refreshments available. Doors open at 5:30.

Then...

Meet at the visitor center parking area on Saturday January 17 to take the six mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave with a quick stop at Cedar Falls for bean soup and hot chocolate. There will be continuous starts from Upper Falls 9 AM until 11 AM.

Naturalist Programs at Shawnee State Park

Sat. Jan. 3 Section Hike - Join the naturalist for a five mile trek from Camp 3 to Camp 4. Be prepared for two grand ascents, a 480 ft. climb up Steep Gut Hollow and another 400 ft. climb.

Sat. Jan. 10 Section Hike - Come along on this four mile hike with 2 big climbs from Forest Rd. 1 at Pond Lick Lake to Pond Run Rd.

Sat. Jan. 17 Shawnee Crew ventures to the

Other Outdoor Action

MetroParks Activities

Alcohol Stove Basics \$5.00 fee

Jan. 22, 6:30 -8:30 Five Rivers Outdoors Classroom 224 N. St. Clair St.

For more information or to register, please call Five Rivers Outdoors at (937) 277-4374. You must be registered by the Monday prior to the class scheduled.

Intro to Climbing \$30.00 fee

Sat. Jan. 10 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat. Jan. 31 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Earn your belay certification while receiving an intro to rock climbing. To register call (937) 277-4374. Register by the Monday prior to program.

Hocking Hills winter hike.

Sat. Jan. 24 Section Hike - Enjoy another segment of the Shawnee Backpack Trail. This five mile stretch from Pond Run Rd. to Forest Rd. 2 will consist of several small climbs and one steep pull taking in a beautiful valley of Hemlocks and a rushing stream.

Sat. Jan. 31 Section Hike – Join Kevin on his last day as Shawnee State Park Manager on this 3.5 mile stretch with one strenuous climb and a rewarding walk along the ridge top.

Please come prepared for inclement weather with layered clothing and sturdy boots. Locations may change due to inaccessible roadways.

All hikes begin at 10:00am at the Shawnee Lodge Lobby. For more information contact Jenny or Kevin at Shawnee State Park Office 740-858-6652.

Editor's note: the preceding Shawnee State Park info comes courtesy of members Connie Mulder and Doug Roberts. Connie says "Also, let me know if any hardy souls want to car camp or stay in Portsmouth after the hike.../We may not join you but can give you info.. :) !

And, Happy Holidays!

Connie Mulder and Doug Roberts cmulder@jadeinc.com

Women's Intro to Climbing \$30.00 fee

Sat. Jan. 10 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Sat. Jan. 31 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Earn your belay certification while receiving an intro to rock climbing. To register call (937) 277-4374. Register by the Monday prior to program.

Hike for the Health of It

Every Saturday and Sunday in January, beginning at 2:00

Consult the Five Rivers Metroparks website for details/locations.

Sunday Jan. 25 Newsletter Deadline

Miami Valley Outdoor Club
P.O. Box 292571
Dayton, OH 45429
www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org

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. **When renewing, please be sure to include your email address, even if it hasn't changed from last year.**

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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