



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

June 1 Meeting

June, 2010

## “Grand, Gloomy and Peculiar”

Author Roger Brucker, will be the guest speaker at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting, Tuesday, June 1, at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler, Dayton.”

Following a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Brucker will talk about his recent book “Grand, Gloomy and Peculiar, Stephen Bishop at Mammoth Cave,” a historical novel, published in 2009, about a slave who gained fame as a guide and explorer at Mammoth Cave.

Since the age of four, when he was scolded for climbing a fence and exploring the rock formations beyond it, Roger Brucker has been exploring the unknown in the world underground. He had a very early interest in caves and visited his first one at Put-in-Bay, Ohio at age five. When he was eight his mother took him on an all day trip to Mammoth Cave and it was then that he got hooked on a life of caving. As a young man he spent years exploring Mammoth Cave and the caves nearby and co-authored with long-time caving friend Richard Watson, “The Longest Cave,” about the exploration of Mammoth Cave.



Brucker also helped establish the Cave Research Foundation CRF which still studies caves in our national parks and around the world. He is also an avid bicycle enthusiast, kite flyer, dog trainer and draws cartoons and illustrations for a variety of publications.

Copies of his books will be available for purchase and autographing.

## Upcoming MVOC Activities

### Wednesday Nite Kayaking

Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley St, Dayton, OH

Every Wednesday in June, 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Join MVOC members and other kayaking enthusiasts for an evening paddle down the Mad River.

You might see great blue herons, kingfishers, deer, and turtles. Enjoy the easy ride with a few small rapids to get your adrenalin going. Whitewater Warehouse waiver required. Shuttles leave

at approximately 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. Come about a half hour to 45 minutes early to sign up and gear up if you plan to rent your equipment \$15 for all gear, kayak and shuttle.

\$5 for shuttle if you bring your own kayak  
\$1 for shuttle if you bought your kayak at Whitewater Warehouse.

Check the Whitewater Warehouse website -- [www.kayakdayton.com](http://www.kayakdayton.com) -- for more details.

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## More Upcoming MVOC Activities

### “Get Out and Go Hike”

Tuesday Evening at Taylorsville Metro Park  
2101 U.S. 40 - East of Taylorsville Dam

Two Start times - Join Sharon for one or both loops:  
4:20 - Fast pace -  
5:30 - Slower pace second time around  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join Sharon M and MVOC members for a brisk Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. The first, fast-paced 4+ mile hike through hilly wooded terrain lasts about an hour. Hike begins promptly at 4:20 so that everyone can finish before dark. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40.

A second, slower paced 3.6 hike around the orange trail again will start at 5:30. You may want a head lamp if you come at 5:30 and do the slower loop. It will take about 1 hour 15+ minutes for the second loop. There are many options if you want to do a shorter and/or slower loop

Sharon Mullins, 620-0887 dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

### Twin Creek Nature Walk

Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Join MVOCer Allan Rettberg for a leisurely 1.5 hour hike. Allan is very interested in identifying wildflowers, trees and birds, so bring along your binoculars and/or cameras if you like. Follow Rte. 4 south of Germantown, turn on left (east) on Eby Road. Go left into park entrance at 9688 Eby. Meet in the parking lot.

Twin Creek MetroPark is an outstanding natural area containing steep, wooded ravines with mature forest and a diverse understory of plant life, extensive areas of second growth forest, floodplain forest, several large managed grasslands, a large scenic pond, and the beautiful Twin Creek. In addition, the MetroPark contains a winding prehistoric Indian mound and a scenic hilltop vista. For more information or to sign up contact Allan at 937-478-2812.

### Windsurfing & More at Eastwood

Friday, June 11, 4:30 p.m.

Test your windsurfing, sailing, kayaking and canoeing skills at clear, warm and beautiful Eastwood Lake. A kayak, sailboard and a mini sailboat will be available for sure. Anyone with their own boards and boats (no motors) are welcome to bring them too. We usually send someone out for Colonel Sanders around 6:00. If you don't want to get in the water, join us anyway for the good company. Bring a bicycle and/or lawn chair to explore the park or enjoy the view while the others surf, sail and paddle. For more information or to sign up contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com. or Jeanne Boeke, 299-4102.

### Indoor Rock Climbing at Urban Krag

Thursdays at 6:30, June 3, 10 & 17

Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street, Dayton, www.urbankrag.org. Meet at the viewing platform at 6:30 pm. After 6:30 the person at the desk can point us out in the climbing area. Your first time in to the gym you will need to complete a belay certification which takes about 30 to 45 minutes and is a one-time charge of \$15.00. Everyone 14 or older must complete a belay certification. If you are under the age of 14 you will need someone who is belay certified to belay for you. If you are a minor (under the age of 18) you will need to have a parent or guardian sign a waiver for you. Cost: The total charges for a first time visit will be: Belay certification \$15.00, Daily pass \$12.00, Shoes \$4.00, Harness \$3.00. For more information or to sign up, contact Hank Trimble at hank\_trimble@yahoo.com

### Next board meeting:

The next MVOC board meeting will be at Marion's on North Dixie, June 10 at 6:00. All members are welcome. Stop by and help determine club activities..

# John Bryan Biking/Hiking/Camping

June 12 & 13

Come join us for an overnight trip on the Little Miami Bike Trail! - Corwin, OH to Yellow Springs, OH and back. For more information or to sign up contact Sharon Mullins, 620-0887, dmullins-vanoh@aol.com or Ella Himes, 321-6314, elahimes@yahoo.com. One or more vehicles are needed to transport the camping gear back and forth between Corwin and Yellow Springs. If you are willing to forgo the cycling to haul everyone else's stuff, it would greatly appreciated. Contact Sharon or Ella if you can help out.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

Saturday, June 12: Meet in the parking lot by the bike path in Corwin for lunch. You can pack your lunch or eat at a local restaurant. Bring your camping gear, because we will have a car to transport your gear. Leave Corwin at about 1pm and ride about 25 miles to Yellow Springs where we will take the road to the John Bryan Park Group Campgrounds, set up camp, have dinner,

and relax around the campfire.

Sunday, June 13: Breakfast, break camp, ride back to Corwin arriving around noon for lunch and/or collect gear and head home.

The campsite provides picnic tables, a fire ring, firewood, and a pit toilet. Everyone is responsible for cooking their own food Saturday night and Sunday morning. Dogs allowed if leashed and under control. No alcohol.

Other options:

a. Skip the bike ride, but meet us in Corwin at noon to collect our camping gear. Then drive up to Yellow Springs and claim your campsite first and enjoy the park! On Sunday, drive our camping gear back to Corwin.

OR

b. Skip the bike ride, and meet us in Yellow Springs at the John Bryan group campsite and claim your campsite first and enjoy the park! On Sunday, drive our camping gear back to Corwin.

## Activity Report

### First Paddle of the Season

Four MVOCers turned out for Whitewater Warehouse's first Wednesday Nite Paddle down the Mad River for the 2010 season. Eager to get back on the water, Virginia Bard and Lindy McDonough returned for a second year, while two new members, Beth McBride and Amy Callahan, came for the first time. Despite one soaking spill at the first set of rapids, all four made it safely



back to the finish after a very enjoyable float and are looking forward to more river runs this summer.

### Start Planning for July Picnic

The annual summer picnic is still on the first Tuesday in July but there will be some changes and new things to look forward to. This time we will be meeting at the beautiful, new Paw Paw Shelter off Patterson Rd. in Hills and Dales MetroPark. The club will not be providing the meat, but will stoke up the fire for those who bring their own. For the second time we will be having a free T-shirt exchange, which seemed to be well received last year.

And in addition, as a fund-raiser, we will be having a silent auction of second-hand outdoor items. The proceeds will go help support MVOC. So start looking around the house for those old shirts and other items you can donate to the T-shirt exchange and silent auction. More details and directions in the July newsletter.

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This note comes from Dave and Virginia Wood via email to the Gehrings:

## Upcoming Events

- June 1 ..... Membership Meeting, Wegerzyn
- June 5 Nature Walk, Twin Creek, 11:00 AM
- Jun 5...Paddle in the Park Eastwood Lake
- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Evening Hikes at Taylorsville
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 29 - Evening Kayak Float at White-water Warehouse
- June 10** ..... MVOC Board Meeting, Marion's Pizza
- June 11 Watersports Day @ Eastwood Lake
- June 12-13 Bike Camping @ John Bryan
- July 6 Picnic @ PawPaw Shelter, Hills and Dales Park
- Tubing: July 31 and August 14

“A big hello to all you wind surfers plus. We had our last Kentucky fried chicken meal on you sitting at the canoe halau on Ke’ehi Lagoon. Our trigger canoe racing has become the most popular sporting event here in the islands. So just about every beach area has a canoe house and canoes ready for evening practice. Our new job keeps us inland most of the time, but we have managed to get down to the shore four times. Once we tried Stand Up Paddling which is using a long paddle while you stand on a big board that looks like a sail board or surf board but really has quite a different feel. We took a few falls!

We miss you all...the sail boarding, the power walks, the camping. We hope to connect with a hiking group that hikes on Wednesday which is our day off. We’ve yet to play tennis, but are locating where courts are and finding out the best times to pick up a game. Enjoy your summer trips. Wish we could be two places at once. Please pass this message on to those we have missed.  
 Virginia and Dave

## Membership/Waiver 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MVOC Officers

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