



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

August 3 Meeting

August, 2010

## My Bike Trails, A Community Cycling Website

On Tuesday, August 3, John Halley, designer of a trailmap website, will be the featured speaker at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler, Dayton.

Following a short business meeting at 6:30, Halley will tell the story of the website he and Bill Otto created using Google-based Maps, color-coded GPS files and geo-coded map markers, and digital pictures and video to provide riders accurate media-rich trail info (parking, parks, restrooms, water, picnic area, etc.) and trail-side businesses (bike shops, restaurants, hotels, B&Bs, camping, etc.). So far they have mapped all the trails from Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Indianapolis (including most mountain bike trails), collecting handle bar-mounted digital video (some head cam), pictures, and GPS data.

The maps are free to the public, and My Bike Trails collects revenue through low-cost trail-side businesses ads, and sharing the maps with other websites. MBT has had nearly 100,000 map views in its first year, and achieved high ranks from Google and Yahoo.

## 28 Enjoy Annual Picnic,

On one of the hottest days of the season with many MVOCers on vacations to Sleeping Bear Dunes, Montana, Alaska, and the Appalachian Trail, twenty-eight hardy souls, braved the heat and enjoyed a great get-together at the Paw Paw Shelter in Hills and Dales MetroPark. Actually, by 6:00 the shelter was in full shade and the evening was not as uncomfortable as expected. Again this year we offered a free t-shirt exchange and quite a few shirts were grabbed up by new owners. For the first time, as a fund raising effort, we had a silent auction with a nice assortment of used outdoor stuff. The auction raised about \$35 dollars and all the left over gear will reappear at the December holiday dinner and auction. Much thanks go to Dwight Gehring and Gary Mount for firing up the grills and standing

over hot coals to barbeque burgers and franks for the picnickers. Three new members signed up at the gathering - Sue Howarth, Aaron Friend and Al Pamatat and were welcomed by all. MVOCer Jim Foster, his wife and daughter, showed up at the picnic after a many years' absence. It was great to see Dan and Nancy Haas. Nancy was seriously ill earlier in the year and this was her first MVOC outing in quite a while. Jim Glidewell made an appearance too. Last time we saw him was at the 2009 picnic. And Ralph Weiss arrived in his yellow Corvette. Many thought the brand new Paw Paw Shelter was an ideal location for the July picnic - private, beautiful scenery, and new restrooms nearby. The food was excellent as well. Too bad some of you **missed it!**

### Next board meeting:

The next MVOC board meeting will be at Marion's on North Dixie, Thursday August 12 at 6:00. All members are welcome. Stop by and help determine club activities..

### A Note About Newsletter Articles

The deadline for next month's newsletter articles is Sunday, August 22. With all the activities we should have plenty of info next month.

## Upcoming MVOG Activities

### “Get Out and Go Hike”

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

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Join Sharon M and MVOG members for a brisk Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. This 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.

There will still be a second, slower, hike at approximately 5:30 that is a DaytonHikers.Org hike, but MVOG members are welcome also.

Sharon Mullins, 620-0887 dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

### Mad River Innertube Float Trip

August 14, 2010

It is so simple, yet so pleasant. Bring your innertube. You just drop your innertube into the river, sit down on it and float through a river paradise. Listen to the birds, talk to friends or just perfect your floating technique. If you do not have an innertube maybe we can loan you one, or tell you where to find one. Dress to get wet. Wear shoes that you do not mind getting wet. Do not bring anything onto the river that you will not mind losing. Sunglasses, (not prescription) sunscreen, a change of clothes. We meet in Springfield and travel north. We position cars at the takeout to shuttle drivers back to their cars at the put-in.

The river is spring fed and very clean and cold. It is also shallow for the most part. This event is weather dependent. Thunderstorms or high river levels make this dangerous. So explicit contact information is needed in case of cancellation. Reservations required and waivers for non-members required.

Dwight & Donna G., 937-836-8515 ddgeh-ring60@verizon.net

### Windsurfing & More at Eastwood

Thursday, August 19, 4:30-8:30 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

Tuesdays at 6:30, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street,  
Dayton, www.urbankrag.org.

**Note: meeting day changed from Thursday to Tuesday to take advantage of the August free shoes and harness special.**

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

## Wednesday Nite Kayaking

Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley St, Dayton, OH

Every Wednesday in August, 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.  
Contact Name: Lindy McDonough, 278-1493, [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com)

**New Member dues now half price until Dec. 31.**

## Activity Report: MVOCer's Out and About This Summer

Members of Miami Valley Outdoor Club have been keeping busy all summer together and alone, in various outdoor activities. Jeanne Boeke just got back from ten days in Alaska, rafting with the Sierra Club. Gary Mount, Ella Himes, Beth McBride and Lindy McDonough recently took canoe/kayak rides on the Great Miami River in Troy.

MVOC member Virginia Bard brought a former co-worker along on a Whitewater Warehouse kayak paddle on the Mad River. Sharon Mullins and her speed-hikers continued their Tuesday evening hikes at Taylorsville MetroPark and Allan Rettberg lead three different Saturday hikes at Twin Creek MetroPark. Sharon Mullins and Yvonne Enting spent several days on the Appalachian Trail. In preparation for her trip to the Boundary Waters, Sharon also organized several canoe/kayak sessions at the North Englewood fishing lakes with a

## Car Show at Eastwood

Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Here's a chance to get to know another side to long-time MVOC member Ralph Weiss. He will have his 1979 Spitfire on display at Eastwood MetroPark for the Dayton, Ohio British Car Day 2010, sponsored by the MG Car Club and Miami Valley Triumphs. You'll have a chance to do a lot of walking too with hundreds of restored British automobiles to see at this 26th annual exhibition. You'll find Ralph in the Spitfire row.

Ralph has been an active member of the Outdoor Club since 1982, and enjoyed every minute of it, but he has other talents too. He has been working on his Spitfire for about 10 years and has been going to the car show for about eight. Ralph has also restored a 1976 Fiat convertible, and a 914 Porsch Targen. He and his son worked together to restore a 1967 442 Oldsmobile. Ride your bike to the show from home or someplace like Wegerzyn Gardens. Or you could take your kayak or canoe and get in some paddling time before or after a stroll through the classic cars.

good turnout of members and visitors including John Pawlak, his daughter and son, and Barbara McCray, Nat Davis, Jenny McConnell, Steve Longnecker, Dwight and Donna Gehring, and Lindy McDonough.

In July Lindy McDonough also took her first kayak paddle down Stillwater River. Jeanne Boeke, Bonnie Spitzkeit, and Bruce Howorth spent an afternoon at Eastwood Lake getting the hang of windsurfing. Newsletter editor Jim Nies and his wife Pat spent a week vacationing near Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan. And new member Beth McBride spent a weekend in West Virginia rafting on the Gauley River with a friend.

And those are only the members we know about. Let us know what you have been doing lately so we can share your adventures with everyone.

## Watch a Play and Hike or Bike, Yellow Springs

Saturday, August 14, Noon or 4:00 p.m.

The Play's the Thing ..... Combine an afternoon bike ride or hike with a free short play written and performed by MVOCer Bonnie Spitzkeit. Watch a 10-minute play, or two or three, outdoors at noon or 4:00 p.m. at the Corner Cone (Dayton & Walnut Sts.) in Yellow Springs. The plays will run continuously and Bonnie will present her script about non-native flora and fauna...and Shakespeare.

Ride your bike or rent one from the Cone, then grab an ice cream or snack and savor an original play. You can bike or ride before or after the show and maybe even dine on a real meal before heading home. By the way, those inner tubing on the Mad River earlier in the day have time afterward for Bonnie's play in Yellow Springs and a bike ride too. For more information contact Soft Serve Playhouse, 767-1164.

## A Stroll Thru Woodman Fen

On Sunday, August 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM join other MVOCers for a visit to the Miami Valley's newest natural wonder - the 30-acre Woodman Fen which opened to the public in July. Five Rivers MetroParks took seven years to restore this ancient wetland that dates to the last Ice Age 13,000 years ago. The fen, which was formerly used as an illegal dump now has a 1,000-foot boardwalk that winds through the wetland and is the longest in the MetroParks system. This newly opened natural area is the only one like it in Montgomery County.

Location: Near Dayton's Near Dayton's Belmont neighborhood at Newcastle Drive off Eastgate Avenue.

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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