



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

September, 2011



September 6 meeting

## “Tremendous Turtles” at September Meeting

On Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., retired high school biology teacher Gary Harpel will be the featured speaker at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. His program will follow a short meeting and announcements at 6:30. The meeting and presentation is free and open to the public.

Gary enjoys bicycling, gardening, birding and anything outdoors. For several years Gary has been a leader for the Feederwatch program at Aullwood Nature Center. He and his wife Carolyn have often participated in the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) and have taken numerous cycling vacations around the country, observing birds and all kinds of

wildlife. They have even gone ocean swimming with sea turtles. Gary is an avid turtle enthusiast and will present a program discussing a number of turtle species. He has a permit with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) which allows him to care for an Eastern Box Turtle. Gary will share his experiences of living with this turtle and closely observing its idiosyncrasies over a number of years.



## Out & About

by Lindy McDonough

MVOCers have been busy hiking, biking, tubing, camping, backpacking, paddling, windsurfing and volunteering through the summer and are now looking forward to autumn cool-down.

Our water enthusiasts have been out to Eastwood Lake and Hueston Woods and tubing down the Mad River in July and August. Bruce Howorth and Jeanne Boeke both sharing the sailboards and helping newbies like Jim Nies learn the ropes. Others who joined in the water fun at various locations were, Sue Howorth, Allan Rettberg, Deb Lukjanovs, Lindy McDonough,

Bonnie Spitzkeit, Dale Bockhorst, visitor Carol Coy, nieces and nephews, friends and family. Many thanks to Dwight and Donna Gehring for leading the two summer inner tubing trips north of Springfield.

Hank Trimble continues to lead a core group of climbers at the Urban Krag and Sharon Mullins's fast-paced hikers have survived the hot summer Tuesdays at Taylorsville.

The Annual North Country Trail Conference held in Dayton attracted some MVOCers to various events. MVOCer and Dayton Hiker Andy Niekamp was a major player in helping organize the conference, and Sharon Mullins, Cathie Vickers, Hank Trimble, Tom Schommer and myself were among the many

volunteers who led hikes and helped out in other ways. Quite a few MVOCers were spotted at the keynote speaker program at conference.

Sharon M. recently enjoyed a family vacation at Crooked Lake in Angola, Indiana kayaking, biking and walking. Jim N. went hiking out west again this summer with his son, and Dale B. spent time in the outdoors at Islamorada in the Florida Keys. I'm sure other MVOCers did more but I probably just didn't hear about it.



Bruce Howorth steadies the board while Jim Nies tries to pull the sail up and keep his balance.

Now that Andy Niekamp is a Buckeye Trail supervisor and Hank Trimble is a maintainer, it's been suggested that MVOC offer some trail maintenance help in the Miami Valley area as a service project. Let us know if you are interested.

## Welcome New & Returning Members

Don Shivler, John & Teresa Nichols, Jan & John Driesbach

## September MVOC Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All members are welcome to come and help plan activities.

## Wednesday Climbing at Urban Krag

**Urban Krag**, Wednesdays 6:30, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street, Dayton, [www.urbankrag.org](http://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](mailto:hank_trimble@yahoo.com)

## Taylorville Tuesday Hikes

September 6, 13, 20, 27 all at 5:30

Join Sharon M and members of the Dayton Hikers. org Meetup Group for a Tuesday hike at Taylorville MetroPark. Sharon will lead a fast-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 5:30pm. We will be completing a modified orange loop with steep hills and a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is a conditioning hike. They will be extending the hike for those who can stay.

## Friday Morning Hikes

Fridays in September at 9:00 a.m. (New time)

Enjoy these cool early morning walks in September. Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes in several locations.

September 2 ..... **Taylorville MetroPark**, Parking lot, 2005 U.S. 40 Sample a stretch of the Buckeye Trail  
September 9 ..... **Englewood MetroPark South** - 9331 Meeker Rd, meet in the parking lot  
September 16 ..... **Possum Creek MetroPark** - 4790 Frytown Rd, meet at the Argonne Forest parking lot  
September 23 ..... **Carriage Hill MetroPark** - Carriage Hill Farm - 7821 E. Shull Rd, meet at the Red Wing Shelter.

**October Newsletter Deadline:** September 25, 2011

## GearFest Volunteers Needed for MVOC Booth

Another fun time is coming up at the Five Rivers MetroParks' 2011 GearFest and again we need volunteers to staff our Miami Valley Outdoor Club booth. It a great way to get to know your fellow members better as well as meet many festival visitors and outdoor enthusiasts. Before and after you volunteer at the booth, you can enjoy all the festival activities, food, music, and other exhibitors. We will need two volunteers for each of the following time slots.

**Friday Sept 30** ..... 6 - 8 p.m.

**Saturday Oct 1**..... 10 - Noon; Noon - 2; 2 - 4 p.m.; 4 - 6 p.m.; 6 - 8 p.m.

Contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493

or [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com) to sign up.

## **Eastwood Watersports Day, Windsurfing & More**

**Friday, September 9 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Join some of our MVOC members for windsurfing, sailing, kayaking and canoeing at clear, warm and beautiful Eastwood Lake - FREE. A kayak, sailboard and maybe a mini sailboat will be available to use. Anyone with their own boards and boats (no motors) are welcome to bring them too. If you have never windsurfed before, a couple of experienced surfers will be on hand to show you the ropes. Bring a bicycle to explore the park and/or lawn chair to enjoy the view while the others surf, sail and paddle. If you think you'll get thirsty or hungry, bring your own beverages and snacks. Anyone remaining at the end of the day can choose to go out to eat together on the way home. We'll play it by ear. For more information or to sign up contact Bruce Howorth [bruce-ho3055@woh.rr.com](mailto:bruce-ho3055@woh.rr.com) or 299-8517 or Jeanne Boeke, 299-4102.

**Buckeye Trail Tipp City Bike Ride** - Keep an eye on your email for news of this possible outing.

### **GearFest Membership Special**

Again this year at the 2001 GearFest at Eastwood MetroPark, MVOC will be offering a membership special. Anyone who joins at the GearFest will receive the remainder of this membership year and the entire following year through February 2013 at the price of \$16 for singles and \$24 for families. Tell your friends, co-workers, in-laws and neighbors about this special offer.

### **SunWatch Family Potluck & Overnight**

SunWatch: 2301 West River Road  
Sat. & Sun, Sept. 17 & 18

You are again invited to another family friendly evening of fun and enlightenment in the Village. A number of MVOCers enjoyed the event last year and some plan to go again. Come for just the meal and evening activities or spend the night. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.. The SunWatch Associates Board and friends will supply the main dishes (meat and veggie, lasagna and chili). You are asked to bring a vegetable side dish, salad, or dessert. You also need to bring what you want to drink. Dinner will be

followed by crafts for children of all ages, drumming and, weather permitting, a bonfire. Attendance space is limited so be sure to get your reservation in early. They can host 100 for a meal in the Education Center and only 40 in huts if you want to stay overnight. Please email the contact (david. [hurwitz@wright.edu](mailto:hurwitz@wright.edu)) ASAP with your reservation or questions. If you plan to stay in one of the lodges, you will need to send in a reservation by September 10. Coffee and donuts provided Sunday morning.

Additional tent camping is available to the side of the village, but you are encouraged to experience the Village by staying in one of the lodges or sleeping under the stars.



Your \$20 donation (per person) at the door will be greatly appreciated and will benefit the important cultural and educational programs and activities at SunWatch.

### **Mad River Float Trip Report**

The August 2011 Mad River Innertube Float Trip was attended by Dwight and Donna Gehring, Dale Bockhorst, Carol Coy and here friend Lori.

We met up at the Speedway Station on Upper Valley Pike in Springfield, Ohio. Here we topped off or filled up our inner tubes. Then we proceeded to the put-in where inner tubes and passengers were dropped-off. The drivers then relocated the extra vehicles at the take-out 2 miles downstream and returned in 1 vehicle.

Then we floated peacefully down river for about 2 hours.

The water was cold and refreshing as usual. After the drivers were taken back for their cars all of us split up and headed for home. A good time was had by all.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MVOC Officers

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