



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

December, 2012

Tuesday, December 4, 2012,

Holiday Dinner and Benefit Auction

Join members of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club for great food, some real bargains and a whole lot of fun! Family members and friends are welcome. It will take place at the Wegerzyn Garden MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Arrival and set-up begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 and the auction will start at 7:30.

Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to serve at least eight, plus table service for yourself. MVOC will provide baked ham, turkey breasts, rolls, and hot and soft drinks.

The entertainment will feature an auction of your donated outdoor gear. Bring your gently worn outdoor gear and related items - skis, rollerblades, backpacks, tents, jackets, books, dried food, stoves, maps, flashlights, lanterns, sunglasses, etc. - and your money - to this fun and food-filled annual event. The auction proceeds will go to two deserving outdoor programs in the area.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Dwight Gehring organizes some of the carry-in dishes in 2011

1. Auction bidding will be limited to \$1.00 increments to speed up the process and make it easier to tabulate.

2. Auction donors are asked NOT to bring items that are not outdoor related, also in an effort to speed things up.

3. Several door prizes will be given

4. People can participate in a 50/50 drawing. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each. You can buy as many as you like. At the end of the evening, the person with the winning ticket will get one half of the money in the pot. The remainder will go toward MVOC expenses.

ELECTIONS

Again this year we will be holding the election of officers during the event. All MVOC members will receive a ballot as they arrive which they can place in the ballot box before leaving.





Wright memorial on Huffman hike

Election of Officers at December Dinner

Our annual election of officers will take place December 4 at the Holiday Dinner and Auction. Since many members want to help but don't have time for a full-time commitment, the slate is evolving, in some cases from individual officers to special committees, so that the work can be spread among more people.

Again, ballots will be handed out to MVOC members as you arrive at the dinner. There is still time to let us know if you would like to be part of any of these committees or would like to share responsibility with an individual officer. The more people involved in running our organization the better.

Below is the slate of officers for 2013:

President - Lindy McDonough

Vice President - Sharon Mullins

Treasurer - Dale Bockhorst

Program Director - Tom Schommer

Activities Coordinators:

Sharon Mullins, Steve Longenecker, Patty Wheelbarger, David Snell, Bruce Howorth, Ella Himes, Jim Nies

Hank Trimble - Webmaster

Newsletter Editor - Lindy McDonough

Out & About

by Lindy McDonough

During the month of November two of our MVOC members gave talks about their adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT). Amy Callahan, whose trail name is Falling Turtle, presented to the Outdoor Club on November 6 and Yvonne Entingh, aka Princess Doah, gave her talk a week later for the Dayton Hikers at Gander Mountain. Both women hiked from Georgia to Maine and experienced many similar things: cold, rain, loneliness, depression, as well as joy, exhilaration, trail magic, new friends, the beauty of nature, and the sense of accomplishment. But their talks were

completely different from one another and expressed the unique personalities of each. Amy hiked with company for most of her trek, sometimes with her son Nick, sometimes with her husband Joel West and often with both. Amy met Joel, the love of her life, on the trail and they married on the AT the following year.

Yvonne on the other hand made the journey solo, except for a 12-day stretch from New Jersey to New York with her 6-year old granddaughter Addison. Yvonne began the 2,184-mile trip in 2008, hiking sections whenever she could, gaining strength, confidence and serenity from her solitary adventure. Both programs were truly well worth hearing - each inspiring in its own way.

Sharon Mullin's Fast Tuesday hikes at Taylorsville, Hank Trimble's Wednesday climbing sessions at Urban Krag and Lindy McDonough's afternoon hikes are all perking along. After a great 3-year anniversary celebration Oct. 30 for the Taylorsville hike, the group began their fourth year the very next week. I don't hear many details about climbing at Urban Krag, but I hope that means nobody has had a bad fall, and that's good. There's always something new on the afternoon hikes. The Tadmor hike had seven people and five dogs and all the dogs were very well behaved. The four people who didn't wimp out because of threatening skies, had a fine hike at Huffman MetroPark with an added loop to the Wright Brothers Memorial. And most recently the group that hiked at Englewood South tried something

different and swung through the Aullwood Audubon Center's prairie and wet woods on their rounds.

We are always on the lookout for new hike leaders. It's really easy and it can be anything from a short hike in the Miami Valley to a campout, bike ride or backpack trip further afield. Ask a friend to



On the boardwalk at Englewood East with Lindy

help you. Don't worry whether anyone will come, just schedule the activity you want to do and see who signs up!

And there's always more events to look forward to. The Miami Valley Outdoor Club has the good fortune of co-hosting the kick-off speaker for the MetroParks/WSU Adventure Speaker series starting January 8. Photographer and cyclist Eleanor Moseman, who biked 15,000 miles through 7 Asian countries, is the daughter on one of our new MVOC members - Marty Moseman. Marty must be a very proud mama!

Annual Christmas Light Hike

John Bryan to Clifton Mill
Saturday, December 15, 2011

Join MVOCers Dwight and Donna Gehring for the Annual Christmas hike from John Bryan State Park, through Clifton Gorge to historic Clifton Mill to see the thousands of holiday lights turned on. We will start at the John Bryan State Park Office parking lot. Please arrive at the parking lot by 3:30. We will move cars to the parking area near the mill by the Clifton Gorge National Natural Landmark plaque to they will be at the other end of the gorge when we finish.

Hike begins promptly at 4:00. Contact: Dwight & Donna Gehring, 836-8515, or talk to Dwight Gehring at the

December MVOC dinner at Wegerzyn on Dec. 4.

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays 6:30, December 5, 12, 19, 26
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

Tuesdays at Taylorsville

December 4, 11, 18 --25 is iffy-- at 4:30

Join members of MVOC for a Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. Various members will take turns leading a FAST-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 4:30 at a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is a conditioning hike. Because sunset happens near the end of the first loop, the occasional second round has been discontinued until spring.

Moderate Hikes in December

Mondays & Fridays at 2:30

Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes. About 3.3 miles. Days and locations vary. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash.

Mon., Dec. 10 ... Taylorsville East

2101 U.S. 40, parking lot northeast of the dam at CCC shelter. Hilly terrain. Ridges & ravines.

Fri., Dec. 14 ... Huffman MetroPark

4095 Lower Valley Pike, off Rte. 4 at the dam. Will include Wright Bros. Memorial.

Mon., Dec. 17 ... Englewood South

9331 Meeker Rd. Some long hills.

Fri., Dec. 21 ... Possum Creek

4790 Frytown Rd., Argonne Forest Parking lot, first lot to the right, after you enter the park. There are 3 entrances off Frytown. Be sure to take the middle

one at 4790. Fairly flat terrain.

Fri., Dec. 28 ... Carriage Hill

7891 E. Shull Rd; meet at the Cedar Lake Shelter NOT Red Wing Shelter. Fairly flat terrain.

Adventure Speaker Series

MVOC is co-hosting the kickoff event for this year's FiveRivers Metroparks Adventure Speaker series.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the club's monthly meeting will feature a presentation by Eleanor Moseman about her 15,000 mile cycling adventure across Asia. This is the first presentation in the Metroparks' "Adventure Speaker Series."

Beginning with Moseman's opener, each week (Jan. 8, 17, 25, 30 and Feb. 7) will see a different speaker, sponsored by FiveRivers Metroparks, at either Wegerzyn or WSU's Student Union presenting his or her adventure in various locations around the globe.

Note: The January MVOC meeting will take place on the 8th rather than Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Time to Renew!

It's now time to renew your membership for 2013. Please fill out the membership/waiver form on the last page of the newsletter or on our website, and along with your dues, bring to the next MVOC meeting or mail to Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 292571, Dayton, OH 45429. For couples and families, signatures of both spouses/partners are required. And be sure to indicate if you would prefer NOT to be listed in the upcoming membership roster that will be share with all our members.

Membership Roster Coming

To Opt Out - Email to

dalebockhorst@yahoo.com

MVOC is planning to publish a membership roster, with names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses after the first of the year. Although sharing the roster was a tradition in the past, it has not been published for some time and members have been asking that we share it again. The roster will be sent to all members by email or snail mail. It is to be used only for member to member communications

and is not to be shared with non-members, or other organizations and businesses. Most membership forms have had an item to check if you do or don't want to be included, but some forms slipped by with that item omitted. Most members will probably want to be included. If you can't remember if you opted out and you do not want your name and contact information included, please let us know so we don't publish it. If you do not contact us to OPT OUT, your name and info WILL appear on the roster.

Reminder

Tire Clean Up - Round Two

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1-4 p.m.

As a follow-up to the March "Little Trail in the Woods - BIG Tire Roll Out" near Wegerzyn MetroPark, the Miami Valley Outdoor Club will be sponsoring another clean up in the same place, to remove the remaining tires. . Enter at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Drive past the Garden Center and Jay Lake and park at the WingMasters Flying Field. The clean up will take place in the woods to the east of the flying field and the far end of Jay Lake. For more information or to sign up, contact Lindy M. 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com.



Just a few of the goodies available for bids at last year's auction.

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Miami Valley Outdoor Club Membership/Waiver Form

New members please mark time-frame you are joining: _____Jan. thru Mar. - singles \$16 / families \$24
_____April thru June - singles \$12 / families \$18 _____July thru Sept. - singles \$8 / families \$12
_____Oct. and after - full-year membership dues (\$16 or \$24) will include the remainder of the year and the entire following year. Renewing dues are singles \$16 / families \$24. Renewing members must fill out membership/waiver form every year. Both spouses/partners in a family must sign. Membership year is Jan.1 to Dec.31

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 \$ _____

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 _____

Print out and Mail to: Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 292571, Dayton, OH 45429

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