

The Liftline

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June

- 3 Birthday Party for Mike
Urbana Civic Center
7pm - midnight
- 11 Crosstown Rollerblade /
Bike -- Savoy Methodist
10 am
- 17 Fun Friday Mini-Golf
Old Orchard 7pm
Dinner El Toro II 7:30 pm
- 24 Camping Illinois State
Park, Marseilles
- 25 Canoe Big Bureau
Creek by Princeton 10 am
- 26 Bike Illinois & Michigan
Canal Trail 10 am
- 24-26 Taste of Champaign
Friday 5 - 9 pm
Saturday 11 am - 9 pm
Sunday 12 - 5 pm

July

- 1 First Friday Happy Hour
Rocks 6 pm
- 9 Biking at Kickapoo
- 15 Fun Friday Horseshoes
Centennial Park 6 pm
Dinner Za's 7:30 pm
- 29 Fun Friday Frisbee Golf
Thomas Paine School 6 pm
Dinner Hickory River
Smokehouse 7:30
- 30 Margaritaville Party
DeBarr's

Summertime

Summertime should be a slow time for members of a ski club. But not for ours. Thanks to Mike Metz, Judy Haydel and many others, our summers are full of events: camping, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, biking, rollerblading, hiking, miniature and real golf, baseball, shuffleboard, bocce and not to forget the dinners and parties. Wow! SCUBA diving will probably be added by the next season.

Most of all, it's the friendship that we all share in when being together. Maybe we should rename the Ski Club to something like: The Champaign Friends-Who-Like-To-Do-Things-Outdoors Club.



What a friend we have in Mike Metz for arranging summer outings such as this canoe/kayak trip on the Mazon River last year. His "family" -- Kelli, Ashley and Tyler -- join in the (mostly) fun on the water.



Judy Haydel along with mate Randy probably plan the events for Fun Fridays while waiting to be picked up after a full day of (mostly) fun on the water. ●



Trip report

Shawnee Weekend

April 29 - May 1

by Mike Metz

On Friday, April 29th around twenty CSC members headed for Red Bud campground near Bell Smith Springs in Shawnee National Forest arriving at various times. On the way down, Kelli, Tyler and I drove in and out of rainshowers and were glad we decided to bring the pop-up camper. We're not giving up tent camping yet, but on trips when you know it's going to rain or be cold it sure makes a difference as several other members know too.

When we arrived most people were already there. The Jannusch clan was there with their comfy 20-some-foot camping trailer with a nice awning and large tarp. Their location quickly became the meeting campfire of choice and many of us braved the chilly temperatures and drizzling rain there.

Dave Kuehl brought a small camping trailer, Phil and Linda Johnson a pop-up. Terry and Barb Walker, Todd Mowry, Elaine and Jake as well as Judy, Peter, Chris Haydel and Jessica were all tent camping.

Soon to be member Erik Burkhart and his sister Carolyn arrived late and also tent camped. Rain fell lightly most of the night but by morning it looked like a great day.



From left: Kyle and Kerry Jannusch, Phil Johnson and his dog Rusty, Mark Jannusch and Maggie, and Linda Johnson



GAYLE JANNUSCH

On Saturday most of us took off with canoes and kayaks for the Cache River Natural Area where we went on a beautiful cypress swamp trail on the water. It wended in and out of cypress trees (including the state champion) and narrow passages through various swamp grasses and other vegetation. This is something new and I highly recommend it. The Jannusch's went bike riding and Todd, Elaine and Jane went sight-seeing. Saturday night we all spent a pleasant time around the campfire exchanging stories and drinks. Sunday, most went hiking near the campground at Bell Smith Springs. Everyone had a great time as usual.

On the way home, Kelli, Tyler and I went on a scouting trip for a future canoe trip on Lusk Creek which is considered one of the best in the state. We found the put in near our campground, and the take out, and plan on paddling it sometime soon.

Considering all of the great things we keep finding in Shawnee to do you would think more people would go. There's lots of hiking, there's some biking trails and now we've found some canoeing places not to mention just coming to relax and take in the great scenery. Come join us in the fall (probably October) for what will surely be another great time! ●



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More information on the Cache River area in Illinois is available at the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge web site:

www.fws.gov/midwest/cypresscreek/

Club calendar

First Friday Happy Hours

- Fri Jul 1 6 pm at Rocks, 25 E. Springfield
Champaign, just east of the railroad tracks
- Fri Aug 5 6 pm at Legends, 522 E. Green, Campus

Parties

- Fri Jun 3 Birthday Party for Mike Metz and others who
have turned 50 since June 2004.
7 pm to midnight, Urbana Civic Center
108 Water Street, Urbana
- Sat Jul 30 7 pm Margaritaville Party at the DeBarr's

Fun Fridays

- Fri Jun 17 6 pm Miniature Golf at Old Orchard,
907 N. Dunlap, Savoy.
7:30 dinner at El Toro II, Champaign
- Fri Jul 15 6 pm Horseshoes at Centennial Park,
Champaign.
7:30 dinner at Za's, 2006 W. Springfield
- Fri Jul 29 6 pm Frisbee Golf at Thomas Paine School, Urbana
7:30 pm dinner at Hickory River Smokehouse
- Fri Aug 19 6pm Shuffleboard and Bocce at Blair Park, Urbana.
7:30 dinner to be announced.

Summer Trips

- Sat Jun 11 10 am Crosstown Rollerblade / Bike starting at
Savoy Methodist Church, Graham Street then to
Parkland College (about 12 miles).
Party afterward
- Fri Jun 24 Camping at Illinois State Park, Marseilles plus...
- Sat Jun 25 10 am Canoe trip, Big Bureau Creek, Princeton
- Sun Jun 26 10 am Bike Illinois + Michigan Canal
- Sat July 9 10 am Bike Ride at Kickapoo State Park near
Danville, Illinois
- Fri- Sep 2- Rafting trip, Youghiogheny River, Pennsylvania
Mon 5
- Wed Sep 14 Cubs game
- Fri- Sep 16- Golfing at Alpine Valley Resort, Wisconsin
Sun 18



Campanile di San Marco in Venice
as seen during January ski trip to Austria

Far-out trips...mark your calendar

Youghiogheny River Rafting -- Sep 2-5



Whitewater raft on the Youghiogheny River at Ohiopyle State Park in Pennsylvania over the Labor Day weekend.

More info: Dennis Coleman **217-352-8011**

For resource information see:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ohiopyle.aspx

Cubs Game -- Sep 14

See the Chicago Cubs play Cincinnati at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Night game. As of June 1, the Cubs are at the top with a 35-18 win-loss record.

More info: Mitch Cohen **773-348-5898**

See the Cubs' web site:

www.chicagocubs.com



Golf at Alpine Valley Resort -- Sep 16-18



Three days unlimited golfing in kettle moraine area of southern Wisconsin. Package includes two nights lodging, dinners and breakfasts. Use both 9- and 18-hole courses.

More info: Judy Haydel **217-352-7254**

See resort's web site:

www.alpinevalleyresort.com

New editor needs help

This is the first time I ever did a Newsletter. But I can't do it alone. I need your articles about interesting Club trips along with photos hopefully with people in them. Why? Because people want to know what we do here in our peaceful part of the world. Those Club members who did not go on a trip want to see who did and what they did. And those who went on the trip want to relive the (mostly) fun experience.

I also need information about future events with as much detail and lead-time as possible. Again any photos, diagrams, maps, etc. would be appreciated by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judy Tolliver for helping me get started in the newsletter business. Any good look-and-feel to this Newsletter probably comes from Judy's templates. The bad stuff comes from my inexperience which should improve over time. Any suggestions to improve the usefulness of this Newsletter would be greatly appreciated. I have tried to make all the web sites mentioned active links to the Internet.



Paul on the Mazon river Spring 2004



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