



FLOWlines



Finger Lakes-Ontario Watershed Paddlers' Club Newsletter
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April 2002

April Steering Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 4

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: The Cafe at Barnes & Noble Bookstore
Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Avenue

Steering committee meetings are open to all members. Feel free to just show up - your input is welcome. If you are not available but have an idea, send email to president@flowpaddlers.org.

April General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 11

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Brighton Town Lodge
777 Westfall Road, just west of S. Clinton

Southern Rivers

Big Laurel Creek, The Ocoee, Big Sandy, Nolichucky Gorge, The Chattooga, The New, The Cheat River Festival, Nantahala, The Cranberry, The Doe, The French Broad, The Little, The Tygart. We'll talk about the geography, the rapids, the stories generated by the people who have — come heck and high water — run these rivers every spring for many years. We'll have slides, a large map and lots of interesting facts about running the Southern Rivers. Come and join us for a fun evening.

Club Day At EMS

Eastern Mountain Sports, located in the Marketplace Mall, is holding their annual Club Day on Friday, April 26 and Saturday 27. The store offers a 20% discount to clubs including FLOW. All you have to do is show up with a membership card or newsletter, preferably one showing current membership. Hours are 4 pm to 9:30 pm on the 26th and 10 am to 9:30 pm on the 27th.

Paddling Hotline May Be Discontinued

The paddling hotline is getting minimal use. Most of the "pick up trip" activity has shifted to the message board on FLOW's web site. Therefore, we are considering discontinuing the voice mailbox. If anyone feels that the hotline is still a vital FLOW service, please come to a steering committee meeting or send email to president@flowpaddlers.org.

Last Three Pool Practices

Admission to pool practice is \$2 for FLOW members and \$5 for the general public.

Boats Must Be Clean!

Place	Pittsford Middle School 75 Barker Road, Pittsford
Time	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 PM
Dates	April 3, 10

Place	Wheatland-Chili High School Corner of North Rd. and Rt. 386, Scottsville
Time	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Dates	April 1

A Call For Help

It's not an SOS. No one is in danger. The help we need is the lending of your expertise — your knowledge of area waterways.

Hi, we're Rich & Sue Freeman, the authors of 7 guidebooks on outdoor recreation. Our books help people get out hiking, bicycling, dog walking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and most recently exploring waterfalls (see www.footprintpress.com)

Next we'd like to produce a guide on flat water paddling for canoeists and kayakers. The problem is ... waterways are not our area of expertise ... they're yours ... so we could use your help.

The guide will cover family-friendly flat water paddling in central and western New York. Anything from Utica south and west to the Pennsylvania border is fair game. If you know of a good place, we'd love to hear about it. Explore it fully and submit a detailed report and we'll identify you in the book as the field editor for that waterway — a chance for a little fame, if not fortune! The guidebook will take us two years to completely research and produce. We plan to have all research completed by spring of 2003.

Our email address is sue@footprintpress.com. Our address is PO Box 645, Fishers, NY 14453. We welcome all input and recommendations. If you'd like data sheets to record recommendations / observations, please call us at 421-9383 and we'll mail some to you. Please let us know if you plan to

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FLOW Organization

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Newsletter Submissions

Send us trip reports, articles, letters to the editor, rants, photographs, ads for our classified section, or anything else that you would like to see in FLOWlines. Send items to newsletter@flowpaddlers.org. If you do not have e-mail, send items to:

Simon Barnett
72 Maple Park Heights
Rochester, NY 14625

Membership / Address Changes

To join FLOW, download the membership form from the "How To Join" page on www.flowpaddlers.org, fill it out and send it with \$30 (\$35 family rate) to:

FLOW Paddlers' Club C/O James "Hoppy" Hopkins
43 Whelehan Drive
Rochester, NY 14616

If you don't have access to the web, contact Hoppy at the above address, hoppyski@yahoo.com or 621-2721. Send address changes to Hoppy too.

FLOW Hot Line: 234-3893

To access the FLOW Hot Line:

1. Dial 234-3893 from a touch-tone phone.
2. To listen to messages left by other paddlers, press the remote access code any time during the greeting.
After entering the remote access code, listen to instructions for how to access messages.
3. To leave a message for other paddlers, listen to the greeting and leave a brief message after the tone.

The FLOW hotline is sponsored by FLOW Paddlers' Club for FLOW members. The FLOW hotline is hosted by Bay Creek Paddling Center.

Upcoming trips/events

Whitewater Trips: Contact Ivan Rezanka 381-7475.
Flatwater Trips: Contact James Hopkins 621-2721.

Paddling Contacts

FLOW Corporate Sponsors

<i>BayCreek Paddling Center</i>	288-2830
Boat/gear sales & rental, instruction, kids camp 8% off stocked accessories www.BayCreek.com	
<i>G.R.I.P.</i>	381-3418
ACA Certified whitewater instruction	
<i>Oak Orchard Canoe & Kayak</i>	(800)-4-KAYAKS
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<i>Snow Country</i>	586-6460
10% off paddling gear and accessories www.snowcountrysports.com	

Businesses Offering FLOW Discounts

<i>Colorado Kayak Supply</i> (www.coloradokayak.com)	15% off accessories (Must Supply AWA Number)
<i>Nantahala Outdoor Center</i> (www.noc.com)	10% off all goods
<i>Northern Outfitters</i> (www.noh20.com)	10% off all retail items
<i>Zoar Outdoor</i> (www.zoaroutdoor.com)	10% off accessories and \$50 off boat prices

Local Businesses & Instruction

<i>Adventure Calls</i>	(888) 270-2410
Whitewater rafting and boat shuttle in Letchworth State Park www.adventure-calls.com	
<i>Ardie Shaffer</i>	334-4487
ACA certified whitewater instruction & instructor training ardie@rochester.rr.com	
<i>Art Miller</i>	377-1994
ACA WW instruction & USACK certified WW slalom instruction ArtMiller@worldnet.att.net	
<i>George Scherer of Sea Kayak Rochester</i>	381-2104
ACA certified open water coastal kayak instructor george.scherer@kodak.com	
<i>Hemlock Canoe Works</i>	367-3040
Hand crafted lightweight canoe manufacturer www.hemlockcanoe.com	
<i>Lock 32 Whitewater Park</i>	328-3960
Flat and moving water ACA certified instruction	
<i>Pack, Paddle, Ski</i>	346-5597
Flatwater, whitewater, canoe, kayak, & sea kayak instruction www.packpaddleski.com	
<i>Seayaker Outfitters</i>	(315) 524-9295
ACA certified Coastal Sea Kayak instructor / courses & tours www.seayaker.com	
<i>Talic Sport Hammocks</i>	271-3150
Wooden canoe and kayak stand manufacturer www.talic.com	

Regional & National Organizations

American Canoe Association.....	www.acanet.org
American Whitewater	www.americanwhitewater.org
Adirondack Mountain Club.....	www.adk.org
Genesee Waterways Center	www.geneseewaterways.com

River Gauges

Genesee River (Letchworth).....	468-2303
Catteragus Creek	532-0626
Black Cr. at Churchville.....	(800) 452-1742 #361131
Salmon River	(800) 452-1742 #365123
Waterline Site Codes	www.h20line.com

All phone numbers are in the 585 area code unless otherwise noted.

2002 FLOW Whitewater Trip Schedule

Whitewater paddling, like all adventure sports, entails an element of risk. FLOW members assume this risk, and share the risk and responsibility for assisting others in need, as a condition of joining any of the listed trips below. Each participant will be asked to sign a release to this effect before putting onto the water. **We CAN NOT take non ACA/FLOW members on the trips.** To add trips, or change existing trip listings for the monthly update, call Ivan Rezanka, 381-7475.

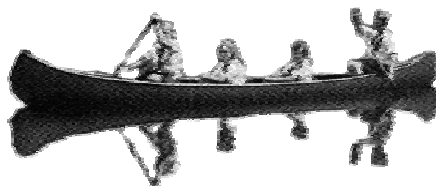
Date	Level	Trip Description	Coordinator	Phone
April 26 – May 5	Advanced	Southern trip. West Virginia to South Carolina. Rivers will be selected during the trip. Will include Cheat River Festival May 3-5. Class III & IV.	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
April 3 (Wed. 5PM)	Beginner	Lower Oatka Creek, Class II	Steve Baker	585-334-5947
April 6	Intermediate	Fish Creek. Class III	Paul Houndt	585-341-3055
April 10 (Wed. 5PM)	Intermediate	Upper Oatka Creek, Class III	Steve Baker	585-334-5947
April 13	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Doug Roode	585-734-9026
April 17 (Wed. 5PM)	Beginner	Lower Oatka Creek, Class II	Steve Baker	585-334-5947
April 20	Beginner Intermediate	Lower Oatka Creek, Class II Upper Oatka Creek, Class III	Steve Baker Kathy Corey	585-334-5947 716-889-9351
May 4	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Ivan Rezanka	585-381-7475
May 4	Intermediate	Cattaraugus Creek, Class III	Don Cochran	585-582-3152
May 11	Intermediate	Fish Creek. Class III	Doug & Dorothy Caine	585-544-9725
May 17-19	Advanced	Hudson River Gorge on Saturday, choose among Lower Moose River, Fish Creek, Black River, or Salmon River for Sunday. Class IV.	Vaughn Skinner	315-683-5379
May 25 - 27	Intermediate	Lower Youghiogheny River, Slippery Rock Creek. Class III.	TBD	
June 1	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Don Shaw	585-223-5077
June 4 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
June 8	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Dick Achter	315-986-2629
June 7-9	Beginner	Lehigh River, PA; with camping in nearby state park.	Steve Kittelberger	585-442-6138
June 8-9	Intermediate	Participate in 3 River Club clinic on Slippery Rock Creek. Class III	Tony Hernandez	328-9873
June 11 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
June 18 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
June 21-23	Advanced	Kipawa River Festival in Quebec. Add 1 day each for travel to and from. Class III-IV	Vaughn Skinner	315-683-5379
June 22	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 400 cfs release. Class III	Richard Mauser	585-473-2162
June 25 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
June 29	Advanced	Black River, Watertown, NY. Class III - IV	Paul Houndt	585-341-3055
July 2 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
July 4 - 7	Intermediate/ Advanced	Ottawa River, Beachburg, Ontario. The annual gathering of FLOW paddlers to celebrate July 4 and Canada day. Class III - IV	Steve Benedict	315-331-5198
July 9 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
July 13	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Bill Kuipers	585-322-7742
July 16 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
July 20	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Don Shaw	585-223-5077
July 23 (Tues.)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
July 26-28	Intermediate/ Advanced	Deerfield River, MA Dryway section Class III - IV	Steve Kittelberger	585-442-6138
July 27	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Simon Barnett	585-899-6803
July 30 (Tues)	Intermediate	3-Wave or other feature on Black River. Class III	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
Aug. 10	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. FLOW picnic Saturday Evening. Class III	Bill Kuipers	585-322-7742
Aug. 17	Advanced	Black River, Watertown, NY. Class III - IV	Paul Houndt	585-341-3055
August 22-25	Advanced	Gatineau River Festival, Maniwaki, Quebec on Friday and Saturday. Class IV. Preregistration is required. Ottawa River on Sunday	Vaughn Skinner	315-683-5379

Date	Level	Trip Description	Coordinator	Phone
Aug. 24	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Steve Baker	585-334-5947
Aug. 31	Advanced	Beaver River, Taylorville section, class IV	Ben Bramlage	518-792-3277
Sept. 7	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Richard Mauser	585-473-2162
Sept. 7-14	Advanced	Southern trip. Ocoee River in Tennessee and other rivers in North Carolina. Class IV	Bill Kuipers	585-322-7742
Sept. 14	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Dave Meyer	716-367-2056
Sept. 20-22	Intermediate	West River, Vermont, Class III+	Ben Bramlage	518-792-3277
Oct. 5	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Doug & Dorothy Caine	585-544-9725
Oct. 19	Intermediate	Upper Moose River (from Singing Waters to Tannery) Class III	Dave Meyer	716-367-2056
Oct. 19, 20	Advanced	Lower Moose River (Moose Fest weekend). Class IV	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
Nov. 2, 3	Intermediate	Tohickon Creek, PA Class III to III+. Camp nearby.	Steve Kittelberger	585-442-6138

2002 Flat Water / Open Water Trip List

Trip Leaders Wanted • Contact Jim Hopkins • 607-281-2337 work • 607-545-6286 home • hoppyski@yahoo.com

Day	2001 Date	Time	Type/Class	Where	Trip Coordinator	Contact
Any Day	April-Oct	Any Time	Sea & WW Kayak	When Surfs Up at Durand Beach, Irondequoit Bay Outlet, or Long Pond	Whoever posts	
Thurs	5/16	7:00 PM	WW/Sea Kayak/Canoe			
Thurs	5/23	7:00 PM	All			
Thurs	5/30	7:00 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Thurs	6/6	7:30 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Thurs	6/13	6:00PM-Sunset	All	June FLOW Meeting Mendon Ponds	See Flowlines	
Thurs	6/20	7:30 PM	All			
Sat	6/22	10:00 AM	All			
Thurs	6/27	7:30 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Thurs	7/11	6:30PM	All	Roll Clinic Mendon Ponds Boat Launch	Jim Hopkins	607-281-2337 / Hoppyski@yahoo.com
Sat	7/13	10:00 AM	All			
Thurs	7/18	7:30 PM	All			
Thurs	7/25	7:30 PM	All			
Sat-Sun	8/3	All Weekend!	All	FLOW Picnic Stoney's Pulaski	See Flowlines	
Thurs	8/8	7:30 PM	All			
Thurs	8/15	7:30 PM	All			
Thurs	8/22	7:00 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Sun	8/25	10:00 AM	All			
Thurs	8/29	7:00 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Thurs	9/5	7:00 PM	All	Check FLOW Message Board	TBD	
Thurs	9/12	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Brighton Town Hall	See Flowlines	
Thurs	9/19	7:00 PM	All	Farewell to Summer Surf Classic @Durand Beach	TBA	



Letchworth Restrictions Comments

Submitted by Don Cochran

Howdy Kevin,

I just read your article in the FLOW newsletter today [March 2002 issue]. I understand your point of view and appreciate where you are coming from in that we all want everyone to have safe trips in the gorge especially at higher - pushier levels.

Common sense and a healthy bit of fear of how powerful Mother Nature can be at times are unfortunately not inspected at the gate when we pay the park entrance fee.

I have been paddling in Letchworth Gorge with my wife for 21 years in kayaks and canoes (well before Adventure Calls was established in the Park). I do respect that you have been there more often and know every river level much more intimately than most of us. We have been very involved with every Park administration for the past 20 years working out compromises in the Whitewater/Canoe permit to where it is now.

If I might shed a little light from the boaters perspective.

Addressing your points:

- Adventure Calls has named and numbered all the rapids for your tours. But most other boaters have not seen your map since it is not published by the Park or posted anywhere except for your office. Can you make the map publicly available so we can all memorize the proper names to effect more efficient rescues in the future?
- We have been asking the Park for a take out sign for years. I guess they do have one up on the Gorge wall, and one at river level could occasionally get flooded. But the bridge abutments are still there at the second stop where a sign could be attached. We have asked for improvements there such as some large rocks to create an eddy. The Red & Blue bus is not always parked at the first take out for all to see.
- Thanks for the heads up about the possible strainers in the Entrance rapids section.
- Since you are making judgments about kayakers needing the right skills before attempting high water runs, do you ever turn away beginner raft customers when the water reaches a certain high level? It sounds like you just make sure you have one guide per raft for safety. If the river is technically more difficult, your insurance company might be interested in your policy there. Other NY rafting operations in the Adirondacks have policies about restricting inexperienced rafters on certain rivers and at high levels.

- As to your concern about the Genesee being too free, we have worked with the park administration on this issue for years. We agree that if you do not have the skills you do not belong there. We have suggested that the park put up a clear sign at the gate to the put in emphasizing the importance of having proper equipment and experience before attempting the river. And the sign should instruct boaters to check in with the park office for updated river levels and advice before putting on.

But we have always taken issue with being restricted from this river at high water when the raft concession goes on its merry way at any level, like you own the place. We may not have a ton of experience on this river at all levels, but we have paddled **a lot** of rivers that are **much** more technical and with more potential for serious incidents. In the past we have tried to come up with a way of classifying paddlers for high water and having a special pre-approved list at the Park office. But it may not be fair and could easily exclude paddlers who are perfectly qualified. Rich Parker has agreed to see what happens with paddlers testing the river at high water levels. They will hopefully drop their restrictions more some day, as more paddlers provide input. At some level the river isn't a very interesting trip except for a big fast swirly ride.

I believe the Park does have an legal obligation to allow paddlers on the river as long as commercial rafting is there. We **do** reserve the right to paddle wherever and whenever we choose ... and we accept the responsibilities to ourselves and our paddling partners that accompany those rights. You do, don't you?

Peace Be With You Also,
Don Cochran



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Letchworth Is Over Regulated

Submitted By Tim Trezise

I have been frustrated over how the access and regulation of Letchworth Gorge has been managed - the river is over regulated! The use of the river needs to be more "Free" — not more controlled. Increasing controls would be taking a large step backwards in what has been accomplished over the years.

I understand the safety issues involved. After paddling in many other rivers in state and national parks around the nation, Letchworth continues to share the top of the list of over-regulation with the lower Yough. It is by far one of the safest and mildest sections of rivers with regulation that is excessive. It is public land — we pay the taxes to maintain it — we should have access that is reasonable in comparison to other areas. Check out what the regulations are at Great Falls on the Potomac, or the Top Yough (Swallow Falls) in Maryland, or the Green or Colorado Rivers in Canyonlands, the Virgin River in Zion National Park. The list could continue on and on.

I greatly appreciate the advances that have been made in allowing experts to paddle at higher water levels and the rapids up to the base of the lower falls. This is encouraging to see the park administration re-evaluating out-dated regulations. But there is still some room for improvement.

For one paddling group (who primarily runs class II-III whitewater) to control traffic on the river is not responsible, especially when there is a tremendous amount of experience and input from other local expert paddlers who do know the river just as well and have much more experience on difficult runs from all over the nation. The Genesee is a beginner to intermediate run. Even at high water it may barely reach class IV, so it shouldn't be regulated as if it was a Class IV-V run. The regulations on the Genesee are quite ridiculous when comparing it to other popular runs. At least we have not degraded to the amount of regulation as on the lower Yough. I can understand what the Yough park officials are doing since they have the busiest whitewater run in the east (which also is quite a bit more technical than the Genesee). Go to the busiest run in the nation - Brown's Canyon of the Colorado (a true class III-V) run - and try to find any regulations or one paddling group controlling it. It is unheard of in the western states.

It would be nice to see the paddling community work together to free up more use of the park. I highly respect all the hours and time Don and others have invested over the years in working with park administration. I would like to see improvements continue in that direction. It is unfortunate some people think they hold all of the keys.

A prime example of regulation that has not kept up with the times and how sports change is prohibiting access to the best and safest surfing waves on the entire Genesee. I am talking specifically about the ledges at Portageville when the river is 11 — 13 feet on the gauge. The park believes it is unsafe, since it is above the upper falls. But the upper falls is more than a mile away with nothing but flatwater leading up to it. Directly below the waves is flatwater, making any rescue simple. Anyone attempting these ledges below 11 feet will be quite bored and will barely be able to scrape over them. I do believe the ledges can be dangerous above 14', because of a bad hydraulic that forms. I have spoken with Rich Parker about this issue and proposed some ideas. I have greatly appreciated his willingness to listen and discuss this issue. Unofficially, as long as we don't use park land to access the river, we can't be kept from paddling at the ledges. I still anticipate park police not understanding this issue.

Regulation is good when it makes sense and all perspectives are considered.

Paddlers Wanted for Tibet Trip

There are few places left in the world where experienced river runners can participate in first descents of major rivers. In addition to an incredible river experience, a visit to parts of Tibet rarely seen by foreigners is truly unforgettable.

Earth Science Expeditions (ESE) is seeking participants for two first descents in Tibet in June, 2002. The purpose is to field check geological maps prepared from aerial photos along roadless stretches of major rivers, but a geological background is not necessary.

First descents are planned for both the Kyi Chi (Lhasa River) headwaters and the Raka Tsangpo. Both are major tributaries to the Yarlung Tsangpo (Bramaputra headwaters). For more information, see <http://members.aol.com/pswinn/ese.htm>.

Professional Whitewater Kayaker's Go Head-To-Head Against Local Experts in The First Ever Teva Extreme Whitewater Games

On April 27th Perception Kayaks will present the Teva Moose Extreme Whitewater Games on the Bottom Moose River in Old Forge, NY. The event is designed to showcase the unique paddling skills necessary to perform gymnastic maneuvers down difficult Class V whitewater.

In its first year, the Teva Moose Extreme Freestyle promises to draw some of the finest boaters in the Northeast. World-renowned extreme kayaker Clay Wright is excited to participate saying, "The Bottom Mooses' big drops, rapids, and slides draw boaters from the SE all the way up to NY year after year. This is reliable class 4-5 boating with excellent access, scenery, and camaraderie. Can't wait to see a freestyle event on these famous big drops!"

This unique contest will be to an intense battle between fifteen professional paddlers and fifteen local experts. The Teva Extreme Whitewater Games are made up of three separate events, freestyle off a waterfall at Agers Falls, a head-to-head race from Shurform, and freestyle down Class V Crystal Falls.

Teva Extreme Whitewater Games competitors will have the opportunity to gain points towards the Teva Whitewater National Championships, to be held at the Olympic Whitewater Center on the Ocoee River in Ducktown, TN, October 10-13th.

The Teva Extreme Whitewater Games are part of the first ever "Creek Week" in Old Forge, NY. From April 25-28th, whitewater paddlers will converge upon Old Forge, NY for whitewater kayaking in the Adirondacks.

All athletes must pre-register with American Whitewater between April 2nd through the 19th. Registration will take place by phone and online. Phone registrations ((828)252-0728) must be received during normal business hours and may not be left on voice mail.

Online registration is possible with a credit card through Active.com. The required donation to American Whitewater is \$35, which includes a t-shirt.

AW is looking for volunteers for the race on the Moose River on April 27th. They need help with timing the event, safety boaters, and medical/EMT staff. If you are interested, contact David Kloberdanz or Michael Phelan at (828)-252-0728.



A Call For Help (Continued from page 1)

research a specific waterway so we don't have people duplicating efforts.

Here is the data we'd like to collect for each waterway in the guidebook.

- Waterway:
- Tributary of:
- Location (town & county):
- Type: (pond, creek, river, canal, marsh)
- Directions to Parking from a Main Road or Highway:
- Alternative Parking:
- Shuttle Options:
- Launch & Take-out Locations:
- Best Season to Visit:
- Access: (ease of put-in, distance from parking to launch site, dock availability)
- Estimated Time to Paddle:
- Cruising Length (miles) or Pond Size (acres):
- Waterway width: (< 25 yards, 25-110 yards, > 100 yards)
- Difficulty: (still water, slow and steady current, fast current, waves, strainers/blowdowns, portages, waterfalls/dams)
- Attractiveness: (1. scenery, natural setting, 2. mix of wild, farm, developed, 3. built-up, developed, 4. polluted, unattractive)
- Markings or Signs:
- Uses: (paddle, swim, fish)
- Dogs Allowed:
- Admission Cost or Permits Required:
- Contact Name: (address, phone, web site)
- Historical or Interesting Tidbits:
- Things to see along the way:
- General description of the area that will be paddled:
- Specific Paddling Directions:
- Any specific cautions:
- Nearby Facilities - describe & identify where on map: (playgrounds, outhouses/porta-potties, restrooms, child friendly attractions, campgrounds, B&Bs, motels, restaurants, canoe/kayak rentals)

3 Wave Meeting Report

Submitted by Don Cochran

[Ed. Note: 3 Wave is a popular park-and-play spot on the Black river in Watertown near route 3. For background information, see **The Route 3 Wave Controversy** in the March issue of FLOWlines.]

Dorothy Caine and I had the opportunity to go to an info meeting Tuesday 2/26 in Watertown to listen to Eric Jackson describe his plan to bring the 2005 Worlds Freestyle Rodeo to Watertown. This meeting was offered to help dispel rumors, to make their intentions clear, and to see if they had paddler community support. The town and business community is behind them almost 100 percent.

Steve K. has been in the loop and has met most of the players involved. He has also contacted some folks who are not yet involved but should be in order to prevent a little disaster from occurring to the Route 3 wave. So Steve has more info than I but he was not at this meeting on Tuesday.

After last summer's Worlds in Spain it was decided that the competition should be held on a wave rather than a hole. This is when Eric J. was introduced to the possibility of bringing this event to 3 wave. The Black has a few good things going for it - easy access, places to stay, eat and spend money, fairly controllable and predictable water through summer, and a nearly perfect wave (as many of us know) that doesn't need a lot of modification. Hole Brothers was discounted because it is a hole, and it would take a lot of money and work to change it into what they are looking for.

They have already done an above water engineering study and collected flow data, but they still need to study the underwater topography. To do this they will create an elaborate physical model (approx. 15 x 8 ft.) before doing any work. He wants to keep the character of the wave the same with its flat entry, and nice break, but the river should be made a little deeper to prevent hitting bottom on vertical moves. The river left shoulder of the wave is deep enough, but he wants to make the river right shoulder more like the left: a little steeper, deeper, and move the wave break to the left a little. The event judges would be set up on the river right shore, temporary bleachers on the river left island, and a pedestrian bridge from the City water treatment plant on river left shore. The bleachers will need to accommodate 2000 spectators.

Eric J has an engineer partner who designs boats and various water implements (torpedoes) for the government, but he's not a hydrologist and hasn't created a lot of river projects for competitions. His credentials and expertise are a little questionable.

No other site on the river in Watertown is under consideration. If 3 wave is not modified, there won't be a 2005 Worlds Rodeo in Watertown, says Eric J.

The site will be proposed to the international selection officials this spring. No work will be done

until they have the bid go ahead for 2005, after which the engineering and physical modeling will be started. If Watertown gets the bid there will be a test event in 2004. There would also be regular stops on the annual World Cup Tour.

The second phase of work at 3 wave would be to place boulders on the eddy lines just downstream from the wave train to create a slalom training course in the moving water, presumably with gates. We stressed that all this must remain a **no fee deal**.

The third phase (which is little more than a pipe dream) would be to make a whitewater park and slalom course of Olympic caliber at Sewel's Island, which is 2 islands (about one mile) downstream of 3 wave. There is an old factory on the island that has been removed and the EPA is studying the soil to see if more clean up is needed. The island is intersected by the Pearl St. bridge which will also be rebuilt soon. There could be Federal & State money to develop Sewels Island because of the EPA cleanup, and if NYC gets the Summer Olympics bid for 2012, Watertown may be chosen for the slalom course.

Eric's expertise in the design, modeling, and actual modifying a river is a little thin, and I'm not sure he has enough experts in his corner yet. He has consulted on several whitewater park projects in Colorado and Oregon.

There were about 50 people at this meeting. Half were from the city and business community. The rest were paddlers, raft guides, and boat dealers. Most were for the development, several were on the fence (me) and two stood their ground against the project. I guess most paddlers would support the changes if the modifications can be done without wrecking the wave. And we accept that it will be more crowded most of the time! All agreed that white water development has been very positive for Watertown over the past 20 years, and look forward to putting the Black on the map as a destination whitewater town.

Tom Riley, a local concert promoter, has purchased land just downstream from the put in. To date he has spent \$40K for the study, and he estimates that the city has put in \$10K. Tom wants to be the event promoter, concessionaire, and investor for the site. NY tourism is behind it and will help Eric get the bid, as is Lisa Fish from USCK in Lake Placid.

They estimate that the project would cost \$250K - \$300K. Mr. Mayor says there could be matching funds, County funds, State funds, rich guy with too full pockets funds, and fund raisers. We asked to be kept better informed and suggested that a committee be set up to oversee the project and progress. This has not yet been done.

So now you know the news to be known, and we'll see what happens next. **Let's paddle!**

Steering Committee Minutes March 7, 2002

- I. Getting new people involved.
The Steering Committee Meetings are where important decisions are made and where many good discussions take place regarding FLOW and our paddling community. There are several projects that can be taken over by new steering committee members. These include
- A. Some electronic communication tasks.
 - B. The Swap Meet
 - C. Flat Water Trip Coordinator
 - D. Transport of newsletters to ARC
 - E. General Meetings assist.
Contact Mike Shafer or any steering committee member if you are interested in participating.
- II. Newsletter - Steve
- A. Last month, Steve transported the newsletters, and the decals for new and renewing members, to ARC. The newsletters containing the decals needed to be trifolded and will cost an extra nine cents each to mail.
 - B. Cathy will transport next month's newsletters to Newark. Steve will act as backup transporter.
 - C. Other methods of transporting the newsletters to Newark were discussed.
 - D. Sponsor add approved.
- III. Pool Practice - Ivan
- A. Currently in the red by \$104. Will probably lose \$120 by the end of the sessions.
 - B. Decrease in income most likely due to competition of other pool programs, and the low fees we charge.
- IV. Budget - Ed
- A. Income and expenses are approximately even.
 - B. Ed has agreed to do an analysis on the number of members needed at the current membership dues to continue to break even.
 - C. It may be necessary to increase pool practice charges.
 - D. It was agreed to continue to maintain a Jan - Dec fiscal year.
 - E. Discussion on prepayment for the services of our long time chefs at the August party.
- V. Stewardship Grants
- A. ESL/Kodak Colorado Division for Youth Instruction activity
 - B. ACA/L.L.Bean
- VI. Constitution - Steve
Will go into effect in April 2002.
- VII. Local Rivers
- A. Flint Creek gauge watcher - Don Valerio
 - B. Cattaraugus Creek - in message board
- VIII. Hot Line
Discussion regarding continued use. Most likely will discontinue unless members voice interest in keeping it going.
- IX. Trips - Ivan/Mike
- A. Ivan sent a letter and copies of the wavier to all trip coordinators.
 - B. Mike will file our trip schedule with ACA as required.
 - C. Flat water trips to continue on Thursday evening.
 - D. Three Wave trips will continue on Tuesdays.
 - E. A Flat Water Trip Coordinator is needed.
- X. General Meetings - Cathy
The following topics are proposed for the remaining 2002 meetings. These are subject to change.
- April - Southern Rivers
May - River Recipes
June - Boat Ball
July - Roll Clinic
Aug - Salmon River Party @ Stoney's
Sept - Boat Building
Oct - Major Speaker
Nov - Slide Show
- XI. Three Wave - Steve
Advisory Committee participation discussed.
- XII. Coffee finished. Meeting adjourned.

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Classified Ads / Lost & Found

I need four Y-30 clips to attach a Yakima rack to a gutterless, aero-style roof on a 4-door 1992 Honda Accord LX. If you have some, please call Emily at (585) 346-5597 or email her at epleger@hotmail.com.

Perception Ultra Clean, green/blue fade, \$350. Contact Phil at PMenard@entrecs.com or 281-4903.

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Perception AMP for sale. It's well outfitted and in excellent condition. This boat is good for river running, surfing, spinning and cartwheeling. \$525. Contact Pam at (518)766-0621 or Wwsurfergirl@aol.com

Dagger Outburst, blue with red and yellow swirls - \$475. Small **Perception Spray Skirt**, LC-1 EZ, like new - \$65. Medium farmer john **wet suit** - \$75. Contact Karen at wave@rochester.rr.com or call (585) 461-1513*1

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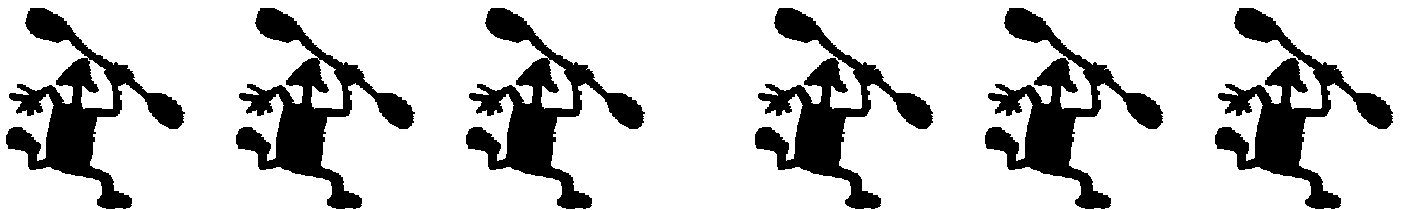
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