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The Paddle

Spring 2010

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Message from the President

Howdy MDCC members,

I have a chance to give you some of my reflections on the start of our boating season and a little bit about what is to come. This should give you an even quicker reason to delete this news letter than normal.

What a great pool session we had this year. We had all kinds of new boaters learning to roll. I noticed quite a few 2nd and 3rd year boaters perfecting their rolls. I would like to thank the instructors but as soon as I do I'll miss someone and be in the dog house so please accept my thanks on behalf of our club. Please look on line to see some of the pictures. Here is a link to help you get there:

http://www.masondixoncanooclub.com/Photos/main.php?g2_itemId=11056

This year we had another great banquet. Fortunately Dan E. wrote an article on the bulletin board that pretty much summed it up. About 60 MDCC members and guests enjoyed good and plentiful food, watched 2 slide show style movies, listened to John, JJ and Sean sing 2 songs about rivers, won door prizes and laughed along with the comedy routine of Huck and Eddie, and chatted up the evening with this season kick-off social. I enjoyed prepping for the comedy routine and the music. I hope it was not too painful for the member guests.

Canoe Awards were given out once again. Randy Snapp and Keith Lefler were awarded canoe awards because of their skilful rescue and guidance on a high Doah run. I believe they got all their practice rescuing me in the past. The award was presented by Susan with the story surrounding the award.

John Roche was awarded a canoe award for having the presence of mind to use his big green boat in a eventful situation where he towed a swimmer in high water away from a potential entrapment with a strainer lurking below. The award was presented by Dave Russo.

The Big boy and girl awards are given to those boaters that have graduated to the realm of class 4 rapids. This year there are two that we know of. Big Boy Award went to Sean Caron and was presented by Dan E. The Big Girl Award went to Sylvia DuRant and also was presented by Dan E.

Citizenship award was presented to Adina Caron and presented by Dan E. It is not every day we have a brand new citizen in our group. Congratulations once again Adina. Special Thanks award for her 3 year tenure as Treasurer to Sylvia DuRant which was presented by Dan E. There were so many neat door prizes. Dry bags, polarized sunglasses, biners, straps, shampoo, dry boxes, and much more.

There were some fun foods. I missed out on the duck eggs but I did help make the kayak shaped veggies. The food was so good I ate it too fast to recall what was there. I hope everyone can make it to the next banquet. It was a great kick off for the boating season.

I had a tee shirt at the banquet, with the new logo. We can get these tee shirts from ALM embroidery in Hagerstown. Here is the link: <http://pages.areaguides.com/almemb/>

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I would like to sell the tee shirts for 14 dollars a shirt, with the new logo. That would be for a wicking shirt, with your choice of color. The price would be 12 dollars per shirt, with the logo but I would like one dollar of the proceeds to go to Tim Potters sister (the designer) and the other dollar goes to the club. If you order from ALM please remind them of the donation to these areas.

My last blurb is about the upcoming beginners kayak lessons on the 16th of May. If you know someone that would like to take the class please have them contact Vitas or I via email so we can get a count of students and make certain we have enough boats. There is a \$5 dollar insurance payment due on the day of the class, and of course the signing of waivers. It is also a great opportunity to join the club, though they do not need to join to attend these lessons. River and trail outfitters will support this endeavor by loaning me boats, helmets, life vests and paddles to make up for what I cannot come up with, so, I need an accurate count of who would like to take this class and what equipment they have before we meet.

Please take care not to paddle by extending past the box your arms naturally make from the shoulders to your waist, while holding a paddle. You could damage your rotator cuff, as I have. Now I have an excuse for running calmer water.

That covers what is on my mind. Please feel free to email me with your concerns. Please put MDCC on the subject line. If you do not I may delete the email if I do not recognize your name (paranoia). Thank you for allowing me to serve this second year as your president. Anyone interested in running for any office in our club please notify any of the officers and we will get right back to you. Here is a useful link to contact us:

<http://masondixoncanoeclub.com/MDCC/Contact.html>

SYOTR

John Navarro



Kris and Bryson Pearl



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Anne navigating Whitehorse

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Wendy on the Lower Gunpowder



Fred manning the pool session check in.



Future C-1er.



Sean Caron on the Lower Yough at Cucumber .



Merrill shows off her bat. Please stick with plastic ducks.



Name this rock and river! First to post the name of this rapid on the MDCC message board gets a prize from KHRT. Hints: It is not the Doah or PO. It is not the Dry Fork. It is not in Maryland or PA.



Quote of the day: "Getting boaters together is like herding cats."

2010 MDCC BOD and Officers

Your 2010 Officers:

President: John Navaro
Vice President: Ericka Hoffmann
Secretary: Sheila Chapelle
Treasurer/Membership: Fred Dalauro

Your 2010 Volunteers (excluding trip coordinators, instructors, etc):

Newsletter Editor & Membership: Dan Eigenbrode
Conservation Chair: Chuck Davis
Safety Chair: Jim Norton
Pool Session Coordinator: Dave Russo
Trophy Manufacturer: Vitas Eidukevicius
Web Master: Vitas Eidukevicius
Web Master: Chuck Davis

Your 2010 Board of Directors:

Merrill Pearson
Vitas Eidukevicius
Jamie Geraghty
Jim Norton
Bobby Miller
Dave Russo
Ron Shanholz



Gang taking a break on the kickoff Antietam Trip

Mark your Calendar !

Beginner WW Kayak Class

Sunday, May 16th at 1:30. Contact John Navarro or Vitas for information. Class is limited, so email them soon.

contact

Vitas vitas@frontiernet.net

or

John Navarro kayaker1953@gmail.com

HFOF Festival

The Harpers Ferry Outdoor Festival and Tim Gavin Down River Race will be held on June 19, 2010 at the Harpers Ferry KOA. Proceeds go toward some of our favorite river conservation organizations. Refer to the WEB site for more details. <http://harpersferryoutdoorfestival.org/>

Thursday Night Paddle (TNP)

Water levels are receding and the weather warming up. Now is a great time to get out on Thursday nights and kayak the Needles. Meet at 5:30 in parking lot beside Cindy Dees restaurant (now closed). Refer to message board weekly for more details.

For more information contact Dave Russo at drusso48@aol.com .

The Message Board

If you have not logged on yet, please do. If you have any trouble with passwords or logging on, contact Vitas at vitas@frontiernet.net The board is the communication vehicle for scheduled and pickup trips. It is also a great tool for selling or buying used gear.

Editor's Note

All photos taken by Dan Eigenbrode except the herd of cats photo. There were no trip reports submitted and I am too lazy to make one up. So I threw a bunch of pics in here I took, so please send those pics and writeups or I will make up stuff and have you believe it. See you on the river.

mdccnews@yahoo.com

Keep an eye out.

STOLEN KAYAKS

Two kayaks were stolen from 21412 Leiter Street, Leitersburg, Maryland.
They were taken between Wednesday 3/10/2010 and Friday 3/19/2010.
A reward is being offered for their recovery.

Owners of stolen kayaks: Merry & Owen Stinson
merryland3@myactv.net

Investigative Officer: Deputy Kemmerer
Badge # 6482 & Police Report # 1001632
(301) 791-3020 Washington County Sheriff's Department

The description and photos of the stolen kayaks follows:

- 1) Old Town Otter, blue & white cloudy pattern, 9 1/2' long, with black seat.
- 2) Islander Swift, orange & yellow, 9 1/2' long, with black seat.

