



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

September, 2008

## September 1 Meeting:

The September meeting will feature Greg McGlinch of the Stillwater Watershed Project. Join us at 6:00 for socializing and trip planning, followed at 6:30 by the business meeting and at 7:00 for the featured presentation. The meeting will be held at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton.

## Upcoming MVOC Activities

Friday September 19

### Windsurfing in September

This is our last outing of the summer. We will have our 2 boards at Eastwood Lake from 5PM to 7PM weather permitting. Someone will go for fried chicken around 6PM. Call for reservations and directions. Life jackets provided. You will need a suit, water shoes and a towel. If just watching, we suggest you bring a chair. David or Virginia Wood [dvwood@donet.com](mailto:dvwood@donet.com) or 937-426-9875.

Sept. 27 - 28,

### Twin Valley Trail Backpack Trip.

This is the new trail developed by the Metro Parks connecting Germantown Metro to

Twin Creek Metro. We have two options available to us. The first is to park at the Eby Road lot and backpack in 4 miles to the campsite. The second option is to park at the sled hill lot at Germantown Metro and pack 14 miles to the same campsite; your choice. We are limited to 12 people; park rules. The only water available will be from the river and streams. The plan is to stash water at the campsite ahead of time so all you will need is enough water to get yourself in. Call Gary Mount for more info and sign-up or e-mail at [glmount@yahoo.com](mailto:glmount@yahoo.com).

Although it is too late to sign up, some members are leaving Sept. 2 for a week's trip to Mackinac Island and Canada's Provincial Park along the shores of Lake Superior. Can't wait to read this trip report.

## August 2008 Trip Reports

### Windsurfing in August

The winds were very brisk and gusty. Seven adults and one child however braved the white caps to sail the boards. We gave up on the big sail. Just ask Reese. He can tell you how BIG it is. Bonnie, Jeanne, David, and Virginia all managed to get out into the lake using the smaller sail. Bridget did great for her first time

out and Bianca can tell you how tippy a board can be. We will have the boards out one more time in September, Friday the 19th. Join us. The water should still be warm and although the air might be cool as it was this time, the sunset was marvelous. Thank you Dolly for going for the chicken. Made for a good picnic.

Virginia Wood

## More MVOC Trip Reports

Monday August 25

### Mad River Float Trip,

On Saturday August 9 Julie Spinner, Bridget Malone, Lindy Mc Donough, Allan Rettberg, Bonnie Spitzkeit, Dwight and Donna Gehring were found floating on innertubes down stream on the Mad River. The sun was shining and the air temperature was not as hot as we like for it to be and the water was cold. The scenery was beautiful. The Mad River North of Springfield is the closest thing to pristinely beautiful that you can find around here. We drifted with the current occasionally there was a rapid or two. One or two people got stuck in a recirculating eddy. That is one way to extend ones time on the river. But, when the second bridge where the cars were located came into view everyone was ready to get out of the river. I took my GPS with me to measure the length. It was 2 miles as we have approximated.

August 15, 16 and 17

### Perseid Meteor Shower Camp-out

Dwight and I arrived on Friday night at 7:30. We put up the MVOC banner at the entrance and then met Katy and Geoff Frank, relatives of Bill and Jackie Lawless who own the property along with grandchildren, Christopher and Jadin at the gazebo next to the pond. They were having a picnic dinner. Shortly afterwards Alan Rettberg showed up just as the picnic party was packing up to leave. We set up tents and explored the property. The best opportunity for meteor sightings was between 3 am and 5:30 am. So, Dwight and I planned to wake up at 3am and check the sky. It was overcast. So, our first opportunity was a bust.

Next morning when we awoke Allan was already gone. Dwight and I prepared and ate breakfast and just relaxed around the gazebo. Then we drove to the bikeway access at Spring Valley and unloaded our bicycles. First we checked out Spring Valley for the location of the Ice Cream Store TWO SCOOPS and then headed south for about an hour. Bob Kelly greeted us briefly as he passed us headed south. (Left us in his dust!) We rode back to the Ice Cream Store for our frozen snack of choice and loaded our bikes onto the car. We ran into Larry and Sheila Collins who were members for several years. It was really nice to see them. They looked healthy and

happy.

There were cancellations and interesting surprises. Linda Hahn, Emma Pleasant, and Joan Tomme showed up for dinner. Terry Shouse and 3 of her grand sons showed up for the night. Sandy and David Todd Arrived to spend the night. Katy and Geoff Frank and their two munchkins joined us for dinner. Yvonne Entingh arrived from another adventure at Caesars Creek to have dinner with us. There was some canoeing on the pond. But, I think the most activity was around the roaring campfire.

Back to the Perseids. Dwight and I checked the sky at 3:30am. The sky was clear but the full moon was still too high in the sky. We sat in lawn chairs searching the sky for meteors. We saw some brief but bright streaks through the sky and some definite activity in the Casseopea constellation. But, it was vague and we didn't feel it justified dragging people out of their sleeping bags to see them. At 5am I realized that as soon as the full moon was low enough in the sky the sun would be coming up. The cold night air was freezing. We gave up and went back to sleep. Two things to remember about meteor viewing. 1. No amount of positive thinking will make the moon set any sooner. 2. Leave your pyromaniac at home because a campfire is light pollution.

Thanks to Bill and Jackie Lawless for allowing us to camp on their property. Thanks to Yvonne Entingh for loaning Terry Shouse a Tent. I believe everyone had a pleasant time. But for me, experiencing a glorious meteor shower is still on my bucket list.

And here's Terry Shouse's grandson Will's view of the campout:

*When I got there I met a lot of people. We bilt the tent. Then moste of us ate. I playd ball and whadrd [wandered] arowd. Then we helped fire king Dwight bild the 4 ft tall fire. Then we got our pajamas on .*

## Other

### Board Meeting, Thursday, September 11

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Piazza, 3434 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

REMINDER: Dayton Backpacker campfire usually meets the second Friday of each month, starting Oct. 10, at St. Charles School in Kettering. See [www.DonKlosterman.com/backpacker](http://www.DonKlosterman.com/backpacker) for the full schedule

## Other Activities: What do do when there's nothing to do

### State Parks

September 6 **Lake Loramie SP** youth catfish derby 9am - Noon at the beach parking lot off of SR 362. Open to kids under 17. 937-295-2011.

September 12 **Lake Loramie** Antique machinery on display, craft displays. a lumber jack show, and mountain man encampment. 937-295-2011.

September 13, and 14 **Rocky Fork Lake SP** World Class Hydroplane racing 937-393-4284.

September 19 - 21 **Tar Hollow SP** Mountain Heritage camp-out. 29th annual event. Craft displays, games, food, square dancing, entertainment, hot air balloon lift-off, pony rides, archery target shooting and more 937-843-2717 or 937-843-3553.

September 20 **Hocking Hills SP** Fun & Fitness 9am - Noon. at the dining lodge. 5-10-20 or 60 KM course. Donations requested for timing and awards. To register 1-800-hocking.

September 20, 21 **Hocking Hills** arts and crafts show 740-389-6841.

September 26, 27 **Hueston Woods**, Halloween Festival at the camp ground. There will be a haunted trail. More info 513-523-6347.

### MVOC Activities Coming Up

Backpack trip in the area of Marietta, Ohio for the weekend of October 11-12. This Weekender is, hopefully, being planned as a two level trip. Plans might include a 9.5 mile trail and a 15-20 mile trail with all parties camping together on Saturday night. I won't be hiking the longer trail. So, If any of you speedier backpackers want to help

### Email Only?

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with the plans and be the trip leader of the long trail hikers, give me a call. Donna Gehring 836-8515 or [dgehring@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dgehring@worldnet.att.net)

## Other Outdoor Action

### Gearfest October 4

Moving to Eastwood Park, the annual Five Rivers Metroparks Gearfest will feature Friday night camping, increased vendor spaces, canoe floats with Barefoot Canoes, and lots of other new events. Check out [www.metroparks.org/gearfest](http://www.metroparks.org/gearfest) for more information about exhibitors, consignment, music and camping permits.

### Junction Trailfest Sept. 27

The third annual Milford Junction Trailfest, celebrating the seven long distance trails that cross in Milford will take place Sept. 27. For information see [www.thejunctiontrailfest.org](http://www.thejunctiontrailfest.org) or please email [info@thejunctiontrailfest.org](mailto:info@thejunctiontrailfest.org) or call 937-572-2995

### MetroParks Activities

#### Trail Work Days

Sept. 17 5:30-8:00 and Sept 20 9:00-noon. Call 277-4374 to register.

#### Discover Ohio on the Buckeye Trail

Wed., Sept 24 7:00 -8:00 p.m. at Great Miami Outfitters in Miamisburg. Slide show and talk by Brent and Amy Anslinger.

#### Bike for the Health of It

Saturdays in Sept and Oct. See [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) for location and times.

**Wednesday Sept 23 Newsletter Deadline**

Also, several members indicated that they haven't received a hard copy when they were expecting one. If you are such a victim (or know of someone who is) please get in touch by email or phone (937-275-9614.)

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## Membership Response 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. **When renewing, please be sure to include your email address, even if it hasn't changed from last year.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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