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November Club Meeting:

Date: Monday, November 16th

Location: Jewish Community Center, Providence

Time: 7pm

Carl & Samantha Ladd: Paddling the Greek Isles

“This will be a presentation of our most recent trips to the Exuma Islands, The Greek Isles and The south coast of Portugal.

“The kayak is a vehicle that allows us to venture into places with more depth, it give us access to places most people will never see and bridges the cultural gap as a curiosity.

“Kayaking has opened many doors for us, and we would like to use this presentation to show some of the many great experiences we have had.

“To explore a planet covered mostly with water, using a kayak just made sense to us.”

Samantha and Carl Ladd started paddling together in the late ‘80’s, mostly on western rivers, rafting and white water kayaking.

Sea kayaking became their passion in 1992. Since then the sport has taken them all over the globe, with trips to the Virgin Islands, Sea of Cortez, coast of Maine, Greek Isles, Israel, Bahamas, San

Juan Islands, Portugal and their favorite paddling location, the South Coast of New England.

In 2001 they started Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures in Westport MA. Their mission has been to share their love of paddling and to teach people how to use paddle sports to explore & enjoy the world around them.

Directions to the Jewish Community Ctr, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence:

From Rt. 95 South: take Exit 24 & turn left onto Branch Avenue. (From Rt. 95N Northbound take Exit 24 & turn *right* onto Branch Ave.) Cross North Main Street at the lights and continue up the hill (past Kentucky Fried Chicken). Cross Hope St. and continue one block to the end at Morris Ave. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions St., then down the hill to Elmgrove Ave. The JCC will be across the street. Please note: members should use the back entrance. Staff will buzz the door open. From there, take the elevator up to the second floor.

So, you’ve always wanted to be an editor (“I have?”)

Yes, you have...and here’s your chance.

After seven years, the current PADDLER editor is stepping down, having fallen far short of the previous editor’s tenure (Alan August, the club’s first editor, held the position for twenty-five-count-’em-twenty-five years). Think it’s for you? A relatively firm grasp of the language, at least a passing familiarity with grammar, a deep belief that Punctuation Is Our Friend and a love of paddling are really all you need (oh, and a computer, unless you really want to do it in longhand), plus one evening a month to attend executive board meetings. Those interested should contact club president Bill Hahn (contact info on page 2).

Wareham Land Trust to Celebrate Acquisition of Conservation Property

WAREHAM - The Wareham Land Trust will celebrate the acquisition of five acres of environmentally sensitive land along the Agawam River at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

The land, which includes a new kayak launch, was purchased with funds from private donors, environmental charities and the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, as well as the gift of an additional four and a half acres of adjoining parcels from the A.D. Makepeace Company.

Wareham Land Trust Board member Nancy McHale issued the invitation on behalf of the organization.

“This is our favorite kind of event: one where we can show off the great results of collaboration between the Land Trust and our friends and supporters,” she said. “On Halloween morning, tour our Agawam River Conservation Property, which is now officially open for hiking, bird watching and other low-impact activities. This pristine property includes river frontage and is home to a variety of endangered and threatened species. It is also the location of Wareham’s newest kayak launch.

Cider and doughnuts will be served, and there will be a short Halloween- inspired program.”

Access to the property is at 12 Knowles Ave. in East Wareham. The rain date is Sunday, Nov. 1.

2010 Rolling Clinics

RICKA's annual rolling clinics will be held in January and February at the Bayside YMCA, 70 West St., Barrington, RI

Session 1: January 9 & 16, 6-8 pm

Session 2: February 6 & 13, 6-8 pm

Cost: Two-week clinic: \$55 per person; Practice time (two-week, no instruction): \$15 per person

(There may be an additional \$5 insurance fee for all participants)

Enrollment is limited to 8 students and 4 practice boats per night, so register early!

For information call or email Cat Radcliffe at 508-369-3028, catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net

2010 ROLLING CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

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Email (required) _____

Session 1: January 9 & 16 Clinic \$55 Practice \$15

Session 2: February 6 & 13 Clinic \$55 Practice \$15

Mail registration form

Cat Radcliffe

with check payable to RICKA to:

573 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740

****Registration deadline: December 31, 2009****

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Next meeting: Wednesday, December 30 @ 7pm

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The Wild, Wild West (River)

Paddling the West River in Vermont

Text and Photos by Erik Eckilson

Some people say that whitewater paddling is 70% skill, 30% luck, and 90% driving. I think that's probably true. I got together with Tom, Paul and Jim for a couple of runs on the upper section of West River in Jamaica, VT. The drive was almost three hours each way, but it was worth the trip.

The West River runs 50 miles across southern Vermont from the Green Mountains in the west to the Connecticut River in the east. Though much of the river can be paddled, the 8-mile run through the Jamaica State Park from the Ball Mountain Dam to the backwater of the Townshend Dam is the most popular. Whitewater paddlers from around the region flock to this section for spring and fall releases.

I had paddled the lower section of the West (Jamaica State Park to Route 100) several times in the past. Its an easy class II - nice scenery, but not very exciting. This would be my first run on the upper section (Ball Mountain Dam to Jamaica State Park) which is a more challenging class III. We skipped the shuttle from the park and hiked down the Ball Mountain Dam to the put-in. It's a long carry – probably half a mile.

Tom running the Dumplings



The lo-o-o-ong portage down the dam

The first rapid below the dam definitely got my attention. The AMC guide calls it the Standing Wave Rapids. On American Whitewater its called Initiation. Whatever it's called, it's a half-mile of continuous 2 to 3 foot waves - what a great ride. The fun continued for the next couple of miles.

The West is a mixture of rocks, ledges and long wave trains. The water was a little too pushy for me to do too much playing, but the weather and the scenery more than made up for that. It was a beautiful day – 65 degrees and sunny. The leaves were just beginning to turn. The river was crowded, but everyone was having a good time.

The most difficult rapid on this section of the river is called the Dumplings. Its a group of large granite boulders plopped down in the middle of the river. There are two routes through the Dumplings – run the three foot ledge on river right, or perform a more technical but less dramatic “S” turn through boulders from river left. I opted for the “S” turn, and swam on my first attempt when I didn't quite make the second turn.

Just below the Dumplings is the Pop-up Hole. Boaters often practice enders, squirts and other rodeo moves in this hole. There wasn't much action when I paddled by, but there were plenty of people on the nearby observation deck.

We paddled on and enjoyed the easy rapids down to the take-out. After a quick break for lunch, we were back at the put-in for another run. What a great way to spend a day.

Minnesota man takes 40-day, 6,000-photo dream trip

The economic downturn has a brighter side

October 25 2009

By: Sam Cook, Duluth News Tribune

On the down side, Gary Fiedler had lost his job at Cirrus Design Corp. in February. An aircraft mechanic, he'd rather have been working.

On the bright side, though, he had time on his hands. So, he bought a new canoe, loaded up five cases of camera gear and left Sept. 7 for 40 days in the canoe country.

"It was a dream trip I've always wanted to do," said Fiedler, 43, of Duluth.

He spent three weeks paddling in a balmy September and three more of "cold, rain, snow and wind" in October. With his cameras, he captured meandering moose, industrious beavers and much more. For the last two weeks, he didn't see another canoeist.

His assessment of the trip?

"Way too short," he said.

Fiedler, who is single, had saved his money for just such an adventure.

"I had to get over the guilt to spend the money," he said, "but that's exactly what it was saved for."

Fiedler is a seasoned wilderness paddler who usually makes a two-week solo trip each fall. He put in at Beaverhouse Lake in the northwest corner of Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park and finished at Gull Lake north of Grand Marais.

Along the way, Fiedler carried four large packs, a day pack and his

extensive camera gear, paddling 332 miles and covering three miles in portages. But because he had to make 13-one-way trips over each portage, he actually carried his gear for 39 miles. He paddled his new Bell Seliga carbon fiber canoe and packed 120 pounds of food.

Fiedler says he likes paddling solo and was never bored.

"With the photography, you're always looking for colors and textures and different patterns," he said. "You're constantly engaged in scanning. I could have taken 30,000 pictures."

As it was, he returned home with a mere 6,000 images.

He stuck close to land as he paddled.

"The best place to find photos is next to shore," he said. "I travel 10, 20 feet off shore, just meandering. I look for back bays and narrow waterways that go back into the swamps. That's where all the neat stuff is."

He saw several pairs of trumpeter swans, rode rollers and whitecaps on Saganaga Lake's Cache Bay, weathered two days of 40- to 50-mph winds and heard wolves calling in the fog at night. He felt the same spirit of the wilderness that author Sigurd F. Olson wrote about, he said.

"It's where we came from," Fiedler said. "It's primitive instincts that you connect with. It's just to get to the quiet and solitude. The simplicity is probably the biggest thing. It's so simple, there's no stress."

Now he's thinking about a little longer trip — 180 days, to be exact, spring to fall.

"If I can find someone to help finance it, I'll do it," he said.

SAM COOK is a Duluth News Tribune outdoors writer and columnist.

Round Australia paddler

21/10/2009

The Esperance (Western Australia) Express

HUGE salt water crocodiles, sharks, venomous sea snakes and deadly jelly fish, hundreds of kilometres of sheer cliffs without any landing zones and destructive cyclones - all while averaging up to 60km per day for one year.

That is just part of the adventure German woman Freya Hoffmeister has undertaken as she passed through Esperance last week on what will probably be the last leg of her circumnavigation of Australia.

She is on a mission to paddle around Australia, an achievement that was last completed 27 years ago, a journey that is expected to be 15,000km.

Ms Hoffmeister started her voyage in Melbourne in January this year and has paddled a kayak approximately 11,000km around Australia so far.

She keeps a blog on-line and wrote on day 274 of her journey, on Sunday October 18: "Tomorrow will be 15-25km following, I should make it around Cape Arid then, 70km.

"Tuesday has low following winds, Israelite Bay is the destination.

"And then headwinds again, but maybe low enough to get at least a bit further."

If she makes it, she'll become the first woman to complete the journey and only the second person since Paul Caffyn, her friend and mentor.

She camps on the beaches wherever she finishes each night, carrying all her equipment (70kg) with her on the kayak.

In 2007, she circumnavigated Iceland in a record 33 days. Three month later, she set out to become the first woman to round the South Island of New Zealand, solo and unsupported.

For information on how Freya is going you can follow her progress on <http://qajaqunderground.com/freya-s-blog>

Tired? Got an ePIRB?

Rescuers fear Yuppie 911

The Associated Press 10/25/09

FRESNO, Calif. - Last month two men and their teenage sons tackled one of the world's most unforgiving summertime hikes: the Grand Canyon's parched and searing Royal Arch Loop. Along with bedrolls and freeze-dried food, the inexperienced backpackers carried a personal locator beacon — just in case.

In the span of three days, the group pushed the panic button three times, mobilizing helicopters for dangerous, lifesaving rescues inside the steep canyon walls.

What was that emergency? The water they had found to quench their thirst "tasted salty."

If they had not been toting the device that works like Onstar for hikers, "we would have never attempted this hike," one of them said after the third rescue crew forced them to board their chopper. It's a growing problem facing the men and women who risk their lives when they believe others are in danger of losing theirs.

Technology has made calling for help instantaneous even in the most remote places. Because would-be adventurers can send GPS coordinates to rescuers with the touch of a button, some are exploring terrain they do not have the experience, knowledge or endurance to tackle.

Yuppie 911

Rescue officials are deciding whether to start keeping statistics on the problem, but the incidents have become so frequent that the head of California's Search and Rescue operation has a name for the devices: Yuppie 911.

"Now you can go into the back country and take a risk you might not normally have taken," says Matt Scharper, who coordinates a rescue every day in a state with wilderness so rugged even crashed planes can take decades to find. "With the Yuppie 911, you send a message to a satellite and the government pulls your butt out of something you shouldn't have been in in the first place."

From the Sierra to the Cascades, Rockies and beyond, hikers are arming themselves with increasingly affordable technology intended to get them out of life-threatening situations.

While daring rescues are one result, very often the beacons go off unintentionally when the button is pushed in someone's backpack, or they are activated unnecessarily, as in the case of a woman who was frightened by a thunderstorm.

"There's controversy over these devices in the first place because it removes the self sufficiency that's required in the back country," Scharper says. "But we are a society of services, and every service you need you can get by calling."

'Crawled out'

The sheriff's office in San Bernardino County, the largest in the nation and home to part of the unforgiving Death Valley, hopes to reduce false alarms. So it is studying under what circumstances hikers activate the devices.

"In the past, people who got in trouble self-rescued; they got on their hands and knees and crawled out," says John Amrhein, the county's emergency coordinator. "We saw the increase in non-emergencies with cell phones: people called saying 'I'm cold and damp. Come get me out.' These take it to another level."

Personal locator beacons, which send distress signals to government satellites, became available in the early 1980s, but at a price exceeding \$1,200. They have been legal for the public to use since 2003, and in the last year the price has fallen to less than \$100 for devices that send alerts to a company, which then calls local law enforcement.

When rescue beacons tempt inexperienced hikers to attempt trails beyond their abilities, that can translate into unnecessary expense and a risk of lives.

Last year, the beacon for a hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail triggered accidentally in his backpack, sending helicopters scrambling. Recently, a couple from New Brunswick, British Columbia activated their beacon when they climbed a steep trail and could not get back down. A helicopter lowered them 200 feet to secure footing.

In September, a hiker from Placer County was panning for gold in New York Canyon when he became dehydrated and used his rescue beacon to call for help.

With darkness setting in on the same day, Mono County sheriff's deputies asked the National Guard for a high-altitude helicopter and a hoist for a treacherous rescue of two beacon-equipped hikers stranded at Convict Lake. The next day they hiked out on foot.

'Creating a hazardous condition'

When eight climbers ran into trouble last winter during a summit attempt of Mt. Hood in Oregon, they called for help after becoming stranded on a glacier in a snowstorm.

"The question is, would they have decided to go on the trip knowing the weather was going bad if they had not been able to take the beacons," asks Rocky Henderson of Portland Mountain Rescue. "We are now entering the Twilight Zone of someone else's intentions."

The Grand Canyon's Royal Arch loop, the National Park Service warns, "has a million ways to get into serious trouble" for those lacking skill and good judgment. One evening the fathers-and-sons team activated their beacon when they ran out of water.

Rescuers, who did not know the nature of the call, could not launch the helicopter until morning. When the rescuers arrived, the group had found a stream and declined help.

That night, they activated the emergency beacon again. This time the Arizona Department of Public Safety helicopter, which has night vision capabilities, launched into emergency mode.

When rescuers found them, the hikers were worried they might become dehydrated because the water they found tasted salty. They declined an evacuation, and the crew left water.

The following morning the group called for help again. This time, according to a park service report, rescuers took them out and cited the leader for "creating a hazardous condition" for the rescue teams.

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FLATWATER

Our leaders provide directions as a courtesy to paddlers; it is your responsibility to refer to a map and familiarize yourself with the trip location.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board. Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Turkey Paddle November 14th (rain date November 15th)

Meet at 1:00 pm for a 1:30 launch. Paddle on Wallum Lake with dinner after at the waterfront Lodge Restaurant in Webster MA. Come for the paddle, come for the dinner or both. RSVP required by November 7th if you are planning on coming to the restaurant. Leader: Cheryl Thompson Cameron
stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

Note: at this time of year a wet suit or dry suit is recommended or a change of clothes in a waterproof dry bag is required.

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Wallum Lake in the Douglas State Park, Douglas, Ma., Wallum Lake is located on the border of RI and MA., has crystal clear water, and an easy paddle. Any size boat is OK, suitable for all levels.

Directions: 146 north exit for Rt 16 to Douglas/Uxbridge
Follow Rt 16 W thru the town of Douglas. You will come to an intersection for Rt 16 & 96. GO STRAIGHT. (You will see a sign for Douglas State Park/Wallum Lake) This is S. Main St. Follow until you see a sign for Douglas State Park, take this left. Just down the road take a right at park entrance. Follow road bearing left down the hill to the put-in.

The Rhode Island Canoe/Kayak Association (Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc.), although safety conscious, cannot guarantee your personal safety in club activities.

You are responsible for the adequacy of your own skills, training and equipment when engaging in or attending RICKA activities.

A PFD—worn as intended by the manufacturer—is a requirement for all RICKA trips.

DRESS FOR THE WATER TEMPERATURE, NOT THE AIR TEMPERATURE. WATER CAN REMOVE HEAT FROM YOUR BODY UP TO THIRTY TIMES FASTER THAN AIR, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY FEEL WARMER. AND OF COURSE, ALWAYS WEAR YOUR PFD.

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Two Coots in a Canoe: a tale of friendship and canoeing on the Connecticut River

by Jeff Woodburn

The Littleton (NH) Courier

October 08, 2009

The last time David Morine was in the North Country was six years ago. Then, he and his canoeing companion, Ramsay Peard, were at the beginning of a trip that took him down the Connecticut River from Colebrook all the way to Long Island Sound. He was back in Littleton at the Village Book Store last Monday, this time traveling by car, to promote a book about this experience.

Two Coots in Canoe is a whimsical book about two old college buddies reuniting to meander through an ancient passage way with eyes trained on what they see, but also what they have become. It is more than a nature book, although Morine is knowledgeable (and for two decades employed) in this field, in the end the book becomes a sad final adventure for Peard, whose depression leads to him committing suicide.

The story – and the 407 mile trek — is hatched by Peard, a recently retired business executive, who appears bored with life since a business he hoped to purchase eluded his grasp. He calls his old college chum to join him on trip. Morine, a writer, had occasional communication with Peard, but they hadn't seen each other in twenty years. Morine takes the bait without knowing this was Peard's final wish, but makes one demand: no camping. Peard agrees and suggests that they find locals along the way to put them up or as Morine called it, "mooching down the river."

Through his conservation network and little bit of local publicity, the men find an interesting, diverse

group of hosts. There only thing they want from their stay is a cold beer and warm bed. They get so much more. The two men paddle about five to seven hours a day and enjoy the company and spend the rest of their time visiting. And of course, everything in the North Country is intertwined with everyone else— in Colebrook, their plans with John Harrigan fell through (although Morine met him during the return visit), but they stayed the night with Earl and Irene Bunnell.

An innocent question by Morine about a photograph of the Bunnell's daughter, Vickie, causes the unfolding of the horrific multiple murders that occurred at the hands of mad man Carl Drega 10 years ago. Later downriver, the men stay with Scott Williamson, in North Stratford, only to find that he adopted Vickie's dog.

Along the way, Morine is ever the environmentalist, frequently noticing the destruction of the river and sharing tidbits of local history, some of which I was surprised to learn. He is casual and comfortable story-teller. Peard, on the other hand, often comes across like an odd ball – explaining how he learned to cut his own hair and how foxes get rid of fleas (by immersing themselves in the water with a stick in their mouth. Purportedly, the fleas jump on the stick.) Nonetheless, Peard, in his own way, is an attractive character. He would probably fit in better here, than Morine.

As someone, who has never traveled the Connecticut River, the scene seems oddly out of place. I'm embarrassed by my ignorance. As they pass through Lancaster, Morine was horrified that hundreds of old cars were stacked along the bank to stabilize them. "You have to admit," Peard said, "it works."

The men were the guests of Chester and Lorna Eaton's dairy farm in Lunenburg. Eileen Alexander, then-editor of the Coös County Democrat was there covering it all, and according to Morine, asked Lorna a poignant question.

"Whatever prompted you to offer these two freeloaders a room?"

She responded, "We're always taking in strays."

Morine and Peard also spent the night at Village Book Store owner Jeff Wheeler's home in Lyman (and were treated to breakfast at Polly's Pancake Parlor in Sugar Hill).

In the book, Peard, the consummate businessman questions Wheeler about the likelihood of a big box store, like Wal-Mart coming to Littleton and ruining his business. The casual observer will remember that Wal-Mart had been in Littleton well before Wheeler bought the Village Book Store.

Morine had a harsh assessment of the Moore Dam ("ten feet below the surface... no living thing can survive." so much so that he and Peard pulled their canoe out and put it back in below McIndoe Falls. Possibly, the pair had heard the stories from the late 1960s about the glowing monster that lives in Moore reservoir.

The appeal of *Two Coots in a Canoe* to me is the river and the pair's observations of what they encountered. Trying to understand the dark forces that lead a man to suicide are beyond my comprehension.

More than anything else, the book is a healthy reminder of the historical and cultural importance of the Connecticut River and the interesting people that live on it. It has played a role in every stage of the region's development and should today garner both our respect and occasional use.

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