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Chapter 1

The Monthly Newsletter of the Western New York Chapter of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

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An Afternoon At The Lake

The annual summer gathering of WCHA members from Chapter 1 was hosted again at the home of Dave Schwaner & Sue Miller on the west shore of Canandaigua Lake near the Canandaigua Yacht Club. The cooler than normal temps were accompanied by strong west and southwest winds that looked benign along the lee shore, but produce significant waves for the few boats that ventured out on to the center of the lake. Amongst the 17 attendees, long distance honors go to John & Janet Isabelle (Oneida), Rob Howard (Towanda, PA) and Paul Rumsey (Van Etten).

With the afternoon winds keeping even the heartiest canoers at bay, there was little else to do other than relax on the terrace and consume copious amounts of multiple hors d'oeuvres and quench an afternoon thirst with frosty beverages from the Schwaner/Miller fridge in the garage. OK, does this sound like a recurring Chapter 1 theme? Hmmmmm!

Long about 5:30, it was time to fire up the grill for the burgers, chicken breasts and Portobello mushrooms which supplemented multiple salads and desserts toted in by the attendees.

An afternoon at the lake.

- No paddling
- No craft projects
- No quilting
- No canoes (oh yes, there was one but it stayed on the roof rack)

But, plenty of stories (some were true), sharing experiences and the camaraderie that represents the core of WCHA membership.

By Dave Schwaner

The August Oneida River "Un-Paddle

Kathie and I expected a large turnout, however we were only blessed with 6 guests at our cottage. Past member, Mark Reeves came and added to the conversations of special times with Chapter 1.

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We were so consumed with chatting and catching up that no canoes ever went in the water!

Around 2:00 PM, a storm rolled in, so quick hugs, handshakes and good byes were shared and, everyone left in a hurry.

It was a short visit, but a great day for us.
By Denny Brunner

WCHA Chapter 1 Getaway #21

It is that time of year again when we begin planning the Chapter 1 Getaway at Kenmore Cottages in Inlet, NY. This will be the 21st Getaway and many happy memories there are from previous times! The dates are set for September 8-9-10, 2017 at Kenmore Cottages. **Please note that this weekend is earlier than last year.** This will be the 6th year we have been at Kenmore, a wonderful facility with charming and accommodating hosts (not to mention that they are accomplished musicians as well.)

We will have most of the same cottages that we used last year and the meal arrangements will be the same. Those who have participated in the past know how much we eat, laugh, enjoy fellowship, kick back and relax. Oh yes, we also manage to get in some awesome paddling!

We will start the weekend on Friday morning with a paddle around Twitchell

Lake and lunch will be graciously provided by Susie, Jack and Sarah Nettleton. There are several opportunities for the Saturday paddle – North Bay of Big Moose Lake, Limekiln Lake, Little Safford Pond or Independence Lake. I will check out various opportunities after the spring flush (and black flies) are over.

On Sunday morning, there will be a brief worship service before we all depart for home with hugs and memories of another fun-filled weekend.

Unless you request otherwise, you will have the same cabin as last year. Since Kenmore is directly on Fourth Lake, there is unlimited paddling. Moonlight paddle, anyone?

Meals are provided as in the past. Each person is asked to work with several others to provide food, prepare, serve and clean-up for one meal. This leaves you free to enjoy the rest of the weekend without responsibilities.

Each person is asked to bring their own bedding (sheets or sleeping bag) and towels. Blankets and pillows are provided.

We welcome all WCHA Chapter 1 members and friends for this very special event. Andi, the proprietor at Kenmore says you are welcome to stay another night before or after the weekend. Call her at (518) 357-5285 to make those arrangements for the extra night.

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Cost for this weekend is \$80 per person.

Please make checks out to Janet Isabelle and mail to 508 Florence Ave, Oneida, NY 13421.

For questions or to make arrangements for a cabin and meal assignments please contact me, Janet Isabelle at (315)363-8186 or jqquilts42@gmail.com.

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Here are the cabin assignments:

Lakeshore 1: Tiffany, Raksha Elmer

Lakeshore 3: Scholl, Reeves

Lakeview Down: Altemus,
Schwaner/Miller, Shea

Balsam: Lamoy, Buttery, Rumsey

Brookwood: Isabelle, Hall, Pierce

Meal Preparation Schedule:

Friday Dinner: Lamoy, Buttery, Pierce

Saturday Breakfast: Schwaner/Miller,
Hall

Saturday Lunch: Elmer, Tiffany, Elliot

Saturday Dinner: Altemus, Shea, Scholl

Sunday Breakfast: Isabelle, Rumsey

2. Don't forget to bring your sheets or sleeping bags and towels. Pillows and blankets are supplied.
3. The Nettletons have graciously agreed to provide lunch on Friday. If you have not already done so, please contact Susie a susie2p2@frontiernet.net. You may want to arrive early enough to paddle around Twitchell Lake.
4. Free raffle: bring along any articles in good condition which you can no longer use. Once again, we will have fun with the free raffle.
5. On Saturday, we plan to paddle the south bay of Stillwater Reservoir. There is a good put-in place and several interesting islands to paddle around. We will not be on the main lake as that can be very windy.
6. Saturday evening Adirondack storyteller Mitch Lee will tell stories of Adirondack characters and events. We are in for an interesting evening.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Janet

Last minute Directions

1. All paper goods will be supplied: plates, cups, bowl, paper towels as well as coffee, tea, milk, cream, etc. When planning meals, remember that there are lactose intolerant and gluten free members.

A Radical Idea

The following note I received from Dave Schwaner and would like to discuss it at the Chapter 1 Getaway in September By that time I expect to have input from some original Chapter 1 members (P. Wilsea, J. Hall & D. Acton) . Thanks, P. Shea

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There it is. A radical idea. Traditionalists will be appalled while others may be intrigued about altering our persona. Let the howls of protest or the accolades begin.

By David Schwaner

Wooden Canoe Heritage Association is an international association which presently has 23 chapters. Many of these chapters have names which reference a state (ie: Michigan Chapter) or a region (ie: Coastal Southeast). And several chapters have really intriguing regional names like *Norumbaga*, *Chocorua*, and *Valley of the Meramec*.

And then there's us. *Chapter One*. Yes we were the first chapter, so what! To me, it sounds a bit arrogant and even worse, it tells nothing about us, who we are or where we are.

I propose a radical idea. Let's change our name to something more appropriate. Regional names might include:

- Upstate New York Chapter
- Western New York Chapter
- Genesee Valley Chapter

Or perhaps something from the history of our region

- Erie Canal Chapter
- Iroquois Chapter (relating to the 5 nations of the Iroquois Confederacy)
- Phelps & Gorham Chapter

That last one may take a little of explaining for those who don't remember or didn't know. The Phelps & Gorham Purchase in 1788 was the pre-emptive purchase of 6,000,000 acres west of Seneca Lake from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for \$1,000,000. Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham then negotiated with the Seneca nation for 2,000,000 acres east of the Genesee River plus the Mill Yard Tract (12 mi. x 24 mi. at the river's northwest bank).

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