



Wooden Canoe Heritage Association, Ltd.  
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

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Hello Canoers!

Thanks to Betsy Wilson for this recap of the weekend up north... There was more talking than paddling when our group met up at Jim's sister's house in the Poconos during a soggy weekend. The scheduled paddle of the Delaware River was cancelled due to high, muddy waters, an oil-spill from a derailed train, the closure of the road to our planned put in and incessant rain. But we enjoyed sharing stories as we drank hot beverages on the porch on Saturday morning. In the afternoon we toured the local saw mill and we did manage to get in a short, late-day paddle on a nearby pond. The weather cooperated better on Sunday, when we set up a display of our wooden canoes at the Equinunk Historical Society. A few dozen curious people stopped by and were happy to learn about the history and craftsmanship of our canoes. All in all, not the weekend we had hoped for, but not a total washout either.

Thanks to Charlie Sandercock for this picture of the sunny day.



A nice group of 13 paddlers joined up for an evening picnic and paddle at Nockamixon last week. We had a mix of tandems and solos for a lovely evening on the water. It was warm, but not as humid as it has been for days. We had planned the trip to take advantage of the full moon, but some evening clouds on the horizon prevented that. Still, it was a beautiful paddle and we stayed out well into the early hours of darkness before returning to our cars. Thanks again Charlie for this picture. That's Barclay in the foreground (who had George powering the rear and Daryl enjoying the center spot), Mike and Mike (but you can only see one of them) in the green canoe and Chuck in his decked solo. The lantern on the bow of Barclay's boat was helpful late into the evening!



September's trip we will be on Saturday, Sep 8th. We will be paddling a loop trip with no shuttle! Starting from Lambertville, NJ, we head up the Delaware & Raritan Canal to the bridge in Stockton. Upon arrival, we can take out of the canal and do a very short carry to put into the Delaware River for the paddle back down to Lambertville. I actually lied. There is a shuttle of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, but I think we can handle that. Since we are putting in and taking out in NJ, there is no need for a registration sticker on your canoe;

Afterwards, we are invited to Chuck Kindt's home for a picnic. He has a BBQ you can use and a pool, if you care for a swim. Chuck lives in Lansdale, PA, so it may not be convenient for some of our paddlers, but Chuck says that any and all are invited. Please, bring whatever you plan to eat.

Here are the details:

The put in is from the parking area at Cavallo Park Playground, 6 Mount Hope St, Lambertville, NJ. GPS coordinates N40d 21.744m W71d 56.662m. Arrival time will be 10:00 AM. We will unload the canoes and move the cars to the take out point on the river side and walk the ¼ mile back to the boats. If you plan to join us for the picnic, you can have a light snack on the water. If not, you will likely want to bring a full lunch. We can eat when we move the boats from the canal to the river.

Chuck's home for the picnic is at 1617 Kristin Circle, Lansdale, PA.

It's not every day that you can do a trip on the Delaware and only have a 1/4 mile shuttle. If you plan to join us (and you should), please contact Jim Wilson at 610-827-9761 or 610-937-6947. You can also email Jim at [PaddleJim48@gmail.com](mailto:PaddleJim48@gmail.com).

Our annual 4-chapter gathering is set for October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. We will again hold it at Gifford Pinchot State Park. Note that it is a little later than we've held it in past years in order to not be the same weekend as the small craft festival in St. Michael's, MD. Some folks like to do both, so this will allow for that. For those new to the group, this weekend we join folks from the Three Rivers (western PA and Ohio), Susquehanna (central PA) and Upper Chesapeake (Maryland) chapters for a weekend of paddling, fun, demonstrations of all things related in any way to canoeing, hiking, campfires, etc. Please consider what boats you will bring to display and what you might contribute to our demonstrations. You can do something that's ongoing during the weekend, or something that just involves a short demonstration, anything is welcome, just let me know so we can make sure everyone is aware of the opportunities. For the last few years we've had a chapter covered dish supper Saturday evening, so bring along a dish to share and make sure you're hungry! If you need ideas for a program or help setting something up just ask. (Note that I've heard from no one yet, so please put your thinking caps on!) Most folks camp, though there are other accommodation options nearby. (Look for a site along the water in the 300 loop to be near others from the group.) The website of the park is <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/GiffordPinchotStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Chapter member Ron Hampton is looking to sell a 15' Detroit model canoe built by Jack McGreivey. It's a 32" wide solo canoe he's asking \$800 for. You can contact Ron for more information at 219 Locust St., Williamsport, PA 17701 or 570-323-7413.

That's it for now, hope to see you soon...

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