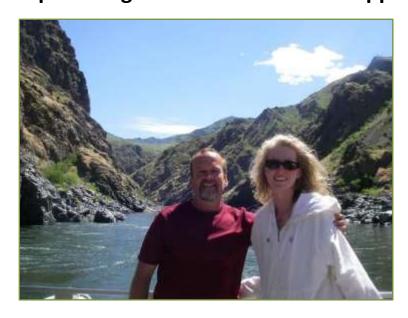


**Dedicated to the Trails & Parks of Rock County, Wisconsin** 

Newsletter OVER 20 YEARS OF ROCK TRAIL ADVOCACY February 2013

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 20
6:30 pm – Janesville Senior Center, 69 South Water Street, Janesville, WI
(located one block off Main Street, along the river)

# **Topic: Camp Hosting and Other Volunteer Opportunities**



Sandra and Stu Weber will present a program on their volunteer adventures while living in their RV, including campground hosting in Hells Gate State Park in Idaho in early 2013. They will explain how they search out opportunities in national, state, and county parks.

## Mark your calendars:

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Rock Trail Speaker Meeting 6:00 Thirsty Badger, 2683 Prairie Avenue, Beloit WI Come early for dinner, special menu available at 5:00

Martin Kehoe, author of Canoe Stories, will present "The Lost Portages of Woodland Caribou Provincial Park" located in the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario, Canada. Martin will discuss his experiences scouting out a 100-square mile area of the park in search of old routes to clear to allow canoe access to the Irvine Lake area and its walleyes, as well as his trip eight years later when he returned to put finishing touches on the trails. He will also describe how important a GPS was in this endeavor.

## **2013 Accomplishments**

Completed crushed limestone surface
Sponsored grant request for Beloit bike route maps
Fundraising for Big Hill Park bridge (with Rock County Leadership Development team)
Walking Trails at Marquette Park (with Mocha Moment & Rock County Christian School)
Meeting with Bike Federation of Wisconsin's Executive Director Dave Cieslewicsz
and review of southern Wisconsin/northern Illinois trail projects
Outreach to Beloit trail supporters – first meeting at Beloit College
Laid out proposed trail with Rock County Parks and Surveyor
Work parties opening the trail in Beloit Township

## Goals for 2014

Secure and establish the trail corridor from Afton to Big Hill Park in conjunction with Rock County Parks, Planning and Town of Beloit. Working with Rock County on title searches and preparation for a conditional use permit, followed by preparations of easements for the route from Afton to Big Hill Park.

After all approvals are received, begin clearing the trail south of Afton.

Thanks to the people who made the Peace Trail to Afton possible through donations of easements and in-kind contributions

Bill Wieland · Bjoin Limestone

Diane Liptow (Afton Pub) · Janesville Parks

Ken Hendricks
 Michael's Cycles

Mike Morris
 Rock County Parks

· Skip Hoffman (Friendly Village)

#### Velo Club "Slow Rides"

The Janesville Velo Club is organizing a series of "Slow Rides" for the 2014 bicycle-riding season. A "Slow Ride" is exactly that; a ride that goes no more than 9 mph, covers 8 to 12 miles, and lasts approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours. These will be "No Drop" rides; which means no one will be left behind as the group will travel at a pace that accommodates any casual rider. Michael's Cycles staff will be available to provide pre-ride Safety Checks and help with mechanical difficulties that arise during the ride. Look for more details (dates and ride locations) as we get closer to the riding season at veloclub.org.

## Stateline Spinners optain mapping grant

Rick Barder reports that the Rock Trail Coalition has been awarded a grant from Visit Beloit & The Stateline Community Foundation to assist the Stateline Spinners map project. The Spinners informal Beloit cycling community is putting together a book of recommended cycling routes in the southern Wisconsin – northern Illinois area. The map booklets will be professionally developed and printed, and will be available at bike shops, hotels and tourist information sites in Beloit and the surrounding area.

ROCK TRAIL COALITION marks its February 1992 founding with a roll call of early members who continue their membership and the newest members who have joined RTC.

They are vital, joining with over 100 members, to advocate for recreational trails in Rock County,
Wisconsin. SALUTE!

### **EARLIEST RTC MEMBERS**

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Trail Builder \$50	Trail Blazer \$75		

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