

HACKENSACK RIVER CANOE CLUB  
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 1986

Elmo here! It is hoped that everyone out there had a good holiday season. I certainly did. Took my girlfriend (an I.B.M. PC computer) to get our I.C. circuits overhauled. Well, anyway the HACKENSACK RIVER CANOE CLUB is now officially a state registered non-profit corporation with all the benefits and headaches that go along with it. Now we can open a club bank account and finally cash some of those membership checks. The next step is to get some advice on insurance requirements and costs. Anybody know anything about this stuff?? As far as the trips that were planned for December - well thats the way the cookie crumbles. On the first planned hike only Mad Dog Martin and an interested perspective member showed up. So only Mad Dog went hiking. Too bad, he saw 12 deer, a mole, and a few mice throughout the day. He also noted that the trails were being used and abused by the lowlifes riding ATV's and dirt bikes which happens to be highly illegal within Harriman State Park. A prompt complaint was reported to the park headquarters. On the scheduled overnight trip Eric "Admiral" Nelsen and Mad Dog Martin showed up. It was decided that they would make it a day hike instead. They walked the Appalachian Trail from the Arden parking lot to a nice wilderness body of water called Island Pond and then continued on to a rather strange geological pile of rocks called the Lemon Squeezer.

WOW, is all I can say as to the full house attendance at the Holiday party-December club meeting. There were 19, count them, 19 members and their guests present. Now we got something going so lets' Keep it up, folks.

CAPTAIN'S LOG - canoe date 12/29/85

Our January 1986 meeting (1/26 at 7:30 pm Flat Rock Brook) will be our "ANNUAL MEETING". We will be electing our executive crew for 1986 and laying out an outline of activities. I hope we'll get some Trip Skippers for trips iin the spring and summer at this early time, so they can begin planning, and we can put them in the March RIVER RAT to give everyone lots of notice. Please attend this most important meeting and think about skippering a trip - it's lots of fun (honestly).

- ERIC -

Starting with this issue a "Letters to the editor" page will be introduced as SAY-HEY, ELMO. We will also be running a classified ad section. So please write or call Elmo to get in on the act. Slide show of Yellowstone National Park at the January meeting.

SAY-HEY, ELMO!  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
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SAY-HEY, ELMO: HOW COME WE DON'T HAVE PIZZA AT THE H. R. C. C. MEETINGS?  
Mad dog Martin  
Bogota

ELMO SAYS: Because you would eat everybody's portion, fat boy.

SAY-HEY, ELMO: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR VERBAL ABUSE ABOUT PEOPLE NOT SHOWING UP TO THE MEETINGS OR TRIPS WE HAVE A COMMENT. SOME OF US CAN'T ATTEND DUE TO CURCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.  
Charles Manson  
Squeeky Frome  
California State Prison

ELMO SAYS: Now thats really being sent up the river.

SAY-HEY, ELMO: WHY WOULD ANYONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND GO CANOEING OR HIKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WINTER.  
Thropmorton J. Hausenfeifer III  
Luton, England

ELMO SAYS: Why? Because we like you. M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E. Lost it there for a minute there, folks. Seriously now, for those of you who have never ventured out into the woods or rivers in the winter you are missing something very special. First, one does not have the crowds as during the warmer seasons or the insects. There is a tremendous peace in the forest that one rarely experiences at other times. It is easier to follow the tracks of wildlife if there is snow on the ground. Its a bit cooler than at other times but if one dresses right it doesn't have to be uncomfortable.