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October General Meeting at Lock 32

Help us close out the Lock 32 season right - at the

Date: Thursday, October 13th

Time: 4 pm.

Place: Lock 32 Whitewater Park

closing party! The course will be open from 4 pm until dark.

GWC is offering a reduced entrance fee of \$5 for the night. FLOW and GWC will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee and soda. Lock 32 staff will be on hand to give you the tour, provide information about our programs and hear your comments and suggestions. Lock 32 will undergo another rebuilding season, so if you have any comments or ideas, make your voice heard soon. See you there!

Looking for Flatwater VP



George Sherer has stepped down as FLOW flatwater vice president, and we're looking for someone to fill his shoes. If you have any interest in the position, know someone who is or if you just want to find out more about it, contact steering@flowpaddlers.org or drop by the next steering committee meeting.

Matt Muir Presents:

Grand Canyon 2004

A Rick Gusic Video

Date: Thursday, November 10

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: GWC Boathouse 149 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, New York

Watch fifteen Ohio and Pennsylvania boaters-and one Noo Yawker-tackle the challenges of an 18-day private trip on the famed Grand



Canyon (also known as the "Letchworth Gorge of the West"). Permit holder Barry Adams entered the Waiting List before the first Iraq war, before you'd heard of Bill Clinton, Condoleeza Rice, or Lance Armstrong...when the Dancer was the hot new playboat. And finally, in June 2004, Barry and his posse got their shot at the wilderness trip of a lifetime.

This video won an award at the 2005 National Paddling Film Fest for Best Documentary-Amateur, and it's an Instant Classic. (continued on page 3)



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Send trip reports, articles, letters to the editor, rants, photographs, additions, corrections, deletions or anything else that you would like to see in *FLOWlines* to newsletter@flowpaddlers.org or

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The newsletter deadline is the next-to-last Thursday of the month.

Membership / Address Changes

To join FLOW, download the membership forma from www.flowpaddlers.org, fill it out and send it with \$35 (\$40 for family rate) to:

FLOW Paddlers' Club C/O Simon Barnett 72 Maple Park Hts.

Rochester, NY 14625

If you don't have access to the web, contact Simon at the above address. Please send any address changes to Simon as well.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Whitewater trips......Norm Deets......224-9349 Flatwater trips.....

National Organizations

American Canoe Association......www.acanet.org American Whitewater.www.americanwhitewater.org

Local River Gauges

Genesee River (Letchworth)	468-2303
Cattaraugus Creek	
Black Creek at Churchville(800) 452-1742 #361131
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- Paddle Hut.....www.paddlehut.com 10% off boats and equipment
- Zoar Outdoor......www.zoaroutdoor.com

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 www.adventure-calls.com

- Genesee Waterways Center & Lock 32......328-3960
 ACA Whitewater Kayak and rowing instruction.
 www.geneseewaterways.org
- George Scherer of Sea Kayak Rochester.....381-2104 ACA certified open water coastal kayak instructor Georg.scherer@kodak.com

2005 FLOW Whitewater Trips

Date	Level	Trip Description	Class	Coordinator	Contact #			
Sept. 17	Novice	Genesee River in Letchworth	II	Dan Washburn	(607) 276-6655			
Sept. 24	Novice	Genesee River in Letchworth	II	Dave Meyer	(585) 937-9652			
Sept. 24?	Int	West River, Vermont	III	Ben Bramlage	(518) 792-3277			
Oct. 1	Novice	Genesee River in Letchworth	II	Andy Ball	(585) 374-6671			
Oct. 8	Novice	Genesee River in Letchworth	II	Dave Fulle	(585)259-3242			
Oct. 7-10	Int	Intermed Southern Trip— Slippery Rock, Lower Yough, Cheat, or river TBD	III-IV	Tony Hernandez	(585) 328-9873			
Oct. 15	Int	Middle Moose River from Singing Waters to McKeever (Moose Fest)	III	Chet Bunn	(315) 638-1920			
Oct. 16	Int/Adv	Lower Moose River from to Fowlersville		Ben Bramlage	(518) 792-3277			
Oct. 22	Novice	Genesee River in Letchworth	II	Jerry Koehler	(315) 986-4526			
Nov. 6 -7	Int	Tohickon Creek, PA-camp nearby	III-III+	Steve Kittelberger	(585) 442-6138			

Grand Canyon (continued)

- See boaters handle big, squirrelly water with finesse and grace! See big, squirrelly water pummel paddlers into submission! See famous rapids, with huge waves and complex reflection currents: Granite, Hermit, Crystal, and...Lava itself.
- See what happens when hikers don't watch where they're going on steep, narrow trails! (Hint: do the words, "ragdoll off a twenty-foot cliff" mean anything to you?)
- See lizards, scorpions, and bighorn sheep. See blue skies, red rocks, and azure waters. See the Famous Groover.
- See how *bloody awkward* a forty-something ole Ratt can look when larnin' new tricks with the Hula Hoop.

The National Paddling Film Festival only had room for 30-minute presentations. We're under no such restrictions, homies! You'll see the full 50-minute Director's Cut, with more rapids, more waves...more boatin'.

Two warnings:

- Some of the footage in this video is PG-13.
- After watching this video, you just might become obsessed with getting your name on the Private Boater Permit list.

The Canyon is a unique, total experience. Cell phones, gas prices, email, and the latest spin from soulless political hacks in Washington do not intrude on your life for 18 blissful days. For fifty video-minutes, you too can have a taste.







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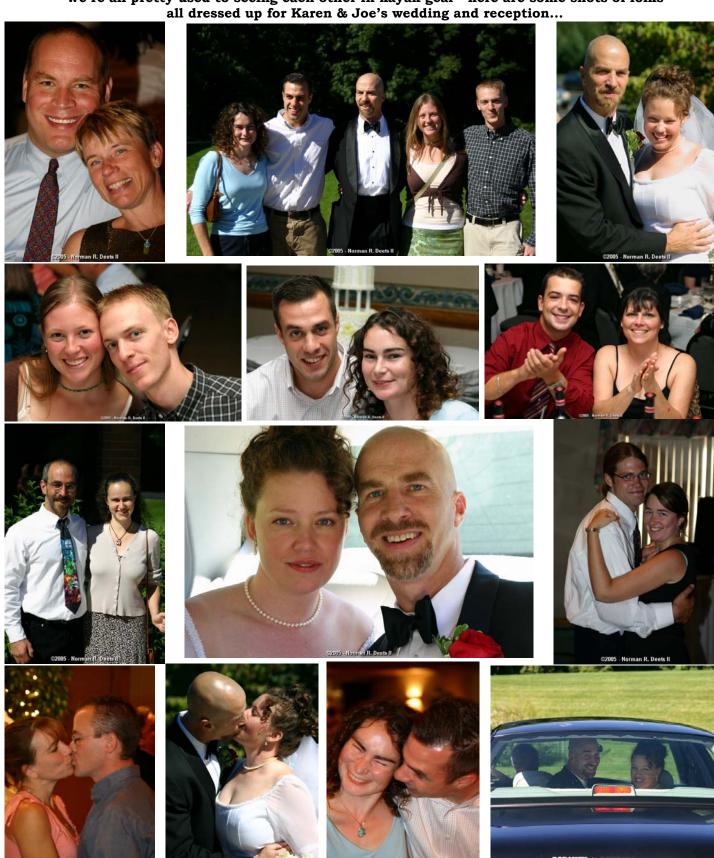
How bout' them kids??





Who is that??

We're all pretty used to seeing each other in kayak gear—here are some shots of folks all dressed up for Karen & Joe's wedding and reception...



FLOW Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 25

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jack Ryan's (825 Atlantic Ave.)

Steering committee meetings are open to all members.

Feel free to just show up - your input is welcome and encouraged. We welcome you to share your ideas, comments and questions about club business and invite you to vote on all the issues of the day. If you

are not available but have an idea, send email to

info@flowpaddlers.org



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