

RAPIDS

SEPTEMBER 2014

Confluence Run 2014

For those of you that have been to the confluence run in the past and its way to hot, you missed the perfect September Canyon weather! Just a tad cool in the shade in the morning and the rest of the day as good as it gets.

As normal, word has it, that campers and boats starting pulling in as early as Tuesday. By the time Friday rolled around there were not many camp sites left. There was some doubling up with other members to make sure everyone had a place to park. Rumor has it they even sent one member that doesn't play well with others up to the overflow lot. It was either that or I was just too cheap to pay for a spot.

The run down on Friday was met with a little mishap. The river was running around 7k and not climbing too much during the day. I heard reports of a boat hitting in Cottonwood and then a little lower down river. It was decided that the club would not be running down river because they felt they could not get all the boats down safely. The skill level of captains varied widely and no one wants to see any one dent their boat.

Everyone headed up river on Saturday and I did not hear of any more carnage. People broke up into small groups for fishing or learning a new section of the river. Shy White took a group up to Rush Creek and gave some lessons on running the rapid. It was that or he was putting on a demonstration of how to burn a half of tank of fuel in 32.5 yards of river. It was a great flow to learn and many captains learned a new section of river!

The fishing was good for most the weekend. I personally took a couple Idaho natives that had never been on a jet boat or in Hells Canyon and we caught two. Neil started the morning with a nice fish and his wife Connie ended the day by landing a big one. She had to have a little help from Judy, but it was defiantly a female caught fish. No help from the men! Someone might want to look into Clyde and his fishing skills. Every time we passed, he had a bass on, but they all looked the same size. Clyde you are supposed to let each one go, not keep casting the same fish back out!

We have to hand it to Randy for cooking a great steaks and corn. The dinner was very well attended and if you left hungry it was your own fault. There was a lot of side dished including some done in the Dutch oven that seemed to be a favorite. I do believe there was about every dessert you can imagine and the Shores brought ice cream to go with it.

For at least the second year there was a pancake breakfast for Sunday morning before everyone hit the river or the road. Randy was back at the grill flipping pancakes for everyone. It was nice to hang out for a little while before everyone headed out. It was a great weekend on the river and even though plans changed, the club leadership made it work.

Thanks to the White family, Toni Ruby, Randy Clagg and the other that chipped in to make it all happen.



Above: Connie Miller learning that catching a sturgeon looks far easier than it really is.

Below: Neil Miller landing his first sturgeon, not an hour into the weekend. This stuff must be easy!





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Calendar of Events

October 25th– Hammer Creek Fishing days

January 1– New Years day Run

General Meetings
are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa, ID