

**Dale Waldo** : From White Lake, Michigan, Dale attends Michigan State University. In 2014 Dale paddled an open canoe having started at Brower's Spring, Montana the utmost source of the river to St. Louis in a record pace of 56 days! The year before he and his father Rick paddled the Mississippi River from Source to Sea. Dale and his parents (Rick & Mary Beth) all attended the Missouri River Paddlers Rendezvous in Aug of 2015. He's a huge baseball fan too! Dale Waldo paddling the Lower Missouri river during the 2015 MRP Rendezvous.

**First memory in a canoe or kayak?** *I first remember canoeing with my family on the Two Hearted River in Michigan's UP, but I didn't really start canoeing on my own until after high school in 2010.*

**Whos your favorite band or musician?** *It fluctuates between The Clash, Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd, depending on my mood.*

**Are you related to anyone famous or have any brush with fame?** *My brother did a lot of genealogy research a few years ago and found that we're descended from Richard III of England, and somehow related to Susan B. Anthony, Abraham Lincoln and Samuel Adams.*

**Favorite Missouri River moment?** *Meeting up with my dad in Ft. Benton on my birthday and paddling through the Breaks with him.*

**Strangest or most unique job you ever had?** *I had an internship through Michigan State's physics department where we would analyze data sent from the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland. Two members of the research group I was in found the Higgs Boson ( The elementary particle in the Standard Model of particle physics.), which earned them the Nobel Prize for physics in 2013.*

**Best piece of paddling advice that you have ever been given?** *Pretty much anything Mike Clark has said to me. Most notably the concept of "river time."*

**Who or what are your biggest inspirations?** *Verlen Kruger is a huge inspiration for me, discovering him and his expeditions have motivated me to push my own limits of what I thought possible. Don Starkell (Paddle to the Amazon). Bob Bradford*

*who holds Mississippi River speed record of 18 days, 4 hours and 51 minutes with Clark Eid. I had the honor of paddling with Bob a few weeks ago and was incredibly humbled by his kindness, paddling skill and strength, even into his 70s.*