

# RMCC State of the Paddling Union 2017: Bill Ashworth, outgoing President

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

- Most importantly, to all the **Trip Coordinators (all sixteen)** whose efforts made all our Club trips and events possible. (see Photo Gallery 1)
- To **Richard Ferguson** for generously opening his home for the **Jan Permit party** and likewise **Mat Bozek** for securing his HOA clubhouse for our **Nov Annual Mtg.**
- To our **Rendezvous Dutch oven** competition coordinators: **Kit Williams and Kathy Ashworth**
- To all our **valiant club officers** who have agreed to stand for re-election: **Quartermaster Doug Hurcomb, Webmaster Dan Custer, and Tripmaster Kit Williams**, and your humble servant as Membership Chair. And a huge welcome to incoming **President Kathryn Mutz** and **Treasurer Kathy Ashworth.** (see Photo Gallery 2)

## Trips and Events

Once again, this year I'm delighted to announce that the number of and participation in our scheduled outings remains strong and growing. To wit:

### Historical Participation

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
# households	100	90	112	113	108	112	117
# sch. trips	11	22	24	19	27	36	26
# Trip Coord.	6	10	14	11	17	18	16
Permit Party #	20	20	30	22	15	28	33
Rendezvous #	30	30	54	40	41	21	33
Annual Mtg #	20	25	25	31	30	30	50
Attendance	170	269	303	253	243	258	276
Cancellations	?	?	2	1	9	13	4
<b>Net Trips/Events</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

I think we achieved a good balance of outing types this year and increased number of day events. The 2017 numbers: day outings (3); weekend outings (9); extended outings (8); classes (3); meetings (2). It's worth noting that we had many fewer trips and events cancelled this year – despite some high water

A summary of all the year's outing and events is listed at the end of this report.

## Instruction

This was a transition year for on-the-water canoe instruction. We have a new crop of former Red Cross instructors who were ACA certified in two sessions with Jeff Oxenford but they weren't able to attract enough students for a May-June class to make a go of it. We hope to be able to offer on-the-water classes again next year. The Rigging and Packing Class attracted 14 students, and **Ken Wenker** organized an incredible canoe club display and instruction program for the Douglas County library.

## Membership

At 117 Households, our membership reached a recent high this year and when secondary members (generally spouses) are added, we had 185 folks on our rolls as paid up members by the end of the summer when the roster was cleaned up to remove inactive members.

See the Historical Participation table above for year-over-year details

## Finances

<b>Rocky Mountain Canoe Club</b>		
<b>2017 Financial Summary</b>		
<b>Beginning Cash</b>	\$7,211.47	
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Dues 2017	\$1,120.00	
Dues 2018	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$5.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$1,125.00	
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Newsletter	\$0.00	
Internet	-\$129.50	
Dues (ACA)	-\$225.00	
Brochures	\$0.00	
Events	-\$403.42	
Other	-\$137.94	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	-\$895.86	
<b>Ending Cash</b>	\$7,440.61	When outstanding checks (\$292.95) clear; plus expect an additional \$100 reimbursements
Total Receipts	\$1,125.00	
Total Disbursements	-\$895.86	
<b>Net Change</b>	\$229.14	

## Appendix 1: Summary of 2017 Outings and Events

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Trip/Event</b>	<b>Trip/Event Coordinator</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># attend.</b>
1	15-Jan	Annual Permit Party	Kit Williams / Bill Ashworth	Home of Sandi & Richard Ferguson	33
2	1-Apr	Boating Exp	Ken Wenker/Bill Ashworth	Castle Rock Library	2
3	8-Apr	ACA Certification	Jeff Oxenford	Soda Lakes	8
4	15-Apr	South Platte	Mat Bozek	Brighton to Ft Lupton	6
5	12-May	Yampa	Dan Custer/Karen A	South Beach to Duffy Mt	8
6	20-May	Macintosh Lake	Anne Fiore/Bill Ashworth	Longmont- cancelled	cancel
7	26-May	Rio Grande	Doug Hurcomb/Merlin Wheeler	Rio Grande Del Norte NM	12
8	26-May	White River	Mat Bozek	Rangely to Enron Gas Wells	cancel
9	26-May	San Rafael	Anne Fiore		
10	26-May	Niobrara River	Bill & Kathy Ashworth	Valentine NE (1400 cfs)	19
11	1-Jun	Green River	Judy Moisey-Asay	Mineral Bottom to Spanish Bottom	6
12	3-Jun	Gross Reservoir	Bill Ashworth	Boulder, CO	16
13	10-Jun	Rigging and Packing Class	Bill Ashworth	Home of Bill and Kathy Ashworth	14
14	18-Jun	Wyoming Rivers	Bill Ashworth	5 Class II Rivers nr Jackson	cancel
15	13-Jul	Yampa River	Lynne Carpenter	Dinosaur NM	2
16	15-Jul	N. Platte River	Bill Ashworth	Glendo to Guernsey	6
17	21-Jul	North Platte River	Judy Moisey-Asay	Sanger to I-80	8
18	5-Aug	Colorado River	Bill Ashworth	Rendezvous at Radium	33
19	12-Aug	Colorado River	Janet Mallory	Meander Cyn	8
20	13-Aug	Missouri River	Mat Bozek	NW Nebraska	cancel
21	23-Aug	Shoshone Lake	Kathryn Mutz	Yellowstone	8
22	29-Aug	Quetico NP	Ken Wenker	Southern Ontario Canada	4
23	7-Sep	Green River	Lyn Berry	Gates of Ladore	12
24	23-Sep	Colorado River	Bill Ashworth	Loma to Westwater	11
25	6-Oct	Gunnison	Dan Custer/Lynne Carpenter	Delta to Whitewater	10
26	12-Nov	Annual Meeting	Bill Ashworth	Broomfield	50
	<b>totals</b>				<b>276</b>



Anne Fiore

# Photo Gallery 1 2017 RMCC Trip/Event Coordinators



Kathy and Bill Ashworth



Dan Custer



Merlin Wheeler



Doug Hurcomb



Janet Mallory



Judy Moisey-Asay



Karen Amundson



Kathryn Mutz and Chet Pauls



Ken Wenker



Kit and Henry Williams



Lyn Berry



Lynne Carpenter



Mat Bozek



**Bill Ashworth –  
President/Membership**

# **RMCC Club Officers 2017**



**Dan Custer – Webmaster**



**Doug Hurcomb – Quatermaster**



**Kathryn Mutz - Treasurer**



**Kit Williams - Tripmaster**

## 2017 Annual Meeting at the Greenway Park Golf Club HOA



Following the election of 2018 club officers, the officers and members recognized Bill Ashworth for his many contributions to the success of RMCC during his seven year tenure as president -- leading multiple trips every year, teaching canoe packing technique, organizing the annual rendezvous including its pancake breakfast, arranging and leading meetings, and being the chief energy source of RMCC. Dan Custer (webmaster) presented Bill with a tribute canoe paddle signed by members and Kit Williams (tripmaster) presented Bill with a royal yew wood and titanium pen turned by Henry Williams.

