

# Rocky Mountain Canoe Club State of the Paddling Union 2018 and 2019 Preview

**First and Foremost -- Thanks!** For another great year of club activities – including old favorites and new additions.

Thanks especially:

- To the 17 trip and event coordinators whose efforts are the backbone of our club (see Photo Collages #1 and #2),
- To the club officers who kept the trips, classes, membership, website, and club equipment organized and ticking (Photos #3):
  - Bill Ashworth, Membership
  - Kit Williams, Tripmaster
  - Dan Custer, Webmaster
  - Kathy Ashworth, Treasurer
  - Doug Hurcomb, Quartermaster
- To Out-going Officers: Special thanks to Doug Hurcomb for shepherding RMCC equipment during his many years of service as Quartermaster and for his thoughtful contributions on RMCC issues. And to Tripmaster Kit Williams whose gentle, yet relentless persuasion and encouragement has been felt – and responded to – by many.
- To Incoming Officers: 2018 Tripmaster-in-Training Lynne Carpenter (who needs no introduction) is taking the helm as Tripmaster. And a new member, Zach Allen (husband and father of two young kids; kayaker who grew up canoeing in Colorado) is assuming the duties of Quartermaster.
- To Mat Bozek for hosting both the permit party and the annual meeting at his HOA in Broomfield
- To all the members who joined in activities regardless of rain, shine, heat, cold, or w---.

## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting – held November 7<sup>th</sup> and attended by 31 despite the snow and ice – included our traditional pot luck, about a dozen quick slide presentations representing club and extra-club paddles, and reports by the officers on membership, website and other club communications, trips, instruction, and finances. We caught up with friends over dinner, and heard a bit of the history of the club from founding member Jeff Keeler. We also elected new officers and discussed some ideas for 2019 activities. See the summary of 2018 below. And join the planning for 2019!

## 2018 Activities:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Membership</b>								
# households	100	90	112	113	108	112	117	123
# members								189
# ACA members								84
<b>Net # of Trips, Events, and Instruction</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Scheduled	11	22	24	19	27	36	26	24
Cancellations	?	?	2	1	9	13	4	1
<b>Attendance</b>								
Permit Party #	20	20	30	22	15	28	33	41
Rendezvous #	30	30	54	40	41	21	33	24
Annual Meeting #	20	25	25	31	30	30	40	31
Instruction/Paddling #								24
Instruction/Other #								10
<b># Trip Coordinators</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>316</b>

Thanks to our 17 enthusiastic and generous -- not to mention talented -- trip and event coordinators, we had a successful year with a total of 23 activities, including two instructional events, two meetings/parties! and 19 paddles. The 19 paddling trips included:

- 8 Colorado and 11, at least partially, out-of-state
- 6 day trips and 13 multi-day trips
- 5 flatwater and 14 river trips

New club trips this year were the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers in Missouri, Big Bend National Park in Texas, and Lake Powell in Utah. Old favorites included annual the Niobrara (NE), Ruby-Horsethief (CO-UT) and Gross Reservoir (CO) paddles. ("New" may be a misnomer as I have only been in the club 10 years or so and do not know the complete history of our paddling trips.)

For our 2018 trips and events, we totaled 316 participants, which is a record total since Bill Ashworth started keeping track in 2011. See the historical comparison above and the summary chart below for more detail.

### **2019 trips are already being scheduled!**

Our first event of the new year will be the Permit Party – Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, in the 1:00 – 5:00 pm timeframe. Watch the website calendar for details.

*\* What permits would you like to get?*

*\* What trips would you like to join?*

*\* What trips would you like to coordinate?*

## Instruction:

2018 activities included a two-day Canoeing Essentials class in late April, coordinated by Debbie Hinde and Lynne Carpenter. Debbie, Lynn and Alyse Oxenford taught the class at Macintosh Lake and on a very low-water section of the South Platte. Bill and Kathy Ashworth hosted 10 camping enthusiasts at a Rigging and Packing class at their home in early May.

Jeff Oxenford offered to teach an ACA instructor certification class in September, but there was not a sufficient number of prospective and renewing instructors to hold the class.

### 2019 Instruction Preview

- \* Canoe Basics: Our ACA instructors are already planning for another Canoeing Essentials class. It may include flatwater instruction at the Meyers Pool in Arvada this winter.
- \* Red Cross Basic Water Rescue: Judy Moisey Asay hopes to offer these classes.
- \* Instructor Certification: We hope Jeff will offer another instructor class this year to increase our pool of ACA certified instructors.
- \* Canoe Repair: Ken Wenker has tentatively scheduled a hands-on weekend clinic on the last weekend in January.
- \* Rigging and Packing: Bill will schedule this class for early May.

*Look for Details on the Events Calendar*

## Membership:

Membership rose again this year to 123 households with 189 members. Membership chairman Bill Ashworth compiled and distributed an electronic roster in the fall including all members who did not opt-out of the roster. Members who joined late in 2018 are added to the roster, but their dues are applied to 2019.

In his meeting report, Bill encouraged ACA membership as both economical for individuals (and especially families) that participate in our ACA sanctioned events (avoiding the \$5 per event per person fee for each event) and as support for an important paddling service organization. Bill also encouraged ACA members to sign the ACA on-line waiver to avoid having to sign waivers at each event.



**Watch for a new offering of RMCC tee shirts in 2019**

## Finances:

The club continues to be financially sound. Treasurer Kathy Ashworth reported a net gain of \$239.24 with an ending balance of \$7,602.91 (see detail, below). The majority of our income is from membership dues. Miscellaneous income came largely from registration fees for the Canoeing Essentials class. The majority of our expenses are for ACA dues, internet and post office expenses, and event expenses. "Other" disbursements were largely a distribution of canoe class receipts to the instructors and volunteer assistants for the Canoeing Essentials class. Receipts and disbursements for tee-shirt sales are not included in the financial statement

as it was a self-funded project and Bill and Kathy kept those monies separate from the RMCC account.

<b>Rocky Mountain Canoe Club 2018 Financial Summary</b>		
<b>Beginning Cash</b>		\$7,363.67
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Dues 2018	\$1,232.00	
Dues 2019	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$710.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,942.00</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Newsletter	\$0.00	
Internet	-\$142.45	
Dues (ACA)	-\$225.00	
Brochures	\$0.00	
Events	-\$289.81	
Other	-\$1,045.50	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>-\$1,702.76</b>	
<b>Ending Cash</b>		<b>\$7,602.91</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,942.00</b>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>-\$1,702.76</b>	
<b>Net Change</b>		<b>\$239.24</b>

### **2019 “Investments” in Canoeing**

The Annual Meeting included a short discussion of ways we might use some of our RMCC funds for new activities. For example:

- \* Expand Member Services – e.g., provide room rental and supplies for a 2019 canoe repair clinic
- \* Volunteer activities
- \* Support river conservation efforts

*See more discussion below in the “Service Projects” section. Then share your ideas!*

### **Website and Other Club Communications:**

In his report on our website and listserv, Webmaster Dan Custer noted that our website <http://rockymountaincanooclub.org> is our face to the world with its calendar of events, and repository of posts/announcements, trip reports, photo gallery and forum discussions. In contrast, Dan highlighted use of the GoogleGroup listserv – [rocky\\_mountain\\_canoe\\_club@googlegroups.com](mailto:rocky_mountain_canoe_club@googlegroups.com) as the best way for members to communicate with other members, for example, to ask a paddling question, sell/buy a boat or schedule an impromptu paddle. GoogleGroup emails are circulated only to those who “opt-in” to the group, but this is generally a larger group of individuals than visitors to the website who might view a “FOR SALE” or other post in the website forum.

We also communicate through the RMCC Facebook page and through officer-posts that appear on the website and are sent by email to all RMCC members (unless you opt-out).

Dan is happy to help you opt-in or opt-out, post a trip report or add pictures to our photo gallery. Please let me know, [Kathryn.mutz@colorado.edu](mailto:Kathryn.mutz@colorado.edu), if you think we are communicating too much. We don’t want to be annoying.

## Service Projects:

Individual and club sponsored service activities have long been a part of the RMCC. In 2019, some of us would like to increase our activity and make it easier for members to hear about them and participate. We could start from scratch, but why not partner with an already organized effort? Lynne has started a spreadsheet of groups and activities (see <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b1DhJLw9xhmwyv9ul4plk9-clMk2bMvV4DxmdiYlhJU/edit#gid=267384134> ). All of the sheets are works in progress. Some activity ideas are:

- **River cleanup projects:** There are many river cleanup days throughout the year and throughout Colorado. Pick your favorite river and there is probably something organized. See the spreadsheet for a list.
  - *Use this list as a resource and participate on your own.*
  - *Tell us about additional events and we can add them to the list.*
  - *Coordinate an RMCC group to join an organized cleanup effort.*
  - *Join in a cleanup that we advertise as an ACA-sanctioned event.*
- **Restoration Projects:** A step up from trash pickups are restoration projects. Some of these will be water related. A few potential partner organizations are Wildland Restoration Volunteers (Boulder and Ft. Collins based), Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, Indian Peaks group of the Sierra Club, and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.
- **Help Others to Get on the Water:** Can we help others enjoy our lakes and rivers? Possible activities include:
  - Helping youth, including disadvantaged youth get on the water – know of any partnerships we might create?
  - Help cancer survivors to *Live by Living* – see <http://livebyliving.org/> as a possible partnership. They currently do hikes, but may want to add water-based recreation. I am investigating this opportunity.
  - Invite a non-boating friend to join an easy club paddle event. The trip coordinator may be able to help find a tandem boater in need of a partner.
- **Support Conservation Efforts:** Can we help conservation efforts by honoring an organization already doing great work? Make a one-time donation or start an annual award? If so, how much should we give? How do we decide on the recipient? Nominating committee? Officers decide? Vote of the membership? See the spreadsheet for many options and contact Lindsay Meeks with ideas [lindsaymeeks@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaymeeks@gmail.com)
- **ACA Leadership:** Participate in ACA management and influence that organization's national activities. Lynne Carpenter has submitted her name to run for ACA State Director for Colorado. Judy Moisey Asay currently has her hat in the ring for Colorado's Deputy or Education Director (her preference) or Youth Coordinator. All ACA members will have an opportunity to vote in these elections.

2019 is going to be a great year! I look forward to paddling and working with you. Let me know your ideas!

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## 2018 Event and Trip Summary

Date	Trip/Event	Trip/Event Coordinator	Location	Event Type	# Attended
15-Jan	Annual Permit Party	Kit Williams	Greenway Park Clubhouse, CO	Meeting	41
25-Mar	Joint Clubs Paddle	Kathryn Mutz	Lonetree Reservoir, CO	Day Flatwater	16
4-Apr	Ruby Horsethief	Mat Bozek	Colorado River, CO & UT	Multiday River	3
7-Apr	South Platte River	Mat Bozek	Brighton to Ft Lupton, CO	Day River	8
11-Apr	Current & Jacks Fork Rivers	Bill Rivers Tracy Hays  Tracy Hays	Missouri	Multiday River	12
28-Apr	Canoeing Essentials Class	Debbie Hinde, Lynne Carpenter	Macintosh Lake, South Platte, CO	Class	24
4-May	Yampa River	Dan Custer	South Beach to Duffy Mt, CO	Multiday River	7
5-May	Packing and Rigging Class	Bill Ashworth	Ashworth's House, CO	Class	10
11-May	Gunnison River	Mat Bozek	Escalante to Whitewater, CO	Multiday River	9
26-May	Niobrara River	Kathryn Mutz, Bill Ashworth	Valentine, NE	Multiday River	32
31-May	Granby Lake	Tracy & Janet Hays	Granby Lake, CO	Day Flatwater	2
9-Jun	Gross Reservoir	Bill Ashworth	Boulder, CO	Day Flatwater	5
23-Jun	Lagerman Reservoir	Anne Fiore	Longmont, CO	Day Flatwater	2
1-Jul	Wyoming Rivers	Bill Ashworth	Jackson area rivers, WY	Multiday River	14
2-Jul	Gunnison River	Judy Moisey Asay	Escalante to Whitewater, CO	cancelled	0
13-Jul	Rio Chama River	Jeff Oxenford	N. New Mexico	Multiday River	14
21-Jul	Glendo to Guernsey	Bill Ashworth	North Platte River, WY	Day River	12
21-Jul	Mineral Bottom to Spanish Bot.	Janet Mallory	Colorado River, UT	Multiday River	4
3-Aug	Rendezvous at Radium	Bill Ashworth	Colorado River, CO	Multiday River	24
29-Aug	Quetico National Park	Ken Wenker	Southern Ontario, Canada	Multiday River	8
16-Sep	Lake Powell	Karen Amundson, Marsha Dougherty	Colorado River (sort of), UT	Multi-Flatwater	12
29-Sep	Loma to Westwater	Bill Ashworth	Colorado River, CO & UT	Multiday River	21
20-Oct	Big Bend National Park	Bill Rivers Tracy Hays	Texas	Multiday River	5
17-Nov	Annual Meeting	Kathryn Mutz	Greenway Park Clubhouse, CO	Meeting	31
<b>Totals</b>					<b>316</b>



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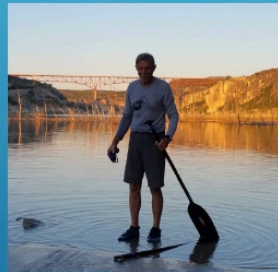
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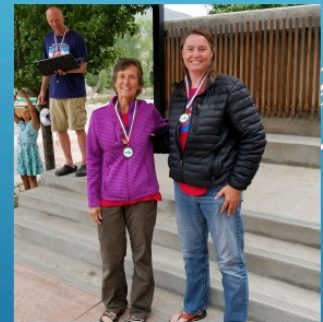
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## 2018 OFFICERS



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## 2019 OFFICERS - ELECTION