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President's Letter By Karen Amundson

We filled all positions at the November 9th meeting except for Membership, and Gail Campbell has since volunteered to manage that area. Note that Jeanne Willson is both Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor. Richard Ferguson will assist her by doing 1 or 2 newsletters, so email your articles and photos (1 M or less) in to

and they will pick that up. Jeanne and I are looking for a couple of volunteers to handle the printing and mailing of the newsletters as Dave Allured has done that for several years and needs a break. If we get multiple people, then the task would be half as big. Also, Don Perko is doubling up as the Email List Manager and Vice President. Thanks to all of the officers for volunteering their time.

We had 16 people at the Permit Party January 20th, and this is bound to result in some good river trips!! Kudos go to Bill Ashworth for organizing that successful gathering.

We have several events lined up that are sure to be fun. Our February 24th pool session will be the **RMCC Winter Olympics**. Bring a boat with painters and wear the usual PFD and clothing. Events are likely to include coed tandem and solo slalom races, a Pull the Painter contest where the last 3 to be pulled get medals, a roll competition, 2 throw bag events, a tandem dump/re-board/race, and a relay race. Bring the teens and show up even if you are a beginner. This event is meant to be more for fun than for competition. Gold, silver and bronze "medals" will be awarded.

The "Olympic" event is at George Meyers Pool at 7900 Carr Dr. in Arvada, and there is an \$8 fee to

get into the pool. Hours are shorter this year and last from 10am to 1pm, so be there early and we are likely to go out for Mexican food afterward too. Other, more normal pool sessions are on February 10, March 9 and 15, and April 27. We need a good showing to keep the pool sessions in future years.

Next, there will be a **March 15 meeting at the BOULDER REI at 1789 28th St**. This event will start at 5:00 with a potluck, continue at 5:30 with a short presentation and discussion of ACA insurance and a vote on that at 5:50. After that, the public is invited to attend, so we will have Al Johnson's whitewater video starting at 6:00 followed by a few photo showings from 7:00 onward.



The annual multi-club Platte run will be March 16; find more information in this newsletter and on the web site.

Planning ahead, there will be a Canoeing Basics presentation on May 20th at the downtown Denver REI where we hope to draw in new members. We will

schedule classes and an easy river shortly after that event.

Gail will be looking for at least 2 people to help her at the REI Paddle Fest on Saturday, May 31st. It is a good opportunity to paddle a variety of boats

and meet numerous people. Give her a call or email to sign up.

I hope everyone survived the holidays and you are starting to plan which rivers you want to run. I'm hoping for water in the Dolores and a Yampa permit.

Insurance Situation

By Karen Amundson

In an officers meeting January 9th with almost all present, the group gave unanimous approval to pursuing the use of ACA insurance for all RMCC water-related activities. We are in the process of defining specifically how it would be implemented, and bringing that information to the Boulder REI meeting on March 15th for discussion and a vote of the membership.

Bill Ashworth recently belonged to a California paddle club that suffered deaths in a car shuttle accident. The resulting suit – aimed at 30 of their members – was deftly handled by ACA insurance. While the RMCC has been healthy in recent years, the desire to apply insurance coverage more broadly has gained support. The club's instructors have used it for many years, and there would be no additional cost to the club to expand its use because we are already a PAC (Paddle America Club).

Approximately 145 PACs nationwide use ACA insurance and an additional 100 non-PAC clubs also use it. Currently about half (60) of the RMCC people are ACA members, and those who do not want to join ACA (\$30/individual or \$40/family, including Paddle magazine) do not need to. They can pay the \$5 fee per each event that is covered by the insurance.

Essentially any trip/event could utilize an updated RMCC waiver that simply states that we are operating under the ACA waiver and the laws of Colorado - - where parents may sign for their children and where any suit that did occur would be held. Any trip participants who are ACA members would only need to sign that waiver once per year when they send in their ACA dues.

For each trip/event, the trip coordinator (TC) simply sends an email to the ACA at least 24 hours beforehand to make it "sanctioned". The TC has all participants sign 1 RMCC waiver, and has non-ACA people pay \$5 and each sign an individual ACA waiver. The TC also checks off people on a roster of RMCC's ACA members (which already includes their ACA numbers) and adds the names of non-ACA people to the bottom of it. It and any fees are sent to the ACA within 60 days.

While this obviously increases the administrative overhead of TCs, it is our goal to streamline it as much as possible, and provide simple instructions along with easy access to the 2 waivers and up-to-date ACA rosters.

The officers feel that it has become increasingly important to protect the RMCC and its members from legal risks, and we think that this is the best method. It does not require governmental forms, setup of legal entities, or outlay of money as did the non-profit status and purchased insurance route that was recommended by prior leadership. It does provide legal assistance and coverage if we should ever need it.

We have included the "Requirements and Guidelines for ACA Sanctioned Events" in this newsletter for your review, and are in the process of determining if any documentation (beyond waivers and roster) apply to our typical multi-day river trips and to day paddles of a non-competitive nature.

If you have any questions or comments before the March 15 meeting, please direct them to officers@rockymountaincanooclub.org. Or you can contact Jeff Oxenford or Bob/Jill Stecker with questions about their experiences with ACA insurance. Also, Bill Ashworth has been in contact

with the ACA for the purposes of understanding how to expand this process to all RMCC water events and clarify some processes and guidelines, and he is our point person with ACA right now.

Counterpoint

By Paul Holscher, RMCC Treasurer

I want to voice my opposition to the policy of following the ACA requirements that my fellow officers have endorsed for purposes of gaining insurance. Please read carefully the ACAs "REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR ACA SANCTIONED EVENTS" printed elsewhere in this newsletter. (You can also go to Coloradopaddlers.org and go to the discussion forum.) In particular I oppose the requirement that we wear helmets on class II trips and getting prior permission from ACA before doing a class III trip.

Also, in an article printed elsewhere in this newsletter it is stated that the "...documentation in requirements 4, 5 and 6... will not need to be done for our typical multi-day river trips...". This begs the question: on what basis did they arrive at that conclusion when the ACA requirements clearly state "**Required safety procedures**"? (Bold and underlined is the ACAs.) And what about day trips? How can we ignore these requirements for multi-day trips but have to follow them for day trips? This doesn't make any sense to me! How about requirement 9 – no drugs or alcohol during the event. I know what they are getting at – they don't want drunks or druggies on the water. But that's not what they said. What about the guy who has a beer at lunch? According to this he should get kicked out, or in the ACA's terminology "immediately disqualified and asked to leave the waterfront area". They talk like this is some kind of event on a lake in the middle of the city. When I go on a multi-day event, or even many day trips, I'm in a remote area. I can't abandon someone in the wilderness, regardless of whether it was just a beer at lunch or they're falling down drunk at breakfast.

This is a plea for sanity. I understand my fellow officers' concern for liability, I share that same concern. But in an effort to save the club from liability, we may end up killing it. With these

We look forward to hearing your input and ideas and would like to see a good turnout for the March 15 vote.

requirements I fear there will be fewer people willing to lead (coordinate) trips in a club that has already had a problem getting trip coordinators. And there will be some, like myself, who refuse to wear a helmet on class II water and thus don't go on trips. Already we have had one person pull six trips from the schedule when he found out that we **might** require the ACA insurance.



The

following is copied from the ACA website:

Why should I use ACA coverage?

The insurance market for paddlesport activities is challenging. The ACA offers the opportunity to insure paddlesport activities at an affordable rate. The ACA insurance coverage allows participation on all classes of water. That means your club can continue paddling its favorite places knowing that the ACA will be providing insurance for its activities. The ACA's insurance prices are competitive with, if not better, than any other event sanctioning organization.

For those organizations that are eligible, by participating as a Paddle America Club (PAC), you receive year-round insurance coverage for sanctioned on-water activities and non-water

activities such as fundraisers, banquets, and meetings. All the club has to do is submit a schedule of activities (which can be updated throughout the year) and the club is covered. The ACA insurance program is affordable, easy to use, and you can rely on a friendly and reliable staff that cares about your activities. Remember, you're not only participating in the ACA insurance program, you become a part of the association.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR ACA SANCTIONED EVENTS

Safety guidelines are, for the most part, simply a matter of common sense and reflect procedures that you probably already follow. Some guidelines may not be applicable for all events and may vary based on the conditions of the day. The activity leaders must take into account the weather, water level, group size, ability of the participants, and much more. At no time does a set of guidelines substitute for the good judgment of the event organizers. Still, the following procedures, guidelines, and checklist will go a long way toward ensuring that the event is appropriate and free of undue hazards.

Required safety procedures:

- 1. Require all participants, volunteers, safety personnel, media, event organizers, VIPs, etc. to read and sign the *ACA Waiver and Release of Liability* before the event begins.**
2. Require all participants to wear properly fitting US Coast Guard approved lifejackets (PFDs) during on-water activities. (Note: This requirement may be waived for elite level competitions with written permission from the ACA National Office.)
3. For activities on **Class II or higher whitewater** or in coastal surf zones, require all participants to wear properly fitting paddling helmets. (Note: This requirement may be waived for elite level competitions with written permission from the ACA National Office.)
4. For activities on **Class III or higher whitewater**, event organizers must submit related safety and emergency procedures, and receive written approval from the ACA National Office before the start of the activity.

5. Prepare a roster of the on-site first aid and rescue personnel, including their qualifications and what emergency supplies they have available.
6. Prepare a list of emergency contacts and the methods of communication available.
7. Any participant who encounters another participant or event personnel whose personal safety is at risk must stop to render assistance.
8. All participants and event organizers shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations. Rev. 1/2004
9. All participants shall be prohibited from consuming any alcohol or illegal drugs immediately before or during an on-water event. Any participant under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be immediately disqualified and asked to leave the waterfront area.
10. All participants shall disclose use of any prescribed medication that may potentially impact on-water event.
11. Report all property damage and serious injuries that require medical attention to the ACA National Office -using the *ACA Occurrence Report Form* - within 7 days of the incident.

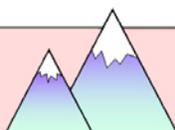
Important safety guidelines:

1. Appoint a safety coordinator or committee to oversee the implementation of all safety procedures.
2. Prepare weather contingency plans to handle extreme heat or cold, changing water levels, rain, sun exposure, and lightning. Announce appropriate shelters and drinking water provisions, plus contingency plans to cancel, postpone or relocate an event.
3. Document the number, description and placement of safety boats.
4. Document all required safety, equipment - on-shore, on-water and per participant - including floatation, whistles, throw ropes, etc. Conduct an inspection if necessary.
5. Document the results of your course or site inspections prior to and on the day of the event.
6. Notify local authorities and emergency personnel of upcoming events (e.g. rescue squad, local law enforcement and/or US Coast Guard).
7. For any long distance activities, implement a written float plan to someone who is not participating.
8. Ensure clean and safe entry/exit for participants.

9. Publicize any participant ability requirements and conduct a skills test or require a statement of ability, if necessary.
10. Conduct a participants' meeting/briefing prior to the start of the event. Announce rules, participant equipment checklist, possible hazards, and required safety procedures.
11. Ensure participants are informed prior to the event about expected conditions and skill levels needed.
12. Make use of properly placed signage where needed and appropriate.

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**Sunday March 16, 2008 – South
Platte Joint Paddle Trip**

(Snow date Saturday March 22, 2008; Check RMCC website for current trip status)

Everyone is invited to the 2008 South Platte Joint Paddle Trip. Every spring RMCC gets together with other local clubs to start the paddling season with a fun and casual flat water trip.

Our fellow clubs this year include Canoe Colorado, High Country River Rafters, Poudre Paddlers, and Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club. Last year we had 60 boats, so this year should be interesting.

All are welcome, including beginners, families, guests, and interested non-members. Canoes, kayaks, small inflatables, and other low draft paddle boats are suitable. This is a flatwater (class 1) day trip with two short dam portages.

No pre-registration is needed. Meet at 9:00 am at Riverside Park in Evans, Colorado, a few miles southeast of Greeley. After unloading and a brief meeting, we will run car shuttles at about 9:30, then start paddling together shortly after 10:00.

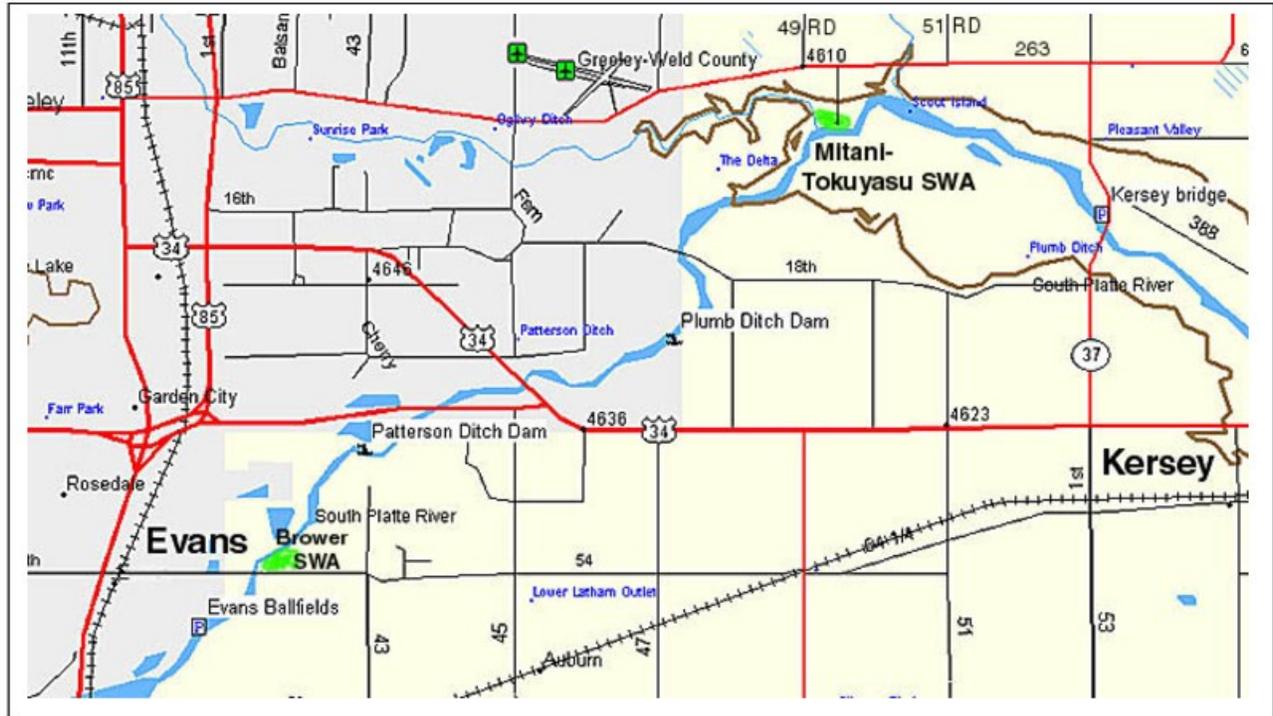
The trip consists of two river sections. First we will paddle nine river miles from Evans to the Kersey bridge, including a lunch stop on an island. For those who still have energy, we will then go another five miles to the south bridge at Kuner. Take-out times will be approximately 3:00 and 5:00 pm.

Directions: Go to the stop light at highway 85 and 37th in Evans. Go 1/2 mile east on 37th. Turn right on Riverside Parkway, just after a blue sign for the state patrol. Go 1/4 mile south and enter the park. Bear left through the parking lots. Meet us on the east side of the baseball fields, near the levee. Look for a paved trail that goes up over the levee. You can also get there from 42nd Street, east from Hwy 85. See map.

Signed RMCC waivers and life jackets are required. There will be a variety of typical river hazards: cold springtime water; weather changes; two dams with dangerous currents; submerged and overhanging trees; invisible wires across river; unpredictable changes to river configuration; paintballers and duck hunters shooting; metal spikes; and so on. Our trip passes by two state wildlife areas, but Colorado Habitat stamps are NOT required for this trip.

Bring your own boat and paddles, warm clothing, change of clothes, rain suit, lunch, water, waterproof shoes or change of shoes, sunglasses, sun screen, sun hat, and dry storage for your spare stuff. Kids should be

bundled up well. Please see the South Platte trip page on the RMCC website for more safety notices and other details. Contact for RMCC: Dave Allured,



San Juan River – Sand Island to Clay Hills Crossing

September 29 – October 6, 2007

By Karen Amundson

Well, I can't compete with the various bears and wildfires, Helen's patience, and Mark's Rodeo Rapid accident of the October newsletter, but as we had several good findings and nice pictures, I will share our trip with you all.

I jumped into tour guide mode as Jeff Oxenford and Bill Ashworth had never done the San Juan. Allen Bell had done it in a rubber ducky and in rafts a very long time ago. We were a small, nimble group – especially since Bill didn't join until the morning of the 4th day at Mexican Hat.

The river had peaked with an 8000 cfs spike just a week before the trip, then had another 5000 cfs spike. This caused us to be careful to tie boats up far above

the river and camp in safe spots too. It flowed at about 2000 cfs the whole trip, with a brief rise due to a flash at Lime Creek and Comb Wash mid-trip.

Three of us saved gas by sharing Jeff's truck and using Valle's Trading Post (MX Hat) to do the upper shuttle for just \$30. The Twin Rock Cafe in Bluff has a great patio, and the pre-trip sunset was colorful.

The first day on the river was quite windy. With Allen and me managing the tandem and Jeff drafting, we were able to make our planned 7 miles while rafts were giving up and camping early. The Butler Wash petroglyphs and River House ruin were as impressive as the first time I saw them, though we had to hunker behind rocks to eat our lunch without being sandblasted.

As I suspected, the best camping for access to Chinle Wash is on the left bank and 1/3 mile upstream of it. Note that any left bank activity should be accompanied by a Navajo Nation permit for

\$5/person/day hiking and \$5/person/night camping. The wind threatened to blow our fire everywhere, so we put it out and saved up energy for a morning hike. The temperature was below freezing that night only.

I've been told that the San Juan is the siltiest river in the world (don't know if it's really true), and it often is comprised of 30% silt. We must have had 40%, and side streams were running dirty too.



We hiked up Chinle Wash, found many pottery shards and finally a way to cross the creek. Perhaps a mile from the river I spotted some nice defensible ruins about 40' up the cliff. Not far away was the "baseball" petroglyph that Allen had heard tale of. We went a ways further, but don't know if there were any more Indian sites to be found.

Back on the river, we skipped the Mules Ear Diatreme and the perched meander hikes and did 8 Foot Rapid without mishap. The gorgeous beach 50 yards below the rapid was now covered by wood and logs and trash in a couple of broad lines per the recent spikes. But we set up camp anyway and had easy pickings for our fire. Many rafters and rangers were envious of my 30" firepan.

Allen and I took off to do a triangular 3 mile hike up one drainage, over a very low saddle, and down a creek bed. While we didn't find any significant wildlife or signs of habitation, it was fun to do a loop hike. Rock hounds would enjoy the ½ mile of creek nearest to the river.



A ranger rafted into our camp in the morning and warned us not to camp at the MX Hat boat ramp – where another ranger had been struck on the head by a bottle – or even within a couple of miles of that town. We saw a number of Desert Bighorn while paddling, then stopped for lunch on a nice ledge where 1 peered down from the cliff at us. Can they drink that silty water?

We found a nice, isolated campsite river right at the riffle 1+ miles above MX Hat and enjoyed Jeff's sun/rain shade for 2 hours of light rain. There was 1 more sprinkle on the whole trip, and most days saw a high of 80 degrees.

Bill was happy to see us at 10am and we did a series of trips to Valle's for shuttle arrangements, ice cream, phone calls, junk food that caused stomach cramps, ice, and water/food/clothing that was stashed in Jeff's truck. The Soar inflatable canoe that Bill brought was only a tad slower than our canoes, but he paddled hard to do 15 and 17 miles those 1st 2 days below MX Hat. Hard to say whether his Yellowstone canoe (low freeboard) would have been a better choice or not.

We used a variation on Dave Allured's approach at Mendenhall's Cabin by taking the 1st trail to it. Then Bill and Jeff walked down the other side of the saddle while Allen and I paddled the 3 boats the 1 mile to the other trailhead. We climbed half way up the

Honaker Trail (1100 vertical feet to the top) and ventured out on the peninsula where you jump across a 3' wide crevasse that drops many hundreds of feet toward the river.

Night 5 was at the pretty John's Canyon where 2 of us did the climb to the upper pool and waterfall. Next morning, we paddled down to Government Rapid and scouted it. Jeff and then Bill were pushed to the right, grazing a rock and hitting a big hole. Jeff wanted another try, so he and I took the Freedom through, picking up only an inch of water. The solar bailer was never really tested on its maiden tandem voyage until I put water in the boat at the takeout to insure that it was functioning. The battery and pumps can transfer to my Nexus, where I've used it many times.

We paddled down to Slickhorn Canyon, where the mapped rapid has disappeared. You have to reserve camps from here to the takeout, and I'd recommend Slickhorn B, C, D, A, and E in that order. We took a lengthy hike past numerous pools with fossils and ferns. 4 miles downstream, we found Grand Gulch

so full of boulders as to be tough going and not as pretty as Slickhorn. Its camp was on a rock ledge where all the boats dock for hiking.

Our last night's camp – Trimble – had a nasty landing and about 8 mostly tiny tent sites. The steep canyon and vegetation were beautiful. Based on our hike, it seemed like you could probably get all the way to the top if you persisted.

We did the last 12 miles of flat, sandbar-infested paddling in cold, constant wind. Jeff thought the Oljeto Camp to be the best of the last 3, though it might submerge in high waters. The stream in the 400' canyon had almost no gradient and appeared to go for miles, begging future exploration. Steer Gulch Camp looked fairly overgrown and hard to access.

Our cars were waiting at the Clay Hills Crossing takeout. I was happy to achieve the full 83 miles, as water levels and weather can vary a lot in early fall. The river and canyon will certainly lure me back for future trips.

Ashes to Splashes **A Middle Fork Epic, Part 2**

By Karen & Greg Jankowski

Tappan Island camp

After passing through the fire zone we proceeded down, finally getting a chance to slow down the pace and enjoy the scenery. We pulled onto the bank of Tappan Island, checked and found a wonderful campsite, especially since there wasn't a single MicroBear anywhere (since we've gotten so many questions: MicroBears are chipmunks), we could leave a drybag of food open and there were no critters inside even after it sitting on the ground for more than a few minutes. The other nice part of the camp was it being just above Tappan Falls giving us the chance to run the falls in the morning rather than at the end of a long day.



Tappan Island campsite, one of the nicest that we had the pleasure of camping at on the river.

Tappan Falls

After breaking camp, we headed down to the Tappans (Tappan I, Tappan Falls, then Tappan II thru IV), we pulled out before the falls. The scout was interesting to say the least, it seemed there were a lot of places in the run not to be at, with no places to run

safely, then with very little effort Mark our gallant trip leader ran through showing us the route. After seeing him run through, the thought was, “that looked easy” we all took our turn.

Now due to the lost time at the 2 earlier red lights, we were pressed into some long days of paddling to get back on our schedule; this resulted in a lot of read on the run rapids for the remaining days on the river.



Mark Smith showing us out of staters the way (Tappan Falls)

Flying B Ranch

As we approached the Flying B ranch we again had planes flying low overhead on their way to landing at the ranch. We stopped at the Flying B to go on a shopping trip, for being literally in the middle of nowhere the store was well stocked, we got ice and beer (\$20 per six pack) and proceeded on downriver. Right after getting back on the river we encountered the rapid with the worst swim if any mistakes were made. With a lot of rocks to bounce off of, we zipped through with no flips, however more rocks were decorated with a touch of red.

At the Flying B another group flew in to meet up with the commercial raft group, it seemed that the higher ups now tried to make us feel old, all of them were kids with the oldest in the early teens, there had to be at least 20 to 25 kids making up the group. Now we got to see the sweep boat with piles of gear and again got to talk with the ‘river goddess’. The sweep boat crew was also in charge of getting downriver ahead of the passenger carrying rafts to set up camp. We also witnessed why the guides were so fast in setting up tents, they had the duty of camp set

up, so all the tents were set and there was a long line of drybags awaiting the kids arrival.

Haystack / Bernard Rapid

Again due to a recent flash flood, these got our attention with Bernard being one of the worst places for a swim due to all of the rocks to dodge. Rattlesnake Cave was a nice stop, with a very impressive pictograph panel on the wall of the cave.

Otter Bar camp

In the afternoon we arrived at the Otter Bar campsite, after unloading our boats and setting up we had time for a nice swim before the temperature cooled. After dinner we were given a royal cussing out by the resident otter. He swam up through the rapid downstream of us, got into the pool in front of the beach, saw us taking over his territory and proceeded to give us his opinion of this transgression. This went on for quite some time until more rock throwing and a charge by one of us finally convinced him to go elsewhere. This however was not the end of it. The next morning he was back and proceeded to give another otter tongue lashing. It didn’t take a genius to figure the content of the tirade; it definitely was not friendly.

Last day on the river

With ears still burning from the otter’s verbal assault we headed out for the last day of paddling. This wasn’t going to be an easy day, first up of the biggies was Rubber Rapid which is the largest on the river at most flows. This we ran with no problems, then Hancock came up in less than a mile, and then a little more than a mile past was Devil’s Tooth.



We followed Mark through; I was ready to portage if he hadn’t shown us the way.



Scott MacDonald running through Devil's Tooth

Karen and I 'decided' to go over (read in, missed the move to stay away from) the huge rock / pourover in the center below the falls and we can safely say that even at that low flow we never touched the rock, but it sure was a nice ski jump.

Beyond Devil's Tooth the rapids continued but all were run on the run with little problem, however we all knew the last and biggest was still to come.

Cramer Rapid

After getting to the confluence of the Main Salmon the Middle Fork ended, now we were on the Main and we started looking for Cramer.

This was another recent flash flood enhanced rapid, in 2002 Cramer Creek dumped a huge amount of debris into the river creating a Grand Canyon size rapid a half mile above the takeout. After scouting from the road we all too our turn running through on the right side, I'd describe in detail the run,, however the first big wave hit me right in the face,, it took almost the rest of the rapid to get the water out of my eyes, so the best I can say is it sure felt big.



Don is half airborne and about to drop in

Cache Bar takeout

We finally made it to the takeout, there we found that our vehicles were the only ones there. The smoke was thick in the air, this from a fire that was downstream on the Main Salmon. In loading the boats on top of the vehicles we noticed that Don's yellow canoe had 4 long red streaks on the bottom of the canoe, the only explanation we could come up with was him running over the same rocks that we had so valiantly worked to color.



Our last view of the Middle Fork, taken at the confluence on the drive out. The Main Salmon is to the left and right of the photo and its smoke reduces visibility. However given the nature of the trip it seemed to be appropriate.

Rocky Mountain Canoe Club -- Contact Information



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ATTENTION TRIP LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Here is a list of equipment and videos owned by the club and available to be borrowed for trips, training, learning, or entertainment. Suggested use: you might want to host a pot-luck evening to show some of the videos on, say, safety and rescue. Items are available from Doug Hurcomb, Quartermaster.

Firepan, stainless steel, 1

Dry erase board and various markers, 1

Tent and poles in 2 bags, 1 ea, large size used by group campers

Portable toilet, 2 ea, about 1 cu ft capacity, clean and sanitize after use!

Care notes: Please be responsible; clean and repair any equipment before returning it!

Various VHS videos:

BCU's Canadian Canoe Demo 1934, Reg Blomfield, Canadian National Champion, 1 ea

Canoeing in the Grand Canyon, Volume 1 and 2, 1 ea

Cold, Wet, and Alive, ACA, 1 ea; old, Wet, and Alive and River Rescue, 1 ea

Collection tape recorded by Dennis Adams, 1 ea: Heads-up Rescue, Citizens Racers Workshop, C-1 Challenge, Freefall - Rio Bio-Bio, White Water Primer, American Red Cross

Collection tape, 1 ea: C-1 Challenge; Racing; Excerpt from Bob Foote; Freefall - Rio Bio-Bio, Mike Yee/Bob Foote; Intro to Canoeing – A complete guide to enjoying the most versatile watercraft, 1 ea; So Take the Time – A Guide to Risk Management Trainings for Outfitters, National Livery Safety System, 1 ea; Take the Wild Ride, Performance Video, 1 ea; The Kayaker's Edge, Performance Video/Kent Ford; 1 ea; Whitewater 1994, 1995, and 1996, Alan Whitem, 1 ea



Rocky Mountain Canoe Club
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Schedule of events -- see web site for detailed information or call a club contact person

February 10 – Pool session, George Meyers Pool, 7900 Carr Dr., Arvada

February 24 – Canoe Olympics! A fun half day of real and fanciful paddling competition (tandem and solo slalom races in the pool, throw-rope hurling, relay races, etc). Look for more information later in the winter. 10 am to 1 pm. George Meyers Pool, 7900 Carr Dr., Arvada Karen Amundsen

March 15 – club meeting at BOULDER REI at 1789 28th St, 5:00. Potluck/insurance /whitewater films.

March 9, 15; April 27 – Pool Session, George Meyers Pool /Call Karen J at

March 16 – South Platte – Class I, beginners welcome, Evans-Kuner, Dave Allured,

May 20 – Canoe Basics at Denver REI

June – River Canoeing class, Beginner to Intermediate / contact Jeff Oxenford,

Late July – Rendezvous weekend, group camping, many trips & levels, Colorado River