

The Voyageur's Companion

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 1989



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SEPT 30 - FALL MEETING

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*** THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR DUES ***
*** DEADLINE: APRIL 7th ***

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FALL MEETING, 1988.

Our annual Fall Pot Luck, last October was graced by the presence of our Lieutenant Governor, Mike Callahan. He presented a lovely plate (or dish, if you want to fantasize) to his "Captain", Wally Booth, in appreciation for safely providing him with first hand experience of paddling the South Platte River to the confluence with the North Fork.

Yes, we did elect new officers for 1989, or should I say reappoint some volunteers. The spirit of the moment must have been catching, for we also ended up with volunteers to coordinate the trip schedule, film festival, and Nail Soup. (You will find them all on the inside cover sheet).

I would like to extend our thanks to Saralee McGroarty for the use of her house. And a special thank you to our Pot

FALL MEETING cont'd

Luck judges, Katie Randall and Priscilla Licht, for putting their culinary taste buds together and selecting the "Best of the Table" Pot Luck Dish.

THE LOGIC BEHIND TWO FORKS DAM by Wally Booth

The Army Corps of Engineers which is in the business of building dams was asked to objectively and impartially evaluate building Two Forks Dam...was a good idea.

The Governor said he did not want to see Two Forks Dam built, so he asked the Army Corps of Engineers to approve a permit to build it.

More people are leaving this state than are coming in, and the Denver Water Board predicts a population boom.

People come to this state because of its natural beauty such as that found in the South Platte Canyon, so it is the recommendation of many to destroy it.

Our enlightened species has



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determined that with regard to water needs, the most environmentally damaging alternative is the best alternative.

If Two Forks Dam is built, we will not only lose the South Platte River to canoeing, we will also lose the Blue River.

If you feel a bit confused by the above statements, you are not alone. The controversy surrounding the proposed Two Forks Dam has been filled with contradictions since the very start. On January 10th of this year, the Army Corps of Engineers surprised no one by announcing its intention to issue a permit to build the dam. The Environmental Protection Agency must also make a determination. EPA engineers have reported on several occasions that the planned project violates the Clean Water Act and "should not be permitted". If the logic of Two Forks continues as it has, we can expect the EPA to fully support the project.

The Corps of Engineers did endorse several conditions on the permit, although if these conditions are not met, the biggest threat is that the Corps will have "grounds to revoke the permit". I wonder what a half built dam would look like? Nevertheless, the following appear to be the conditions for the dam permit which are relevant to most RMCC members:

1. A water conservation plan must be adopted which would save 42,000 acre feet of water per

year. This plan includes metering all Denver homes, and expanding conservation efforts.

In my opinion, this is one of the best areas where each of us can contribute the most. Simply put, we can all do more to conserve water, and while it defies the traditional logic of Two Forks, I believe that the more we conserve, the less likely the dam will be built or, at least, the longer it will take for them to build it.

2. Develop recreation areas along 14 miles of the North Fork of the South Platte. This would include "put-in and take-out boating areas".

The good news is that much of the water for the dam would come through Roberts Tunnel, so sufficient flow would not be a problem. For those of you who have not yet attempted a run on this section, I must say that it is not currently "friendly to canoe craft."

3. \$30,000 is supposed to be spent on whitewater rafting on the Arkansas and Colorado Rivers since rafting will no longer be possible on the Blue River.

The Blue River is about an hour and a half from Denver, making it the closest whitewater river to Denver other than the South Platte and Poudre. Further, many of us have paddled the Blue in order to avoid the rafting crowds found on the Colorado and Arkansas. The old Two Forks logic appears to support the ludicrous idea of "mitigating" the loss of canoeing on the South Platte and Blue Rivers by spending money on rafting

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operations on the Arkansas and Colorado.

As is probably obvious, there isn't much logic to the dam or even to much of the mitigation measures. It is my guess that rational, logical thought will eventually enter into the decision whether or not to build this minster. I suspect that as the cost to the state, both in terms of real dollars and those lost because we would be crapping in our own nests, becomes more evident, the public will turn against the plan. But should logic continue to fail us, I would encourage members to try the emotional appeal that comes when we introduce this canyon to others. I hope that each of you will consider bringing along someone on your next trip in this area. Let's share our experiences paddling this wonderful river with others who have never had the opportunity.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Pete Petersen would appreciate any assistance with the beginning canoeing sessions April 15 & April 22. If you can offer some help, please give him a call at [REDACTED] ED.

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ORGANIZERS: JEANNIE BERRY and
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This Spring, we will be showing Bill Mason's "Water Walker" as a tribute to Bill, who passed away on Oct. 29, last year after a 4 month bout with cancer.

Other films lined up are "North Fork of the Payette" and "The Niagra Gorge", featuring the infamous Nolan Whitesell.

Come for a couple of hours of material to fuel your dreams of living on the "twist of a paddle".

TRIP SCHEDULE 1989 by Lyn Berry

Rocky Mountain Canoe Club is now beginning to assemble the trips to be included in the 1989 schedule. Any suggestions?

Please call:
JERRY CLOWER [REDACTED] or
LYN BERRY [REDACTED]
with your suggestions and ideas for trips that YOU would like to see included in this year's schedule.

TRIP LEADERS !!!!!

If you would like to lead a trip this year; now is the time to call Jerry or Lyn. Every club member can lead a trip; it is only necessary to make your desire known.

EAGER-TO-BE-TRIP-LEADERS !!!

Want to be a trip leader, but are uncertain about all the ramifications of leading a trip? The main, and perhaps only, qualification to be a trip leader is to have the interest and enthusiasm to put the logistics of the trip together, and to be willing to answer the phone.

Also, if you want to lead trips; or if you want to try leading a trip there are many "experienced" trip leaders who are willing to work with you in putting your trip together, and/or willing to go along with you in a co-leading role.

If there is sufficient demand, the Club will present a Trip Leaders' Seminar early in the boating season. This seminar will provide the opportunity for all leaders, from "interested and eager" to "experienced and still eager", to get together and share ideas and learn skills of leadership.

Give TRIP LEADING a try - it is more fun than you think, and provides the one real way to ensure your going on that special trip of your design.

TRIP SCHEDULING MEETING

DATE: Friday, March 3, 1989
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lyn and Jeannie's
[REDACTED]

Everyone wanting to lead trips, suggest trips, or find out what trips are shaping up for the summer come to this meeting.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB RIVER LIST

There are lots of possible canoe trips in Colorado and adjacent states. The following list presents a few. The class rating is relative to water flows and weather conditions. Assume medium flow and a nice sunny day! * Denotes sections that require a permit.

WATERSHED	RIVER	SECTION	RELATIVE CLASS
S. Platte	S. Platte	Deckers to Confluence	2
		Chatfield Res.	flat
		Chatfield to Bowles	1-2
		Brighton to Ft. Lupton	1+
		Platteville to Greeley	1
	St. Vrain Poudre	Powerplant	1
		Rustic area	4
		Bridges	3+
	N. Fork	Lower	2
		Foxton to Confluence	3+
N. Platte	N. Platte	Northgate Canyon	4+
		Six Mile Gap	2
		Bennett Peak to Saratoga	1
		Saratoga to I 80	1
		Glendo to Guernsey	1
Green	Green	Flaming Gorge Res.	flat
		Dam to Browns Park	2
		Browns Park to Gates of Ladore	1
		* Gates of Ladore	4
		* Desolation & Greys Canyons	4
	Yampa	Labrynth Canyon	1
		Craig to Juniper Hot Springs	1
	White	* Dinosaur	4
		Meeker	2
		Meeker to Rangely	1
Colorado	Colorado	Pumphouse to State Bridge	2+
		State Bridge to Catamont	2
		Catamont to Twin Bridge	2-3
		Twin Bridge to Sweetwater	2
		Sweetwater to Dotsero	2
		Dotsero to Hanging Lake	1
		Grizzley to New Castle	2
		Newcastle to Rifle	1
		Rifle to Debuque	1
		Debuque Canyon	1
		Loma to Westwater	1
		* Westwater Canyon	4+
Dewey Bridge to Moab	2		

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB RIVER LIST

WATERSHED	RIVER	SECTION	RELATIVE CLASS
Colorado	Blue	Silverthorne to Campsite	1-2
		Campsite to Bridge	4
		Bridge to Green Mountain Res.	2
		Dam to Bridge	2-3
	Eagle	Avon to Wolcott	4
		Wolcott to Eagle	3
		Eagle to Colorado River	4
	Roaring Fork	Carbondale to Colorado River	2-3
	Gunnison	Almont to Blue Mesa	2
		Blue Mesa Res.	flat
		Gorge	4
	Dolores	Delta to Whitewater	1
		Dove Creek to Slick Rock	4
		Slickrock to Bedrock	3
		Bedrock to Gateway	2
	San Miguel	Gateway to Dewey Bridge	3
		Naturita	2
San Juan	Above reservoir	3	
	Montezuma to Bluff	1	
	→	Bluff to Clay Hills Crossing	2-3
Rio Grande	Rio Grande	Creede to Wagon Wheel	2?
		Wagon Wheel to Bridge	1
		Bridge to Lee Trail	2
		Other in NM and Texas	1-2 and 5
	S. Fork	Wagon Wheel	2?
	Chama	El Vado Dam to Abiqueue	2
Arkansas	Arkansas	One thru Six	4
		Buena Vista	2
		Johnston's Corner to Ruby Mtn.	2
		Browns Canyon	3+
		Salida area	2
		Salida to BLM Campsite	3
		Campsite to Howard	2-3
		Howard to Texas Creek	3
		Texas Creek to 5 Points	3
Florence to Pueblo	1		

And there certainly are others.....

Niobrara in Nebraska; Animas and Conejos in Colorado; Yellowstone in Wyoming; Tongue, Stillwater, and Sun rivers all in Montana; *Salmon in Idaho; Elk River in Tennessee (see Don and Lou Ann Townsend, Elk River Canoe Rentals, Rt 2 Box 77, Flintville, TN 37335)

.....to mention a few!

ASK WALLY by Wally Booth

This is another in the now famous series of advise columns for canoeists. In this article we will explore some of the common mistakes found when the fine sport of canoeing is mixed with drudgery of camping.

While many canoe trips only last a day, there are others that can last for several weeks. These longer, multiple week trips are often fun, unless, of course, the trip had been intended as only a brief afternoon excursion. What makes an afternoon trip turn into a week-long nightmare? The addition of your Mother-in-law is a good first step. And speaking of first steps, placing your bare foot in poison ivy will almost guarantee the kind of suffering you thought only came from the dentist chair.

Food.

Buying and cooking your own food is not nearly as good as taking someone else's. While at the campsite, simply meander about the various fires or stoves and decide which meal looks best. At that point, you can use one of several techniques which I have perfected. One effective method is to accidentally drool into the cooking food. You would be surprised at how that alters other people's hunger. Another technique is to claim to be the health inspector. Take away points for greasy pots, unwashed hands, lack of hair nets, unclean food preparation areas and similar violations. More important than taking away points, of course, is to take away the food. One other

technique which has worked well in the past, is to approach someone else's dinner looking hungry and emaciated. Better yet, look hungry and well armed.

Campsite.

Picking the proper campsite is a lot like picking a good paddling partner. And you know how well you did at that! The perfect campsite has a nice view, flat ground, soft undergrowth, plenty of dry wood, tall trees, and no pests. The typical campsite, however, is a small and rocky cliff, situated next to a mosquito breeding ground, is surrounded by poison ivy, and has a boy scout jamboree taking place in the same area. Similarly, when setting up camp, the ideal is to have warm, dry weather, plenty of daylight, lots of time, and loads of energy. Instead, you will usually have exhausted paddlers dragging their wet gear up a slippery slope, with the dark punctuated only by flashes of lightning.

But all clouds have silver linings. If it is raining, you probably won't be troubled by mosquitoes, biting flies, or stupid conversation from others on the trip. A rain-filled campsite is where the true quality of your gear is tested. Here too, you will discover all those things you packed a week ahead of time, only to leave in the corner of the garage. Well, at least those items will stay dry.

Making a miserable campsite comfortable is the kind of challenge that made America what it is today: second to Japan in

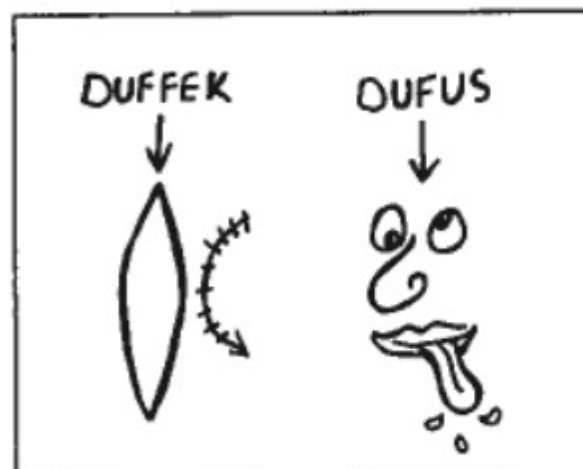
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technology. But it is the little things that really make camping comfortable. For example, I like to bring along a pillow for my wife, or two if she'd like one for her head. Actually, sex in the out-of-doors is not always what people imagine it to be. I will admit to enjoying some sex during camping adventures; often with a partner. However, a leaking, filthy tent is not the ideal place for romance, it reminds me too much of home.

Well, that's about all I have time for with this addition of ASK WALLY. If any of you have technical questions that you would like answered, just drop me a line (particularly if you see me swimming by), and I will

try to answer them. The next issues will have essential canoeing equipment, paddling techniques, especially the ones used on bratty kids.

Preview of coming attractions ... a demonstration of two common and related strokes:



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DEMO-DAYS DERBY by Jerry Clower

Are you up to something new this year? People have asked me what the difference was in various canoes. They want to know the answers to questions such as what makes a boat stable, or is it fast, or what is a solo canoe like? Now is our chance to find out. I would like us to get together this Spring for a "Demo-Days" party, which could be held locally on a city pond (lake).

Collectively our club members have a large number of different types of paddles, PFD's, and boats. If they were brought to the party, we could help each other learn how various products are different. This would be a perfect chance for our club members to try solo, C-1, tandem, or maybe even sell a boat. Since there could not be any possible damage done, I'm sure that everyone would not mind letting someone else paddle their boat.

If anyone is interested, call JERRY CLOWER at [REDACTED] or write me a note. My address is in the club roster. If enough people call, there will be more information in a later newsletter.

MARISCAL AND BOQUILLAS CANYONS ON THE RIO GRANDE IN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK by Terry Owen

It's Friday, November 19, 1988 and Gregg and I are loading our canoes for the drive to the Rio Grande river in Big Bend. It's chilly weather in Denver and we run into snow flurries almost all the way to the New Mexico

Texas border. We are hoping that warmer weather will abound on the river and we are nervous that it is still snowing on us in southern New Mexico on Saturday.

Sunday morning, we drive from Presidio Texas to Terlingua along a scenic route adjacent the Rio Grande. About mid-morning we pass several Texas state patrol and border patrol vehicles in Colorado Canyon. We stop at Teepee Roadside Park and another car stops and informs us of a shooting that occurred on the river the previous day. A commercial raft passenger died and the boatman and second passenger are injured. This is unnerving news to know that Mexico and the United States are going to war on the day we put in on the river. It is not until the next weekend that we hear enough details to know that it is not war or drug smugglers that are shooting the river runners. Every little noise on the Mexican side makes us paddle faster. Camping on the Mexican side requires some lengthy discussion before settling down.

Sunday evening finds us at the put-in at a place called Talley. It is a grueling three and one-half hour drive from Terlingua to Talley via Park Headquarters where we obtain our permit. Our shuttlers told us we had two choices for getting to Talley. The west entrance has just recently been graded but there is a quarter mile section of sand that may bog down our heavily laden vehicles. The east entrance is rough and will probably clean the oil from

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the oil pan and differential with rocks and gravel. We opted for the east entrance because of the possibility of problems in the sandy west route. I find later from a group that camps in Big Bend at Christmas that the west entrance may have been easier than we thought.

Our put-in on Monday morning is at mile 838 1/2. It's a beautiful day. The entire week is shirt sleeve and shorts weather except in the shade of the cooler canyons. Our crew consists of 6 boats; me solo, Gregg Bachman solo, John Daly solo, Lyn and Jeanne Berry tandem, Jeff and Vi Polk tandem and Suzanne Gold and friend tandem.

Our most difficult rapids are on the first day. Mile 836 is the entrance to Mariscal Canyon. Just beyond mile 836 is Rockpile rapids. I maneuver them on the right and find below that the left route is quite easy at this water level. Every one else is signaled to run the left route. Just before mile 835 is the Tight Squeeze. The only route is through a tight squeeze on river right that is about 8 feet wide. The water funnels through with just enough waves and turbulence to make you believe that the run will be a cold swim if you are not careful. We discover that it is rather simple and there are no problems. We have lunch just before mile 834. Mariscal Canyon ends at mile 830 1/2. It is a beautiful canyon. Well worth the two day drive. Our first night's camp is on the Mexican side at mile 826. 12 1/2 miles today.

DAY TWO. San Vincente canyon is only about one mile long. We stop at Casa de Piedra. It is only a small rock ruin overlooking the river and a great deal of desert. The river is flat as it is the entire five days. We paddle some to make our mileage each day. At Tornillo Creek we stop to see the old Boquillas Hot Springs Resort at mile 812 1/2. No wilderness here as we see motorhomes parked within a quarter mile of the river. People abound. After Jeanne and Gregg rinse off in the warm water in the foundation of the old bath house, we continue on to today's camp near mile 812. 14 miles today. The Park Service has asked that we not camp beyond this point in the Rio Grande Village area. As it turns out, there is no good

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place to camp because of the people from here to the entrance of Boquillas canyon. The full moon makes a beautiful picture in the sky tonight down river from our camp. We are awakened to the sound of horses crossing the river during the night and eating the leaves of the trees around our tents before day break.

DAY THREE. We pass Rio Grand Village this morning and a small village on the Mexican side at the bend of Mile 809. Our shuttle crew on Sunday had informed us that this little village was a good stopping point for something similar to what the Oklahomans call White Lightning. Most of us are tea totalers and we continue on. The bend in the river at mile 808 1/2 has a sizable hot springs on the Mexican side. We stop for an hour or so and several people soak in the warm water gushing from the rocks. This same location appears to be the water supply for the village that we can see about one mile downstream. A pickup drives up and we push out not knowing for sure whether the United States and Mexico are at war or not. There are small Big Bend turtles sunning themselves on branches and rocks alongside the river for the next mile or so. At mile 805 we enter Boquillas canyon. It is beautiful. There are many campsites along the river here. We camp at mile 791 on the American side. We can see the Rabbit Ears from here. It is a beautiful camp and a great evening. 21 miles today.

DAY FOUR. Thanksgiving Day.

After a leisurely breakfast we cross the river and hike up the canyon. The hike is wonderful. The canyon is narrow and cool. In some places we have to shimmy up rock to make it to a new level. For at least two miles, the canyon is so much worth the time, that we plan to camp and hike here again someday when we return. About two o'clock in the afternoon we continue down river to about mile 785 1/4. About 6 miles on the river today. We are just inside the Park boundary. It is a good place for Thanksgiving dinner. Vi has brought a Thanksgiving paper table cloth for the ground. She places a fold out paper turkey in the middle. Lyn and Jeanne have brought smoked turkey. We have canned vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, other assorted trimmings and a dutch oven dessert. It is tough getting our full bellies to the tents later in the evening. During the night, a raccoon makes a raucous of noises amongst the camp stoves and drags a half loaf of bread up river before John scares him off.

DAY FIVE. We awake to the sounds of woodchopping and a rooster. With the Park boundary so near we discover today that we have chosen the best last campground before the take-out. At mile 779 1/2 we run Arroyo del Veinte. It is a challenging class II for the canoes. Take-out is the Gerstacker Bridge about noon and mile 776 1/2. About 8 miles this morning. We take out on the American side a few hundred feet upstream of the bridge. The carry up to the cars is a workout but not difficult. As we

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leave the river the wind has come up and gusts to about 50 miles per hour. A front is moving through. The river gods have been kind to us this week and we are thankful. We spend the night tonight in Carlsbad.

DAY SIX. We drive to Carlsbad Caverns. After the long tour, we head for home. On the afternoon of day seven life returns to business as usual. It'll be next spring before the boats return to the water.



Some facts and figures about our trip.

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\$70 for the chase vehicle that takes the shuttle drivers from La Linda back to Terlingua.

Park Headquarters 915-477-2251 can give you last minute river readings and other advice on staying in the park.

Far Flung Adventures at 915-371-2489 are also good for river readings and advice as well.

A set of river guides to the Rio Grande can be obtained at Park Headquarters or from Four Corners Marine catalog. It is invaluable as a set of mile by mile guides to the river.

CANOEING THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER

by Sandy Horn

I visited my folks near West Palm Beach, Florida last August. Naturally, with all that water around, I was looking for some canoeing. It turns out that the only canoe outfitter advertising in Canoe Magazine was located only 20 miles away. Their ad said, "Canoe down Florida's only wild and scenic river. Travel through a primeval cypress forest ... " I thought I'd give it a try.

The rendezvous was at the beginning of a canoe trail -- a creek. For \$15.80 they gave me a nice Mohawk solo canoe, a paddle, a floating seat cushion and a map. They would pick up the 6 other canoes and I at a dock down the river that afternoon. We set off at our own pace and didn't really see each other for most of the trip. The creek went under a road or

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER cont'd

two, but soon entered the swamp where it meandered through the cyprus trees. Sometimes it was 30-40 feet wide, sometimes only wide enough for the canoe.

There were a couple of 3 foot intrusion dams to keep downstream salt water from backing up the creek. They had short, very slippery, mossy portage docks around these dams, but it was a lot easier (and more fun) to run the dams. There were a couple of logs to get over. I was able to just scoot over one with my solo canoe. Another was completely across the creek, with a deep pool under it and no easy way around. I had to slip out of my canoe and straddle the log, pull my canoe across it, and slide back into the canoe on the other side. As my feet hung down in the water below the log, I kept hoping this pool wasn't the home

of a big alligator. Luckily it was not, or maybe he just wasn't hungry. Later I did see a 4-5 foot alligator hanging in the water at the edge of the creek.

After wandering through the swamp for 2 1/2 hours, the creek widened into the Loxahatchee River. I ate lunch there and explored an old trapper's homestead. Another couple of hours of paddling down this slow river brought me to the takeout. There were lots of birds and turtles and a raccoon or two along the river.

This was a very laid back trip, not at all like the excitement on Colorado rivers. It was kind of spooky in the swamp, but I enjoyed the slow pace and feel of exploration. You can rent canoes by the hour on the river. The next day my mother and I did, and paddled quite a way up another creek. Mom had never been in a canoe before. The

creek had a lot of 'S' turns. As we rounded a bend Mom said, "What's that ahead?" It was a VERY large alligator swimming across the creek about 30 feet in front of us 10 feet or more of alligator. We decided we'd seen enough of that creek. I'm sure glad I didn't see that fellow's papa in the swamp the day before.



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Contact: Scott [REDACTED]

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR DUES!

*** * PLEASE RETURN WAIVER WITH YOUR DUES BY APRIL 7th TO VI POLK
OR YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE 1989 ROSTER, EITHER! * ***
