



# The Voyageur's Companion

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In partnership.....



## NEW PRESIDENT NEEDED Elections/Potluck/Slide Show Oct 28 6:00 PM at St Jude's

**I REALLY, REALLY mean it this time.**

The president serves as RMCC spokesperson; tries to ensure appropriate operation of all aspects of the RMCC; chairs the fall and spring meetings; and meddles in all sorts of other things related to the club. The election will be held during our October business meeting and slide show extravaganza. Speaking of the October

meeting (I know it's early), **The actual date and time of our regular meeting will be October 28 At 6:00 pm at St Jude's (see map back page) also it will be noted in the early October newsflyer; and Mark Zen will post it in the "trip schedule" on our website as soon as the date is fixed. Stayed tuned.**

**New Webmaster/Club Mailing List/Trip Report**

### Form

Dave Allured has volunteered to take over the bulk of Mark Zen's chores associated with maintaining our website. Although, he has resigned as webmaster, Mark will stay on for awhile to keep things posted to trip schedule and to ease Dave's transition. Meantime, we all owe Mark a debt of sincere gratitude for his efforts in taking our website to a

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**W**ell here we are, Rendezvous 2000 is history. No one drowned in our slave driven canoe courses and so far no complaints. So many people, 100 or more and so many boats. Some of them weren't able to run the rapids (that P-P-P-P-P-plastic pink stick boat made by Marshack and Millie [still playing] was the highlight of the home made jobbers) but many new boats we there to be christened. I think that was Mark and Mo who built the pink boat. I personally had a great time being rude and carousing

## Rendezvous ReCap

BELOW: Karen Baker-Jarvis and Aquena heading to the pancake breakfast—Photo by Diane Binder



with all the new people and kids. Of course the money collection was my high point. (I put the money in a safe account for me dear old

ailing mother) and the high point for others, the Dutch oven cook off and pancake breakfast. Of course we'll have to start the pancake breakfast a little earlier next year so as not to conflict with Jill-Bobs rigorous instruction regimen. (I just kidding Jill) I didn't run the cook off so well but **I promise you**, (the veep position is political) **I promise you** there will be some changes for next year. Dennis Adams has graciously volunteered to administer that part of the rendezvous, with Diane Binder running the judging end of it.

The question I  
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new, higher level. I think it looks great! Thanks, Mark!

While headed for blissful retirement from fooling with our website, Mark has nonetheless volunteered to donate a "mailing list" for use by members of the RMCC. Members will be able to subscribe to the list (for free), send e-mail messages that will be received by all subscribers, and then await the replies. The list will enable officers and members to communicate widely and rapidly with fellow clubbers on all sorts of club-related topics, but most importantly, it will enable us to find folks who want to go paddling at the drop of a hat. For example, if I wanted to paddle Deckers two days from now, I could send an e-mail to the "list" and hope for some replies. I can still phone my pals, of course, and hope to catch some of them at home, but imagine how much simpler and faster it will be to launch a single message to all clubbers, get some replies, and put a quick trip together. This is going to be terrific!

Dave Allured has also posted our "trip report form" to the website. It might be recalled by some that when I ran for office, my limited platform included the development of such a form. The idea is that members will start to use it and then send completed copies to Bob Cook who has volunteered to receive them. Over time, our collection of forms will serve as an extensive database for paddling trips of all kinds. Please use the form and send it to Bob!

#### Officers Meeting

Officers met to discuss the feasibility of having our meetings at the new REI store's meeting room (the store at Confluence Park) This location is free, would allow us to have a potluck and it has audio-visual equipment available. We decided to book St Jude's for the fall meeting, since there was a place for the kids to play. We will try our next Filmfest meeting at REI with the hope that the movies will keep the kids occupied. We also assessed everybody's willingness to continue in their positions, and thus far will have to replace the Pres, so get your nominations ready. All officers who were not present need to think of a successor in the event they do not want to continue their positions. Amongst other topics, we discussed the teardrop that was purchased by the club from Colorado Ocean Journey and the need to look into where it is.

There was discussion about the varying interests of club members and how the interest in helping

with Platte River Cleanup (see Doug's article page 3) dwindles every year. It appears that members are mainly interested in trips, shuttles and social events.

#### Colorado Rivers Alliance/Pass the Paddle

Doug Ellis spearheaded the club's involvement in highlighting the SPLatteR on May 26, 2000, during a national tour of America's rivers. A paddle is making its way across the country, being paddled from river to river. Famous Olympian, Kathy Hearn, took Doug's Freedom and the paddle down the chutes at Confluence Park, signed the paddle and Doug's boat, and happily saw to it that the paddle resumed its journey across the United States. Eventually, after going to Hawaii, Alaska, and the Yukon Territories, and completing a trip of over 25,000 miles, the paddle will be presented to (not used on) President Clinton before it finds a home at the Smithsonian.

**Pass the Paddle** is part of Rivers 2000, an initiative put together by a coalition led by the River Management Society, a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the protection and management of North America's river resources. Bill Baker of Colorado Rivers Alliance organized the local event and kindly invited the RMCC to participate.

#### ECO-SAFE

As I said last year, I'm not real keen on foisting personal choices on others or on trying to tell other people what to do, but it's time we all bought a small, reusable, portable toilet for our trips. The Eco-Safe Boombox is a perfect choice. Even soloists can carry one. (see page 10, Ron Schmidt's article) It's simple to use; surprisingly comfortable; simple to carry; and simple to empty. The "safe" can be purchased at Down River Equipment Co., in Wheat Ridge, or by mail-order from Four Corners River Sports in Durango for about \$60. So, buy one! You'll love it, and so will the campers who follow in your wake.

*Postscript:* Here's where I could become a real nag. (See Dennis' article on page 7) Some of our members encountered a BLM river ranger not long ago who complained to them that earlier he had met up with some other paddlers, who also claimed to be members of the RMCC. The first group was allegedly using the old, now impermissible method of poop disposal (i.e., a trash bag inside a rocket box). The ranger's meeting with

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## EXERPT FROM A RODEO RIDER \* S WILD RIDE *by Mark Zen*

It was Saturday of the Rendezvous and Mark decided to go on Dave Allured's Catamount to Twin Bridges day trip....."Rodeo Rapid was the next significant rapid we would encounter. Several people planned on portaging around this one. There was good reason, as it can be a class IV with enough water in it... [for a review of river ratings see <http://www.dotzen.org/paddler/cpr/ratings.txt> ] I think after re-reading this, my group would agree this rapid was currently a III+/IV- We spent a couple minutes watching a sit-on-top kayak "group" [three guys, one boat] taking turns running the rapid... one by one, those in our group who were running the rapid went.

The hardest part is truly a large wave you drop over, and then slam into the wall of a hole at the bottom. Rodeo is on the right Yee-Hawwwwww. Up and over you went. Down into a head height wall of water, well bow+ on the open canoes ;- ) and then a couple hard pulls through the wall, and then a turn to miss the huge rock, which was now exposed at this water level. then a graceful eddy out to the left, and look back at what you just came through!! Wheeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!!! My line at

the top was good, I felt good about this, even ion my borrowed helmet [thanks Sammer]. Ok, bow drops, my line is still good, now I hit the wave the sends you into the sky, still a good line, and whooosh, there's nothing in front of me but free fall as my nose drops into the big hole. I just have to punch through and I'll be home free, but there's a bigger diagonal to it that I hadn't seen from the shore, and it pushes me hard right. I'm handicapped, and can't roll, so I've always worked hard on my bracing. Last year I was lucky enough to paddle Maligiaq Padilla for a total of a week, over the course of the summer, so my brace is the strongest it's ever been, or was it? my face was hitting the water, I tried an extended sculling brace, and that's when I realized I had a paddle half in each hand. I tried one last sweep, and then wet exited. Right then it happened, but not so fast I didn't know what was happening, the paddle blade hit a rock and stopped. My body was still moving, trying to get my feet down river, and the end of the paddle, which had been the middle 30 seconds ago, started digging into my leg. I pulled and twisted at the same time, spinning my body away from the rock, but I no longer had use of both legs. When swimming a rapid, the rule is "ALWAYS feet first, but I couldn't get my legs around. Water, lights, voices, all spinning together, but the throbbing of my leg says

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## Platte River Cleanup (AKA "NIMBYFEST") - Sat., Sept 30

8TH Annual South Platte River Cleanup  
(AKA "NIMBYFEST") - Sat., Sept 30

All boaters meet at Fishback Landing (next to Ocean Journey) at 730AM. This year, parking available at REI (underground lot) or follow signs to Ocean Journey Volunteer parking lot. All participants must register at Fishback Landing prior to put-in.

Designated areas and maps will be assigned to boaters at check-in. Tell your non-boater friends we need their help too on shore! Volunteer luncheon and door prizes after the clean-up back at Fishback Landing Park at noon.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Contact the Editor for personal ads:   
Longmont, CO 80501 or call (303) 776-0781 or email to

Contact Ann-Nye West for Commercial ads:

FOR SALE. Bell Wildfire. NEW (a few demo scratches). Red, aluminum gunwales, Kevlar/glass. A 14-foot Sport/Freestyle canoe ideal for solo trips with gear, or for fancy flat water moves, especially for the heavier (>160 lb.) paddler. \$750 (list \$995). Call Steckers

WANTED Looking to try out a flatwater solo boat will pay rent call Greg Potzer, phone#

FOR SALE Old Town Tripper, good cond, spray skirt and barrel incl., \$780 OBO, call Jim or Karen,

Call John Graye, he has a slalom racing boat for sale, special price for Junior.

Call Howard if you are interested in an Old Town Camper

## HOUSTON CANOE CLUB'S SW CANOE RENDEZVOUS

Registration Forms now Online

Greetings once again from your 12th Annual SW Canoe Rendezvous Committee. It is now less than six weeks until the Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous? 2000 coming up October 6-8, 2000 on Lake Raven at Huntsville State Park just north of Houston, Texas. This is the largest on the water paddling show in the nation and the Houston Canoe Club is proud to sponsor this great event. Check your mailbox!!!

The 24-page Rendezvous registration brochure went in the mail this week and you should be receiving it any day if you are on our mailing list. HOWEVER, YOU CAN ALSO "READ ALL ABOUT IT" AND DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM AT THE HOUSTON CANOE CLUB'S WEBSITE, <http://WWW.HOUSTONCANOECLUB.ORG>. (click on SW CANOE RENDEZVOUS). Once again, here's a list of some of the highlights you can expect at this millennium event:

**\*\*Over 90 CLINICS** scheduled for beginning through advanced paddlers taught by a world class lineup of instructors including Bob Foote, Gordon Black, Karen Knight, Ken Fink, Andy Corra, Wayne Horodowich, Peter Kennedy, Mark Molina, John Steib, John & Cindy Bartos, Jackie Peppe, Marge Cline and Wayne Dickert.

**\*\*TEST PADDLE** the newest canoes and kayaks on the market today! We've already had tons of interest from manufacturers and local retailers reserving ad space in our Rendezvous brochure

and/or exhibit space at the event including Dagger, Mad River, Mohawk, Cobra Kayak, Kiwi, Perception, Camp Paddle, REI, Sun & Ski Sports, Coastal Paddler, Southwest Paddlesports, Canoesport, Southwest Canoe and Kayak, We-no-nah, Islander Kayaks, Prijon, Desert Sports, NOC and Kent Ford with more coming everyday.

**\*\*Rendezvous will host the ACA FREESTYLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** on Saturday evening - see the best freestyle canoeists in the country compete under the lights for national honors.

Contact John Bartos [jbartos@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jbartos@ix.netcom.com) for details on competing in this competition. One of the big considerations for most people attending Rendezvous is accommodations. Although the Houston Canoe Club has 42 camp sites reserved at Huntsville State Park, they will go fast. The Rendezvous web page has information for your convenience on alternative accommodations in the area including hotels and motels, bed and breakfasts and camping areas in the Sam Houston National Forest.

Once again for more information about Rendezvous 2000 see our website at <http://www.houstoncanoeclub.org> or e-mail me at

See you at Huntsville State Park in October! Kevin Casement, Chairman Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous T 2000

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them was unpleasant from his point of view, and he had formed a low opinion of the RMCC's apparent lack of awareness and sensitivity. Our second batch of members worked to persuade the ranger that members of the RMCC were most unlikely to adhere to old, discredited methods.

All of us have to use reusable, portable toilets from now on; digging cat holes or dumping a bag of you-know-what in somebody's dumpster is no longer acceptable. Besides, doing so not only violates various rules and regulations, it also violates the assembled guidelines of club etiquette that the club endorsed. So – use a proper potty! Our reputation is at stake.



### CLASSIC SOLO CANOEING VIDEO PREMIERE

The premiere screening of the CLASSIC SOLO CANOEING video by Becky Mason in the auditorium of the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Monday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m.

For more details email: [redcanoe@istar.ca](mailto:redcanoe@istar.ca) or go to <http://www.wilds.mb.ca/redcano> CLASSIC SOLO CANOEING VIDEO DESCRIPTION-Becky Mason teaming up with award winning videographer Paul Wing and internationally renowned musician Ian Becky will take you in her red cedar canvas canoe to her favorite places, profiling her paddling strokes clearly and concisely with many different camera angles above and below the waterline.





Lyn Berry watches over his Dutch Oven Award-winning Pizza—Photo by Diane Binder

keep asking myself is why? Why was this rendezvous such a good time and successful? I think it had something to do with **You** the club. Jim, the esteemed prez did his usual great job of planning, from the tent and site, to sending Janis to look after (take care of) me. Gail Campbell bought and brought the medals. Doug Ellis took care of removing and returning the circus tent, and I just yelled and screamed a lot and collected money. Of course we also had the instruction program going on, run so masterfully by Jill-Bob and Company. The instruction program accounted for 1/3 of our attendees, so where did all the rest of ya come from. I think you came to have a good time, meet new people, consume mass quantities of booze and keep this club alive. And I hope I speak for all the officers in thanking you and knowing next year will be even better.

The dishes so slaved over and made by the Dutch oven cooks and everyone else were great, -- I heard. You wolves couldn't wait for me to start the thing and gobbled down all the food, but I did get some late and very good spaghetti made by a young Master Makar (training paddler) and some wonderful Japanese plums.

The award for main course went to **Carol & Bob Aiken** for their Smoked Beef Brisket.

The award for main course vegetarian went to **Kerry Edwards** for his Baked

Beans (I heard they had ham in them-tch-tch)

The award for bread went to **Jeanie & Lyn Berry** for their Dutch oven baked pizza.

A first place award also went to **Mary & John Gabby** for their fruit salsa. The recipe will follow.

The award for dessert went to **Diane Binder** for her Peach Cobbler.

The River Rita award this year went to --non other than **Mike McCaw and his lovely assistant Shirley**. I hear we may have to try and find a replacement for Shirley & Mike next year, we are sure to miss them. And their river Rita's.

Along with the food award we were honored to present medals to three members of our club who traveled all the way to Maine to compete in the **National Canoe Championships**.

For **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the OC-1 Premier Combined Slalom in the Recreational Canoe Class went to **Jeff Oxenford**.

For **2<sup>nd</sup> place** in the OC-2 Premier Combined Slalom in the Racing Canoe Class went to **Jill & Bob Stecker**.

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## Here is the coveted recipe for the Fruit Salsa Dip served at the Radium Rendezvous.

Recipe from Pampered Chef. Use their food chopper gadget if you do not have a food processor. If the oranges are difficult to chop, just use their zest and juice.

### FRUIT SALSA DIP

- 1 orange
- 1-2 apples
- 1-2 kiwi
- 1/2 to 1 pint strawberries
- 1/2 to 1 cup blueberries
- brown sugar--to taste
- Wash the orange and grate the zest. Peel and



Jeannie Ney serving up some delicious pancakes—Photo Binder

cut into chunks. Core apple and cut into chunks. Peel kiwi and cut into chunks. Cut strawberries into halves or quarters. Add blueberries. Pulse in the food processor until well chopped. Stir in brown sugar to taste. (I usually use frozen strawberries and blueberries--the quality is more reliable and they are always available.)

### CINNAMON CHIPS

Spray plain tortillas with water, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Cut into bite sized pieces. (A pizza cutter works great.) Bake in 375 degree oven until crisp, toasted and hopefully not burnt.



The Prez's better half, took care of details this year. Thanks Janis!—Photo Binder

## BLM, Ruby/Horsethief and Dominguez Canyon—the scoop on poop

By Dennis Adams

**D**ear Jim: This past weekend my Dolores trip found itself on Ruby Canyon due to no water in the Dolores. At camp on the second day we were visited by Troy Schlurr, who is the head recreational ranger for the local (Grand Junction Resource Area) BLM office. Troy is a personal acquaintance that I have been working with in a voluntary stewardship program to help manage the local rivers that his office oversees. Our local Club (the Western Association to Enjoy Rivers) is involved in this project and as mentioned to you Jim that I think that it is an effort that the Canoe Club needs to be a positive part of. Troy is very friendly to boating and has stood firm to keep club favorite Ruby/Horsethief and Dominguez Canyon runs as free access, no permit, river trips.

Ruby Canyon currently sees around 9,000 floaters a year—easily comparable to most of the permitted runs outside of the Grand Canyon. It could easily be justified, management wise, to be on a lottery driven permit with inspections, heavy regs, and a fee to pay for all of these "services." Indeed our Secretary of the Interior has suggested doing just that by turning over the management of Ruby/Horsethief to the National Park Service by annexing it to the Colorado National Monument. We already know the hoops that this agency places in front of paddlers in places like Dinosaur National Monument where next year a four day trip is proposed to run \$270 a party.

In contrast to the NPS the local BLM regs have been pretty low key. Bring an RV park compatible toilet and a fire pan. That's it! No fees, no hour long indoctrination lectures prior to put-ins, and no assigned campgrounds! Inspections are limited to being asked to sign in at the put in and to have along the box and the pan.

Our local Club is helping by working the put-in ramps on busy weekends and by making patrols. If a ranger or a volunteer is working the put-in and you do not have the right box or a fire pan you will be asked to go back to town and get one (rent or buy) from the local shops. If they find you on the river without one the normal policy is to explain why they are crucial for the resource and to let you off with a warning and a promise to pack out your ashes and to return the fire ring to a natural state. No citations have been given outside of a few instances where the offenders

challenged or were hostile with the rangers and continued with their offender ways despite being warned.

The three BLM rangers that oversee these two rivers, as well as a few hundred sq. miles of wilderness study and normally regulated BLM lands, are stretched very thin. They typically get to do patrols on maybe three or four weekends a season. On the patrol that I went on with them, we spent most of the time digging out campfire rings and packing out the coals.

It was a very eye opening experience for me. These were found everywhere with a typical campfire having charcoal going down several feet in the sand. Most were full of garbage such as broken glass and cans. I also saw the effects, and learned the logistics in terms of cost and resource loss, of three recent grass and timber fires that have occurred in the three most popular camping areas—all from improper fires started by boaters. It is very clear that this run, and to a lesser extent the Dominguez Canyon Run, are at risk of becoming wrecked by boaters. Most dramatic was the hill of shame, the hillside above Black Rocks here human waste is routinely added into the ecosystem despite the regulations.

On a positive side of this volunteer program I also learned of many great new camping areas that these same rangers are trying to encourage us to use as an alternative to Mee Canyon, Black Rocks, and (on the Gunnison) Dominguez Creek. Many have been here for years and are simply overlooked.

Others are new thanks to land acquisitions. Most of the alternatives offer better nature and are a lot quieter. These are being identified on their maps and pamphlets. As one who now sees the Black Rocks area as being more like Atlantic City than a wilderness study area these new places to camp are welcome.

Memorial Day is an especially heavy use weekend for these rangers and I was surprised and happy that I got to introduce our RMCC party to Troy while on the river. We had our clean camp located on a little used island, a major league club groover, and a large, 24" square homemade, collapsible firepan. To our embarrassment Troy had already heard about the RMCC.

The day before a Club group on the Gunnison had given another friend, Ranger Andy, a hard time when he asked to see their equipment. That Club trip did not have a Club white box along or a privately owned, RV park compatible groover. They

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### *"Paddling Stories Needed"*

Hey Lisa Adams,  
Jennifer Jankowski,  
Duff Baker-Jarvis,  
Erica Althans-Schmidt  
How about a story of  
a kid's perspective on  
canoeing? We know  
you all can write!

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were back in the old days of using plastic bags in a rocket box instead. When told that this was not in compliance, some in this party apparently saw fit to tell Andy all about (how the BLM was wrong) and how the EPA did not really care about plastic bags of human waste in the landfills or the groover regulations.

Those arguments were old five years ago when the Club brought the groovers. It certainly was not what Andy, as a modestly paid in-the field manager was used to hearing or wanted to be lectured on. It was even less of what his supervisors wanted to hear from those that they were trying to educate.

Whatever the free speech rights are of our trip participants or the actual statements of the EPA where on the is problem the reality is that the BLM is the agency that regulates that river and that they required a certain standard of groover. The net result this exchange was that our Club was not well received by this otherwise very boater supporting agency.

Only a day later, I introduced Troy to my RMMC friends and told him the name of our Club his face suddenly became very twisted and he went into a serious diplomatic mood that should have been reserved for the Rainbow Coalition. It was very clear that our Club of a few hundred members are now on a poop list because of this one incident, by one party, on the Gunnison. I will also add that these district rangers are very close to the other local BLM recreation rangers. They talk regularly with the folks that oversee the Dolores River, Westwater Canyon, Deso-Gray, the White River, the upper Yampa, and the San Juan River.

Troy came around somewhat when we mentioned the size of our Club and apologized on behalf of the Club. He understood when I mentioned that we have a lot of independent thinkers and folks that whose boating habits were established decades ago when things were done differently. I also mentioned that we have four approved white boxes that we invested in many years ago specifically to avoid the problem. As one that supported the decision to buy those boxes for the club it is important to review some details of the BLM policy.

The problem of human waste in landfills is very boater specific. It is not that our waste is worse or as plentiful as baby waste in diapers as much as our river user waste is often concentrated at the takeouts and in local landfills adjacent to the small desert towns that are typically those found near river takeouts. The takeouts with garbage service (Deso Gray) were once reeking from

having dumpsters full of waste and were a real health hazard. The waste would often gas up in the bags and leak. When these bags were loaded into garbage trucks to take to the dump they would sometimes split open and cleanup of the trucks became an issue. It was the small towns like Slickrock, CO, or Green River or Mexican Hat or Moab, Utah that were finding that their small dumps were disproportionately full of human waste bags contributed by the out of town river users. These few dumps actually did have serious methane problems.

Back in the mid-nineties when these regs were being enacted, some of our members (Kerry Edwards for one) called the EPA and inquired about whether plastic bags of waste in landfills were a problem. The spokespeople they called, who were pretty high up the EPA totem pole, said "no" and even stated that such bags would be helpful because they needed added bacteria. That was probably because they were more familiar with towns like St. Louis or New York and not with what was happening in dry climate podunk places like Green River, Utah. These statements, made unofficially in a phone call by someone working in a big city were considered by some clubbers to be proof that the BLM was making up the EPA concerns. My position is not to debate this as much as to suggest that perhaps the matter needs to be addressed at a higher level than with a ranger in the field.

Many would say that this debate was lost many years ago when the new regs went into place. To argue with a field ranger over regulations is also a lot like discussing legal theory with a traffic officer. They are usually a lot less impressed with your thoughts than one would guess.

In defending the new system we should also emphasize that we have these boxes already in the club and that, unlike towns in the front range, local I-70 towns like Fruita and Rifle have rest areas where the new type boxes can be dumped for no charge at any time of the day.

Troy made friendly request to remind our members of these BLM regs in our newsletters and to assure us that they are for the good of the canyons and the boaters that go their in the future. Knowing that to indeed be the case I will add that our good reputation is very much at risk here.

With that said I will turn this topic over to you folks for help. Feel free to use this letter if needed. I would also suggest sending Troy a copy of the newsletter care of the "Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Rd., Grand Junction, CO, 81505."

Thanks -Dennis

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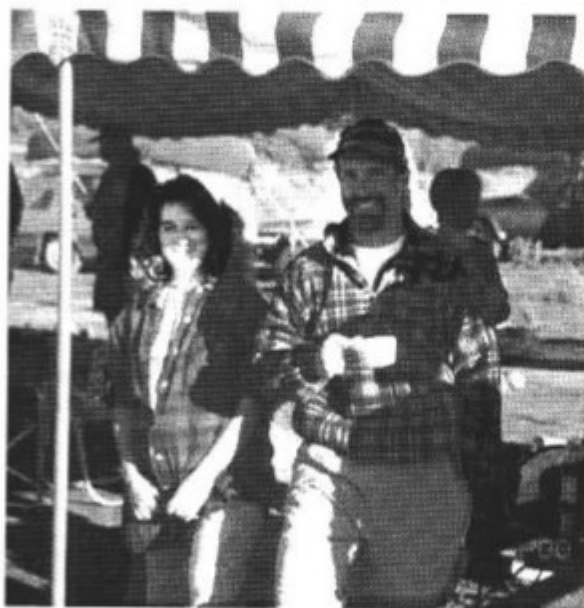
## More Rendezvous Pictures



Bob and Carol Aiken prepare their delicious Montana bacon and pancakes  
Photo by Binder



Moving water and whitewater classes were popular this Rendezvous photo by Ron Schmidt



Membership Secretaries Dave and Jeannie Ney

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GET GOING" ... I pulled back my skirt from my leg long enough to see blood, and was that bone? I blink, and see the kayaker [whose name I never got] pull up along side me, as I finally get my back stroke working... I grab on and help kick/swim myself to the shore.

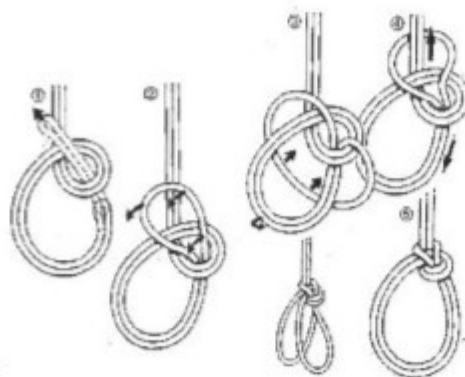
I pulled my skirt back, and showed the kayaker, he whistles quickly, and agrees I'll need help. Luckily I can see it's not spurting, I had missed the femoral artery, thank God. By this time, Dave Allured, our trip coordinator, gets down the shore to me. He assesses the situation, and heads off for the 1st aid kit. Honestly, quite a few folks helped out, which was great. After getting me bandaged up, Dave Jumped into the front of his boat, I jumped/crawled into the stern, and we headed for the other shore, where the road awaited. The same kayaker who pulled me out of the river, also had his car at the riverside. We loaded my kayak on top of his three, and he gave me a ride to my van. While I changed into dry clothes, this good Samaritan moved the boat from his car to mine, and tied it down for me.

I drove to the interstate, where my cell phone picked up a signal, and called my wife with the bad news. We met at the hospital, as I pulled into the Emergency room four and a half hours after the accident. I wasn't losing blood, and I could still say my ABC's :-). The Doctors had 6 x-rays taken of my leg, and determined there weren't any pieces of my paddle inside my leg. Dr Mark then flushed the wound and sewed my leg closed. It went almost to the bone, but my thigh muscle was strong enough to prevent that, the paddle just [1-1.5 inches] went through the fatty tissue."

### **Bowline on a Bite** (A bite is a bend in the rope)

As you can see, this knot would be handy for double leg loops on a rescue rope, but also very handy for two equal strands coming off a central rope for use in lining a canoe from the keel of the boat. Tie to thwarts and seats. A good knot to know and pretty easy to learn and tie.

## Knots to You



## DOWNRIVER RACE RESULTS

Each year Jerry Nyre hosts and sponsors a downriver race from Dotsero to Hanging Lake. This year we tried to get more club participation.....Seriously, folks, this is a fun event - just an hour and a half of effort (or less). It's great for practicing your power stroking. Bob and Jill had stiff competition this year, but pulled off their best time yet. Here are the results of the Sunday August 20 race:

### Men's Recreation

1st Bob and Len Feroldi 1:19:15  
2nd Jeremy Cooper and Doug Houde 1:27:19  
3rd Eric Vogt and Hans Eggbeat 1:29:57

### Mixed Couples Recreation

1st Jerry and Marci Nolan 1:20  
2nd Nate and Brenda Lord 1:22  
3rd Ken Lotze and Carol Johnson 1:24  
4th Ron Schmidt and Diane Binder 1:29:40  
5th Chris Edwards and Karen Amundson 1:33:19

6th Ken and Gisela Koplin 1:40:53

### Mens Long Canoe

1st Joe Winters and Scott Overdorf 1:09  
2nd Bill and Mike Guenther 1:11:56

### Mixed Couples Long Canoe

1st Mike Crenshaw and Lynn Capen 1:08:10  
2nd Bob and Jill Stecker 1:15:40

### Solo Canoes

1st Anne Wilkinson 1:23:54  
2nd Tim LoMaglio 1:34:46  
3rd Bill Lukes 1:51

### Kayaks

1st Jeff Parker 1:06:06  
2nd Joe Loss 1:09:11  
3rd Dave Collins 1:09:13  
4th Ted Buenell 1:09:15  
5th Patricia McCool 1:22  
6th Cooper Braun Enos 1:26:57  
7th Carl Felling 1:32:52  
8th Peter and Nobve Barnes 1:44

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## .....More Potty Talk, Boomboxes Volume Deal

This newsletter is getting so smelly with these articles by Denny and Jim that I just had to add my pile. As our esteemed prez keeps saying, the past ain't here no more. Gone are the days when we could go into the wilderness (what wilderness) and not have to be too concerned about hygienic habits. We are now part of the pack it out generation (I suppose because we're part of the throw it away generation), and along with our cans and bottles and foil, we might as well haul out our poop. Why should the club be responsible for providing that service, why not each of us.?

I got to thinking and then I got to calling and found that as a club we have some financial clout. Here's the skinny; I got dis deal with dis guy at BOC see, if we buy 10 to 19 "Boombox toilet systems" from dis guy he'll sell dem to us for \$58.95 ea. (usual price, \$65.00)

And if we buy 20 or more he'll sell dem to us for \$49.95 ea. Now dat's a pretty good savings for us if we get off our duffs and take advantage of it. And if we got a hole lot of order I bet I could get an even better price.

So here's what I want yous to doo. Give me a ring up or e-mail at work as soon as yous read dis and tell me yer in, and then send me a check. When I gives ya the word how much and we will be booming in style.

Tanks much.



**Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, an ACA Paddle America Partner  
WAIVER / RELEASE**

This waiver / release a LEGAL INSTRUMENT. If you do not understand it, consult your attorney.

WHEREAS, I (we) intend, or am about, to engage in canoeing activities upon rivers, lakes, and/or other waterways, which activities have been organized by the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB (RMCC) of Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, I (we) am (are) doing so entirely upon my (our) own initiative, risk, and responsibility, and am duly aware that risks and hazards are, or may be, inherent in such canoeing activities; and

WHEREAS, I (we) elect voluntarily to engage in such activities having only limited knowledge of conditions and understanding that conditions may be more hazardous and dangerous than I (we) presently believe; I (we) further understand and expect that my (our) conduct during such activities shall be dictated by my (our) own decisions as to if and how to deal with any particular stretch of river, lake or other waterway; and

WHEREAS, I (we) understand that the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB, its officers, directors, and trip leaders in particular and its members in general organize such activities solely for the pleasure and enjoyment of the participants; and

WHEREAS, I (we) am (are) supplying for my (our) own use such first aid, safety and medical supplies as I (we) deem necessary and I am (we are) not relying upon the members or leaders for such items; and

WHEREAS, I (we) recognize that neither the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB, nor its several officers, directors, members and leaders are responsible for my (our) participation in any particular activity nor for the participation of other people and that in no event is the Club or its officers, directors, members or leaders responsible for my (our) conduct or the conduct of others sharing such participation; and

WHEREAS, my (our) participation is in no way based upon any representations made by any members, officers, directors or leaders as to the difficulty, danger or hazard of such activities, but rather because of my (our) independent desire to participate in such activities with other people with similar interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I (we) do hereby, for myself (ourselves), my (our) heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators, release, and forever discharge the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB of Denver, Colorado, and all of its officers, directors, agents, leaders, and members individually and collectively, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions now or hereafter arising on account of my (our) death or on account of any injury to me (us) or damage to my (our) property, or on account of the injury or death suffered by any other person which may occur from any cause while I (we), or any other person, may be engaged in activities of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB, including therein all ground and transportation operations incident thereto unless such death, injury, or harm results from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

This WAIVER / RELEASE shall be binding in all its terms for all activities of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB.

I (WE) HEREBY CERTIFY that I (we) have read the foregoing WAIVER / RELEASE, understand it in all its terms and conditions and sign it voluntarily and intelligently, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ List all children who will engage in RMCC activities: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the aforesaid minor(s), I (we) have signed the foregoing Waiver/Release and approve of my (our) child's (children's) or ward(s)'s participation in the activities. I am (we are) aware that the attendant risks, hazards, potential for injuries, loss or death stated in the Waiver/Release may well be greater for a minor's participation, but I (we) assume these risks as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named and herewith forever release, remise and discharge the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB as specified in the foregoing Waiver/Release.

Signature parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2000 for ROCKY MT. CANOE CLUB an ACA Paddle America Partner**

Member Renewal _____	PLEASE PRINT	New Membership _____	Needs:	Preferences:
Name _____			Need a partner _____	Lakes _____
Address _____			Need a boat _____	Moving water _____
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	Need instruction _____	Whitewater _____
Home phone _____	work phone _____		Want to volunteer _____	Tripping _____
FAX _____	E-mail _____		Want to lead a trip _____	Racing _____

**Dues are \$15 per household per calendar year (all memberships expire Feb 28<sup>th</sup>). Make checks payable to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB. Mail this completed Waiver/Membership form together with your check or money order to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB c/o Dave & Jeannie Ney [redacted] Golden, CO 80403**

Questions call: [redacted]

Your Term of Membership for newsletter issues: Memberships need to be renewed by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> of every year, however, if you join on or before August 31 '00, your last newsletter will be the February 2001 issue. If you join after August 31 '00, your last issue will be the February 2002 issue.



*Voyageur's Companion*

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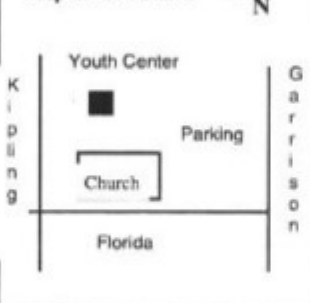
Dave Allured

**UPCOMING DATES  
OF NOTE:**

September 30 Platte river  
Cleanup see page 3

October 28 Elections and  
Potluck, slide, to be held at  
St Jude's 6:00pm. **ELECT  
NEW PRESIDENT**

**Map to St Jude's**



**Our New Web Address:**



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