



The Voyageur's Companion

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Early Summer Newsletter

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Scheduled Trips

Seems that not much is going on this year!! However, there are many RMCC canoeists out there paddling Colorado's rivers in spite of the very low water levels. People are keeping in touch via e-mail and by phone.

However, the published Trip Schedule should still be a great way to make paddling plans, especially for weeks in advance.

Lets make the RMCC shine as a resource for using our wonderful rivers. Call Ken Bauer, or use the web-site and schedule a trip.

At the present time....

July 20-21 Summer River Rendezvous

Karen & Greg Jankowski class I-III
Colorado River at Radium. The big summer party/dutch oven cookoff and fun day trips! Prizes for dutch oven delicacies. Pancakes for breakfast.

August 31- September 2 Green River

Karen & Greg Jankowski class II-III
Flaming Gorge, End of Summer Rendevous. Kids OK. Cold water gear recommended. Boom boxes required.

Sept. 28 S Platte River River Clean Up

"Fishback Landing," just south of the Denver REI
Jim Hollaway
Meet at 7:30 a.m. Bring boat, of course, and waders or rubber boots and gloves. Free lunch. Prizes. Keep the tradition alive -- help clean up your local river.

Thanksgiving Rio Grande River

Greg and Karen Jankowski
More later, but this is always a great time to go South.

RMCC Membership:
\$15.00 per Household per Year.
Contact Laurel Adams at
leacano@earthnet.net

Mail applications to:
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The Voyageur's Companion

is a periodic publication of the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club. It is primarily the venue for the RMCC to post trip schedules, classified ads, and related material, enabling members to share and enhance their canoeing interests. Members are invited to contribute articles on canoe trips as well as informative articles on subjects such as: Paddling techniques, Equipment, Rigging the canoe, Environmental issues, River safety, Camping techniques, Canoe history.

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rockymountaincanoeclub.org

- Trip Schedules
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FIBArk Downriver Race

Weekend of June 15 - 16

By Karen Amundson

The Fibark races were inundated by canoes this year, as 10 current/former RMCC members joined the competition. Of these, 80% were medal winners!! Lyn Berry and Jeanne Younghaus coordinated the Fibark Downriver Races and also managed to take a 1st place as well. The Expert OC1 race was 26 miles, while the Intermediate OC1 and OC2

competitors went 10 miles. All started just above the kayakers surf hole in downtown Salida. Here are the final results of the races we entered:

The women's race (Intermediate OC1) was neck and neck for a couple of miles.

Then Karen managed to impale a gunwale sliver under her pinky fingernail and give blood to the river. Laurel was smart enough to get ahead of Mary before the long Bear Creek Rapid. Mary and Karen made the mistake of battling for position here when frequently the line was only wide enough for 1 canoe. This continued until Karen took in a wave and was forced to shore to dump water. It was a mistake that she could not recover from.

Meanwhile, Mary and Laurel raced ahead vigorously almost without drinking any water. It caught up with Mary, who had to stop twice to massage out her leg cramps. Laurel complained of her allergies and the effect of her drugs (should she be disqualified?), but wouldn't stop for anything except a kayaker who eddied out in front of her and was almost T-boned. Karen and Mary have agreed to hide rocks in the bottom of Laurel's boat if she ever enters a race healthy. Jim and Janis Holloway kept the time and gave encouragement at the finish line. He was especially frustrated at those who either stopped to massage cramps or do circles in the power eddy just 10 feet short of the ribbon. Whose cruel idea was it to put the finish line there anyway?

The Intermediate OC2 was led by Lyn and Jeanne, who had the advantage of years of tandem experience and practicing on the actual course just days ahead of the race. Jeanne probably lost 5 pounds of sweat as she was dressed for a polar ice storm. Eric and Tracey were paddling together for their 3rd time, and experiencing some internal disagreements. They killed 2 birds with 1 stone – cooled off and decided which position was in charge of steering the canoe – by having an intra-canoe water fight. Very creative. Since Tracey's background is kayaking, we can only assume that they will be very tough competitors after they get more tandem experience.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minutes</u> <u>/ Mile</u>
<i>EXPERT OC1 (26 miles)</i>			
1	Nate Lord	3 hours 38 minutes	8.4
2	Bruce Keeler (not RMCC)	4 hours 6 minutes	9.5
3	Bill Rivers	4 hours 26 minutes 14 seconds	10.2
4	Sammer Elias	4 hours 26 minutes 16 seconds	10.2
5	Gregg Bachman	4 hours 26 minutes 31 seconds	10.2
<i>INTERMEDIATE OC2 (10 miles)</i>			
1	Lyn Berry / Jeanne Younghaus	1 hour 28 minutes	8.8
2	Eric Bernhardt / Tracey Bellehumeur	1 hour 34 minutes	9.4
<i>INTERMEDIATE OC1 (10 miles)</i>			
1	Laurel Adams	1 hour 38 minutes	9.8
2	Mary Parrot	1 hour 40 minutes	10.0
3	Karen Amundson	1 hour 41 minutes	10.1

Bill, Sammer and Gregg used a different approach, sticking right together to the finish line. It is interesting to note that they kept up essentially the same pace as the women – only for 26 miles instead of 10. This even included a few group stops. Now Bill had led the pace the entire way, so Sammer knew he needed to

do something as they approached the finish. He made his move while in Bill's blind spot and almost pulled it off. At the last moment, Bill gasped at Sammer closing in and paddled furiously to cross the finish line just a nose ahead.

At the awards ceremony, 16 gowned women (the FIBArk Hostesses) were given flowers and awards and promises of kayak lessons. Then the kayak rodeoers were given money – \$1000 to first place. The announcers accidentally gave Bill Rivers \$50, then soon took it back. The OC1 women paraded around with the medals, and impressed everyone in the local ice cream shoppe.

A good time was had by all, despite the low water level – about 440 cfs. Nobody flipped; the forest fire smoke blew the other way; and though we were all wiped out, we had fun and good stories to tell. This needs to be an annual event. With the camping at Rick Fox and Lyn/Jeanne's houses on the Ark in Buena Vista and the lively potluck's and Fibark entertainment, it is not to be missed.

RMCC MEMBERSHIP

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Kretzmann, Douglas & Helen						
Leppert, Tom						
Licht, John H.						
Littlejohn, Tony & Peggy						
Lyle, Phil & Mary						
Maas, Kristin & Todd						
Magle, Michael						
Maicolo, Frank & Ginny						
Makar, John & Paula						
Mallory, Janet						
Mann, Stuart & Williams-Mann, Sarah						
Martin, Rod & Judy						
McCombe, Tom & Tanda						
McDonald, Scott						
McMullen, Larry						
Miller, James & Lois						
Miner, Barbara						
Mitchell, Doni						
Mowbray, Todd & Stacy						
Nalley, David & Kim						
Napier, Michael & Carol						
Neiser, Brent & Marion						
Nelson, Fred & Mary Jean						
Ney, Dave & Jeannie						
Norring, Bruce & Janice Swantmer						
Obee, Nicholas						
Owen, Terry & Jane						
Oxenford, Jeff						
Parrott, Mary						
Preusser, Bob & Diana						
Purdy, Penelope						
Purrett, Randy						
Reynouard, Bob						
Rivers, Bill						
Schmid, Joe & Christensen, Katie						
Schoeberlein, Liz						
Seubert, Edward G.						

Munchow
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Stokely, Ronald								
Stough, Barry								
Strebel, Jack								
Stuber, Mary & Sue Coffee								
Summers, Doug & Kellee								
Thomadsen, Nancy								
Thomas, John M								
Vaughn, Gretchen & McDonald, Scott								
Warneke, Bruce & Charlene								
Waymire, Tom								
Weber, Elizabeth								
Wells, Ian & Marilyn								
West, Jim & Ann Nye								
White, Paul & Kathy								
Wood, Charlie & Marcia								
Woolery, Mike								
Yeazel, Jennifer								
Zacharias, James								
Zen, Mark & Melody Miller								
Zoschenko, James								

Classifieds...

WETSUITS

Unisex Kailua Long John Neoprene wetsuit, size 8 (for ~100#, 5'2"-5'4"), almost new \$65

Unisex Neoprene "shortie" (for ~ 100#), almost new \$50.. (both suitable for teen or child)

DULUTH PACKS

For canoe camping, all stress areas are reinforced, straps attached with copper rivets, no tumplines. Good to excellent condition

Heavy Duty Duluth #3 - 18 ou. olive drab canvas 26Hx28W (4970 cu in.) with dbl bottoms, sturdy leather shoulder straps, 1" wide leather front flap straps, \$75 ea.

Duluth #3 - 15 ou. olive drab canvas 26Hx28W (4970 cu in), same leather shoulder straps as Heavy Duty #3, 3/4" wide leather front flap straps, internal map pocket, \$65 ea.

Duluth #2 - 15 ou. olive drab canvas 24Hx24W (3320 cu. in.), same leather shoulder straps as Heavy Duty, 1" leather front flap straps, internal map pocket, \$60

Contact Bob Shannon
(for each of above)



Mohawk Probe 12, green, fully outfitted. Fine novice/intermediate whitewater boat, responsive and forgiving. \$450 (Note: this is not the newer Probe 12 II, which is 6" shorter and 2" narrower, sacrificing some stability for performance).

Douglas or Helen Kretzmann,

More Classified Ads are listed at the RMCC WebSite. Go there, for further information...

For Sale: Dagger Phantom, lots of outfitting. Bob Cook

For Sale: Phoenix Fiberglass kayak.

For Sale: Tandem whitewater canoe, fiberglass construction, 15'

Whitewater canoe C-1, fiberglass, 14'

Jim

For Sale: Yakima Rack.

For Sale: Aire Leopard Cataract.

Call: Dave Zader,

For Sale: Thigh straps.

Jim,

Wanted: Youth wet suit & helmet.

Phil Lyle

For Sale: Drysuit, German made

Doug -

For Sale: Portable Potty. Flush type.

Chris Edwards,

For Sale: 18-1/2 Ft kevlar Expedition

Canoe. John at

CONSERVATION NOTES

From Jim Hollaway

River Clean-Up

The S. Platte River Clean-up, initiated years ago by the RMCC, and now spearheaded by the Greenway Foundation, will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2002. The event has a new name: NIMBYfest South Platte River Sweep. Whew! I thought S.PLATTER.fest would do, but.... Anyway, mark your calendars now!

Details of the how the day will unfold are still being discussed, but at this time, it looks like we'll meet around 7:30 a.m., at Fishback Landing, between the Denver REI Flagship Store and Ocean Journey, to sign waivers, grab some trash bags, and divide into small flotillas to tackle various sections of the river. River maps will be provided. Bring gloves and waders or rubber boots. We'll report back to Fishback for a free lunch and some "door" prizes. Free parking (get a voucher for same at Fishback when you sign

in) will be at the north end of Ocean Journey's big parking lot, and some should be available at REI.

Blue Sky Natural Beverages

In the latest issue of American Rivers' Newsletter, one will find a short pitch entitled "**Save Tabs to Save Rivers.**" It seems that Blue Sky Natural Beverages will donate \$.10 to American Rivers for every blue tab from a Blue Sky beverage sent to them by consumers. Participating retailers include Whole Foods Markets and Wild Oats Markets -- they have agreed to provide signage and bins for consumers to turn in tabs. If you want, you can send in your tabs as an individual -- the one who sends in the most wins a kayak. To find other places where you can buy Blue Sky sodas or to learn more about the promotion, visit www.AmericanRivers.org

NOTE: Blue Sky is available at King Soopers.

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