Multi-Club Early-Season Paddle March 25:

For more than a decade this season opener was a free-for-all with dozens of all sorts of boats swarming down the South Platte from Evans to Kersey, or on to Kuner.

But the put-in at Evans was completely washed out in the flood of 2013, and the paddle was cancelled in 2014 and 2015. A new launch site was tried in 2016 but it wasn't the same.

Photo by Anne Fiore

Lunch spot on the east shore;
the canoers brought lots of food!

This year the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club and Poudre Paddlers decided to hold the event at Lonetree Reservoir west of Berthoud.

The organizers counted 31 boats, seven of which were RMSKC members. We had fun, but we missed the sandbars and the old cars on the South Platte.

Maybe some of our river paddlers will look for another put-in for us to try.

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Starting Time: "Starting time" means the time that everyone in the group will be *in the water ready to paddle*. Be sure to arrive early enough to have your boat off the car, loaded and ready to go by that time.

Day Paddles: Non-member guests may paddle with the Club on day paddles if they sign an American Canoe Association *Waiver and Release of Liability* form and pay the $5 ACA event fee. ACA members may join RMSKC day trips if they provide a current ACA card; they must also sign a paper waiver naming RMSKC at the put-in but do not have to pay the event fee.

Multi-Day Paddles: According to RMSKC policy, overnight and extended trips are open only to RMSKC members; additional criteria for members' participation may be included in the trip description at the discretion of the trip leader.