

# The DDRC Current News

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

**DDRC BOARD MEETINGS** are held every **second Thursday** of the month - **7:00 PM** @ Enchilada's (directions on back of newsletter). All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hey Hans** — The DDRC just wants to send a friendly “Hello and we miss you” to our buddy Hans Weichsel in San Antonio. Barb Ohlman recently visited Hans. He was in good spirits and enjoyed recalling fun memories from Caddoween’s past.

**Christmas party** — This Christmas we are having feasting and fun as you might expect. Turkey, ham, and sausage will be the entrees. We encourage everyone to bring a dish to share. Vegetable dishes are especially needed. Also rolls and cornbread would be nice. If cooking just isn't your thing you can volunteer to help out with decorations or cleanup. Any food questions please call Sam Sloan at 214-826-6159.

## Trips & Events

**10/21-4/14 — Friday Nite Flips begins**—Every Friday 10/21 through April 2006, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, The Colony Aquatic Park Pool, 5580 North Colony Blvd. \$5.00 Pool rental, Free Jackson Kayak use, \$5.00 PFD – skirt – paddle rental. Visit [www.kayakinstruct.com](http://www.kayakinstruct.com) for additional information.

**11/11-13 — San Marcos (replaces Upper Guad)** >>>>>>>

**11/17 — DDRC Meeting, 7 p.m.**

**11/26 — Urban Paddle & Potluck** — Trinity River Greenbelt/380, 10 a.m. This is the Elm Fork of the Trinity River between Lake Ray Roberts and Lake Lewisville. Travel north on I35 to Denton to Hwy. 380. OR look for Loop 288 and go north to 380 to avoid local traffic (see attached map). Turn right (east) on 380 and travel approx. 7 miles from I35 to the Greenbelt parking area (will be on the north side of 380). We will start paddling at 10 a.m. and paddle for a couple of hours, then come back and have a potluck lunch at the put in. Bring food for yourself and a few others. This is a way to get rid of those Thanksgiving leftovers. Bring chairs and roll-em-up tables if you have them. There are facilities...somewhat primitive, but better than the bushes! For more info contact Pat at (214) 478-6204

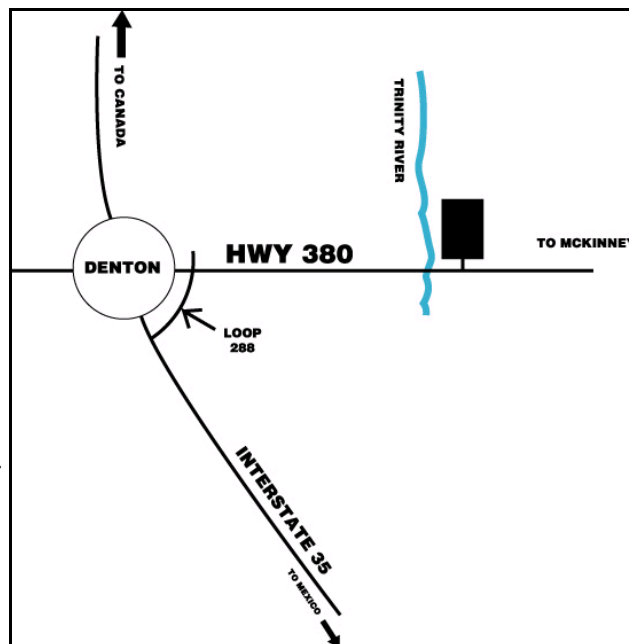
**11/25-27 — Annual Thanksgiving Trip—Kiamichi River (Directions on page 5)**

**12/15 — Christmas Party/Meeting** — Will be at the Dreyfus Club 6:30 to 9:30. Admission is free, but we are accepting donations to help defray costs, Recommended donation \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

**12/31 — Urban Paddle & Potluck** — Mark your calendars for New Year's Eve Day at 10 a.m. and come out to paddle before heading out to your New Year's celebrations! Location to be determined, so check back for details.

**Due to forecasts, this weekend's trip to the Guad has changed to the San Marcos River. We will be camping at Shady Grove Campground in Martindale. To get to Shady Grove Campground just follow SH 80 through Martindale until you come to FM 1979, then turn right (south) and follow the road through Martindale and across the river to the left side entrance just after the bridge. The campground fee is \$5 per person per night.**

## Urban Paddle—Greenbelt



## A message from the Prez

Caddoween \* Christmas Party \* Cool T-shirts \* Club Officers \* Calendar

Hi everyone, I just got back from Caddoween and man did we have a great weekend! Charles and Jack did their usual super job getting things organized. Special thanks to David Nevers, Sam Sloan and all the judges who pitched in to make the weekend a success. Big time kudos to Rand Oliver as well, who went out and solicited donations from local businesses to use as prizes for the costume and pumpkin contests. We had around 85 people out on Goat Island and they left it cleaner than they found it as usual. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, 70's during the day not too chilly at night, a perfect place to spend that extra hour of sleep we got on Saturday night.

Seeing all those kids out there, I wonder why more families don't come on regular club trips. We need to get some young folks out from in front of the TV and into boats. For that matter we need some more "young blood" in our membership, we are not getting any younger and I think we have less than a dozen members that are under 30. If anyone has any ideas on how we can get younger, I'm all ears.

Christmas is coming and the DDRC is here to help you with your shopping by running a Christmas special on our new blue DDRC tee shirt. You can pick up these beauties at the November and December meetings for the low low price of 2 for \$18. Hurry, supplies are limited.

Speaking of the December meeting, we have been working on plans for our Christmas party, which will be held at the Dreyfus Club at White Rock Lake. We will have our Christmas potluck, Christmas raffle and a few surprises. The party runs from 6:30 to 9:30 and we can always use volunteers to help set up and clean up. The party is free to all DDRC members, but we are accepting donations to help defray some of the costs. The recommended donation is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

Due to our by law change last year we will not be having our officer elections until March. We will start accepting nominations at the January meeting. We will need a few new people to come forward this year as some of the board has expressed a desire to step down, or at least slow down a little. Most of our present board has been holding office(s) for at least two years, some almost five. If you are interested, please let me know.

There are still plenty of activities on the event calendar through December and the January and February calendars will be out soon too. There are two trips over the Thanksgiving weekend, the November and December Urban Paddles, Friday Night Flips and the Christmas party. Check out the event calendar in this newsletter or on the web.

Things are apparently not going to be cleaned up down in the Village Creek area in time for our Thanksgiving Trip, so the location has changed to the Kiamichi River. We will be staying at K River Campground, which has plenty of RV sites for those of you who were planning on bringing your campers. I am reserving one of their cabins to use as a general meeting place where we can have our Thanksgiving potluck dinner. It has heat and sleeps about 6 people just in case anyone would rather not tent camp. Provided that the rain that is currently falling up there continues, we may even have something to paddle on by then.

See you at the meeting.

Bryan Jackson

# Happy Thanksgiving

## Take time to give thanks

I'm thankful for many blessings: my boat and my family, and my boat and my friends, and my boat and my paycheck, and my boat and my health, and my boat and my semi-sanity, and my boat and my warped sense of humor, and my boat, and water to float my boat, and my boat — Amen.

I think we can safely say that paddle boaters were here first! And now, as recreation, the number of people involved in some type of paddle sport is rising. Kayakers are now the fastest growing segment of the boating community, growth in the sport of over 270% within the most recent decade. In 2002, it is estimated that there were 206 million canoeists and 7.3 million kayakers.



Mark your calendars for the Christmas Party December 15th  
Come with side dishes, holiday cheer and money for the raffle!

"When the tides of life turn against you  
And the current upsets your boat,  
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*Ed Norton (of "The Honeymooners")*

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## Boquillas Bound – by Marc mccord

A few of us are heading down to Big Bend to paddle Boquillas Canyon on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) through Saturday. We will depart on Wednesday, November 23, then return on Sunday, November 27.

Six paddlers are committed to making the trip and there is room for up to 6 others (we prefer to keep the group small due to possible competition for campsites along the river and the issue with shuttles.)

We will drive to Stillwell Store on FM 2627, then camp there the night before the trip begins. On Thursday morning we will shuttle to Rio Grande Village and launch, then paddle back to Heath Canyon Ranch, arriving late Saturday afternoon. Our vehicles will be securely parked on the ranch.

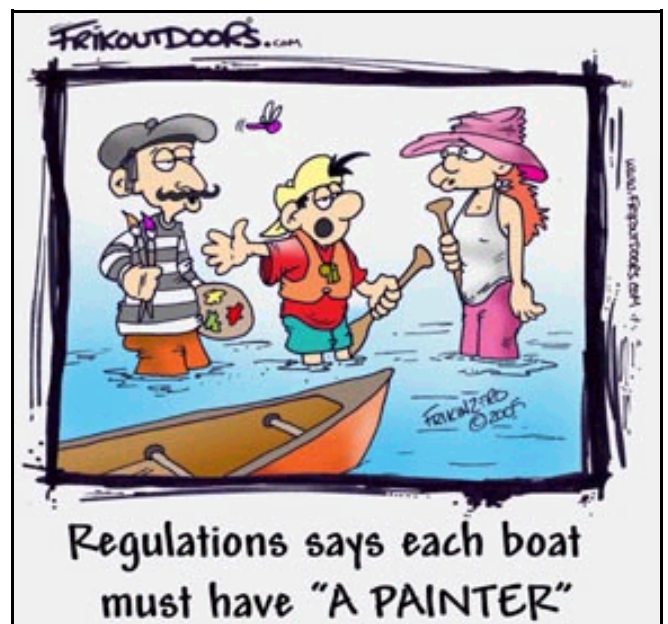
After the trip we will return to Stillwell Store and camp for the night before starting for home on Sunday morning. Stillwell Store has basic necessities, as well as hot showers and flush toilets. Gasoline prices in Big Bend are outrageous, so if you can carry spare gasoline and then top off your tanks after arriving there, then you can save a few bucks. BE SURE to top off your tanks before departing Marathon for Stillwell Store!

We can share the expenses of group meals, which will also reduce the load we all carry in our boats, or else everybody can fend for themselves for meals. I prefer the former because it reduces cost and boat loading, but am open to the whims of the group. If we do group meals, then that will include dinner on Thursday, breakfast and dinner on Friday, breakfast and dinner on Saturday with each person being responsible for their own lunches, as well as other meals not included.

There is usually a concessionaire working in the Stillwell RV Park who offers excellent meals at very reasonable rates, so we do have the options of eating dinner on Wednesday night and breakfast there before the trip starts on Thursday, and dinner there the night the trip ends (Saturday night).

Shuttle costs are (typically) \$65 per vehicle, including driver tip. Sharing rides down there will reduce the per person fuel and shuttle costs.

Anybody interested in going on this trip can contact me via e-mail at canoe-man@canoeman.com, or via phone at 214-221-1290 (Nsyst Technologies Inc.) between now and the Sunday prior to the trip.



## November 25-27 Kiamichi River near Antlers, OK

We will be camping at KRiver Campground north of Antlers, Ok. and paddling Saturday and Sunday. We will also be having a Thanksgiving potluck supper on Saturday night, so bring your favorite dish (just enough for your group and maybe a little more). For more information, contact Bryan Jackson (972) 979-2519 or email Bryan.Jackson@paddlinpals.com .

### Directions to Antlers, OK and the KRiver Campground from West or Central Dallas

#### Route #1

\*Take US-75 North to Durant, OK

\*From Durant take US -70 East to Soper, OK

About 4 miles east of Soper, turn left on US-271 N to Antlers

\*At Antlers, turn left on OK-3 follow for about 1 mile to OK-2

\*Turn right on OK-2 follow for about 8 miles through Moyers, OK. You will see little yellow canoe signs along the road leading to KRiver Campground. The campground is on the right about 1 mile outside of Moyers and is marked with a yellow canoe sign.

#### Route #2

\*Take US-75 North to Atoka, OK

\*From Atoka, turn right on OK-3 south/east to Antlers and OK-2

\*Turn left on OK-2 follow for about 8 miles through Moyers, OK. You will see little yellow canoe signs along the road leading to KRiver Campground. The campground is on the right about 1 mile outside of Moyers and is marked with a yellow canoe sign.

#### From East of Dallas

\*Take I-30 east to exit 101 (TX-24)

\*Follow TX-24 to Paris, TX

\*Outside Paris turn left on TX-286 east/north (this is a loop around Paris to the east)  
Follow 286 to US-271

\*Turn left on US-271 north and follow to just outside Hugo, OK (beware! there are three speed traps north of Paris in TX at Powderly, Midcity and Arthur City. Speed limits drop from 70 to 50 or 55 abruptly)

\*Outside of Hugo, take the US-70/US-271 bypass (heading to Tulsa north/east)). This becomes the Indian Nation Turnpike a few miles up. Follow this to Antlers.

\*Exit the Turnpike at OK-3 (stay in the right lane at the toll booth, it charges you 50 cents if you are getting of at OK-3, the other one charges \$1.50)

\*From the ramp, turn left on OK-3 and follow to OK-2

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I thought a whoopie cushion would be better than a whistle because it sounds more like an accident....

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### Meeting Notes:

A big thanks to Alan and Betty Scott for sharing their freestyle video at the last DDRDC meeting. I believe it was a souvenir of their trip to the Midwest Freestyle Symposium in September. It's really something to see in person if you ever get the chance.

Al gave a Trinity River Challenge Race wrap up report. Thanks, again, to everyone for helping make the race such a big success!

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If you are ready to sign up, just submit an event registration form at least six weeks prior to your event! The event registration form is available for download on the KTB website. All event support is supplied free of charge! For more information on the Lake and River Cleanup Program, please visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org) or call Keep Texas Beautiful at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

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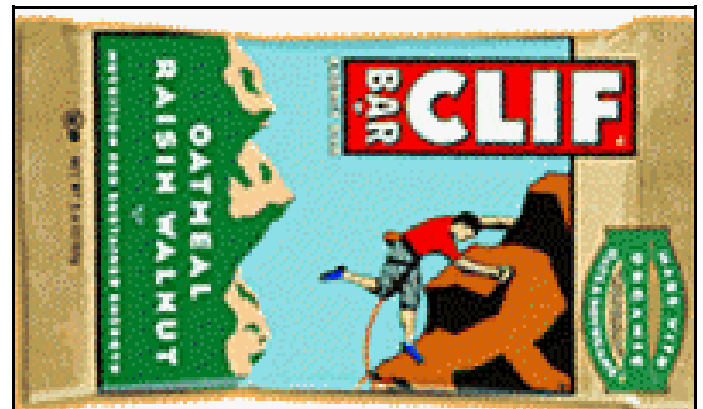


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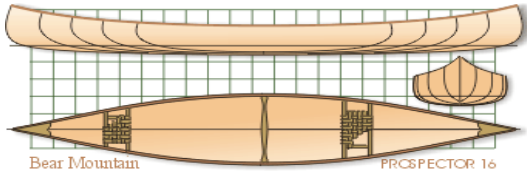
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