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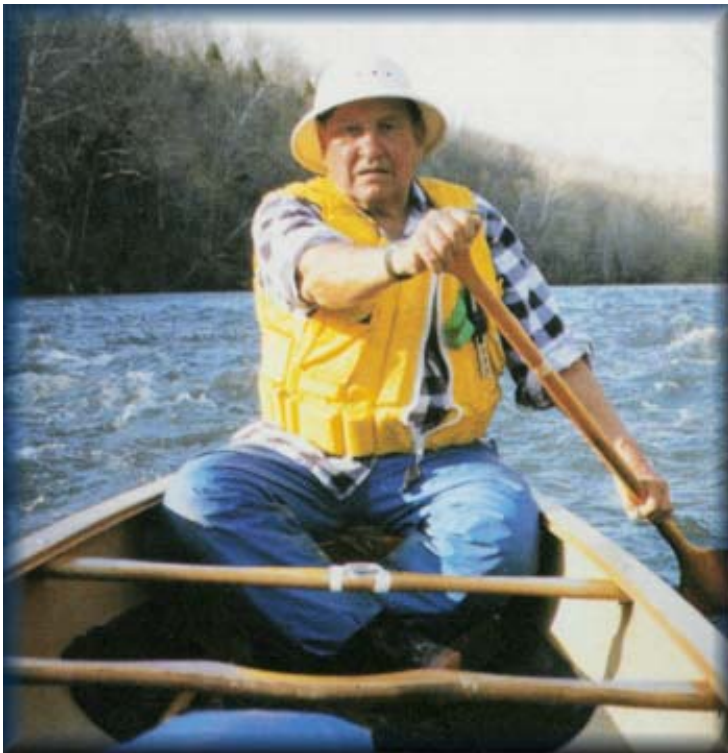
DDRC BOARD MEETINGS are held every **second Tuesday** of the month - **7:00 PM** @ At Half Price Books on Northwest Highway. All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter content needed— Hey gang...Please share your adventures, recipes, photos, classifieds, wants & needs (!) with us for our reading enjoyment. Email content to newsletter editor Carolee Doty at la_sirena_84@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed for the TRC and other upcoming events. Please see Sam or Bryan for more info.

Congratulations to Angela Jackson and Jason Rogers on their marriage April 15th.



This issue is dedicated to two of our very special friends who have recently passed away, Hans Weishel and Julie Basham. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families and friends.

Hans Weischel, Jr.

Hans was a lifetime member of DDRC, and spent most of his life paddling rivers all over the nation, often introducing friends, co-workers and others to the joys of paddling. He led his first canoe trip at the ripe old age of 12, and spent time paddling the Brazos with John Graves, author of "Goodbye to a River". Hans was an avid aviator in airplanes and helicopters, retiring from Bell Helicopter, where he was an aeronautical engineer and test pilot, as well as Senior Vice President. His life was spent as an advocate of canoeing and an ambassador of the sport.

A native of Missouri, Hans spent many years paddling gorgeous rivers from Texas to Georgia, camping in the great outdoors and promoting paddlesports to all who would listen. He was a friend to many and a delight to know. Hans will long be remembered for his significant contributions to paddlesports and aviation.

Julie Basham

Julie was a great friend to the sport of paddling. She held various posts in the Red River Division of the ACA. She was one of the founders of Kayak-Power.com, one of the title sponsors of the Trinity River Challenge. She was also responsible for getting adaptive paddling classes started as well as spearheading several other community causes.

Her accomplishments include finishes in the Trinity River Challenge, Texas Water Safari and the Hawaiian Lavaman Triathlon.

Julie's may have only been with us for 44 years, but she has left a legacy of works and friends that will not soon be forgotten.

Beginning with TRC XII the award for the best overall women's time will be known as "The Julie Basham Trophy"

Trips and Events

Details will be posted in the newsletter the month before the trip and on the online calendar as they become available.

4/19 — Monthly Meeting

4/21-22—Middle Sabine River

4/28-29— Swiftwater Rescue Class

5/5— Medina River Cleanup

5/12-13— Illinois River

5/26-28- Memorial Day Trip on the Little River

Coming in June - Family paddle and campout at Martin Creek State Park

June, July, August Moonlite Floats Dates TBA

Lower Mountain Fork Evening play trips Dates TBA

Urban Paddles to Return soon as well.

TRC XII registration opens June 15

Aug. 25- Trinity River Trash Bash

Sept. 1—Watermelon Cleanup

Sept. 9—TRC XII

Watch the Events Calendar on the website for more details

Garland Wave Pool Open to Kayakers

By Dave Holl

I have been working with the staff at Garland Parks and Recreation to develop kayak programs for the City. The big picture plan is to have a large program implemented by the summer of 2008. This program will be run through the school district and receive support from several other city departments and grants. During the summer of 2007 the City and I would like to start a few kayak programs, which would show the community that these programs are good for the community.

For starters the City has opened up its wave pool (Surf and Swim) for instructional programs and a program similar to the Friday Night Flips at the Colony. The dates will be on my website soon. Garland will be promoting this kayak program at Surf and Swim through their promotional media.

In May Garland will prepare Surf and Swim for its public opening. Prior to its public opening they will invite a small group of kayakers to try it out. I will let you know when this occurs. Without any nearby whitewater rivers or whitewater parks in the Dallas area, this wave pool may be the best thing going.

You can help by getting the word out to as many paddlers as possible. Please feel free to post this information on forums, send emails and any other way you want to distribute it. Any success during 2007 will greatly help with the 2008 implementation of these kayak programs in the school district and at risk programs.

Paddling Events — See the online events Calendar for more details

April 21-22 Middle Sabine River We will be paddling from the US 79 bridge to the FM2517 bridge on the Sabine in Carthage. We will be camping on the river, so bring everything you need for one night. Fishing is excellent on this trip so bring your tackle. More details to follow on the web site events calendar.

April 28-29- Swiftwater Rescue Class Instructor Phil Meyer will be holding a two day session. You can take either a one or two day class. \$75 per day. Those that took the one day class in October may take both days for \$95. Contact Bryan for more info.

May 5 Medina River Cleanup We will be camping in Bandera (camping area TBD) Friday and Saturday night. River cleanup on Saturday and provided we have sufficient flow, we paddle the river on Sunday. Contact Tom Taylor for more info.

May 12-13 Illinois River Camping at Peyton's Place and paddling day trips. Potluck on Saturday night. More details to follow on the web site events calendar.

May 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend Currently planned for the Little River, but we may move it to the Middle Sabine depending on the April trip. Watch the events calendar for details.

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Its never dull on the Kiamichi

Sometimes I think of the Kiamichi as our own private river. Very seldom do you ever see other people out there paddling and usually given the times of the year that we visit, KRiver Campground is pretty much empty too. This past trip was a little different in that regard. Tom and the crew up at KRiver have been busy over the winter adding more RV sites and getting Tom's new house in order. Quite a few other campers were on hand as we were there during spring break. Since Tom is living there full time now there also seems to be a new sheriff in the camp, Mrs. Tom.

Last April's trip found us wondering if we should move out tents back some as the river was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the road to the campground. That figures to be about 20,000 cfs. We paddled the 43 or so miles from Clayton, Ok. back to the campground in about 7 hours. Along on that trip were Nancy Jenkins and her daughter Sarah (9 or 10 at the time) paddling a tandem kayak. It was Sarah's first time paddling and she took the marathon paddle, the torrential rains, and tornadic winds like a seasoned trooper, but I figured never to see here again. A few days before this year's trip, Nancy emailed wanting to know if she could borrow Angela's Blackwater for Sarah to use. Must have taken some world class begging on Nancy's part, but Sarah was going back for another try.

The Thursday before the trip, my wife, Gloria found a funny looking bug bite on the back of her ankle. A trip to the doctor on Friday confirmed our suspicions that it was a brown recluse spider bite. The doctor gave her tetanus shot and a couple of prescriptions and we set off for KRiver.

By the time we arrived at the camp, Lige and Marion, John. K, Steve Crowe and Mark Crowe had already arrived. John, Steve and Mark were upriver fishing and Lige and Marion were chillin' out at the camp. We had a nice evening around the campfire as people rolled in and set up camp. The fire felt pretty nice as the evening wore on because it got quite chilly that night. Gloria and I walked up to the restrooms before turning in and that was when Gloria checked her leg for the first time in a few hours. The spider bite had turned into a huge blistered sore. It looked awful and it really scared her when she saw it. We wrapped it up to protect the blister before we went to bed. She took the pain medication the doc had thoughtfully prescribed and she got a few hours of fitful sleep.

Next morning we broke out the first aid kits and cleaned and dressed the sore, which looked even worse by daylight. Gloria decided to stay in camp as she had not gotten much rest during the night and to make matters worse the pain meds had made her sick. She took her other meds and some Tylenol and crawled back to bed. We ran a shuttle and set off on the 11 mile trip from KRiver to the US 271 bridge in Antlers. Tom had to tie up Jaypo, the camp dog, so he would not follow us down the river like he has done in the past.

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Notice

As a participant in any DDRRC activity, an individual assumes the responsibility of evaluating all inherent risks before participating and assumes any risk of death or injury inherent in the sport.

The participant waives claims that may arise against the club, its officers, members, servants, agents and/or trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence.

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Where: The Colony Aquatic Park Pool 5580 North Colony Blvd.

When: Friday nights, **October 27, 2006 through April 20, 2007 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

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Kiamichi Continued

As we paddled we broke up into two groups. Lige and Marion, Doug Bryans, Nancy, Sarah and myself were moving down the river in one group. Tom Taylor, Steve, Mark, John and Rick Schell were fishing their way down a mile or two behind us. The river was dropping and we had about 200 cfs to paddle on, which is plenty for that stretch. We also had a pretty good headwind, which slowed us down from time to time. I was paddling solo in my Disco 158, so I stopped and took on 150 or so pounds of rock to get my bow down out of the wind. It really helped except it felt like I had a non-paddling passenger up front. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day, with trees blossoming and everything along the river starting to really green up.

The big stars of the day were Rick, who was just a fishing machine, easily out catching everyone else combined, and Sarah, who after a little adjustment and some paddling pointers did the whole 11 miles like she had been doing it all her life.

We returned to camp to find Gloria still napping, but feeling better. Tom stopped by before dinner to help Nancy, who had locked the keys in her truck. He got them out so easily, we all had to wonder if he's been doing it "professionally".

It was St Patrick's Day so our potluck theme was Irish. Lige and Marion brought Colcannon, an Irish dish made from cabbage, mashed potatoes, bacon and onions. Nancy made Irish potato salad and Tom turned in a very impressive lamb stew. Between those delicacies, the corned beef I made and the other side dishes and munchies everyone else brought, we had a feast fit for a king. It did not take long for folks to start nodding off and heading to bed after that menu.

Sunday, most everyone packed up and headed home fairly early. Gloria went back to the doctor on Monday and he gave her an antibacterial cream called Bactroban, which quickly got her bite under control. As of this writing it is almost completely healed and does not appear to have left an indentation or a scar of any kind. If you are ever bitten, ask your doctor about it.

Another relaxing weekend on the Kiamichi was had by all. If you have not been up there, you owe it to yourself to check it out. Tom and the gang are great hosts and there is plenty to do if the river is too low to paddle. Maybe we will see you up there sometime.

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Easy Dutch Oven Cake

I made this one at Tom's lot warming party using apple filling. It is also very good with cherries.

Ingredients

- 1 18 oz yellow cake mix
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 21 oz can fruit pie filling
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon water

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag combine 1-½ cups of the cake mix, 2/3 cup water and the two eggs. Mix well and pour into the bottom of a lightly oiled 10 or 12-inch dutch oven or deep cast iron skillet. Spoon pie filling on top of batter. In another gallon Ziploc, combine the margarine, brown sugar and the water with the remainder of the cake mix and mix until all the ingredients are blended to for a crumb like mixture. Sprinkle this mixture over the top of the batter and filling. Bake for about 45 minutes with approximately 12 coals on the bottom and 16 to 20 on top until the top is golden brown. Remove coals and let stand covered for about 30 minutes. During this time the cake is still cooking, so don't keep opening the lid. As it cools you should notice that the cake will pull away from the side of the oven. Tastes best served warm.

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This bill would ban "possession... of glass containers... within boundary of a state owned riverbed...". I guess that permits them on shore? At least it's a step in the right direction.

Rich Grayson

Don't forget that the May meeting will be held by the Bath House Cultural Center at White Rock Lake.

Bring your boat, we will be paddling after (or during) the meeting. As always we will have a very brief meeting, a potluck snack and then we will go for a quick paddle on the lake. If you would like to paddle, but are in need of a boat, we can probably dig up an extra one for you.

In next month's issue

Trip reports from the Easter trip to the Hill Country, Medina Cleanup and the Devil's River, pictures from Angela Jackson's wedding and a new dutch oven recipe.

Volunteers needed..

Its that time again, Sam needs people to help get donations for TRC XII and its not too early to volunteer to take on one of the Race Chair's. We need a Food Chairman, Raffle Chairman, Rule Enforcement, and Cleanup. Please contact Sam or Bryan to sign up.



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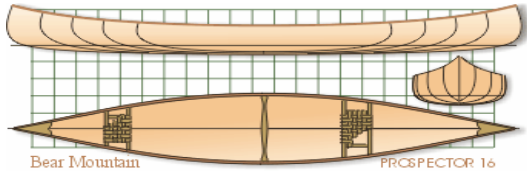
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