

The DDRC Current News

Newsletter of the Dallas Downriver Club Visit our website at www.down-river.com November-December



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Trips and Events

Fridays through April 2009 — Friday Night Flips— 7:30-9:30 at The Colony Aquatic Park Pool, 5580 North Colony Blvd. Practice your paddle and roll strokes in a heated pool with Kayak Instruction, Inc. Call Dave Holl at 214-629-4714 or check the website at www.kayakinstruct.com. Equipment can be rented for a \$ 5.00 fee. There is a \$ 5.00 pool fee. Come every Friday through April 17th.

November 14— Paddle ‘n Roll Session - Grand Prairie Kirby Ck. Natatorium 6 — 9pm.

November 15-16— Texas Lakes Trail Trip/Urban Paddle—Lake Bonham—Contact Thomas Taylor at: 214-335-5058 or check the website for details.

November 20—DDRC Monthly Meeting at the Circle Grill, NW corner of Buckner and I-30.

November 22—30 - Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande Trip— See website for details or contact trip leader Marc McCord. (Closed)

November 28—30— Annual Thanksgiving Trip—We will be meeting on Friday at the K-River campground in Moyers, OK, and paddling the Kiamichi and Little Rivers- all 3 days if time and conditions allow. Bryan will cook Cajun fried turkeys, so please bring something yummy to share. Please contact Bryan Jackson at 972-979-2519 for details or questions.

December 11— Annual DDRC Christmas Party—To be held at Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake. We will provide Cajun fried turkey , ham, drinks, plates, napkins, etc. Please bring something yummy to share. There will be lots of raffle drawings, slide show and a “special visitor”!

December 12 — Paddle ‘n Roll Session - Grand Prairie Kirby Ck. Natatorium , 6 — 9pm.

December 13-14— Texas Lakes Trails Trip— Location TBA—Contact Thomas Taylor at 214-335-5058 or check DDRC website for details.

December 26— Special Christmas Week Urban Paddle— Boxing Day / Red River. Please contact Bryan Jackson at 972-979-2519 for more details.

January 1—4 — Colorado River Expedition— Please contact Marc McCord or check the website for further details.

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Swift Water Rescue Class

by Sam Sloan & Carolee Doty

Our class was held in September at Shady Grove campground near San Marcus, Texas. Ken Lock was our instructor, and did a great job. The class focused on self-rescue in swift water conditions.

Basic rescue skills are essential on any white water paddling trip, and especially in hazardous situations. Getting in trouble can happen so fast, and sometimes so unexpectedly - that's when training pays off.



On the first day, we had a safety lecture on self-rescue, and then practiced throwing and catching throw bags. Later that day we practiced swimming to safety against cross currents, going over rapids without your boat and other practical self-rescue skills needed after capsizing your boat.



On Sunday we practiced knot tying and setting up advanced retrieval systems with ropes. When on the river later, we set up an artificial strainer (PVC pipe) and practiced how to aggressively approach and go over it. Next we practiced grabbing a swimmer in trouble and the rescue rope.... to be pulled to the side of the river. It definitely makes one think about how you would react in an emergency situation, and is confidence building to practice.

If you did not attend, you missed out on a good opportunity to learn some valuable rescue lessons, on the club. Ken was very knowledgeable, supportive and encouraging. Future lessons will be accompanied by a fee to cover costs for the instructor.

Trinity River Challenge the 13th Official Results

TRC XIII Official Results Recreational Division		
Entry Name	Class	Elapsed
Winner G. Eric Rounsefel Trophy		
Scott Weinert	202	2:01:44
Women's Division Julie Basham Trophy		
Dianne Echols	203	2:10:09
Debbie Carpenter	202	2:24:07
Cait Pomeroy	203	2:36:58
Mary Payton	201	3:14:22
Cyndi Barnes	201	3:19:47
Winners By Class		
Tandem Canoe		
Salazar/Espin	102	2:39:21
Estes/DesJardin	102	2:49:00
Neilsen / Washburne	102	2:55:12
Aluminum Canoe		
Andrew/Rachel Morrow	103	3:06:21
Sm Rec/WW Kayak		
Hal Hopkins	201	3:08:10
Paul McDonlad	201	3:09:30
Mark Rayshell	201	3:10:33
Mary Payton	201	3:14:22
Cyndi Barnes	201	3:19:47
Guillermo Lam	201	3:20:33
Rec Kayak		
Scott Weinert	202	2:01:44
Jaws	202	2:09:10
Greg Wilkens	202	2:19:12
Mark Noble	202	2:20:52
Debbie Carpenter	202	2:24:07
Adam Bockelmann	202	2:29:10
David Darien	202	2:29:20
Mark Brooke	202	2:34:32
Bud Johnson	202	3:45:58
Sea Kayak		
Tony Dial	203	2:03:07
Dianne Echols	203	2:10:09
Josh Okada	203	2:16:14
Tom Diamond	203	2:22:05
Allen Redfearn	203	2:22:35
David Lamb	203	2:29:12
Cait Pomeroy	203	2:36:58
Touring Kayak		
Bill Bellville	204	2:10:26
Tandem Kayak		
Bill / Kay Thomas	205	2:20:01
Antonio Perez & Son	205	2:23:55

Winners By Age Group		
Junior/Adult		
Antonio Perez & Son	205	2:23:55
Master		
Scott Weinert	202	2:01:44
Jaws	202	2:09:10
Dianne Echols	203	2:10:09
Bill Bellville	204	2:10:26
Greg Wilkens	202	2:19:12
Mark Brooke	202	2:34:32
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Paul McDonlad	201	3:09:30
Mary Payton	201	3:14:22
Guillermo Lam	201	3:20:33
Senior		
Tony Dial	203	2:03:07
Bill / Kay Thomas	205	2:20:01
Mark Noble	202	2:20:52
David Lamb	203	2:29:12
David Darien	202	2:29:20
Cait Pomeroy	203	2:36:58
Mark Rayshell	201	3:10:33
Cyndi Barnes	201	3:19:47
Veteran		
Tom Diamond	203	2:22:05
Grand Veteran		
Bud Johnson	202	3:45:58

TCRA / USCA Division		
Winner Brian O. Lisle Trophy		
Murray Hunkin	303	2:55:34
C2		
Charles/ Kathleen Mayfield	302	4:26:10
K1 Master		
Murray Hunkin	303	2:55:34
K1		
Erin Magee	303	3:28:52
K2		
Mayfield / Lamb	304	3:55:53
Unlimited Master		
Kenny McNair	305	2:56:08
Snyder/Steppe	305	3:01:31
Lynn Poole	305	3:30:05
Svend Fruit	305	3:40:46
Richard Linden	305	7:00:19
Unlimited		
Clay Wyatt	305	3:35:32
Reed	305	3:39:56
Women's Division		
Erin Magee	303	3:28:52



ERIC ROUNSEFELL TROPHY DEDICATION

Hi, my name is Marilyn Scholl, and I was asked to speak about Eric Rounsefell, since he cannot speak himself any longer. Eric has been my companion since the summer of '82, and my husband since '89.

Eric learned to canoe as a boy scout in the Cape Cod area of Massachusetts 55 years ago. His brother was usually at the front of the boat -brothers always have control issues. He discovered kayaks in the late '60's while in college at UNT. The love affair didn't last long. The position got to him quickly, and he went back to canoes.

The Brazos was his favorite place to paddle. Friends from UNT, HPI, Human Potential Institute, and the Ribber Rats were the companions of choice. Keeping the front canoe seat filled was more of a challenge. He had a reputation of getting to the take out after dark., not because he started late, but "Well it's only another 5 mile ..if we go to....", but then who fully remembers the 60's and early 70's.

In the early 80's he met Marilyn. She was a sucker for being outside, and paddling. She put up with the strange estimates on distance for a while. Each trip got them back home 11-12 pm on Sunday night. This she managed to stop, in a strange way. Eric had met Al Currie and John Pullman through the Ribber Rats, a group of East Dallas guys that included Eric's ex brother-in-law. John and Al attended a group at the Blue Ribbon BBQ called the Dallas Downriver Club. We attended one meeting and joined! Our trips became shorter...we got home earlier on Sunday nights.

The most exciting trip on the Brazos was in an aluminum canoe from Rochelle's near the PK dam. They swore there would be a water release that day. There wasn't, so we walked and paddled in puddles, the last few miles in the dark. Luckily, there was enough light to see the puddles..'cause why would we have flashlight- it was only 20 miles? Every so often a gar would hit the bottom of the canoe and scare the day-lights out of us. Have you seen their teeth ?!

On another occasion we did the 20 miles from the PK dam to Rochelle's in two hours at flood stage with John Pullman playing boy scout saving the women in overturned canoes who had never paddled before.

We rented canoes for years without any major problems, like having to replace them. The year we got married, Eric decided that he had a permanent paddling partner, so he could buy a boat. He spent months looking, and found the perfect boat, used.



It was in our lives a short time, tho- it was left beneath a logjam that Eric swam through on clear creek in Denton County! The second boat that was with us sank in the same place. The 5 of us walked out, missing sneakers, glasses and all the stuff in the drybags and buckets - this of course happened at dusk. The first car that passed us drove us back to the car...he always believed that the car keys get pinned to the inside of the pocket. We must have looked pitiful, but we survived and got back some of the stuff the following day. We never saw either boat again.

In 1991 Hans Weichel announced a trip of 4 rivers in 4 days going up into Missouri. We signed up and began an adventure that has stayed with us - paddle 10-15 miles each day, drive to the next location, set up camp, take down camp, paddle all day, drive to the next location, set up camp. By the time we got home on Sunday night we had driven 1000 miles. Coming back home on 380 from Greenville, we changed drivers every 20 minutes to stay awake!

Rich Grayson announced a Thanksgiving trip on the Rio Grande leaving from Big Bend Park. It would have raft support - we didn't need raft support, just moral support as this was new territory. The Rio Grande at Thanksgiving became a yearly trip until 2005 when our lives changed drastically. The Big Bend area had the right connection of rocks, water and scenery that we never found anywhere else. It was a good thing we got there before Mexico and the US decided that rocks are part of the national treasure, especially the Mexican one resting in our yard.

Closer to home, Tahlequah, OK became what Broken Bow, and Smithville, OK had been 15 years earlier - an easy commute and easy camping. The Buffalo River became the Easter trip that we ran for years. You make friends over time that you can depend on, ones that help keep you alive - some with physical strength like Weldon Saunders, some strong characters that won't let you give up, some with strong river knowledge, some better cooks like Bryan Jackson, some just, well, people that you enjoy. The river creates your family, and, in some ways, becomes your church. Thank you for naming this race award for Eric. It will continue, we hope, a love of the river and paddling.



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Caddoween 2008

by Sam Sloan

This was a great year for Caddoween with some big surprises. Who would of thought Goat Island would have been invaded by Vikings! Scott and Tina Weinert paddled up to the island with horned helmets, their Viking boat complete with sail and shields. Fortunately, they didn't set fire to our tents!

Not to be outdone, the younger ghouls on the island built a haunted house in a grove of trees that was truly remarkable. It had lighted lanterns along the entrance pathway, torture chambers, swinging pendulums, and a corpse pulling you into a grave. Yikes! There was a rumor that a blonde witch related to Bet Loe, put a spell on the kids to go crazy and do this.

Jack, Yolanda, and David Deatheridge held the Piñata bashing contest Saturday afternoon. It is always a hit with the kids... and the adults watching it.(I think Dave was having a little too much fun teasing the kids with that hard-to-smack piñata.)

The dutch oven cook-off was very successful with 21 entries. Several had Halloween decorations, and one of the desserts was so tasty that one of our judges, Nancy Jenkins, wanted to roll in it.

The weather was perfect for camping, and the hoot owls and baying coyotes did their part to remind us we weren't in Dallas anymore. Everyone seemed to have a great time around the campfires at night, and exploring Caddo Lake during the day.





Charles Edwards and Jack Deatherage stepped down as trip leaders this year, after 15 years of leading Caddoween. Hats off to their long term contribution and efforts to this great DDRC annual event! It will be hard to think of Caddoween, without thinking of Jack and Charles. Thanks to everyone there. See ya next year!

The Winners List:

Dutch oven entree - 1st prize - Ray Foley

2nd prize - James Scott

3rd prize - Betty Scott

Dutch oven dessert - 1st prize - Randi Stovall

2nd prize - Rich Grayson

3rd prize - Allan Scott

Adult costume - 1st prize - The Vikings - Scott and Tina Weinert

2nd prize - Needle woman - Libbi Stovall

3rd prize - Peter Pan - Diane Echols

Tent Decoration - 1st place - The Haunted house - "The Kids"

2nd place - The Blood bar - David Deatherage

3rd place - Stokers den - The Stovalls

Special thanks to the kids for their costumes and haunted house.

Trinity Trash Bash 2008

Dear Al and All, 8-28-08
Thank you for your continuing support. We are accomplishing great things together.
We engaged 2162 volunteers who spent 11,948 hours in the last year making Carrollton a better community.
I hope you can find a place to display your sponsorship decal with pride knowing you are helping us.
Sincerely,
Sharon Goldsboro



Roger on "Brush Patrol"



Dale and Carolee bringing in a load

The Dallas Downriver Club

Cordially invites you to attend

Their Christmas Meeting / Party,

To be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008

from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

at Winfrey Point Clubhouse on White Rock Lake.

Turkey, Ham and Soft Drinks will be provided

please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, bread or

dessert to add to the feast. We will also be having our Christmas Super Raffle as well as a visit from a "Mystery Guest" for the kids.

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President's Commentary

I thought I would update the club on our goings on. You are invited to our DDRC Christmas party at Winfrey Point, located on White Rock Lake. It will be a BIG pot luck dinner. We will have a bigger than usual raffle, and some awards will be presented. The date is Thursday, December 11th, so mark your calendar.

The TRC XIII Race came off well in most aspects, though next year we will be back to September with the original date. I can still see those safety yellow T-shirts! The bar-b-que sauce on the brisket was exceptional this year, and we actually made money on lunch this time. In this newsletter issue is a full listing of race results.

Things have been pretty busy since the end of summer for us. We had the safety class in September, and also did the Lower Mountain Fork on Labor Day weekend. Caddoween had some new surprises. Look for a report on it in this issue. We still have a couple of trips coming this month, and more planned for December.

My philosophy on how we are doing as a club is based on how much fun everyone is having. From what I have seen, we are doing pretty well. That said, YOUR input on how we are doing, is important to us. We now have a contact us link on our web page, with links to the President, Vice-President, etc. Please e-mail us, and let us know what we might do to improve things in the club, or places you would like to paddle.

Thanks,

Sam

Sam Sloan

DDRC President

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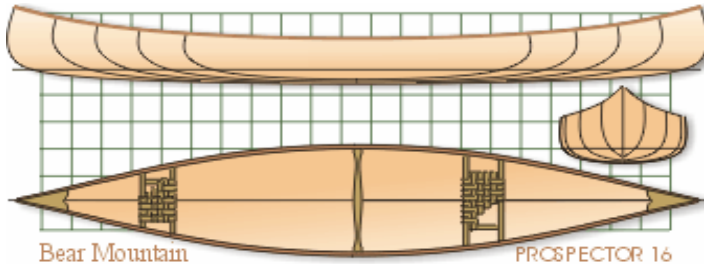
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

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

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