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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 Tuesday of the month - 6:30 PM @ Enchilada's (directions on back of newsletter). All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

THANKS to 2002 Officers and Committee Heads - plus all the other folks who volunteer for DDRC!

SPECIAL THANKS to repeat volunteers for Officers and Committee Heads!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2003 Officers

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**DDRC Welcomes New Member
Ben Browning!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat Chamberlain on winning The Women's most miles paddled for 2002. (Who got the men's?)

Upcoming Events & Trips

February 20, 2003 - DDRC Meeting - A motion to add \$500 to the donation for TRPA was made at January 2003 meeting and will be voted on at Feb. 2003 meeting. The women's most miles paddled for 2002 was won by Pat Chamberlain for 36.5 miles and the trophy will be presented to Pat at the Feb. 2003 meeting.

Saturday Night Kayak Polo

When: Saturday nights, 7:30 PM through April ?

Where: The Colony Aquatic Center in The Colony, TX. Take Plano Pkwy. to Hwy. 121, then north on Paige Rd. to North Colony Blvd. Go east (right) about 3 blocks, look for Aquatic Center near fire station on north side of road. Mapsco 554-G

Cost: \$5.00 per person. Contact David Lamb, Email: David.Lamb@arl.siemens.com

March 1, 2003 - San Marcos River Cleanup and Barbecue/Campout

When: Saturday, March 1, 2003 More info at: San Marcos River Cleanup, March 1, 2002 www.down-river.org

April 26, 2003 - 9:00 AM Eagle Classic Upstream Jamboree is a 14.5-mile paddle that begins at Canyon of the Eagles Lodge and Nature Park on Lake Buchanan. For more information please call:

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So if you'd like to get the newsletter electronically, or haven't been getting it and you're wondering why, it's most likely because we don't have your correct email. Send the editor your updated email address at:

Wanda.dietel@att.net

Meet DDRC Members

If you are interested in telling us about yourself. Send whatever information you would like share about yourself (where and what you paddle, the kids, the dog, where you live, how you pay for your paddling habit, etc.) to me via email preferably with a picture so we'll all know who you are.

As a participant in any DDRC 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. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries.

FEBRUARY 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	Board¹¹ Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	DDRC²⁰ Meeting	21	22
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MARCH 2003

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White Rock Lake Cleanups

Every Second Saturday

While the DDRC doesn't officially conduct White Rock Lake cleanups anymore, that's no reason to not help with ongoing cleanup events. Every second Saturday morning you can show up at Sunset Bay or under the Mockingbird bridge and help with either of the two cleanups that two great organizations are carrying on. Meet new and old friends. Get on the water! Help cleanup your own backyard! Mariner Sails manages the cleanup that begins under the Mockingbird bridge.

See

http://www.mariner-sails.com/kayaking_events.htm for more details.

"For the Love of the Lake" manages the cleanup usually at Sunset Bay/Dixon Branch. See <http://www.whiterocklake.org/flotilla/index.htm> for more details.

Both of the links above are on the home page of the Dallas DownRiver Club at <http://www.down-river.org/>

Article:

OR V Having Fun Yet?

Imagine that you're [pick one: flyfishing paddling swimming sunning birdwatching hiking...] down your favorite river. The sun is shining, the birds are singing. Suddenly you hear a roar coming up the river toward you. Is it a jet boat? Is it a plane? No, it's an off road vehicle. And it's about to ruin your peaceful day and your favorite river.

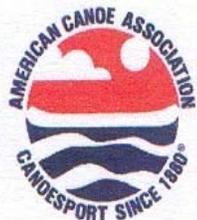
On rivers mostly in the western 2/3 of the state, ORV's have become the rage. Clubs have formed in some small towns and in the big cities that promote outings to rivers like the Nueces, Llano, Frio, Canadian, Paluxy and even the Upper Sulphur in NE Texas. Campouts, beer parties, and, (due to increased opposition) even "river cleanups" are being held to promote this "family sport". They drive up and down the middle of the river disturbing and destroying the essential bottom microlinks of the food chain. Climb up to any bridge over the Nueces near Uvalde and you'll see dozens of ugly track scars right down the middle of the riverbed.

Some have compared ORV's to canoeists and fishermen and have suggested that all river recreationists share a common need to preserve the public's right to access state owned streambeds. But in fact, traditional river users are quite different from this group. It is very possible to paddle down a pristine river and leave it just as we found it. But an ORV, by its very nature destroys the resource just by being there. Texas Rivers Protection Ass'n. is currently working with landowners, river authorities, Farm and Ranch Associations, Texas Agri Commission, and legislators to stop this irresponsible destruction of our rivers. TRPA supports the efforts of groups such as Stewards of the Nueces and Friends of the Frio - grassroots groups of riparian landowners, ranchers and citizens that support HB 305 and SB 155 Texas Legislature efforts to deny linear riverbed access to recreational all-terrain vehicles.

Thanks,

Richard Grayson

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Essential Safety Equipment For Whitewater Canoeing

Proper safety equipment is essential to good white-water risk management. Here are some suggestions taken from a Paddler Magazine January / February 2003 article written by Douglas Wipper:

Type III PFD- Choose a high buoyancy for higher float.

Float bags- Don't create entanglement possibilities.

Helmet- Make sure the helmet functional not fashion.

First-aid kit- Essentials for treating everything from heavy bleeding to broken bones.

Throw bag- Practice using it before you take to the river.

River booties- Wear a river shoe that protects your whole foot.

Spare paddle- Make sure it is easy to reach.

Water- And / or water filter to prevent dehydration.

Bail bucket- Plastic bleach containers work great.

Pulley- Sized to work with the throw rope.

Drysuit or drytop- Hypothermia is the worst enemy.

Floating painter lines- On the fore and aft decks.

Repair kit- Wire, duct tape and a float bag repair kit.

REMINDER!

WE NEED YOUR MONEY! 2003 Membership Renewal

DDRC membership renewal for 2003 is \$20, and is due by 1 January.

Remember - you can't vote unless you're a member. Your dues support the activities of the DDRC and of course this superb newsletter!.

MOST MILES PADDLED IN 2003

Here's a Chance For Some
Good Braggin' Rights Start
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Western River Permit Information

Available on the DDRC website for the following rivers:

**Yampa - Dinosaur
River**

Selway River

Deso-Gray

Salt River

Main Salmon

Cataract Canyon

San Juan River

Westwater

Yellowstone N.P.

Grand CanyonRogue

Canyon of Lodore

Tuolumne, Cherry Creek

Middle Fork Salmon

Dolores

Rio Chama

Lower Salmon

Smith River

Snake-Hells Canyon

Rio Grande, Taos Box

WANTED TRIP REPORTS!

Wanted Trip Reports, Pictures, Trip Notices, Officer Reports, Committee related articles, Canoeing and Kayaking related articles, etc. for the Newsletter!

TRINITY RIVER CHALLENGE

Volunteers Needed Right Now

Thanks to support of all the volunteers, sponsors, and especially Al Currie, Trinity River Challenge 2002 was a major success.

Building upon this momentum, we are in the planning stages for TRC 2003. Volunteers are needed to get the program underway.

If you'd like to be part of a great program, please contact any Board Member to express your interest and enthusiasm to support this great race.



THE 18 TH ANNUAL GREAT TEXAS RIVER CLEAN-UP

March 1, 2003

On Saturday, March 1, 2003, folks from all over Texas will be participating in the world's longest river clean-up. We will be picking up trash along the entire length of the San Marcos River (approximately 90 miles).

BANK CREWS

Everyone is urged to help. If you are unable to participate in the water, we need volunteers to work the banks of the river, especially at parks and highway crossings. Bring some trash bags (we will supply as many as possible) and perhaps a flounder gig to snag some goodies. Scuba divers and snorkelers are also urged to participate.

RECREATIONAL PADDLERS

We are asking recreational paddlers and canoe clubs to accept the challenge and volunteer for a section of river. If your group or club has not already been assigned a section, be sure to contact Tom Goynes and tell him what stretch you would like. The upper sections of the San Marcos River, particularly just downstream of the City of San Marcos, will require the most attention, and the short mileages set for these sections reflect this. Furthermore, the river becomes less accessible and more hazardous as one goes downstream. For that reason, novice boaters should volunteer for either sections 1 or 2 and more experienced boaters for the other sections.

SAFARI TEAMS AND CANOE RACING ENTHUSIASTS

The lower river, from Luling to Gonzales, has several long sections with few bridge crossings and for that reason, we are asking canoe racers and especially teams that have competed in the Texas Water Safari in the past to volunteer for sections 9 - 11.

CAMPOUT AND GET-TO-GETHER

Everyone participating in this event is invited to camp free at either Shady Grove Campground/ Spencer Canoes or at Pecan Park Retreat for the weekend. Starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening there will be a free barbecue provided by the San Marcos River Foundation at Shady Grove/Spencer Canoes. It should be noted that the party will terminate by midnight to allow the rest of the workers some time to sleep.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., there will be a non-denominational Christian worship service at Pecan Park. Duane Te-Grotenhuis will lead the group in song and Tom Goynes will lead a short Bible study. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

First of all, mark March 1st on your calendar. Secondly, look over the enclosed river section listing, and choose a stretch that you can help cover. Next, call me at 512-392-6171, and I will put you in contact with the group leader of the section you have chosen. Each leader will be able to help arrange shuttles and will be given logistical info regarding trash deposit locations as the clean-up nears.

MEETING TIMES AND SHUTTLES

A group meeting will be held for everyone working sections 3 through 7 at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at Spencer Canoes. Groups working sections 8 - 11 will arrange their shuttles as early as possible Saturday morning and try to put in the river by 9:00 a.m. Persons working sections 1 and 2 will meet at City Park in San Marcos at 10:00 a.m.

LET'S DO IT

Communities along the river are being urged to help in any way they can. If you can offer any service, such as trash hauling, shuttle driving, trash bags or food donations - anything - please give us a call.

Together we can clean up the whole river and make a strong statement to the public about our love for free flowing streams. Please help us out,

Tom Goynes (coordinator) 512-392-6171 Goynes@centurytel.net

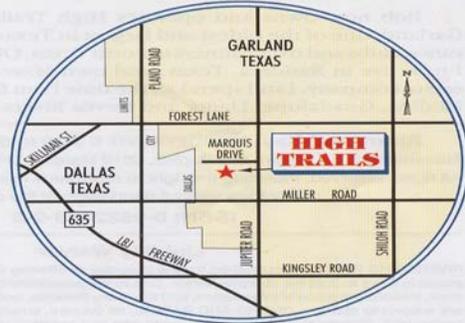
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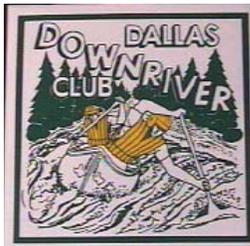
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Raffle Income	\$96.00
Total Collections	\$671.00
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Total Expenses	\$115.64

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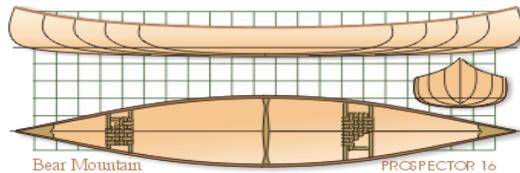
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