

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 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.

**DDRC Welcomes New Members
Billy Carter, Don Reynolds
&
Freeman Stallings!**

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Texas Rivers Protection Association (TRPA) The motion to donate an extra \$500 to TRPA passed.

Nominees for next year's donations are:

TRPA, Red River Racing & Greater Caddo Lake Association

Rich Grayson passed out cards for mailing to legislature against recreational vehicles in rivers. MORE INFO www.txrivers.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST MONTH FOR NEWSLETTER if you have not paid your 2003 dues this is the last month you will receive the newsletter!

Contact Bryan Jackson 972-564-2318 Hollowcreek@sprintmail.com to renew.

600KB EMAIL NEWSLETTER We are cutting the size of the file down make it easier to receive. If you are currently on the snail mail list and have email please consider switching. Printing and postage expenses have increased considerably and this would help the club cut cost.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Steepe on winning The Men's most miles paddled for 2002!

Upcoming Events & Trips

April 11-13 Kiamichi River near Antlers, Ok. - If you can't get away Easter weekend because of family obligations, why not come out the weekend before and get your "paddle on". Antlers, Ok is only 150 miles North of Dallas making for a quick trip. We will be camping at the K River Campground Friday and Saturday nights. Paddling distance will depend on river flow but plan on around 10 to 15 miles on Saturday with the possibility of a short run Sunday.

For more info goto www.paddlingpals.com or contact Bryan Jackson at email:foot5236@hotmail.com

April 12 Austin Paddlefest 2003 Town Lake, Festival Beach in Austin www.austinpaddling.org

April 20 Hidalgo Falls River Festival Hidalgo Falls on the Brazos River Near Navasota, Texas -

Downriver race/float trip / Slalom race / Whitewater rodeo / Exhibits and demos / Classes. Come Saturday and get Hidalgo Falls access certification. More info at: <http://www-phil.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/festival.html> Directions: <http://www-phil.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/location.html>

Easter Weekend

Buffalo River - Base Camp will be at Tyler Bend Recreational Area at Hwy. 65 on the Buffalo. Contact Marilyn Scholl for details 972-370-5844 email: gerounsefell@cowtown.net.

Caddo Lake campout on Goat Island - Parking at Pine Needle Lodge put-in is \$2.00 per day. Camping is primitive, so bring everything you need with you. Contact Jack Deatherage 972-222-1407 email: jfd2@prodigy.net

Whitewater kayaking, experienced only, up to class III. Big Piney Creek - or other location(s) in northern Arkansas, depending on water flow. Camp at Long Pool Campground. Some day(s) might pay for shuttle. Alan Tittle: 214-649-5055; alan.t@sbcglobal.net

May 16-18 2003 Illinois River near Tahlequah OK. - Mark this weekend down on your calendar. The Illinois is one of the most scenic rivers around and this is one of the best times of the year to paddle it. We will be camping at Petyon's Place Friday and Saturday nights and paddling a full day Saturday and a shorter run on Sunday before packing up. For more information, contact Bonnie Haskins 972-254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 214-704-5058 or email Bryan. Jackson@paddlinpals.com or go to WWW.paddlinpals.com

Newsletter EMAIL Problems

If your email address comes back with a mail failure notice, you will be deleted from the recipient list for an electronic copy of the DDRC Current News until we get a request to be added back with a current email address. For reference we get back about 10-15 invalid email addresses each month, so it is a bit of a pain to keep everything up to date.

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@classicnet.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.

Safety Tips on Personal Information

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, **DO NOT** put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box use your work address.

Never have your SS# printed on your checks (DUH!) you can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc. Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never even thought to do this).

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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/>

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SAFETY

Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

We pass along jokes on the internet; we pass along just about everything. Pass this information along. It could really help someone you care about.

Marilyn Scholl



Julie Basham
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On Going Events, Classes & Instruction

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

Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium City of Allen Facility - Friday and Saturday Intro. To Kayaking and Kayak Roll Clinic - January 10 & 11; March 21 & 22; & April 25 & 26

Baylor – Tom Landry Fitness Center - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, Introduction To Kayaking and Private Lessons - Sunday Afternoons, Kayak Roll Clinic and Private Lessons

Arnie Blatt's Famous Friday Night Roll Clinic at the Colony Aquatic Center. - One more season of Kayak/Canoe classes There will be assistance in basic instruction and roll sessions for those inclined. Come on out and practice, visit, vent your frustrations, drown your sorrows, but make it look like an accident. Every Friday night thru April 12th. The cost this year will be \$4.00 per session or prepay \$15.00 for 5 sessions, all proceeds going to the pool. Official pool time is 7:30 - 9:30pm.

The Colony Aquatic Center - Friday and Saturday Intro To Kayaking and Kayak Roll Clinic - Dec. 13 & 14; Jan. 17 & 18; Jan. 31 & Feb. 1; Feb. 14 & 15; March 7 & 8; March 28 & 29

Check out <http://www.kayakinstruct.com> or call 972 412 7691 for more information

Last Chance for Saturday Night Kayak Polo

When: Saturday nights, 7:30 PM through April

REMINDER!

WE NEED YOUR MONEY!

2003 Membership Renewal

DDRC membership renewal for 2003 is \$20, and is due by January. This is your last newsletter without renewal!

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
Counting NOW!**

WANTED: TRIP REPORTS & ARTICLES!

TRINITY RIVER CHALLENGE

**Volunteers Needed Right Now
for the September 2003 Race!**

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.

River Report

The Kiamichi River

Last spring, I was surfing the web looking for vacation cabins in Oklahoma and stumbled on the K River Campground website. There were pictures of a campground and people paddling on the Kiamichi River near Antlers, Ok. The Kiamichi? never heard of it, never heard anyone talk about it, so I thought I would check it out. I looked in Rivers and Rapids, nothing there. I found a few references to some class II whitewater and some GPS coordinates for the put in and a take out on a whitewater site, but not much else. Frustrated, I gave up searching.

A few months later while on a weekend trip to the Illinois River, John Pullman mentioned that an old buddy of his lived in Antlers. He said it was fairly remote and mostly undeveloped, but really pretty country. When I got back home, I looked up the K River site again. There were some new pictures of the river and it looked pretty good. I looked Antlers up on the map and found that it was only about 160 miles from Dallas. That's a lot closer than some of the other rivers we paddle, I thought, but folks didn't seem too excited about heading up there to check it out. Over last Thanksgiving weekend a small brave group consisting of Pat Chamberlain, Fraser Border, Gail Shipley and myself decided to check it out. I think for the most part we were pleasantly surprised.

The K River Campground has been open for about a year and is still being developed. Similar to Peyton's Place on the Illinois River, it has plenty of open area for groups, as well as RV sites, a fishing pond, plenty of river frontage and since the place is still being cleared, tons of firewood. The firewood was especially nice since both nights we were there the temperature was well below freezing. K River's Owner, Tom Garrett, intends to add more RV sites and tent sites this year. He is also planning an expansion of the restrooms/bathhouse. Tom also rents canoes and is expanding his fleet to include some kayaks for the spring. Something else Tom has in abundance is peace and quiet. There are only about three homes in the immediate area and the campground is well off the main road. On clear nights, the stargazing was great too.

Until K River opened, access to the river was limited. Using the campground as the take out, trips of 8 and 12 miles or longer can be set up by putting in at various points along OK2, which runs pretty much parallel to the river for around 30 miles. The put ins are steep and parking is limited but K River has a small bus and a trailer for shuttling. The river itself is a combination of pools and drops as it comes down out of the Kiamichi Mountains. While most of the river on the 12 or so miles above the campground is flat water with a moderate current and few swift spots similar to the Illinois, there are a few rock gardens and chutes that are Class I when the flow is right. I paddled this stretch in mid February at about 850 cfs and found it to be a lot of fun and free of any major obstacles. At higher flows, some of the rock gardens form standing waves. There are areas of more serious whitewater upriver, but I have not yet scouted it. I counted 4 visible houses on this stretch of the river, so the scenery is great and there is plenty of wildlife too. Deer, coyotes, wild pigs, and all sorts of birds were present as well as lots of cattle. The river had plenty of gravel bars for picnics or possibly overnight camping. Tom says that people have done extended trips down the river lasting two or three days.

Overall, the area has some real potential. It's close to Dallas, the river is fun, the campground is convenient and the folks that run it are really friendly. You owe it to yourself to add this one to your list of places to check out.

Bryan Jackson

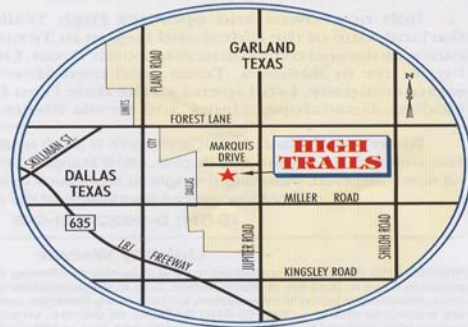
There is a trip scheduled to paddle this stretch of the Kiamichi the weekend of April 11, 12 and 13. For more information on K River Campground, check out their web site www.krriver.com. For more information on the trip contact Bryan Jackson at 214-704-5058 or email Bryan.Jackson@paddlinpals.com.



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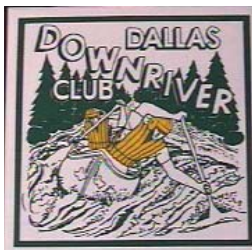
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| Receipts | | |
| New Memberships | \$56.00 | |
| Renewals | \$158.00 | |
| Newsletter Adv. In- come | \$50.00 | |
| Raffle Income | \$84.00 | |
| Total Collections | \$348.00 | |
| Disbursements | | |
| Feb Newsletter | \$80.54 | |
| Bank Service Chg | \$12.00 | |
| Total Expenses | \$92.54 | |
| Sub Total | \$4,666.91 | \$92.54 |
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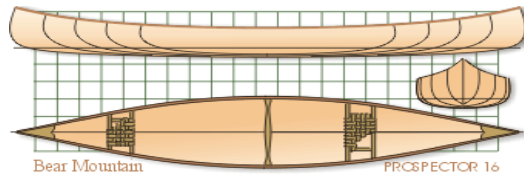
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Thursday 7:00 PM
March 20
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