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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

Phil Lang, Bill Escarre,
Kenneth Risedorf, Nikki Schindler
& Karen Tegtmeyer!

MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Hello Folks, At this board meeting we discussed the race with Al. Registration costs and awards. Pat is going to look into a new t-shirt design for the race. Bryan is going to get with Jack on updating our trip calendar. Bryan is also still working on getting bank signature. Illinois trip this weekend. See ya, Sam

MAY WHITE ROCK MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were a number of new members and guests. Fun had by all. The 50/50 raffle brought in \$37. Pat

An interesting sight was a group of kayakers paddling across the lake (club unknown). One of them was paddling standing on his kayak; he was keeping up with the other kayakers too! I won 35 dollars in the raffle. Some of the people I talked to were planning to go on the Sabine trip. Weather was nice. Several visitors and new faces. When I left several people were still visiting in the pitch dark, couldn't hardly see'um, but could hear'um. It was a good meeting. Sam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 50/50 Christmas raffle starts at the June Meeting tickets will be \$3.

Upcoming & Ongoing Events & Trips

June 2003

Every Wednesday (TENTATIVE)

DDRC Roll, Paddle, and Rescue sessions from 5:00 pm to dark at Lake Grapevine, Rockledge Park. The Park is located at the northwest side of the dam (off the other side of the road from the spillway). For more information call Keith Smith (940) 566-4869 or email keith_ccw@hotmail.com

Saturday, June 14: Brazos River Moonlight Paddle

Brazos River below Whitney Dam. Contact Bonnie Haskins, 972/254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 972-564-2318 or email: Bryan.jackson@paddlinpals.com

Saturday, June 28: Location to be determined. Check the bulletin board for details.

Monthly Urban Paddle and Potluck Adventure: Looking for a place to paddle? Looking for other people to paddle with? Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? Then this event is for you! Come explore paddling venues around the D/FW area with us on the last Saturday of each month. We'll meet at the designated place at 9 a.m., paddle for a couple hours, then have a potluck lunch. What to bring: you and your friends, boats, paddles, pfd's, potluck offering to feed your group plus a few more. If interested contact Pat Chamberlain at pchamberlain29@hotmail.com (972) 727-3586, or Phil Lang at phil_lang@sbcglobal.net (214) 564-9628.

If you have a trip you would like to appear in the Newsletter please call or email me. Wanda 972-564-1545 wanda.dietel@classicnet.net

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I have a sailboat that I would like to bring back to Dallas and use on White Rock, but lack a place to park it. I'm trying to find out if someone has room in their driveway/garage and would like to be my partner on the boat. It's a 16 foot Compaq Hutchins, designed to trailor easily and fit in a garage. If interested call or email:

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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.

2003 USCA National Marathon Stock Aluminum Championships

Pat and Lewis Bayers

On April 4th, 2003, marathon paddlers from a number of states converged on Emporium, Pennsylvania to race 17-foot aluminum canoes. A demo class included 18'6" aluminums. This event had now returned to the site of the first stand-alone aluminum canoe nationals which were held here in 1998.

As we drove out of the Quehanna Wild Area on our way to the race, we savored the beautiful mountain environment. Numerous "runs" (small creeks to y'alls) carried whitewater down the mountains. A big storm was coming, and we wondered how much rain it would bring. Turning toward Emporium, we drove parallel to the Driftwood Branch of Sinnemahoning Creek for 20 miles; many times looking down at the creek from way up on the mountain. This would be the venue for the races the next two days. The Creek passes through the domain of the most eastern elk herd in the US (about 800 head) and through some of the most scenic racing territory we have experienced.

As we neared Emporium (a small town of 2700 – its whole county houses only 6000 folks) the rain got heavier. We headed to the church where the pre-race pasta dinner was being held. Pat met Lori Reed, her partner for the women's race. Lori is a local paddler who was diligently practicing the course as soon as it thawed. (Only three weeks before!) Lori is relatively new to racing and received a brand new Zaveral racing paddle from her husband for the race. We talked with locals and other paddlers from Illinois, New York, Texas, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin, and chatted with Laverne and Kirk Young from our great state of Florida. Several Canadian teams phoned to let the race director know that they were snowed in and could not get to the race.

During the night, a very loud crack of thunder woke most of the paddlers. The sky opened up and down came a torrent of rain. At registration, the paddlers were in awe of the whitewater pouring down the creek. Everyone was ready to try their racing skills as well as their canoe handling acumen. PFDs were mandatory because of the big water.

The women left the starting line first, and then a cannon blasted, starting the masters. The open class and 18'6 boats started soon after that. Huge standing waves filled the boats of racers who did not maneuver around them, and claimed their first victims: the women's team from Texas. (One of the paddlers in the boat won the gold medal last year.) Their boat ended up a long way down river and much of their equipment was lost. Paddlers were wet and disgusted, but otherwise fine. A strainer on the right bank of the next big rapid menaced lots of other paddlers in all the classes. Emergency personnel stood by to help those who ended up in the branches. While descending the creek, many men's boats were seen in eddies with their occupants bailing out water from the big waves. Farther on, big eddies spun out those who did not ride their outside lines. As the mountains met the oncoming current in the bends of the creek, reflective waves pummeled the paddlers.

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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/>

National Park Visitors

As a National Park visitor, now through September 30, 2003 you can receive \$20 off Leisure Weekend Rate rentals or \$35 off Leisure Weekly Rate rentals. Use these offers anytime you rent a Compact through Premium car at participating locations in the U.S. **For every reservation made through these special offers, Hertz will make a contribution to the NPF.** So while you're planning your trip, Hertz is helping the Foundation enhance the experience you'll have when you arrive at your destination Park. For details, <http://www.nationalparks.org/Planyourparktrip/Hertz.shtml>

Mosquito season is upon us...prepare to repel!

Wipe your skin with Bounce fabric softener sheets...it's said they're the best thing ever used in Louisiana.

Bob, a fisherman, takes one vitamin B-1 (Thiamine Hydrochloride 100 mg) tablet a day April through October. He says it works... hasn't had a mosquito bite in 33 years.

If you eat bananas, mosquitoes will like you...something about the banana oil as your body processes it. So stop eating bananas during mosquito season and they'll be much less interested..

One of the best insect repellents (confirmed by someone who is in the woods every day) is Vick's Vaporub.

Marines who spend a great deal of time "camping out" say that the very best mosquito repellent is Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil mixed 50/50 with alcohol.
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Rivers Month Notes Vital Network for People, Wildlife

AUSTIN, Texas -- Texas is a landscape dominated by 191,000 miles of waterways made up of some 8,000 named rivers and streams. Like veins in the human body, Texas rivers are the lifeblood for fish, wildlife and people, facts emphasized during Texas Rivers Month in June.

Gov. Rick Perry issued a declaration on March 14 stating "Texas rivers are part of our state's history and heritage. History has been made on their banks, cities have been founded along their waters, and just the mention of their names evokes countless Texas legends. Through the ages, these treasured natural resources have contributed immeasurably to this great state we call home."

There are 15 major river basins in Texas that provide crucial freshwater in-flows to coastal estuaries. These rivers and their many tributaries transport life-giving nutrients to the coast. Estuaries, where river freshwater meets saline seawater, are ecological factories powered by sunlight that form the foundation of multi-billion dollar sport and commercial fisheries.

"Rivers enrich our lives, provide water to drink and food for the table and form the landscape of this great state," said Bob Spain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department assistant director for resource protection. "I hope everyone will get their favorite fishing pole, swimming trunks, canoe, or pair of binoculars and enjoy their favorite waterway for rivers month in June."

Rivers provide direct benefits to Texans by assimilating and naturally treating wastes, recharging aquifers, and buffering floods. Rivers also provide statewide recreational opportunities including boating, fishing, canoeing, hunting, and birding.

They supply water for municipalities, industries and agriculture.

They replenish wetlands and bottomland hardwoods, some of the most important yet most rapidly disappearing wildlife habitat types in Texas.

Yet rivers are threatened. According to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality data, of the 14,315 miles of streams that were evaluated for a recent report, 12,892 miles of monitored streams meet the requirements of aquatic life. This means 10 percent of the monitored streams did not adequately support life.

For water contact recreation, only about 71 percent of the classified streams in Texas are considered safe to swim, water ski or wade.

The TCEQ, TPWD and other agencies focus considerable staff time and resources on monitoring river and stream quality, tracking pollution complaints and enforcing water quality laws. Much effort is given to proactive education to encourage voluntary water stewardship, but wrong-doers can face penalties.

In 2002, TPWD investigated 181 fish kills and pollution complaints in rivers and streams. Major causes of these kills included a widespread outbreak of golden alga, as well as spills of brine and oil.

For more information about rivers, including real-time river flow rates and access points to launch boats in various river basins, check the Texas River Guide, visit the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/>).

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A rainstorm soaked the racers at about the mid-course. The sun then appeared together with a fierce headwind of about 30mph. Thankfully, it became a tailwind, working with the current to propel the racers on to the finish line.

The contestants yelled their numbers to the officials on the bridge at the finish line and then spun into the small eddy at the take-out. Racers strained to hold on to their equipment as the wind tried to tear it from them. Spectators on the bridge at the finish line had to hold tightly to the railing as they battled the wind. One mom tied her child's arm to the railing for safety.

Contestants and spectators gathered at the awards ceremony in a local restaurant after crossing the bridge at the finish line. The sweatshirts that were provided to all the racers were most greatly appreciated at this point!

It was a very close race, with the fastest boat clocking 1:27.16. Laverne and Kirk Young representing Florida Competition Paddlers, finished in a blazing 1:28.37, taking 4th in the masters class. Pat Bayers (FCPA) and Lori Reed (Cameron County Canoe Club) took the silver medal in the women's class, finishing in 1:39.14. (See www.uscanoe.com for more information.)

As the racers rose on Sunday morning, they were greeted with snow flurries. Layers of clothing were donned along with gloves and stocking caps. Two races were scheduled: the mixed class demonstration event of the USCA Aluminum Nationals and the traditional Cameron County Canoe Classic, about 30 years running. Over 100 paddlers in all types of craft were ready to go at the starting line. The finish line was moved about 4 miles closer to avoid the really big water near the end of yesterday's race. The water had receded about 2 feet from the day before, making the waves a bit smaller but not eliminating many of the hazards. Icicles hung from branches on the banks, however. Paddlers left the finish line in a number of heats with boats from their class.

As the saying goes, "God Loves a Canoe Race." The sun appeared and warmed the air temperature to the low 40's just as the race began. The creek claimed more boats than it did yesterday, however. Many paddlers emptied their boats and continued on, warming up as they paddled hard. A few got separated from their craft and did not finish. Two brave souls paddled USCA C-1s and despite some swimming, they made a good finish time.

Kirk Young and his local partner, Judy Jeans, took the first place trophy in the USCA National mixed demo class (1:11.57), with Kirk's dad, Laverne, taking home the 3rd place trophy with his local partner Sarah Price (1:14.49). Pat and Lewis Bayers won a third place trophy in the Canoe Classic aluminum class that included mixed teams as well as men's teams (1:18.35).

Ken Gerg, the race director, was praised by all for running a flawless event. Everyone loved the sweatshirts, awards, and t-shirts as well as all the hospitality provided by the organizers and sponsors. With the races over, the storms bore down again. Up to 10" of snow was predicted to be headed toward Emporium. We changed clothes, packed the car and ran toward the border. A bit of sleet caught us in Maryland but then we were south of the Mason-Dixon Line and got warmer weather the rest of the way home. The site for next year's National Aluminum races will be announced in August. 'See you there!!

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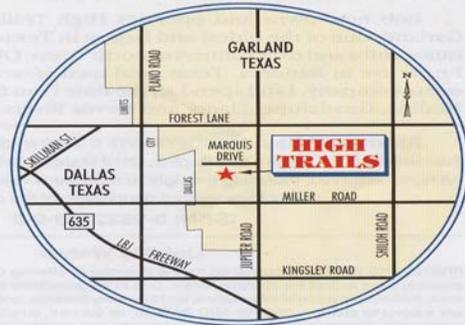
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ACA Dues Collected	\$37.00	
DDRC Decals Sold	\$3.00	
Raffle Income	\$33.00	
Total Collections	\$160.00	
<u>Disbursements</u>		
May Newsletter	\$59.54	
Postage for Newsletter	\$37.00	
TRPA 2003 Donation	\$1,500.00	
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Freight on Raffle Merch	\$48.79	
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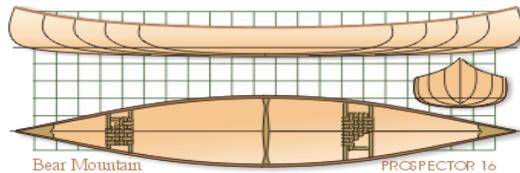
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