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THE RMSKC NEWS

CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE

FROM THE COCKPIT

By President Jud Hurd

This is my first 'From the Cockpit' as your new President and I am excited to be able to serve this wonderful club.

First of all, I want to give a huge thank you to our past President Larry Kline. I know the Steering Committee under his leadership over the past two years helped RMSKC to grow and continue to be a fun and educational club where we can enjoy what we all like to do so much—sea kayak. Thank you, Larry, and I will do my best to carry on your good work.

Another huge thank you goes out to all the Steering Committee members, and I am extremely grateful they have all returned to serve for the next two years. As you know, a club like ours doesn't run by itself. It takes people willing to step out and make things happen. I know the RMSKC is in good hands with these Steering Committee members and I look forward to having a lot of fun working with them for the next two years.

So, what do I hope to accomplish as the RMSKC President? First and foremost, RMSKC is about paddling trips. I feel our members joined the RMSKC primarily to meet other people with whom to go kayaking and to enjoy a fun paddling trip structure. I agree with this and want to make sure we have a paddle schedule with a lot of variety on it to offer something for everyone. To this end the SC already met and began building our 2011 Paddle Schedule with much more to come.

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Second, RMSKC members want to improve their paddling skills and confidence. We are blessed to have an outstanding team of ACA Certified Instructors and we will continue the great training programs they provide.

Third, I would like to increase the visibility of the RMSKC to get more people to join. One of the strongest aspects of the RMSKC is the diversity of its membership from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins to Grand Junction. We want to bring in new people so the club will grow and we will get to meet new people with whom we can paddle and form friendships.

Last, I plan to continue the good work that has been started to improve the administration of the RMSKC. It doesn't take much but a good administrative structure will support our primary purpose, sea kayaking, and make our events and trips even more enjoyable. This will include items such as finalizing the bylaws, finalizing the Steering Committee members' roles and responsibilities, and improving our web site to make it more user friendly.

In summary I am excited about the opportunity to serve the RMSKC. I can do that job best if I have good, constructive input from the membership. So, I invite all members to contact me if they have any questions, ideas, suggestions, issues, or anything. I will do my best to address them. Happy and Safe Paddling.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is biographical information about our new President and, on the next page, some history of our Past President's long involvement with the Club and his plans for his newly-found free time.

JUD HURD, PRESIDENT: Jud retired after working as the Controller for CU in Boulder for 26 years. He and his wife, Gail, just celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. They have three children: Wendy in Stillwater, Oklahoma,

Jeff in Bend, Oregon, and Jake in Denver and, at last count, nine grandkids. They are members of Timberline Church in Fort Collins and enjoy many church activities, including mission trips.

Jud began kayaking around 2003-2004 when he bought Gail a one-person pontoon boat. He reports she never was very comfortable in their canoe but is totally at home with the stable pontoon boat. Because he didn't want her to be out on the water by herself in case a wind came up he sold his Mohawk white water canoe and bought a 12' Current Designs *Kestrel*. Somewhere after that he joined the RMSKC to learn paddling and have people with which to share the sport. That, he says, is one of the best moves he have ever made.



He really enjoyed the *Kestrel*, but wanted something more so he bought a Prijon *Touryak*, which he hopes to sell if anybody is interested. That was pretty good but as his skills and confidence increased he wanted something fancy like others in the Club have. So he went to the West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium and found a Necky *Chatham 17*, which is what he really enjoys paddling now.

Jud says, "My past interests include golf, hiking, backpacking, bass tournament fishing with the Longmont Mile-Hi Bass Pioneers, skiing and snowshoeing (I still do a little of both), reading, cooking (which I do way too much of), and traveling (which I still do). For me, sea kayaking is the perfect retirement sport. This is such a wonderful way to continue enjoying the water in a very quiet and relaxing sport. And the people I have met in the RMSKC and while paddling are some of the best in the world. You just couldn't ask for a better combination of people and fun. In addition to paddling I spend my time in volunteer work at Timberline Church, the Poudre Valley Hospital and at Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT)."



Former President, Larry Kline, waving good-bye on his recent trip to the Everglades

LARRY KLINE, PAST PRESIDENT: Old copies of RMSKC newsletters helped fill in Larry's history with the Club; they reported that the call for nominees in the spring of 2002, when Paul Eckert was President, went unanswered. Larry had joined the Steering Committee (then called the Executive Committee) that year as Treasurer and was appointed President by the EC in November. He served through 2005 and probably into 2006, when Matt Lutkus took over. There were no elections; Matt stepped forward from his position on the Steering Committee just as Larry had. Two years ago Larry was elected to another term in the first elections the Club had.

In his retirement from active Club business Larry will be taking a year off from teaching classes but plans to help on day paddles as needed, and will be available to give background on the Club's history or procedures as requested.

In his new free time he's already paddled in the Everglades with his wife Carole and fellow RMSKC member Jud Hurd, and he and Carole have plans to travel to Slovenia in May and June. Then maybe he'll be off to the Pacific Northwest to paddle with Club member Ted Wang later in the summer.

It all sounds like fun. RMSKC says, "Thanks for your hard work over the years!"

For those of you who are new to the Club, we've published short biographies of the other Steering Committee members in the Winter 2009-2010 (18-1a) issue of *The RMSKC's NEWS*, which you can find on our website: www.rmskc.org.

The Spring 2009 (17-2) issue of *The Mountain Paddler*, also on the website, has similar information about our talented ACA instructors and their training.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Anna Troth, Membership Coordinator

The RMSKC membership now totals 82 paddlers.

Our members are spread throughout Colorado, from Ft. Collins to Colorado Springs, west to Grand Junction, and east to Kersey. We even have members in the mountain towns of Dillon and Leadville, and on the Pacific coast. The ratio of male to female is almost 50/50, and the median age of the membership is 56.

I will be e-mailing membership notices and forms in February, as everyone's membership expires March 31, 2011. The RMSKC dues are still only \$10.00 a year, whether you are an individual or a family. It's a good value for the opportunity to attend Club day paddles, overnight paddling trips, kayak skills and safety classes, social gatherings, and to meet other paddlers.

When renewing your RMSKC dues, you must also renew your membership in the American Canoe Club (ACA), and sign their waiver and release of liability, as all paddlers must be registered with ACA to insure our Club activities.

New this year is a combined membership form for both new and renewing members; there is also a new category for us oldsters renewing or joining ACA. Anyone over 62 can join ACA as a senior for \$25, and still get the same benefits. For individuals under age 62, ACA membership is \$30, and family memberships are \$40. For more information about the benefits of ACA membership, visit their website, www.americancanoe.org. If you have any questions about RMSKC or ACA dues, please email me: anntro@msn.com.

Below is information about one of our newest members, Ann Odasz. Also joining the Club are Barbara Cowger from Parker and Marcella Wright from Golden; we hope to publish details about their paddling backgrounds in the next issue.

- * **ANN ODASZ from Boulder:** Ann lived and worked on the arctic coast of Norway for 20 years as a biology professor at the University of Tromsø doing research on arctic plants on Svalbard and Franz Josef Land in the Russian Arctic. She could just drag her kayak down the 100 or so meters on the snow from her front door to the fjord and then paddle to her heart's content. When moving back to the states she ordered a 40-foot container to bring her fleet of boats, one a fiberglass double, to Colorado. She says the kayaks are all longing to get some water under them; rivers would do, but inland water in remote places and maybe a week trip to Baja are also calling. Actually, any paddling where you would last longer than four minutes if you capsized would be fine. Joining on her family membership are Ann's children, Tobias and Johanne Albrigtsen.



The red arrow points to Ann's house

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2010

Mike Anson, Treasurer

ITEMS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$3602
DEBITS		
Members' Dues sent to ACA	\$1790	
ACA Annual Paddle America Club Dues	\$150	
Colo. State Organization Registration	\$50	
ACA Instructors' Expenses	\$500	
Winter Party, Union, & PaddleFest	\$566	
Digital Space Charges	\$161	
Postage, Supplies, and Misc.	\$189	
TOTAL DEBITS:		\$3406
CREDITS		
Dues paid by members	\$2355	
RMSKC Skills Classes	\$550	
T-shirt sales	\$15	
TOTAL CREDITS:		\$2920
DECEMBER 31, 2010 BALANCE:		\$3116

EDITOR'S NOTE: Are you wondering why the Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club has two publications, and what's the difference between them? Here's the answer:

The *RMSKC's NEWS* is like a NEWSPAPER that publishes mostly just Club news—the details of the workings of the RMSKC. Many of the things in it will be less newsworthy after a bit of time.

The *Mountain Paddler* is like a MAGAZINE that publishes articles about trips and other aspects of kayaking that will remain relevant over a longer time span.

The two separate publications were created in July of 2009 because the *RMSKC Newsletter* had gotten too long. What needs to happen now is to create, and post to our website, an index of articles in the past publications that would be of reference value.

NOTES from the PADDLING COORDINATOR

By Anne Fiore

We're off to a fine start for the 2011 paddling season, thanks to the many volunteers we have in the Club!

HERE'S A SUMMARY OF WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE (see pages 12 to 16 for details and contact information):

The first outdoor event (although not an official Club or ACA event) is the **Tenth Annual Multi-Club Paddle on the South Platte** from Evans to Kersey (or Kuner). By now you've heard about the classic cars piled up to keep the river at bay, but do take your eyes off those and watch for king fishers, eagles, herons and egrets. I would gladly add a paddle on another Saturday in March, weather permitting, so if there's one you'd like to try, let me know.

On to April: we're headed back to **Lonetree Reservoir** (west of Berthoud/Campion) and hopefully the water will be high enough for more tree bashing. Last fall we found a secret canal that we're hoping to explore to its source. Two weeks later Sue Hughes is leading a "Fourth Saturday" outing to **Macintosh Lake** in Longmont, a favorite due to its stunning view of the Front Range.

May finds us at **Union Reservoir for the Annual Spring Paddle and Picnic**. Then on to **Gross Reservoir for Opening Day** with David and Lou Ann Hustvedt. They are thinking about car camping the evening before so let them know if you are interested in that along with the day outing.

In June, Brian Curtiss has persuaded Cheri Perry and Hunter Wilson, internationally known Greenland paddlers, rollers and educators, to come and teach **Greenland Kayak Skills** classes. Each class will have a maximum of eight students and will be \$175 a day. Stay tuned for more information from Brian. We're also adding **Instruction Days** taught by our own ACA instructors; those dates will be finalized shortly. The annual **Cherry Creek Tour de Shore** and an overnight at **North Sterling Reservoir** are scheduled for June, too.

Brian Hunter has offered to lead three multi-day outings to **Navajo Reservoir**, **Blue Mesa Reservoir** and **Lake Granby**. Look at the details in the schedule and contact him if any of those are for you.

Back by popular demand are Brian Curtiss' **Evening Skills Practices**. On alternate weeks are the new **After-Work Tours of Ponds Around Boulder County**.

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The last issue of *The Mountain Paddler* generated weeks of discussion about safe paddling practices and the reporting of members' paddling adventures. The RMSKC's Steering Committee has decided to include this disclaimer in our Club's publications.

Any sport carries with it risks, and it's for you to understand those risks and decide whether you are prepared to accept them before undertaking

any activity. Kayaking is no different; it can be dangerous if not undertaken in a safe manner and should never be done without proper training, experience and the correct use of relevant safety equipment.

The Rocky Mountain Sea Kayaking Club cannot therefore accept responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur as a result of articles, advice or images published in its publications or on its website.

THAT'S A LOT OF PADDLING, BUT I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T HAVE PLANNED:

We have offerings in the Boulder County area and nearby, and Mike Anson is hosting the Dillon Paddle and BBQ in July, but it would be cool to paddle some new spots: farther north, south and east on the Front Range, and in the mountains once things warm up. At our Winter Party we came up with a long list of places folks would like to go. So if you are familiar with any of the locations listed below, or others that are a bit off the beaten path, and would organize a Club trip there, let me know: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

Here's the list of possible paddling places, many of them new to the Club, that came from our brainstorming at the Winter Party. More details about them are on the RMSKC website, with tentative contact names for some of them. They all sound enticing, so please do think about working to coordinate a trip to one of them:

- Chatfield Reservoir
- Cherry Creek Reservoir
- Lake Estes
- Horsetooth Reservoir
- Rampart Reservoir
- Lake Pueblo
- Ruedi Reservoir (north of Aspen)
- McPhee Reservoir, near Cortez, and Vallecito Reservoir near Durango
- Bonny Reservoir in eastern Colorado: kayaking and car camping
- North Sterling Reservoir, in northeastern Colorado: kayaking and car camping

- Winter or Spring trip to Padre Island National Seashore near Corpus Christi, Texas
- Apostle Islands: a multi-day paddling and kayak camping trip on Lake Superior
- Glacier Bay, Alaska: a multi-day boating and kayak camping

- Flaming Gorge in southwestern Wyoming: boating and kayak camping
- North Platte River from below Glendo Reservoir to Guernsey Reservoir
- Lake Powell from Wahweap: kayaking and kayak camping (no houseboat)
- Colorado River: Ruby Horsethief Canyon (Fruita to Westwater)
- Colorado River: Dotsero to Hanging Lake
- Gunnison River with an overnight at Dominguez Canyon
- North Platte River: Saratoga to I-80

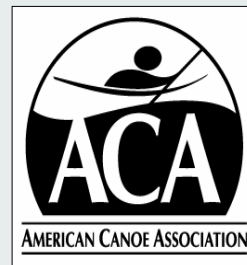
New Club trips happen when members share information about possible locations, and work on research and planning together.

One final thought: If you are looking for folks to paddle with but can't make a Club trip, try sending an email around on the Yahoo! Group. Check the next page for information about that.

STARTING TIME: Remember, "starting time" means the time that the group will be *in the water* starting to paddle. Please arrive early enough to have your boat off the car, loaded and ready to go by that time.

DAY PADDLES: Non-member guests may paddle with the Club on day paddles (one time only, please) if they sign an American Canoe Association *Waiver and Release of Liability* form and pay the \$5 ACA event fee. ACA members from other Paddle America clubs may join RMSKC day trips if they provide a current ACA card; they must also sign a Waiver but do not have to pay the event fee.

MULTI-DAY PADDLES: According to RMSKC policy, overnight and extended trips are open to RMSKC members only.



YAHOO! GROUP COMMUNICATIONS

At the last Steering Committee meeting the uses and benefits of RMSKC's Yahoo! Group were discussed. The SC wants to remind you that the Yahoo! Group is a good way for club members to communicate paddling related messages to others in the club. You can use the group to announce a non-club paddle or event, sell paddling gear, or just send out paddling related news or events that might be of interest to our club members. It is optional, so if you really don't want to get any of those sorts of paddling communications, you don't have to sign up; the club will continue to send all official RMSKC emails directly to your email address on record.

Having such a forum for interested paddlers could work well, but only about 50% of our members are now part of it; it would be more effective if that percentage were higher. Please review the easy directions below for joining the Yahoo! Group so you will be included in our round-robin discussions of Colorado paddling. (In the past people have thought you had to have a Yahoo email address to be part of the group. That is not true; please register with whatever address you ordinarily use.)

To join, click this link which will take you to our Yahoo! Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RMSKC>. Then click on the "Join This Group" link and follow the directions. Email this address if you need more help: RMSKC@Yahoo!Groups.com When you join, make sure you select the email delivery that is best for you. There are 4 choices:

- INDIVIDUAL EMAIL: All messages posted to the group will be sent to you. This is the best option if you want to keep up on the latest posts immediately.
- DAILY DIGEST: With this option you only get one email with 25 message in it. This is your best choice if you want to receive fewer mail messages and don't need up-to-the minute posts in your inbox.
- SPECIAL NOTICES: This means you'll receive email messages only when the group moderator posts a special announcement message. With this option you could avoid day-to-day email, but our Yahoo! Group does not have an active moderator who functions this way.
- WEB ONLY: Choose this option if you prefer to only read messages on the web. It is also useful if you need to temporarily put message delivery on hold, for example while you're on vacation.

One more reminder: When messages come from the Yahoo! Group, the sender is listed but if you hit "reply" you will not be sending a personal reply to that person (as you would with a regular email); what you write will go to everyone in the group. Whoops, if that isn't what you want to do, remember to put the sender's personal email on the address line instead of clicking "reply".

RMSKC'S WEBSITE BEAUTIFICATION

Do you have web site design skills? Can you help? RMSKC's web site (<http://www.rmskc.org>) is in need of a redesign. This would be a one-time job as we have others who are already willing to do the week-to-week updates of the site's contents like calendars, newsletters, etc.

Please contact Brian Curtiss (bcur@me.com) for more information about what this would entail.

RMSKC IS A GREEN CLUB

By Brian Hunter,
Onshore Events Coordinator

For over a year now RMSKC has been GREEN. Being green simply means observing *Leave No Trace* principles. It's easy to be green, and it's not just politically correct, it's what we must do to protect all that we love about our planet. Having green events has worked out well for RMSKC and only requires small changes from each of us.

One key principle about being green is reuse or recycle vs. throw away. So, please remember that for all onshore and paddle events you will be asked to bring your own:

- Plates
- Bowls
- Eating and serving utensils
- Cups, glasses, or drink containers
- Beverages

Recyclable items will be collected at onshore events in bins for like types of items which will be recycled at the proper city waste disposal/recycle facility. To date every green event has produced much less garbage than previous events and every Club member has done their part to make it happen. Each of us as individuals and all of us as a Club have been excellent *Leave No Trace* ambassadors by our actions and accomplishments.

Some main components of *Leave No Trace* and *Tread Lightly** that apply to us as paddlers are:

- Pack it out (including solid human waste). It's better not to burn garbage.
- Keep your kayak clean to avoid transporting aquatic plants and animals
- Leave natural and cultural resources intact
- Avoid sensitive areas and avoid harassing wildlife
- Respect the rights of others and comply with signage and buoys
- Leave a place better than you found it.

These are principles that will be observed at all RMSKC events and RMSKC encourages each of you to employ the same practices when on your own. Also note that the understanding and application of these principles is required by the ACA for paddler assessment levels.

**Leave No Trace* and *Tread Lightly* have the same goals but *Tread Lightly* specifically addresses the use of motorized vehicles in natural and wilderness areas. Both of these organizations have interesting websites which outline their basic principles, list helpful tips and provide resources for teaching others. Check them out: www.lnt.org and www.treadlightly.org

WINTER PARTY ~ 2011

BROOMFIELD; JANUARY 8

The Club's annual Winter Party began with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 and then the usual wonderful array of pot-luck dishes at 6:00, although some hungry people attacked Pruitt Faulkner's ribs the minute they were offered.

Past President Larry Kline was on safari in Tanzania and Rwanda and he, and the others who weren't there, also missed Ray Van Dusen's green chile casserole and Pruitt's outstanding coconut shrimp. The rest of the food wasn't shabby, either.



Eric Niles, Pam Noe, Richard Webber,
Russ and Terri Hardy



Jan's dad's coconut shrimp



Ray's Green Chile

Like PaddleFest in July, this was a green event; people brought their own plates, cutlery, cups and drinks. Onshore organizer Brian Hunter and location hosts Jan Faulkner and Mike Anson were pleased; it helped keep the preparations, trash and clean-up to a minimum.

After the eating and visiting, Pam Noe shared her notebook detailing the adventures of "Wilson Junior" and handed him over to Bernie and Marcie Dahlen, who promised to let us know what adventures Willie has this coming year.



Wilson

The rest of the evening was devoted to raving about the instruction we'd enjoyed last summer and brainstorming places we'd like to paddle this year. Brian Hunter's presented tempting plans for possible multi-day trips to Blue Mesa, Navajo, and Flaming Gorge Reservoirs, Lake Granby, the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior, and the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Photos by Jan Faulkner and Sue Hughes

ELECTIONS: As we have in the past, elections were held this fall for half the Steering Committee positions. This year there wasn't competition for any of the open positions, but members responded in favor of:

- Jud Hurd for President
- Anna Troth for Membership Coordinator
- Dan Bell for Webmaster
- Sue Hughes for Editor

MORE CLUB NEWS

In the fall of 2011 we'll elect a Paddling Coordinator, an Onshore Coordinator, a Treasurer, an Instruction and Safety Coordinator and hopefully a Secretary, a new position which we have not yet been able to fill.

BYLAWS: The Steering Committee has been working on formal bylaws for the more than a year. Rich Broyles did most of the original work by pulling together a sample document and raising some important basic questions. Larry Kline fine-tuned that and the SC spent parts of several meetings reviewing it. It's been a long process but before the next Steering Committee meeting we hope to have narrowed the discussion to only a few items and be able to iron those out. This will produce a *Finally Finalized Tentative Version* (yes, we're getting a little punchy) which we hope the lawyers in the Club will be willing to read for any glaring problems. Necessary changes will be made based on their input and the document will be sent to our members for their comments. Changes based on that input may be made and then a *Truly Final Version* will be sent back to the membership for ratification. Stay tuned, but don't hold your breath.

ACCESS TO UNION RESERVOIR: For the last several years, Club members, led by Longmont resident Kathleen Ellis, have been lobbying the Longmont City Council to keep Union Reservoir open past the traditional November 1st closing. This year it was possible to paddle there after that date, although access to the water was less than ideal. In addition, several Club members and Jud Hurd, as RMSKC's president, have written the Council about the problem of the reservoir frequently being closed to boaters during the summer due to other activities. Kathleen reports that at the last meeting the City Council members appeared to have read the letters but did not take any action on the issue. Email Jud if you would like a copy of the letter, written by Kathleen, which was sent in the Club's name. It is not too late to send a similar one on this topic.

INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS GREENLAND PADDLING EDUCATORS IN THE DENVER AREA: The duo of Cheri Perry and Turner Wilson will be in Colorado the weekend of June 24th and 25th to teach Greenland Paddling Skills.



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The extent of their international reputation will amaze you; they have competed in paddling competitions in Greenland itself, and they are as accomplished as teachers as they are at maneuvering the boats they've made or rolling, with or without their hand-made paddles. Google either of them to find their website and links to videos in *This is the Sea 3*, or mind-boggling ones of Cheri rolling with her hands tied as though she were in a straight jacket.

The teacher/student ratio will be 1:4, so individualization will not be a problem, and they will be bringing traditional teaching aids and Greenland paddles in a variety of sizes.

Contact our Safety and Instruction Coordinator, Brian Curtiss, for more information, class locations or for registration directions. These classes have been publicized on Cheri and Turner's website and space is limited to eight people each day, so don't procrastinate. Classes cost \$175 per day.

CLUB SCHEDULE

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

▣ Meyers Pool Kayak and Canoe Sessions*

- The FIRST and THIRD Sundays of each month
February 6th
February 27th
March 6th
March 20th
April 3rd
April 17th
- 10:00 to 1:00 (This is the "canoe" time for larger boats; it's better than the "kayak" time, which is primarily for white water boats, because there are fewer participants.)
- \$8.75 per person; credit cards accepted
- Address: 7900 Carr Drive, Arvada
- For weather related closures: call 303-424-2739

▣ Other area pools also offer winter practice opportunities; call for times and dates, and to make sure they accept sea kayaks:

- Centennial Pool in Longmont
- DU's Ritchie Center
- Englewood Pool
- Carmody Pool in Lakewood
- Golden Pool

▣ Late-ish March or April: Tenth Annual Multi-Club South Platte River Trip*

- Details for this early spring favorite weren't finalized by our publication date. You'll get an email from Anne Fiore, our Paddling Coordinator, when we have definite information about this year's plans.
- Tentative Date: Saturday, March 19
- Tentative back-up "Snow Date": Saturday, April 2
- Here, in blue, are the particulars from *last* year that may, of course, change:
 - Starting time: 9:00; the shuttle begins at 9:30
 - Meet at: Riverside Park in Evans (also known as Evans Ball Field Park); for a map: <http://www.rmskc.org/places/splatte-evans.html>
 - Bring: a lunch to eat at a stop on the river and a hot drink in a thermos
 - Dress for the water, not the weather: this is a cold water paddle
 - Outfit your boat with bow and stern painters (tie-down lines)
 - Pick the length of your trip: Kersey Bridge (10 miles) or South Kuner Bridge (15 miles)

▣ March 31: Deadline for 2011 **DUES** and **WAIVERS** to be sent to the Membership Coordinator:

- If you didn't get one by email, download an application and a waiver from the RMSKC website.
- Send them and your annual dues to:
Anna Troth
13625 East Evans Avenue
Aurora, CO 80014

*THESE ARE NOT RMSKC SPONSORED OPPORTUNITIES AND ARE NOT COVERED BY OUR ACA INSURANCE

- ▣ April 9: "Second Saturday" Paddle at Lone Tree Reservoir
 - Lone Tree Reservoir is a State Wildlife Area west of Berthoud and east of Carter Lake.
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go to approximately 2:00, with a stop for lunch
 - Directions: From Berthoud, go north on Highway 287 approximately 2.5 miles to Campion, turn west (left) on County Road 14 to County Road 21 (Lone tree Drive) and then one mile south (left) to the entrance
 - This is an early season paddle; be sure to dress for the water temperature.
 - RSVP to coordinator Anne Fiore at: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

- ▣ April 16: Steering Committee Meeting
 - Contact Jud Hurd for details: hurdofcows@q.com

- ▣ April 23: "Fourth Saturday" Paddle and Watch the Mud Hens at Longmont's Lake McIntosh
 - Starting Time: **9:00** in the water and ready to go. (Note the new starting time; the annual *Mud Hen 5K Run* is beginning at 10:00 and unless we go earlier we won't get parking.)
 - Ending Time: 12:00 +/-
 - Meet on the south side of the lake at the boat launch. If you use MapQuest, it's across the street from approximately 3000 Lake Shore Drive in Longmont.
 - Free
 - RSVP to coordinator Sue Hughes: suehughes@yahoo.com

- ▣ May 7: Annual Union Reservoir Spring Paddle and Sub Sandwich Picnic
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 3:00)
 - \$8.00 (\$55/\$65 season pass for residents/non-residents; \$35/\$40 for over age 55)
 - Address: 0461 WCR #26, Longmont
(http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/union.htm)
 - The Club will provide Subway sandwiches; bring your own plates and beverage
 - RSVP to Brian Hunter, who will be coordinating the onshore aspects of this get-together: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

- ▣ May 25: Evening Paddle Skills Session - First of the Series
 - When: every other Wednesday (note the changes from last year)
 - Where: McIntosh Lake in Longmont
 - Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 - Back by popular demand, these evening sessions will provide a couple hours of exercise and instructor Brian Curtiss's help refining and practicing things we learned in the RMSKC classes:
 - Strokes, braces and maneuvers
 - More-advanced boat handling skills
 - Rescue exercises if people are interested
 - If it's windy, we'll see if we can figure out which turning maneuvers work best for what wind direction
 - RSVP to instructor Brian Curtiss: bcurl@me.com

- ▣ Mid to Late May: Navajo Reservoir (Proposed)
 - When: To be decided by the participants; five days on the water would make this a seven day trip
 - Where: Navajo Reservoir is about six hours (330 miles) from Denver.
 - Details will be decided by the participants but could include:
 - Undeveloped camping on the lake shore (pack in water; pack out human waste)
 - 12+ mile paddling days, although shuttle arrangements could
 - Other Considerations:
 - When paddling we must stay close enough to each other to effect a rescue.
 - You must be comfortable paddling in 12-15 mph wind (wind speed may exceed 20 mph on this water requiring us to go ashore and wait it out)
 - You should be able to paddle 10 miles at 3mph and must be proficient at getting back into your kayak in deep water.
 - Dressing for immersion in 55° water is required.
 - RSVP to trip coordinator Brian Hunter: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

- ▣ May 28: Annual Gross Reservoir Opening Day Paddle
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go
 - Ending Time: The length of the paddle is dependent on the water level and participants' wishes
 - Directions: <http://www.rmskc.org/places/gross-res.html>
 - This is a cold water paddle; dress for the water, not the weather
 - Bring a sack lunch to eat at a stop on the route
 - Parking is limited; carpool if possible and bring your kayak wheels
 - Thought is being given to making this a Friday night car-camping overnight
 - RSVP to trip coordinators Lou Ann and Dave Hustvedt: lahustvedt@gmail.com

- ▣ June 10 - 12: North Sterling Reservoir State Park
 - Where: North of Denver about two hours; car camping at Elks Campground in the state park
 - What: A full-day paddle on Saturday and at least a half-day on Sunday on a large reservoir (only slightly smaller than Lake Pueblo) with great coves and fingers to explore and good fishing.
 - RSVP to the trip coordinator, Jud Hurd, for details: hurdofcows@q.com

- ▣ June 14: After Work Boulder County Lake Tour - First of the Series
 - When: Every other Tuesday evening; check the schedule on the website to learn which lake is the destination: Lagerman, Macintosh, Union, Boulder Reservoir
 - Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm
 - Where: Starting with Lagerman, a different Boulder County destination every other week
 - RSVP to the series coordinator, Anne Fiore, for location details: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

- ▣ June TBA: Brighton to Fort Lupton on the South Platte
 - When: the date will be decided in June, dependent on stream flow
 - A car with multiple kayak racks for the shuttle is required
 - Previous moving water experience desirable
 - Express interest to coordinator Anne Fiore: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

- ▣ June 18: Second Annual Cherry Creek Tour de Shore
 - When: 9:00
 - Where: We will launch at the east Boat Ramp at 9:00. There is plenty of parking and good restroom facilities there.
 - Enter Cherry Creek at the East Lehigh Avenue entrance off of Parker Road; that's 1.5 miles east of I-225 on Parker road. After going through the Entrance Station, go straight at the first and second intersections.
 - See map at: <http://parks.state.co.us/SiteCollectionImages/parks/SharedDocuments/Brochures/CherryCreekBrochure.pdf>
 - RSVP to trip coordinator Brian Hunter for more details: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

- ▣ June 24 and 25: Comprehensive Greenlandic Paddling Skills Workshops with Cheri Perry and Turner Wilson
 - Cheri and Turner, internationally known educators, have competed successfully in several National Kayaking Championships in Greenland.
 - Check out their website for more details about their talents and teaching: kayakways.net
 - Mentor/Student ratio of 1:4 will allow for individualization
 - Greenland paddles will be provided
 - \$175 per day
 - Contact Brian Curtiss for more information about the lessons and to register: bcur@me.com

- ▣ July 16: PaddleFest at Chatfield Reservoir
 - This is RMSKC's annual summer get-together for games and competitions on the water, instruction, time to chat and try out other members' boats, and a great lunch of brats, burgers and excellent pot-luck side dishes.
 - Exact location at Chatfield TBA
 - Event coordinator: Brian Hunter silversage@peoplepc.com

- ▣ July 30: Annual Summer Dillon Paddle and BBQ
 - Paddle in the morning, with BBQ and pot-luck dishes for a late lunch
 - Location: Jan Faulkner and Mike Anson's condo in Dillon
 - RSVP to trip coordinator and host Mike Anson for directions and details: mda72455@gmail.com

- ▣ July or Early August: Lake Granby (Proposed)
 - Lake Granby is a close-to-home trip in beautiful high country that could go several days or longer.
 - Wind is common and can quickly exceed 20 knots, water temperatures are always cold. Altitude and related mountain weather can be dangerous but overall this should be an easy paddle.
 - This trip could also be a car camping/day paddle trip and include Shadow Mountain Lake and Grand Lake day paddles or some combination thereof.
 - Contact trip coordinator Brian Hunter with your ideas: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

▣ Last Week of August: Blue Mesa Reservoir (Proposed)

- The Blue Mesa, Elk Creek boat launch is located about 235 miles from Denver.
- As planned, this trip would 3 days and 2 nights on the water (5 days and 4 nights total, unless we drive home on the day we paddle back to Elk Creek).
- Early start paddle days of approximately 6 to 9 miles, with afternoon wind which can come up suddenly and exceed 20 knots.
- Water is generally cold but warms beginning in July into early September.
- The chosen camp-sites are boat-access only and do not require reservations. There is a \$15 fee for a seven-day pass (or your annual parks pass) into the Curecanti National Park. Parking at the Elk Creek boat ramp is good. For the night before and possibly after the paddle, the reserved tent camp sites are \$15 a night.
- RSVP to trip coordinator Brian Hunter: oldmanadrift@yahoo.com

▣ Flaming Gorge (Southwestern Wyoming) Boating and Camping

- When: Currently proposed for the second week in September
- Contact trip coordinator Jud Hurd for details and to express interest: hurdofcows@q.com

▣ November 12: Annual Penguin Paddle and BBQ

- Location: Frisco Marina on Dillon Lake
- Plan to be on the water and ready to paddle by 9:30 AM
- RSVP to trip coordinator and host Mike Anson for directions and details: mda72455@gmail.com

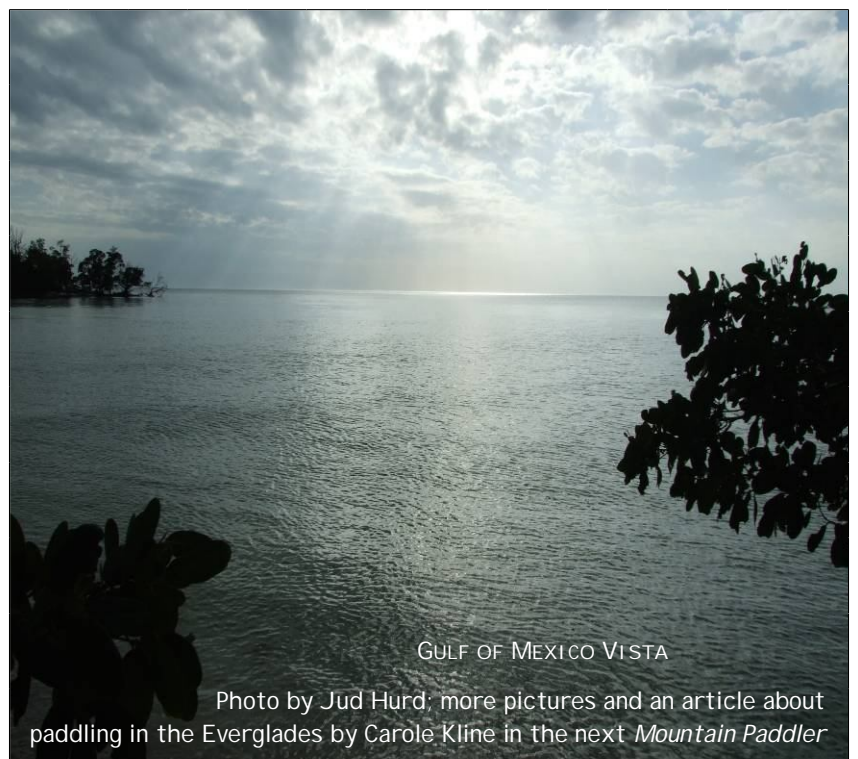
▣ November: End of the Year Club Business:

- Steering Committee nominations
- Elections

PADDLING COORDINATOR'S NOTE:

Please remember that details in our Club schedules are *tentative* due to Trip Coordinators' decisions about locations and dates, and the unpredictable Colorado weather.

To avoid disappointments, always RSVP to the trip leader so you can be kept abreast of any last minute changes.



GULF OF MEXICO VISTA

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