

RMSKC DAY PADDLES AND MISCELLANEOUS OTHER FUN

13TH ANNUAL MULTI-CLUB APRIL 6, 2019

No one is sure how many Multi-Club paddles there have been; maybe 2019 was the thirteenth, or maybe there have been more?

Depending on the weather, it usually happens the last Saturday in March. Historically it's been on the South Platte from Evans to Kersey (9 miles) or Kuner (14 miles) but the flood in 2013 washed out that put-in. Since then the organizers from Canoe Colorado have tried other launch spots on the South Platte, and even a spin around Lonetree Reservoir.

This year the Evans put-in had been repaired, but the road at the Kersey takeout was closed due to construction! The paddle was changed to the section from Brighton to Fort Lupton.



On the South Platte, between Brighton and Fr. Lupton



Put-in at Veterans' Park, Brighton



Chip, in the boat he built

RMSKC participants were: Dick Dieckman, Sue Hughes, Jud Hurd, Andy McKenna, Julie Pfannenstien, and new member Chip Virrill who was paddling a beautiful wood boat that he'd built himself from a plan, not a kit.

One of two portages



Sue reports that in the past people have written about Multi-Club glowingly, but this year it seemed more crowded, with several loud guys shouting frantic directions in places that weren't going to be a life-or-death situation.

Dick said, "Next year, when they announce this paddle, maybe I'll be busy doing something else."

MUD HEN PADDLE AT LAKE MCINTOSH, LONGMONT APRIL 27, 2019

No one is sure how many of these paddles, held annually on the fourth Saturday in April, there have been, either, maybe because they've been cancelled so often because of snow and even lack of water. This year the participants were: Dan Downs and Gail Denton, Jim Dlouhy, Anne Fiore, Sue Hughes, James Leggitt, and Phil Sidoff. No one took photos.

BARR LAKE BIRDING MAY 19, 2019

Trip leader Gregg Goodrich said, "Fourteen hardy paddlers (trip leaders Ann Troth and Gregg Goodrich, Leah Bornstein and Joe Findley, Sandy Carlsen and Harold Christopher, Marsha Dougherty, Joy Farquhar, Von Fransen, Sue Hughes, Marlene Pakish and Julie Rekart, and birding friends Roger and Brenda Lindfield) met at the boat launch to paddle and bird. It was overcast and only 40° but calm. We saw more than 30 species. The highlights were nesting barn owls in three of the four boxes, nesting ospreys with at least one chick on the nest, lots of swallows, and ruddy ducks. Roger got some of us on a Blue Grosbeak, and a beaver was also spotted by some paddlers.



"We returned to the put-in for lunch around noon. The sun came out briefly for lunch and loading the kayaks. We enjoyed birding and paddling with everyone! See you next year; we'll hope for warmer weather and sun."



Their bird list is on the next page