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THE RMSKC NEWS

CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE



FROM THE COCKPIT

By President Larry Kline

We have 69 members so far this year. This compares to 92 at the end of last year. That's a 75% renewal rate compared to 60 and 70 percent rates in recent years. Despite the current economy, we expect our

membership to continue to grow. To do so we could use your help in leading trips and suggesting ways to improve our activities. Let any Steering Committee member know of your suggestions.

And we have a new webmaster, Dan Bell. Dan is also one of our ACA instructors so we do appreciate his doing double duty for us; he did volunteer for both activities. Thanks, Dan.

Speaking of our ACA instructors, all four—Dan, Matt Lutkus, Brian Curtiss and Gary McIntosh—are off to Santa Cruz, California, to get recertified for another four years of instruction. The Steering Committee has set aside \$500 to partially reimburse them for their costs. Thanks guys, you are a vital part of our paddling community. Good news all around...and there's more:

Matt, Brian C. and Gary, along with Ray Van Dusen, Bela Amade, Kristy and Rich Webber, Brian Hunter, Sue Hughes and new member Dan Gloeckner were regulars at Meyer's Open Pool during the winter. They had a fine time improving and practicing their skills.

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Additional skills development and the sunny beach weather were the reasons five members—Brian Hunter, Jud Hurd, Sue Hughes, Bela Amade and John Bolton—attended the San Diego Sea Kayak Symposium in March. That's more good news for the Club, because better paddlers are safer paddlers and they have more fun, too. You'll find Brian Hunter's thoughts about the Symposium on page five; for him the trip and the lessons were wonderful, but he's most enthusiastic about the benefits of learning from, and paddling with, RMSKC members closer to home.

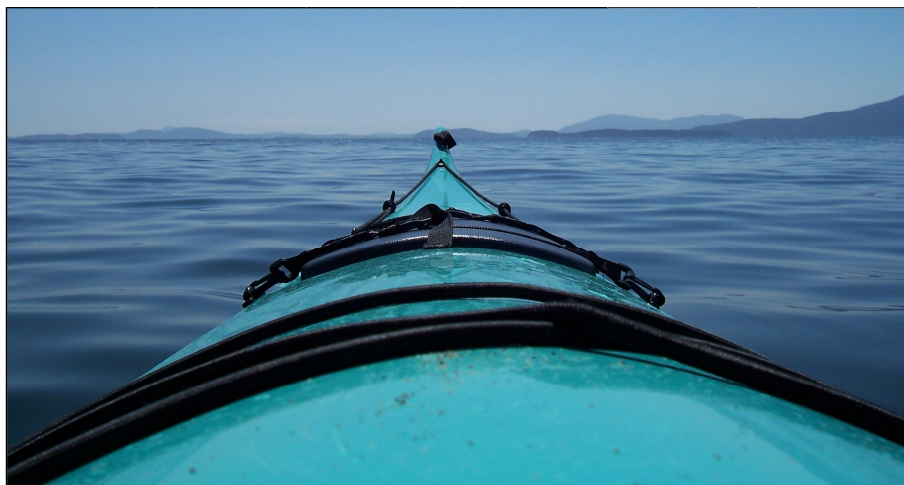
Read about these happenings and check out the additions to the Club's schedule in this issue of *The RMSKC NEWS*, and don't forget we're always looking for people to coordinate even more events. Email our Paddling Coordinator, Anne Fiore, to volunteer.

On a personal note, and speaking of people learning new skills and having fun: as this comes out I'm back from a paddle on the Green River with my brother from California. This is a long sought joint adventure for two old guys to reconnect their lives. Ralph took some kayaking lessons in advance and I offered to be his guide on the river. It was a good combination. We hope to have a full report in the next *Mountain Paddler*.

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We didn't get too many pictures for this issue of the NEWS, so I'll share this prize winning photo, *Jo's View*, taken a couple of years ago by my daughter, Anna Hughes, on Bellingham Bay in Washington.



RMSKC'S WEBMASTER, DAN BELL

Dan, who is one of the RMSKC instructors, recently volunteered to run our website. For new members, here's some info, from biographies of the Club's instructors which we published last year, on how Dan got into kayaking :

In the fall of 1996 Dan and a friend were enjoying the Horsethief/Ruby Canyon float trip in his canoe when they were passed by someone in the first sea kayak he had ever seen. He says it immediately became obvious that his life would be incomplete until he had acquired one; he enjoys hiking the canyons around Lake Powell, and the prospect of being able to haul his gear in a boat instead of on his back had a lot of appeal.

About three years later, on an over-the-weekend business trip to the Bay Area, he drove to Tomales Bay, north of San Francisco, and signed up for a half-day beginners' trip. He loved it. Then, between jobs, he booked a commercial tour in the Sea of Cortez with Sea Kayak Adventures. That pretty well set the hook; he had to get himself a kayak.

In other sports he had taken up as a kid—primarily tennis and golf—he reports his approach had been to learn by doing and, after his bad habits had been set over the course of years, finally take some lessons to try to undo those habits. He decided on a different tactic for sea kayaking: take lessons from the onset. In the spring of 2002 he drove to Seattle for a week-long training session with Kayak Academy, bought a boat and hauled it home, joined the RMSKC, and began to enjoy life as a paddler.



CLUB EMAILS AND OUR YAHOO! GROUP

The Yahoo! Group was originally set up to provide a forum for interested members to talk among themselves. The thought was that we would use the full roster email list only for RMSKC-specific information from the Steering Committee. Anyone who wanted to send out or receive emails about impromptu non-Club paddles, kayak events, gear for sale or other kayak-related info would join and use the Yahoo! Group.

Currently only about half the members have joined, so its value as a communication tool is limited. Recently several members have used the email addresses from the Club's roster for kayak-related but non-Club mailings, but it has not really become a problem.

It would, however, be better to keep the roster list for strictly RMSKC business, so please consider joining the Yahoo! Group by following the directions on the homepage of the website. Contact Webmaster Dan Bell if you have any questions or problems with this link.

Something that would also help the volume of emails is to consider replying specifically to the sender of a Yahoo! Group email instead of hitting "Reply" which, in a group mailing program like Yahoo! Group, sends your answer back to everyone.

RMSKC MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL PROCESS UPDATE

Anna Troth, Membership Coordinator

Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Currently we have 69 paid members, down from a high of 92 last September. However, people often join when the water warms up and we expect to have more new or returning members by the summer.

On their recent application forms, our new and renewing members indicated the most interest in day paddles and weekend or multi-day trips, with lessons receiving slightly fewer votes and strictly social events the fewest. The Steering Committee is pleased to note that those interests closely align with the frequency of the Club's offerings.

To review our renewal process: a one-year membership to Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club is ten dollars for an individual or a family. Members have the privilege of attending Club day paddles, multi-day trips, safety and instruction classes, social gatherings and, best of all, meeting other paddlers. Members are also privileged to receive both the *Mountain Paddler* and the *RMSKC's NEWS* a month or two before they go public on the website.

When you join RMSKC you must become a member of the American Canoe Association (ACA) and sign a waiver and release of liability; all participants in any Club activity must be insured by ACA. You join the ACA as a Paddle America Club member; their dues for an individual are \$30 and \$40 for a family (a family member may be a spouse or minor children). As an ACA member you receive an ACA membership number, a subscription to their *Paddler Magazine* and member discounts on paddling equipment and services. For more information and membership privileges, their website is: www.americancanoe.org

RMSKC Renewal forms and ACA waiver forms were sent to our members in the middle of March, with a second reminder in April. New members are always welcome, and the New Member Application and ACA waivers can be found on the Membership page of the Club's website: www.RMSKC.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anna Troth, Membership Coordinator

Since the Winter 2009-2010 issue of the *Mountain Paddler* we've had three new members join the Club for 2010; we are looking forward to getting to know them. Here are some highlights of their paddling background:

- * **BETH BACON** and **MARCIE DAHLEN** have recently joined RMSCK. They are known to many of us already because they are the wives of renewing members Dick Bacon and Bernie Dahlen. We hope to have a bit to print about their paddling experiences in the next issue.
- * **CONRAD THOMAIER from Louisville:** Conrad moved to Colorado in 1988 but grew up in southern New Hampshire and has been around boats and water for 50 years. He's rafted and canoed all over New England and says he's gotten the whitewater stuff out of his system. He purchased a 14' Necky Manitou last June and spend the summer paddling all over the western United States. He also spent two weeks in southwest Florida last November paddling in the bays and ocean. He recently purchased a used 17' Wilderness Systems Tempest 170 so he could do some camping while kayaking. He is self-employed and says he can easily be convinced to paddle during the week.

Five people from RMSKC went to the San Diego in March for lessons at Aqua Adventure's Southwest Sea Kayak Symposium. There were well-known instructors from around the world: Nigel Foster, Owen Burson, Paul Carine and Phil Hadley from the UK, Greg Stamer and Russell Farrow from Florida, who recently won Immersion Research's "Vacation to Hell" to paddle the Arctic this summer, John Carmody from Maine, Roger Schumann from northern California and San Diego's own Jen Kleck.

The Club's Onshore Events Coordinator, Brian Hunter, drove out with Jud Hurd. He writes that the journey was fun and the learning at the destination was worthwhile, but there's lots to be said for the instruction, paddling opportunities and, most of all, the fellow paddlers right here in the Rockies.

IT'S BOTH THE JOURNEY AND THE DESTINATION

By Brian Hunter

You may recall an old saying: "It's not the destination but the journey that matters". On my last few trips with the club I have noticed that both the journey and destination were equally important. I believe this due entirely to the travel and paddle companions. RMSKC is

chock full of the finest people you will ever meet. On the water there is the "I've got your back" mentality. On trips everyone lends a hand and the teamwork is very evident. In addition to the journeys and destinations I have also noticed that I am collecting many happy memories of places and people, the kind of memories that I will cherish forever.

My most recent trip was to the Southwest Sea Kayak Symposium in San Diego. We left a day earlier than planned to beat a bad snow storm out of Denver and southern Colorado. The shorter western route on I-70 wasn't practical because snow had already fallen there so we took the southern route through Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona. My travel companion had experience in both cities, knew some good places to dine, and was a superior navigator as well. We had very good weather and the scenery in the southwest was breath-taking that time of year. Going into Tucson the saguaro and other desert plants were in bloom and the countryside was green and lush; in the heat of summer it is not as fresh and alive as the early spring. The third day from Tucson to San Diego we were stopped two times for border patrol checks, which in light of recent events does not seem so unusual. Crossing the short sand dune desert in California and later the rugged mountains west of San Diego was a visual treat and something of a driving challenge, too.



We stayed at the Best Western Hotel which was comfortable and particularly well landscaped. The price of the hotel room was only slightly more than the camping spaces at CampLand, we had our car and boats so rentals were not an extra expense, and having our kayaks meant that we were learning in the same boats we would be using to improve our skills.

The instruction was absolutely top notch. I learned some new things, brushed up on skills previously learned and found that much of what I knew and was doing was correct. I also learned that our ACA certified Club instructors are as good as any you will encounter anywhere. As our membership matures in paddling skills so will the kinds and levels of classes offered by RMSKC right here in the Denver area. I'm not saying don't go to other locations to take classes, but I would suggest taking advantage of all RMSKC has to offer.

On the return trip we had no storms so we took the shorter northeast route up through Las Vegas to I-70 through Nevada and Utah. There is very beautiful scenery that way, too.

The lesson to take away is that we have excellent opportunities in RMSKC. Take advantage, get involved, and enjoy the completely irreplaceable times you will have with our members. Thanks to all of you who I have paddled with. I will always remember who I paddled with my first time on new places like the Platte River or Yellowstone Lake or Lake Powell. And of course I will cherish the first time I paddled in the Pacific Ocean out of La Jolla north of San Diego.



Club members Sue Hughes and Jud Hurd in the kelp beds off La Jolla, north of San Diego



Close-up of another kind of kelp on Brian's boat



Sea caves by La Jolla, with sea lions and seals

Photos by Brian Hunter

MORE DETAILS FROM SAN DIEGO

Bela Amade and John Bolton did the one-day *Rough Water Review* with Nigel Foster and Kristen Nelson on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, they completed the two-day *Intermediate/Advanced Skills* course with Paul Carine and John Carmody. John reports the courses were excellent and very well taught and that it was great to be out on the water with four high-quality coaches. He says his skills were definitely tweaked in a very positive and helpful direction: Nigel focused on finesse and positioning the paddle in the water and John Carmody focused on keeping the body properly aligned and in the safest position to effectively apply power and move the boat through the water.

Sue Hughes took a four-day *BCU Coach One* course taught by Phil Hadley of the other main paddle sport licensing body, the British Canoe Union. She hopes to parlay that into an ACA Level 1 Instructor certificate this summer. Brian and Jud Hurd took a variety of shorter classes: *Rolling, Paddling a Loaded Boat, Edging & Bracing, Core Paddling Forward Stroke* and *Beyond The Basics*.

Greg Stamer, a Symposium coach, must have been talking about someone from RMSKC on his blog: "I could only imagine the awe of one of our students, living in land-locked Colorado, who had the thrill of paddling on the sea for the very first time, feeling the rising and falling swell, hearing the cries of sea birds echo off cliffs, and playing in the surf..."

After the Symposium was over Brian and Jud met Sue at Aqua Adventures, loaded her rented Eliza on their trailer and went to La Jolla, where they taught themselves to launch in the surf. Sue says the waves were pretty tame but it's clear she's got lots to learn about launching. The paddling was wonderful; she enjoyed the kelp beds—they were so thick there was an egret in the distance that appeared to be walking on the water—and the caves and seals were interesting, too.

She found the rising and falling swells hypnotizing and felt the world was still going up and down for a long time after they'd gotten off the water. The Eliza is a nice boat but she really liked NDK's new Pilgrim, a low volume Romany, that she used the first day she was in San Diego.

Brian wrote about Club members taking care of each other, but it's often Brian who's doing the care-taking: After Sue's first day of class when she was about to collapse, Jud and Brian drove over to get her, loaded her into their car, picked a restaurant and propped her up in her seat. She swears that she was so exhausted she wouldn't have been able to find food for herself and can't imagine what the rest of the week would have been like without their help.



Kelp was a new experience for Jud and Sue

RMSKC INSTRUCTORS TO RECERTIFY

Dan Bell, Brian Curtiss, Matt Lutkus and Gary McIntosh currently hold American Canoe Association's Level 3 Instructor Certifications valid through December.



Matt Lutkus, Dan Bell, Brian Curtiss and Gary McIntosh

To update their certifications they have arranged to attend an ACA Level 4 (Open Water Coastal Kayaking) Instructor Development Workshop in Santa Cruz, California, in May. The course will be taught by Roger Schumann, a Level 5 ACA Instructor Trainer Educator, the ACA's highest certification. In addition to their four-day class, the fellows will complete First Aid and CPR training, new requirements for ACA Instructor Certification, in Colorado before they leave.

After their re-certification in Santa Cruz they will be qualified to teach:

- *ACA's Level 1 and 2 Coastal Kayaking Courses*, although these are oriented toward rec-boat paddlers and not relevant for RMSKC members.
- *Flatwater Kayak Safety and Rescue*, an introduction to essential safety practices and rescue techniques to be performed with a minimum of equipment.
- *Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues*, Level 3, an eight-hour course to prepare kayakers for paddling in light and variable winds with up to one foot of wind chop.
- *Coastal Kayak Strokes and Maneuvers Refinement*, Level 3, a day-long class to help refine students' strokes and maneuvers. Techniques taught include bracing, low and high brace turns, bow and stern rudder turns and side slips.



Their ACA Instructor certification also allows them to perform assessments up to Level 3 for members who want ACA verification of their paddling ability. (ACA or BCU certification of ability is becoming a more frequent requirement for kayak rental while traveling or for joining commercial trips designed for intermediate paddlers.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: I took four days of BCU training with Roger Schumann at San Diego's Southwest Kayak Symposium in March. He's a wonderful paddler, a talented teacher, and the co-author of *Sea Kayak Rescue, the Definite Guide to Modern Reentry and Recovery Techniques*, as well as dozens of articles for *Sea Kayaker* magazine.

In addition to teaching ACA instructor courses and writing, he owns Eskape Sea Kayaking, an outfitter and guide service in Santa Cruz, California. Check out his website; I think the Las Islas Galápagos with his company would be fantastic. Is anyone else interested?

- Rocky coastal paddling: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_CB5_eMeWk
- 30-second cowboy reentry in rough water: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEIZ4z14VWw>
- Amazing boat handling, with teaching points: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LbAzoPLB5I>

RMSKC's Camping Class helps Club members get the outdoor skills to proceed from "paddlers" to "adventurers".

The classes also provide a progression in the Club's activities intended to retain old-timers either as repeat participants or instructors.

We will need three instructors and at least four students to have this class, so contact Class Coordinator Larry Kline at lkline146@yahoo.com to sign up. Don't hesitate, because the class filled almost as soon as it was announced last year.

On this page and the next you'll find the details:

INFORMATION ABOUT RMSKC'S THIRD KAYAK CAMPING CLASS

The Kayak Camping Class is not a paddling skills class; participants must be able to paddle three miles an hour for at least an hour non-stop and be comfortable in wind with one-foot waves to participate in the overnight session.

Read on, if that sounds like you and if you've ever dreamed about paddling locations like these:

- The Gunnison River
- Loma to Westwater on the Colorado River
- Yellowstone Lake
- Lewis and Shoshone Lakes, smaller lakes in Yellowstone National Park
- The Buffalo River, a free-flowing river in the Arkansas Ozarks
- The Missouri Breaks of the upper Missouri River
- Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota
- Lake Powell
- The White River, a tributary of the Green River running from Meeker to Rangely
- Niobrara River in Nebraska

As in the past, the class will have three sessions:

- One "classroom" meeting in Lakewood; exact date during the week of August 15th to be decided
- One day on the water learning how to pack your gear: Saturday or Sunday the weekend of August 28th
- An overnight trip using your skills to "pull off" your first kayak camping trip: the weekend of September 18th or 25th depending on the participants' preferences

Topics to be covered include:

- Backpacking vs. kayak camping vs. car camping
- Boat features needed for overnight trips: bow lines, life lines, flotation
- Camping equipment: sleeping and cooking
- Safety equipment in the "outback"
- Clothing
- Hydration
- Food
- Loading it all in your boat
- Navigation
- Choosing camping sites
- Group dynamics and setting a trip agenda: agreeing on trip speed and intensity
- Last, but not least: human solid waste disposal



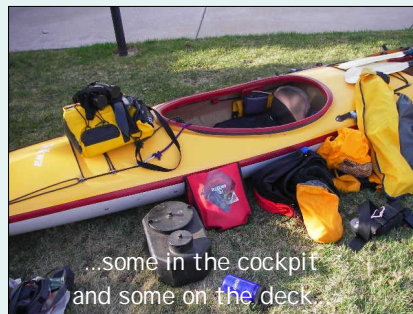
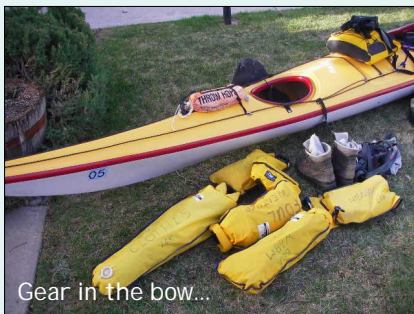
Participants will need the following equipment:

- Kayak with flotation
- Tent, which can be rented
- Sleeping bag, which can be rented
- Camp stove; you can share with others
- Dry bags (small, slippery fabric ones are best)
- Solid waste disposal system; see http://docs.rmskc.org/docs/RMSKClubInfo/Human_Waste_Disposal.pdf

If you do not have these items but want to begin learning about kayak camping, it's no problem to attend only the classroom session. Email Larry if you are interested in participating in the classroom session only, all sessions, or as an instructor.

Please include the following information in your email:

- Which sessions you wish to attend
- Whether you would help as an instructor
- The best time of the week for you to attend the first session: weekend afternoon or weeknight after work
- Which of the practice pack-and-paddle dates would work best for you: August 28th or August 29th
- How much of the necessary equipment you have



Read accounts of the 2008 Camping Class in the Fall, 2008 (16-3) or the Summer, 2009 (17-3b) issues of the Club's newsletters on our website: <http://www.rmskc.org/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm>

2009's culmination paddle on Grand Lake is summarized in the Winter 2009-2010 (18-1b) issue of the *Mountain Paddler*, which is also available on the website.

EARLY SPRING PADDLE REPORTS

Ninth Annual South Platte Multi-Club; April 3

Thanks to the good advanced organization and on-site direction of Rocky Mountain Canoe Club's Debbie Hind, almost 40 boats—canoes, sea kayaks, rec-boats, river boats and sit-on-tops—paddled the South Platte from Evans to Kersey (or the longer Evans to Kuner section) on the Saturday before Easter. The weather was windy but pleasant; not as balmy as last year but much nicer than the freezing temperatures and snow they would have had on the original date two weeks earlier.

Anne Fiore, Gary Cage, Marsha Dougherty, Brian Hunter, Sue Hughes, Larry Kline, Mark Willey and new members Conrad Thomaier and Rich Ferguson (and granddaughter), represented RMSKC. They enjoyed more water than in the past—for once sandbars were hardly a problem.



Chatfield Reservoir; April 10

Trip Coordinator and Club President Larry Kline, with his wife, Carole, and Dick Dieckman, Marsha Dougherty, Brian Hunter, Sue Hughes and Kristy and Richard Webber paddled the first "Second Saturday" paddle of 2010. Eric Niles was at the put-in when they arrived, but he'd been on an early paddle and was heading home.

The group saw a small flock of white pelicans hunkered down like huge turkeys, and Carole and Sue saw their first Great Egret (black feet) of the season.

After a snack break the wind was picking up and Dick, Larry and Carole called it a day. The rest of the group paddled another hour or so, until the sky looked dark and then they, too, cut back across to the parking lot.

McIntosh Lake Third Annual Mud Hen Paddle; April 24

On Friday afternoon the rain in Longmont looked a lot like snow, and Gary Cage reported several inches accumulation in Lyons; no one seemed excited about paddling on Saturday. In the emails dithering about whether to go or cancel, Ted Wang suggested that we just pretend we were on an expedition to the Aleutians. Thanks, Ted. We know you people in the Pacific Northwest paddle in the cold and wet all year round but that's just not convincing to us here in Colorado. Finally, way too late to load boats, Yahoo's weather predicted 60° with no precipitation and the Trip Coordinator decided the paddle would happen.

At 9:00, to get parking spots before the 5-K Mud Hen runners arrived, Gary Cage and Anne Fiore put in on the north side and Sue Hughes and Kristy and Rich Webber started from the south shore. Whoops, that superficial forecast hadn't mentioned *windy*. It was blowing hard, but they decided they'd paddle until someone said they weren't having fun and then the trip would be over. After a couple of hours on the lake everyone agreed the wind hadn't been a problem and that the morning had turned out to be very enjoyable.

The water was full enough to go up the inlet, where they saw a flock of turkey vultures—not the lovely avocets from last year but interesting nonetheless. They also enjoyed watching the runners circling the lake.

CLUB SCHEDULE

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

SPRING PADDLING

- ▣ Meyers Pool Kayak and Canoe Sessions
 - The FIRST and THIRD Sundays of each month through April (also April 25th)
 - 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.)
 - \$8.50 per person; credit cards accepted
 - Address: 7900 Carr Drive, Arvada
 - For weather related closures: call 303-424-2739
 - Please note: Open Pool Times are not RMSKC sponsored events and are not covered by our ACA insurance

- ▣ 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

- ▣ May 8: Annual Union Reservoir Spring Paddle and Pot-Luck 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
 - Anne Fiore is the leader for the paddling portion of this event.
 - RSVP to Brian Hunter, who will be coordinating the onshore aspects of this get-together:
silversage@peoplepc.com

- ▣ May 12 to 16: Navaho Reservoir Paddle and Camp
 - May 12: Drive to the put-in
 - May 13 - 15: Paddle and camp on the New Mexico side which has free camping
 - May 16: Drive home Sunday
 - Pack-it-out human waste disposal system required
 - Contact trip coordinator Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com to express interest

CLUB SCHEDULE, II

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

PADDLING COORDINATOR'S NOTE: Please remember 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 leader so you can be kept abreast of changes.

- **May 29: Annual Opening Day at Gross Reservoir 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
 - RSVP to trip coordinators Lou Ann and Dave Hustvedt: lahustvedt@gmail.com

SUMMER

- **June 19: ACA's Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues Class**
 - Starting Time: This is an all-day class starting at 8:30 on the water
 - Location: TBD
 - Requirements: RMSKC membership and a boat with flotation, a PFD, spray deck, pump, and paddle float
 - Cost: \$50.00
 - Class size is limited to 10 members
 - Bring a sack lunch and plenty of water
 - Check out the course description: http://www.americancanoe.org/site/c.lvlZlknZJuE/b.4515079/k.50FC/Coastal_Kayaking_Course_Outlines.htm
 - RSVP to coordinator Brian Curtiss: bc@asdi.com
- **June 22-24 Mid-Week Camping and Paddling on the Gunnison**
 - Camp at Island Acres State Park near Palisades and visit wineries
 - Put in below Delta the following morning; camping that night at the mouth of Dominguez Canyon
 - Helmets to be worn on the Class Two stretch near the confluence
 - Time for hiking the second afternoon
 - Express interest to trip leader Gary Greeno: garygreeno@msn.com
- **Early July: White Water Training at Union Chutes**
 - Mid-week class with an exact date to be decided based on water flows from Chatfield Dam
 - Contact instructor Larry Kline to express interest: lcline146@yahoo.com



CLUB SCHEDULE, III

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

- ▣ July TBA: Rolling Class
 - Taught by Ray Van Dusen of River Mouse Kayaks
 - Contact Ray: ray@rivermousekayaks.com

- ▣ July 17: 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

- ▣ August 7: 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 leader and host Mike Anson for directions and details: mds72455@gmail.com

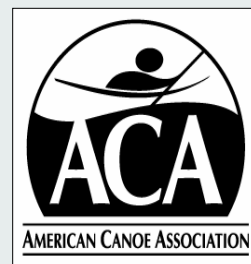
- ▣ August 21-22: Steamboat Lake State Park Camp and Paddle
 - Camping reservations will need to be made as soon as possible
 - Express interest to trip leader Anna Troth: anntro@msn.com

- ▣ September 19-25: 2nd Lake Powell Houseboat Supported Paddle Week
 - This trip is full, but openings may occur.
 - Contact Jud Hurd if you are interested in being notified if they do: hurdofcows@q.com

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.



IN THE PLANNING STAGES



- ▣ July or August: ACA Coastal Kayak Strokes and Maneuvers Refinement
 - Contact Safety and Instruction Coordinator Brian Curtiss

- ▣ August and September: Introduction to Kayak Camping
 - One evening "Classroom" session; date during the week of August 15th to be determined
 - One "Pack and Paddle" shake-down day paddle; August 28th or 29th
 - One overnight on Lake Grandby; the weekend of September 18th or 25th
 - Contact Larry Kline if you are interested in this class

- ▣ August: Moving Water Training on the Colorado River near Dotsero
 - Exact location and dates dependent on water flow
 - Contact Safety and Instruction Coordinator Brian Curtiss to express interest

- ▣ Possible Summer Trips To Be Scouted:
 - Blue Mesa: Lou Ann and Dave Hustvedt
 - Pinewood Reservoir: Anne Fiore and Gary Cage
 - Sterling Reservoir: Anne Fiore and Gary Cage

- ▣ Other Warm Weather Trips Being Considered:
 - Brighton to Ft. Lupton on the South Platte; needs water flows of 700 to 1800; Fiore and Cage
 - Fruita to Westwater on the Colorado; 3rd or 4th weekend in September; Fiore and Cage

- ▣ September:
 - Consider volunteering to coordinate an end-of-the-season paddle while the weather is still nice; contact Anne Fiore for details

- ▣ October:
 - Volunteer to coordinate more end-of-the-season paddles while the weather is still nice; check with Anne Fiore for details
 - Call for nominations for Steering Committee openings

- ▣ November:
 - Penguin Paddle; Tentative Date: November 6
 - November elections

PADDLING COORDINATOR'S NOTE:

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

Contact the people listed here if you have knowledge about these sites or are interested in helping scout them.

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