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CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE

FROM THE COCKPIT

By President Jud Hurd

Well, another Super Bowl is over and I hope your favorite team won. The Super Bowl always reminds me of the man who wanted to go to a Super Bowl his whole life. He finally saved up enough money to buy a ticket but it was the cheapest ticket way up in the nose bleed section where you needed high power binoculars just to see the players.

He was scanning the crowd before the game started and he noticed the stadium was full except one empty seat on the 50-yard line,

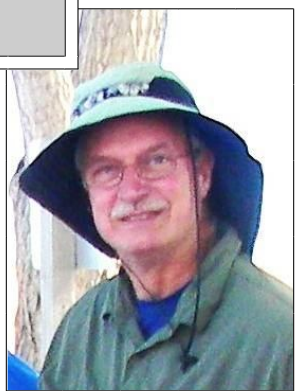


Photo by Dave Hustvedt

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about twenty rows up. He was curious and went down to ask the man next to it if the seat was taken. The man said, yes in fact that was his wife's seat but she had recently passed away. Then he suggested the first man sit with him. The first man offered his sympathies for his loss and thanked him for the offer but suggested perhaps the second man would prefer to have a family member or close friend sit with him. The second man said he would but they were all at his wife's funeral. Now that's commitment!

And speaking of commitment we have another season of kayaking almost upon us. We had a great season last year topped off with a wonderful winter party at Anne Fiore's house. Anne, thank you for opening your house up to us. We not only had a good time we also began a list of paddles for the 2013 season. So, now is the time to think about what you want to get out of this summer's paddling season. Do you want to take a major trip, do more local paddles, improve or learn a new paddle technique, explore new water in Colorado, upgrade your gear, take that first kayak camp trip, etc.

I used to think there was always time to get some paddling in before the end of a season. But invariably something would come up and I would think, well there is always next weekend. Pretty soon the summer had passed me by and I hadn't accomplished anything I wanted to do. So, when we get the calendar published I challenge everybody to look it over and decide what you want to do this summer. What trips do you want to take? Is there a paddle you always wanted to do that is not on the calendar? If so, let me know and we will add it to the list. Consider leading that paddle. This is your club and it is here to help you paddle. I have always had a fun time on all our paddles and our club members are some of the nicest I have met. They are always fun to be around and I learn something every time I go out.

Now, if you are like me I find in order to commit to something I have to put it on the calendar. If it is on the calendar then I will plan other activities around it. So, once you have chosen what you want to do, commit to it by putting it on the calendar now and, as Nike says, just do it. Don't let another summer slip by without accomplishing what you want to do. So, whatever you choose, have fun this summer and above all: BE SAFE!

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STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Steering Committee met the first of December at Sue Hughes' house. In a short breakfast meeting the SC did the following:

- Welcomed **TWO RETURNING STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Janet Scervino is our new Membership Coordinator. Several years ago she spent two years as our Paddle Coordinator. Anne Fiore also held that position; she is now the Club's new Secretary.
- Chatted about **2013'S TRIPS**, with an emphasis on where to go after the holidays when things seem cold and dark in Colorado. Jud said he was thinking about a third trip to the Gulf coast in Texas [which is on the schedule at the end of this issue] and Brian Curtiss mentioned that Clearwater Kayak in the Southeast does a symposium in February each year in Tampa. Other, later in the season, proposals were another trip to Alaska using the Marine Highway Ferry System and a trip to Grand Lake. It was decided that, as always, more planning would occur after suggestions were made and members volunteered to lead trips at the Winter Party.
- Reviewed a copy of the Club's expenditures to date and the balance sheet, and voted to accept John Ruger's **TREASURER'S REPORT** as presented. In a similar vein, the Annual Report has been filed with the State of Colorado and our annual ACA Paddle Club of America dues have been paid.
- Considered an **ACA INSURANCE ISSUE**. In question was the status of pick-up practice sessions for the Club's ACA-insured multi-day trips. It was decided that Deb Jenkins, our Paddling Coordinator, would check with ACA to discover if practice sessions are automatically covered or if each of them must be logged with ACA for their insurance purposes. [The answer: Each must be registered separately.]
- Decided that the **\$50 YEARLY INSTRUCTION FEE**, to cover as many classes as a member wanted, would be offered again for 2013. It was also decided that, because there wasn't a wide range of opportunities last season, anyone who paid the fee in 2012 could take **CLASSES FOR FREE** this summer.
- Revisited the issue of having a **CLUB BROCHURE**. We have a rough sample, but we need to research where they would be placed and what they will cost.
- Agreed upon several other **COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY ISSUES**:
 - (1) We will continue to urge members to join the YahooGroup to receive paddling-related emails.
 - (2) Requests by businesses to forward their offers to our members will be decided upon on an individual basis and forwarded through the President.
 - (3) We will investigate starting a Facebook page to appeal to younger paddlers who are more likely to use that social media.

As mentioned, the new SC members are new to their positions but not to the Steering Committee

If you are new to RMSKC, you can read more about them in the 17-1 Winter 2008-09 *Mt. Paddler*, or in the 18-1a Winter 09-10 *NEWS*, both of which are posted on the RMSKC website



END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2012

John Ruger, Treasurer

ITEMS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2012:		\$3079.73
EXPENSES		
Members' Dues sent to ACA	\$1472.50	
ACA Annual Paddle America Club Dues	\$125.00	
Colo. State Organization Renewal	\$10.00	
Instructors' Annual Certification Fees	\$100.00	
Steering Committee Expenses	\$82.50	
Web Fees	\$160.60	
Postage, Supplies, and Misc.	\$16.94	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$1967.54
INCOME		
RMSKC and ACA dues paid by members	\$1992.60	
RMSKC Skills Classes	\$550.00	
Misc. Income	\$75.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$2617.60
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2012:		\$3729.79

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.

YAHOO! GROUP COMMUNICATIONS

Many members use the Yahoo! Group, but not everyone. That's too bad because last-minute day trips are often announced on it.

It's also where lots of people post pictures from Club trips .

Sign up so you won't miss learning about spontaneous opportunities this summer or viewing fun pictures that people put up to share.

The Steering Committee wants to remind you that the Yahoo! Group is a good way for RMSKC members to communicate paddling-related messages to others in the Club. You can use the group to announce a spur-of-the-moment non-club paddle or event, sell paddling gear, or send out other kayak-related news or events that might be of interest to our members.

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 four 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 messages 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".

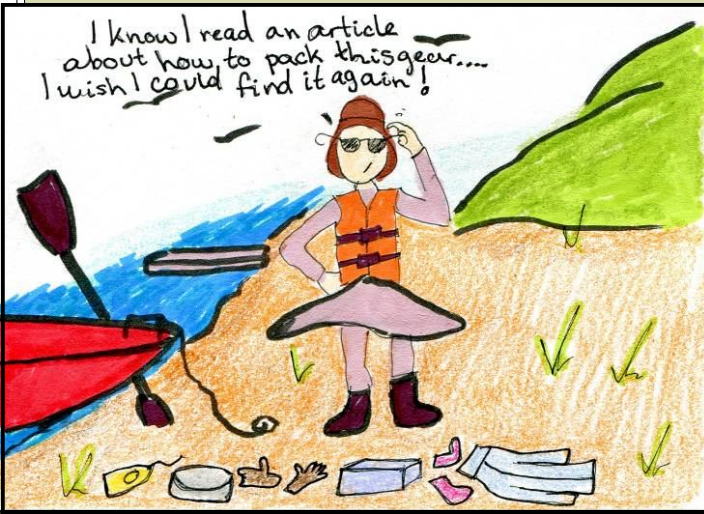
Of course, joining the Yahoo! Group is optional, so if you really don't want to get any of those sorts of paddling communications, you don't have to sign up; the Club will continue to send all official RMSKC emails directly to the email address we have for you.

MORE COMMUNICATION NEWS:

THERE'S AN INDEX
FOR THE
CLUB'S PUBLICATIONS

The publication you're reading, the

relevant over a longer time span.



To facilitate that, an index of all the articles and news briefs in both publications has been created and posted to the PUBLICATIONS page on the RMSKC website. By using the *search*¹ function while in the Index you can locate any article by name or by author, and by almost any topic or subtopic.

- Interested in paddling from a **houseboat on Lake Powell**? Check 18-1b or 18-3b.
- Remember there was something about **mosquitoes on the Missouri**? Search “mosquitoes” and you can read about those in 17-3b...and other references to the bothersome bugs in Yellowstone in 18-1b.
- Curious about articles mentioning “**staying together**”? There is only one, but try searching just “together” and you’ll find three more under “paddling together”.
- Likewise, all the articles about **paddling** or **lessons** in the **Pacific Northwest** can’t be found with “northwest”. Some are “Washington” and others “Puget” and “lessons” will get some more. You’ll have to be crafty.
- Looking for that article about **how to pack it all** into those tiny hatches? Sorry, you will have to write that one yourself.

¹How to use the *Search* function, also known as the *Find* function:

Click “Control” and then “F” and a dialogue box will pop up. Type in what you are looking for and the closest instance will appear.

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Cartoon by LouAnn and Dave Hustvedts' daughter, Ingrid Anderson



JJ is a returning member of the Steering Committee; she served several years ago as our able Paddle Coordinator

ANNUAL RMSKC AND ACA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Janet Scervino, Membership Coordinator

Janet Scervino will be emailing membership notices and forms in February, as everyone's membership expires on March 31, 2013. The RMSKC dues are still only \$10.00, whether you are an individual or a family. This is a great value for the opportunity to meet other paddlers and attend Club day paddles, overnight paddling trips, kayak skills and safety classes, and social gatherings.

Again this year, the *\$50.00 Instruction Fee* will also be on the membership form for individuals wishing to take advantage of instruction by our ACA certified instructors. Pre-paying will alleviate collecting money at the paddle site, which is prohibited in some places. People paying the per-person fee may take as many classes, or repeat a class as many times as they wish, for the whole summer. **Those who paid the *Instruction Fee* in 2012 will not be required to pay again this year and can attend any classes offered this summer.**

When renewing your RMSKC dues, you must also renew your membership with 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.

For people 18 through 61, ACA membership is \$30. Family ACA memberships are \$40. Individual senior members (62 and over) can take advantage of the ACA senior rate of \$25.

In the past ACA has emailed people directly to renew their portion. This has proven to be confusing. **Please send both your ACA renewal dues and ACA waiver to Janet Scervino when you send your RMSKC dues and optional instruction fees.** The Club will forward the ACA portion to them.

For information about the benefits of ACA membership, visit their website at www.americancanoe.org



If you have any questions about your RMSKC or ACA dues, please contact Janet:

Email: jscervino@gmail.com

Phone: 970-485-9493

Address for your forms and check: P.O. Box 79 Silverthorne, CO 80498

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Here is information about one of our new members with highlights of his paddling background; we look forward to reading about the other new members in the next issue of the *RMSKC's NEWS*.

- **AL LOVAS FROM AURORA:** Al was born in Pennsylvania but moved to southern California when he was 10. After a couple of decades in California growing up, attending several colleges and working, and too many layoffs from design engineering jobs, he decided to leave the area. He did some research, visited, and moved to Denver.

He is a mechanical engineer; he's worked in product design and development in various industries ranging from biomedical, packaging, industrial equipment, turf maintenance equipment, explosives for aerospace, a start-up or two, and now the nuclear industry on refueling equipment.

He sees paddling as a natural extension of backpacking: self-propelled travel to unique and special places. He has been paddling since 2001.

He's paddled in Patagonia, South America; Johnstone Strait on the coast of Canada; solo in Misty Fjords east of Ketchikan, Alaska; in Lake Powell in the winter; Glacier Bay with RMSKC last summer; Mexico a few times and in local waters.

He owns a Folbot, *Kodiak* model, expedition-rigged and a polyethylene Wilderness Systems *Capehorn* 17, two canoes and two aluminum boats. The Folbot is an extremely stable boat, because of full length sponsons, but he realized if he had to rent a boat it would be hard-shelled so he bought the *Capehorn* to gain some experience. He plans on attending some pool sessions for roll instruction.

Al would like to paddle more of Glacier Bay, any segment along the Alaskan coast, perhaps via marine ferry drop-offs, the Canadian coast (Haida Gwaii, Blackfish Sound), Lake Powell, the San Juan islands, Isle Royale or the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior, the Missouri River through the Missouri Breaks, lakes in Yellowstone National Park, and Mexico.



There is a lake on Isle Royale which has an island in it.

It's the largest island in the largest lake on the largest island in the largest freshwater lake in the world.



WINTER PARTY

JANUARY 19, 2013



Jud finishing his
Thai Grilled Beef salad

A couple dozen members, some spouses and Hustvedts' daughter and granddaughter enjoyed the traditional winter social, which was held this year at Anne Fiore's house in Lyons.

By around 5:30 her kitchen and great room were full of people enjoying happy hour, catching up on their lives since summer, and eyeing the food as it arrived. The pot-luck offerings were as good as always and no one complained of being hungry.



Clockwise from 7:00: Jay, Dave, Rich,
Brian Hunter, Russ, Gary, Jud

After visiting and eating, people moved to the living room to see Russ Hardy's pictures from last fall's Lake Powell Unsupported trip, and photos and information Jay Gingrich and Jane Lewis presented on paddling in Baja California.

Then Jud led a discussion of plans for the 2013 paddling season; lots of ideas were suggested and many people volunteered to lead trips.



Ingrid (Hustvedts' daughter), Deb,
Jane, Anna, Rich, Brian, Jay

Everyone was excited about the progress we made putting together our coming season's schedule. You can read the specifics starting on p. 11.

Larry and Carole Kline, Wilson's caretakers in 2012, couldn't attend, but Larry sent a report of his travels for this issue; see page 12. Jud has volunteered to take him for 2013.



Wilson





WILSON'S LIFE AND TIMES

By Larry Kline

Hello, fellow adventuring sea kayakers out there in the land-locked Rocky Mountains. Let me tell you something of my life. My life started as a White Elephant but I evolved into another life form, a small squishy spheroid, also known as a very small "basketball". With my newfound form, I am able to travel much more easily as a "rolling stone" than as my prior ponderous four-footed quadruped.

So without further ado let me tell you of my first recollections and subsequent travels: My earliest memories were that of an orphan nestled comfortably on the edge of a river in Wyoming. One momentous day a kind gentleman found me and being of a rather odd mindset (at least as I saw it) decided I was a White Elephant.

I was sitting on the beach when a brightly colored log appeared and began floating towards me. When it got near an oddly dressed two-legged animal emerged from the log and approached me. It lifted me up and put me on top of the log, and thus my travels began.

Each year I am passed on to someone whom my current two-legged companion 'handler' feels will be well traveled and continue to log my adventures in a creative way.

WILSON'S CHRONOLOGY

2008 Adopted by Brian Curtiss on a river trip in Wyoming

2009 Traveled with Brian Hunter

2010 Traveled with Pam Noe and Eric Niles

2011 Traveled with Bernie Dahlen (page 11)

2012 Traveled with Larry Kline (page 12)

2013 Traveling with Jud Hurd

EDITOR'S NOTE: As we learned in Larry Kline's *Wilson's Life and Times*, our traveling head has been taken on Club trips for the last five years.

Accounts of his travels are recorded in a scrapbook, but more people could read about them and see the accompanying photos if we published them in the *RMSKC's NEWS*. So here's a part of what Bernie Dahlen wrote about 2011's adventures. Bernie's whole article, with lots more details and more wonderful pictures, is in a .pdf which will be sent with this issue and posted on the web.

On the following page is a bit from Larry Kline about Wilson's only adventure in 2012. There are also plans to scan and share tales from Wilson's early years soon.

ADVENTURES WITH WILSON IN 2011

The September/October trip down the Green River was led by Gary McIntosh. Gary, a kayak instructor and seasoned veteran, had been down the Green River four previous times. Seventy miles in four days would have been an impossible trip without his experience and leadership.

Trip members were LouAnn Hustvedt, John Ruger, Bernie Dahlen who is holding Wilson, Annette Mascia, Gary McIntosh, Dave Hustvedt, and Marsha Dougherty. Brian Hunter took the picture.



Brian Hunter wrote about the Green River trip in the 19-2b Fall, 2011 *Mountain Paddler*, but this is a picture of the group and the countryside that we haven't published before.

Here's another new-to-us picture; it's from the Sterling Reservoir trip. Jud Hurd's account of this in the 19-1b *Mountain Paddler*.

Pictured (back left to front right) are: Jud Hurd, Brian Hunter, Anna Troth, Chris Dohmen, Anne Fiore, Bernie Dahlen, Marsha Dougherty and Annette Mascia. Not pictured are Ann Odasz, her children Tobias and Johanne, and Pam Noe, who joined the group for part of the fun.





WILSON'S WANDERINGS IN 2012

Ghost Written by Larry Kline

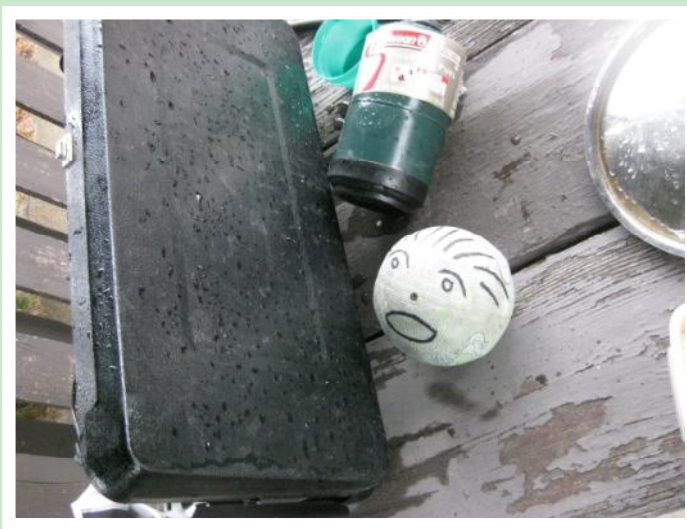
I thought 2012 was going to be a big year travel year for me. But Larry Kline (my handler for the year) got so wrapped up in NOT kayaking that I got left in his garage for almost all of the real kayaking season. Sigh!

I did get out once to travel with Larry and his friends Andy McKenna, Frank Bering and Clark Strickland in north central Nebraska, Merritt Reservoir to be specific.

Unfortunately the weather was severe with extreme winds the afternoon and early evening of our arrival along with brilliant flashes of lightening and explosions of thunder as we hunkered down to sleep. Before that our food had been blown off the picnic table and one of the tents was collapsed by the winds. Luckily I survived, and so did my four paddling friends.

We had a day paddle in cool and breezy conditions the next day and a very pleasant paddle the next. This entire adventure is well described in Andy's article in the 20-2b Winter 2012 *Mountain Paddler*, published in January of 2013.

I hope to have some better adventures in 2013.
Pleeezzzzzeeee!



CLUB SCHEDULE—2013 SEASON

▣ Meyers Pool Kayak Sessions

[Pool sessions are not RMSKC-sponsored opportunities]

- Changed this year to the SECOND and FOURTH Sundays of February and March but the FIRST and THIRD Sundays in April. There is the full schedule on our website or check the Meyers Pool website.
- 10:00 to 1:00 (This is what Meyers Pool calls the "canoe" time for larger boats; it's better for our sea kayaks than the later "kayak" time, which is primarily for white water boats and has too many participants.)
- \$9.00 per person; credit cards accepted
- Address: 7900 Carr Drive, Arvada
- For weather related closures: call 303-424-2739

Club instructors and some of our better paddlers often attend the pool sessions at Meyers Pool. It is a good way to stay in shape, practice important skills and meet people. It's fun, and you can almost always find someone willing to help you learn something new.

If you are new to kayaking in a pool, read helpful how-to details on page 16 in the 17-1 Winter 2008-09 issue of the *Mountain Paddler*, which you can find on the RMSKC website.

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

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

▣ February 20-27: Trip to South Padre Island and Corpus Christi, Texas

- Car camping at Goose Island State Park and perhaps kayak camping on Matagorda Island, a barrier island
- Contact the Trip Leader, Jud Hurd, for more information: hurdofcows@q.com

There is more information about most of our trips on the Master Schedule that's on the RMSKC website.

You can also read accounts of many of them in previous Club publications. Search the index that's on the website to locate an article and the issue you're looking for.

▣ Early March: Day Light Savings Celebration

- Location: McIntosh Lake, Longmont; the south parking ramp
- Time: 5:15 pm on the water and ready to go.
- Description: In celebration of the beginning of daylight savings time and the year's paddling season, take a spin around McIntosh Lake after work on Tuesday, the 12th. Some years the trip has been scheduled for the following Saturday morning to avoid the afternoon winds.
- **This event will not happen without a Trip Leader, who will decide the exact the date.**
- Contact Deb Jenkins if you will lead it: debjenkinsart@yahoo.com

■ **March 23: Twelfth Annual Multi-Club South Platte River Trip (Snow date = April 6)**

- This is not a RMSKC-sponsored event, but many members have enjoyed it over the years and it's a good introduction to paddling moving water.
- Contact Anne Fiore for more details: anne_fiore@yahoo.com
- 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. There is a short portage over rough ground so bring suitable footwear.
 - 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 30: Lone Tree Reservoir**

- Date: March 30
- Times: 10:00AM, in the water and ready to go, to about 2:00, with a lunch stop
- This is an early season paddle, so dress for the water temperature. Bring a lunch.
- Lone Tree is a lovely reservoir in a State Wildlife Area west of Berthoud and east of Carter Lake. We'll focus on exploring every nook and cranny of it that the water level permits.
- Contact Trip Leader Anne Fiore to verify the date and get all the particulars: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

■ **March 31: Deadline to pay DUES and submit WAIVERS**

- If you didn't get them by email, download an application and waivers from the RMSKC website.
- Email questions to: jscervino@gmail.com
- Send the paperwork and your annual dues to:
Janet Scervino
P. O. Box 79
Silverthorne, CO 80498

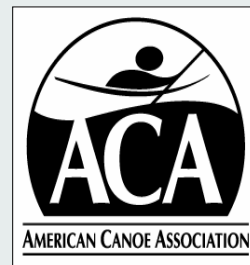
Details in our Club schedules are *tentative* due to Trip Coordinators' decisions about locations and dates, and the frequently unpredictable Rocky Mountain weather.

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

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.



▣ **April 13: Kersey to Kuner Moving Water Practice on the South Platte River**

- Scheduled for Saturday, April 13, but the date may change depending on water flow
- This trip will focus on practicing paddling skills on moving water. Specifics to be covered are: ferrying, eddying, spacing, back paddling as a means to get a cushion of space, reading the river, and avoiding hazards such as dams, sweepers and rocks
- Details: Bring plenty of water, snacks and a lunch. Expect a long day as we will be spending a lot of time practicing.
- The class will be limited to a maximum of 6 participants. Your RMSKC and ACA membership must be current.
- Contact Anne Fiore for details: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

▣ **April 27: "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 early starting time; the annual *Mud Hen 5K Run* begins 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.
- RSVP to Trip Leader Sue Hughes: suehughes@yahoo.com

▣ **Early May: Introduction to Kayak Camping**

- One "Classroom Session"
- One "Pack and Paddle" shake-down day paddle
- One overnight camping trip TBD
- The intent is to help RMSKC members get the outdoors skills to proceed from beginners to adventurers, and to retain the Club's old-timers as either instructors or participants
- This is not a paddling skills class. You need to be able to paddle 3mph non-stop for at least an hour and be comfortable in wind with one-foot waves to participate in the overnight session.
- **This class will be cancelled unless we get an Instructor and Trip Leader. Contact Deb Jenkins if you will teach and lead it: debjenkinsart@yahoo.com**

▣ **May 11: Annual Union Reservoir Spring Paddle and BYO Picnic Lunch**

- Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 3:00)
- Entrance fees for 2013 have not been posted yet
- Address: 0461 WCR #26, Longmont
(http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/union.htm)
- Bring a lunch, and your own plates and beverage
- Contact Trip Leader Anne Fiore for details: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

▣ **May, June or July: Gross Reservoir Day Paddle**

- This is a traditional paddle, frequently held on Opening Day, the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Last year we went in mid-July...it's always fun whenever we do it.
- On the water and ready to paddle at 9:00
- This is a cold water paddle, even in July. Dress for the water, not the weather.
- Bring wheels for your kayak because you have to park a long way from the water.
- Bring a lunch
- This does not yet have a Trip Leader. Contact Deb Jenkins to volunteer: debjenkinsart@yahoo.com

▣ **June: Alaska Marine Highway Paddle from the Ferry Trip**

- Trip Leader Dave Hustvedt for dates and more details: davidhustvedt@hotmail.com

▣ **June 22: PaddleFest at Chatfield Reservoir [note the earlier date]**

- This is RMSKC's annual summer get-together for games and competitions on the water, instruction, and time to chat and try out other members' boats
- There will be a grill, so bring the meat of your choice and a pot-luck side dish to share
- It's a no-waste event; bring your own reusable dishes, utensils and water containers
- Location: Roxborough Cove at Chatfield Reservoir
- Contact LouAnn Hustvedt for details: lahustvedt@gmail.com

▣ **July 20-27: Lewis and Shoshone Lakes Kayak Camping**

- This is a trip into Yellowstone's Shoshone Lake, the largest backcountry lake in the contiguous United States. We'll launch on the north shore of Lewis Lake and paddle to the Lewis River Channel, which connects Lewis Lake to Shoshone Lake. We'll camp on Shoshone's shores and explore the lake and Shoshone Geyser Basin, one of Yellowstone's most remote geyser basins.
- Leaders: Marlene Pakish and Julie Reckart
- There are only two more spaces on this trip. Contact Marlene or Julie for more information and to sign up: mjoycep@yahoo.com or imjulier@yahoo.com

▣ **August 23-26: Blue Mesa Reservoir Camp and Paddle**

- Check the "End of Year, 2012" issue of the *Mountain Paddler* for a description of last year's trip.
- Contact Leader Jud Hurd for more details about this year's trip: hurdofcows@q.com

▣ **September 21-29: Lake Powell Houseboat-Supported Paddling Trip**

- This trip departs from Wahheap, Arizona
- Because of the size of the houseboat, the group is limited to twelve participants
- The trip is full at this time. Work to organize a second houseboat or contact Jud to put your name on the waiting list: hurdofcows@q.com

PROPOSED, BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED

▣ Granby Overnight

Leader: Anna Troth

Dates:

Contact: antro@msn.com

▣ Twin Lakes/Turquoise Lake

Leader: Jay Gingrich

Description: There is an account of this paddle in the 20-2a Summer 2012 issue of the RMSKC's *NEWS*, which you can find on the Club's website

Date: This paddle will need to be scheduled depending on the weather and, especially, wind conditions

Contact: jaymtb@amigo.net

▣ Escalante Bridge Gunnison

Leader: Marsha Dougherty

Dates:

Contact: marsha5847@gmail.com

▣ Green River

Leader:

Dates:

▣ Pueblo Reservoir Overnight

Leader: Jud Hurd

Dates: To Be Determined...the summer's paddling schedule is getting pretty full.

Contact: hurdofcows@q.com

Before joining any of our Club paddles or extended trips, please read the *Participants' Guidelines* on the RMSKC website and contact the Trip Leader to discuss the necessary skill level and any other requirements.

POSSIBLE LOCAL DAY PADDLES

- ▣ If you are interested in leading a day trip, either to one of the suggestions below or to one of your choosing, please contact our paddling coordinator, Deb Jenkins, at debjenkinsart@yahoo.com

- Lake Estes
- Horsetooth Reservoir near Ft. Collins
- Rampart Reservoir
- Lake Pueblo
- Ruedi Reservoir
- Green Mountain Reservoir
- Cherry Creek Reservoir
- Chatfield Reservoir
- Dillon Reservoir
- Boyd Lake
- Jackson Reservoir
- Gross Reservoir

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

Contact our Paddle Coordinator, Deb Jenkins, to help add a new trip to our schedule:
debjenkinsart@yahoo.com

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