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THE RMSKC NEWS

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

OVER THE FOREDECK

By President Clark Strickland

This is the title
I've chosen for

the President's update because I expect that many of you will be paddling faster than I am! Hopefully, it won't be my emergency whistle you'll be hearing.

I look forward to many happy days on the water with Club members this year. If this year brings anything like the fun and fulfilling experiences that I had with RMSKC last year, my dues will be well worth the price.



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From a Lake Powell overhang



It's great to have new members who will bring their own expectations and enthusiasms. Welcome! Let's continue to grow our group by encouraging friends to join us, by leaving our "c'mon cards" with owners of boats we encounter and by sending curious folks to RMSKC's great website.

If you have any word about new or threatened paddling water access issues, please let me know. RMSKC has submitted comments as part of the new Colorado Parks and Wildlife Comprehensive Plan process. There may be other access issues that emerge, particularly as Colorado continues to recover from the 2013 floods. I can report that the water allocation plan for Chatfield

Reservoir includes measures to preserve Gravel Pond #1 by raising berms and elevated roadways. RMSKC will communicate our view that this should remain a priority in the plan and not be "value engineered" out if funds become tight.

We heard at the winter potluck gathering (great to see so many folks there) that qualified instruction has real value to our members and as a recruitment tool. The Steering Committee will be meeting shortly to figure out how we can strengthen our instruction, training, and safety offerings. The Steering Committee members would love to hear your ideas on how we might best do that.

See you on the water,
Clark

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INSTRUCTION AND SAFETY:			

The Steering Committee met in late January at Sue Hughes' house, a central location for our SC members who live all over Colorado. Here are the highlights of what they discussed at that meeting:



Harold Sturgis, Anne Fiore and newly elected president, Gene Langlinais

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

- Harold Sturgis presented his year-end **2014 TREASURER'S REPORT** [see page 8] which was approved by everyone.
- Dave Hustvedt had the **BUSINESS CARDS** printed. They were distributed to SC members. They will be placed in sport shops that sell kayaks and paddling equipment, and passed out to other paddlers and people interested in kayaking. The goal is to make more people aware of RSKC. Cards will also be available for distribution to club members at the winter party.
- The consensus is that it would be desirable to offer **ACA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTION**, but we only have one certified instructor. Gene will investigate the possibility of having ACA instructor certification/recertification classes offered in our area. If we will not have any certified instructors, qualified club members will be encouraged to give instruction informally during paddling sessions, and we will remove all references on the website to ACA certified instruction. Clark and Jud will work with Anne to review additional website changes that may be necessary.
- Anne will investigate creating an **E-MAIL GROUP** for members to use to facilitate communication about paddling outings.
- Our **MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORMS** need to be revised regarding the procedures for ACA membership. Clark will draft revised forms. The fact that some RSKC members are not current members of ACA was discussed. The new forms will remind members that ACA membership is a requirement for RSKC membership.
- Gene questioned **THE VALUE OF ACA INSURANCE** relative to the cost, and whether other insurance might be a better value. The primary goal is liability protection for SC members and trip leaders in case someone is injured on a trip. Gene will investigate further to determine what ACA insurance covers, and will compare it to coverage available from other companies at lower cost.
- **INCREASING CLUB MEMBERSHIP** by making the club more inclusive was discussed. Suggested ways of doing this were to be more welcoming of paddlers with rec and other types of kayaks in order to introduce them to sea kayaking. Another suggestion was for members to make kayaks available to people who would like to try sea kayaking at paddle outings as well as at PaddleFest. Still another suggestion was to contact school/college recreation outing clubs about sea kayaking.

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JANUARY SC MEETING, CONT.

- There was discussion about the need to see **MORE ACTIVITIES ON THE ANNUAL CALENDAR**. Trip ideas generated at the winter party should result in additional suggestions for the calendar. Gene intends to lead informal Wednesday evening paddles at Cherry Creek Reservoir during July and August. Our annual PaddleFest will be held on Saturday June 27 at Chatfield Reservoir. Jud will make the necessary reservation.
- The position of **SAFETY AND INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR** is vacant.

MORE STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS, JANUARY TO MARCH

Since then, many of the items discussed at that January meeting have been acted upon, and communicated to the members who were at the Winter Party [pages 18 and 19].

Lots has been done: the business cards have been distributed; web changes are in place that reflect our lack of ACA certified instructors and our inclusion of people in all sorts of kayaks; a Google Group for facilitating email exists [page 16 and 17]; the revamped renewal form is on the website [see page 9 for how the process works]; and the instruction, insurance, and ACA affiliation issues were introduced to the members at the Winter Party.

Here is the rest of the Steering Committee news:

- Later in January **GENE LANGLINIS RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT** due to increased responsibilities in his life; Jud became acting president for the next month or so.
- The club's bylaws state that in the event of a vacancy on the Steering Committee the SC will fill the position by a majority vote. No one volunteered at the winter party and the SC **APPOINTED CLARK STRICKLAND AS PRESIDENT** unanimously; he is willing to continue as Membership Coordinator for the remainder of 2015.
- The steering committee was delighted to hear members' comments at the winter party about the importance of **INSTRUCTION** and they will be meeting to brainstorm how RMSKC can ensure that we will continue to help people improved their skills in the future.
- Research on the complex issue of insurance has started and will continue. We will remain an American Canoe Association Paddle America club this year in order to keep the **LIABILITY INSURANCE** we have through them, but before next year we will decide whether we think future ACA affiliation is worth the additional cost to our members. No final decision on insurance or continued **ACA AFFILIATION** will be made by the SC without the approval of the membership.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

GEORGE OTTENHOFF, SECRETARY: Growing up in the Midwest, I spent a lot of time in, on and around the water, and playing in a variety of boats. One summer during college I worked at a summer camp, and taught swimming and canoeing, and also met my wife Jen.

My introduction to sea kayaking came about fifteen years ago during a trip to British Columbia. While we were on Vancouver Island I saw a sign advertising half-day kayak trips, and I decided to try something that really looked great. After half an hour I was hooked. I took a couple multi-day kayak camping trips in BC in the following years, and decided to buy my own sea kayak about ten years ago. Once I became a kayak owner, I knew that I needed to learn a lot more about the sport, and began investigating. I discovered the RMSKC, and promptly joined. It has been a tremendous benefit to me in providing essential instruction, as well as paddling opportunities and wonderful friends.

I have always loved wilderness camping, and kayaking now provides an alternative to backpacking as a way to do that, since I can no longer carry a full pack for an extended trip. My current boat is a Prijon *Kodiak*, which is an outstanding trip boat that will carry a lot of gear, and is still a pretty fast boat. I confess, though, to paddling Jen's P&H *Capella* whenever I can, since it handles more like a sports car. I do plan to paddle several other boats this summer to try them out.

My favorite place to paddle has to be British Columbia because of the great variety of sea life along the shore, the fantastic scenery, and the possibility of seeing seals, orcas and whales. One of my greatest paddling experiences was on a trip in Johnstone Strait when an orca swam right under my boat and breached about twenty-five feet from me. Other trips I have taken have been to the Missouri Breaks in Montana, Yellowstone and Shoshone Lakes in Wyoming, Green River in Utah, Lake Powell, and Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota. [Read about these trips with RMSKC friends in articles you can find using the *Publications Index* on the website.]



George during the Lake Powell Houseboat II trip, 2010



George practicing bracing while Ray Van Dusen rocks his boat; Soda Lake, 2010

One trip on my bucket list is the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. This trip is looking much more like reality since my brother just bought a home on Lake Superior about an hour from the Apostle Islands. Now I just have to find him a kayak and lots of experience.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CONT.

Although George has been in RMSKC longer than most of the people on the Steering Committee, the others are long-time SC members—some have held multiple positions—and all have had their biographies in earlier club publications. For those of you who are new to RMSKC, here are their photos with notes about finding their paddling history in previous issues.

Most of them have also written trip reports or other articles that can be located in old publications by searching the *RMSKC Publications Index*. All the issues are on the "Current Publications" page of the "Club Publications and Index" section on the website.



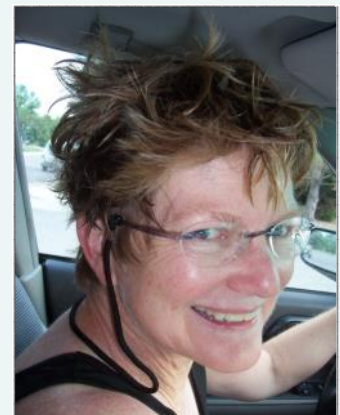
**CLARK STRICKLAND, PRESIDENT AND
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Page 10 in
The News, Fall 2009 (19-2a)



ANNE FIORE, WEB MASTER: Page 4 in
The NEWS, Winter 2009-2010 (18-1a)

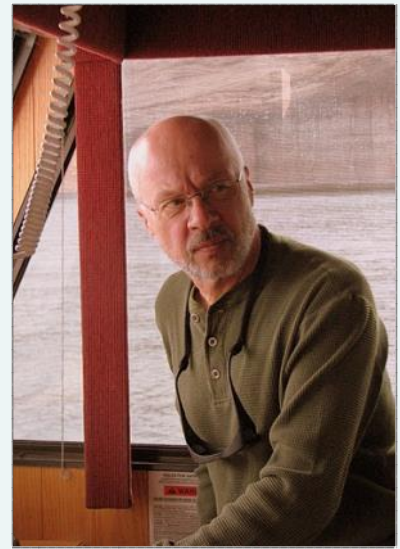


JUD HURD, PADDLE COORDINATOR: Page 7 in *The NEWS*,
Fall 2009 (19-2a)



SUE HUGHES, EDITOR:
Page 5 in *The NEWS*,
Winter 2009-2010 (18-1a)

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LOU ANN AND DAVE HUSTVEDT,
ONSHORE COORDINATORS: Page 6 in *The NEWS*,
 Fall 2011 (19-2a)

These people on the Steering Committee, and others in the club, put in hours of their time to help RMSKC meet its objectives of providing kayaking opportunities, instruction in paddling, safety and kayak camping, and the opportunity to meet new friends.

In addition to serving on the Steering Committee, RMSKC always needs short-term volunteers.

Below are some suggestions, but feel free to propose something else that better aligns with your interests, talents and time:

- Work with Jud Hurd to increase media publicity of our club events. In the past we've had a Publicity Coordinator; we need one again.
- Write nationally known instructors to propose they stop through the Denver area on their cross-country trips to give a workshop here. We've advertised for paying students and provided housing and brewery tours for classes like these in the past. [19-1b]
- Research members' interest in purchasing and the cost of creating a club t-shirt (or something else) with the RMSKC logo on it.
- Contact local college sports clubs to see if they are interested in sea kayaking with us.



HAROLD STURGIS, TREASURER: Page 4 in
The News, Winter 2013-2014 (22-1a)



RMSKC t-shirt

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2014

Harold Sturgis,
Treasurer



ITEM	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE, January 2014	\$3,716
REVENUE	
Member dues	\$715
Sale of donated equipment	\$135
TOTAL REVENUE	\$850
EXPENSES	
ACA member dues	\$145
ACA PAC dues + Insurance	\$190
Colo State non-profit fee	\$0
Instructor annual certification	\$25
Steering Committee expenses	\$30
Web fees	\$198
Supplies, postage, misc.	\$40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$628
ENDING BALANCE, December 2014	\$3,938



Clark

RMSKC AND ACA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS

Clark Strickland, Membership Coordinator

Your annual Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club membership expires March 31, 2015, so follow the renewal procedures on the "Membership" page of the RMSKC website, and mail or email the necessary documents and snail-mail your \$10 check to Clark Strickland by the end of the month.



To be a member of RMSKC you must also be an up-to-date member of the American Canoe Association. ACA membership can be renewed on their website, where you will designate RMSKC as your Paddle America Club affiliate which entitles you to membership at a reduced rate. Look for the further reduction offered to seniors, if that applies to you. After the ACA has processed your renewal you will receive an email from them with your new ACA card and a link to sign your annual PAC waiver, a three-page form. ACA's letter makes it sound as if they send a copy of your waiver to RMSKC but they don't, so the only way for us to know it is in force is to get a copy of it from you.

If you are having trouble with the ACA renewal or the PAC waiver, email or call Clark with the particulars and he'll help sort it out with ACA:

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Mail or email copies of everything to:

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1548 Locust Street
Denver, CO 80220

Send these **FOUR** things
to Clark before April 1st:

1. Your RMSKC renewal form
2. A \$10 check made out to RMSKC
3. ACA waivers for everyone in the family
4. A copy of everyone's ACA card

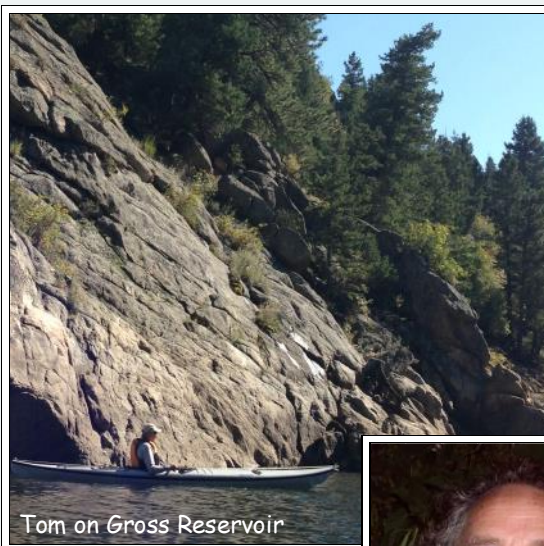
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

- **TOM AVERY FROM DENVER:** I've been interested in kayaking since I was young. I grew up in Boulder and our next door neighbor, Steve Bradley (Bradley's Bash in Winter Park), designed and built kayaks, and ran rivers in the 50s and 60s. He was like another dad to me and I'd hang out and talk with him.

I've been interested in anything that would float since I was very young. However I didn't get into sea kayaking until just last year. I've been more of a sailor all my life. Last year I drove out to Seattle and bought a boat (Mariner) and took a course at George Gronseth's Kayak Academy. On the way home I stopped by Yellowstone and did a four-day solo trip on the lake which completely hooked me.

Some childhood friends from Boulder also boat and I've started hanging out with them. We're going to Lake Powell in a couple of weeks to do a six-day trip. So I'm actually just a novice kayaker but eager to get out there and meet people who want to do trips. Baja is my next big dream.



- **GENE LANGLINAIS FROM AURORA:** My passion over the past half century has been paddling: canoes, river kayaks and sea kayaks. I have held ACA's L-5 Whitewater Kayak Instructor certification and L-2 and L-3 Whitewater Open Canoe Instructor certifications, taught numerous people to roll, and have introduced countless numbers of folks to our sport with great success.



I've recently paddled most of the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay, New York harbor (Manhattan Circumnavigation) and several of the tidal rivers between Rhode Island and Georgia as well as the mighty Atlantic.

I have also taught Red Cross First Aid, CPR, AED, Infectious Diseases and Blood Borne Pathogen classes, all with the slant towards our paddling discipline.

MORE NEW MEMBERS

➤ JOY FARQUHAR FROM LONGMONT:

"Is it so nice as all that?" asked the mole, shyly...

"Nice? It's the *only* thing," said the Water Rat solemnly, as he leaned forward for his stroke.

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

"Simply messing...about in boats—or with boats... in or out of 'em, it doesn't matter. Nothing seems to matter, that's the charm of it. Whether you get away, or whether you don't; whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you're always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you've done it there's always something else to do, and you can do it if you like, but you'd much better not.

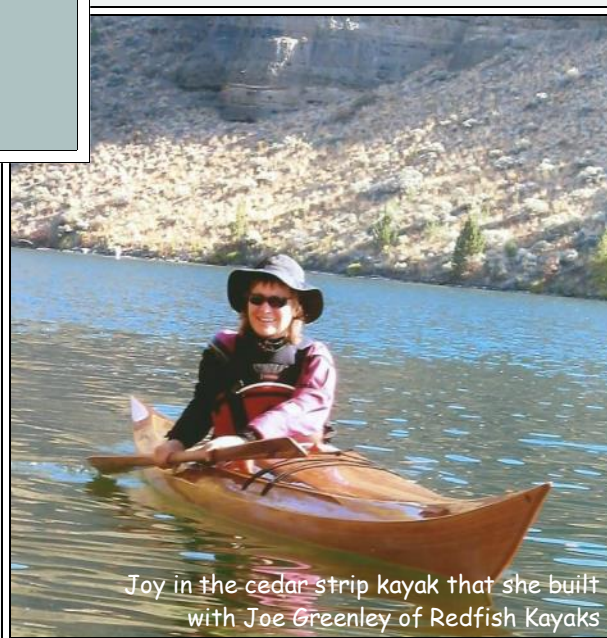
"Look here! If you've really nothing else on hand this morning, supposing we drop down the river together and have a long day of it?"

My biography? Well, sending the above quote from *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame was prompted by my musing, "messing about in boats?" It does a rather good job of profiling my life. I have to admit taking time off to raise a family; to teach for 45 years; to run marathons; to ride bikes, including across the USA; to train for various triathlons; and skiing. But mostly my life is dominated with fun in the water and boats.

It began with my first water boat, a rubber band model that I powered in the bathtub; next a racing Chris Craft named JOY ANN on the Detroit River, owned by my father. Then came lots more: fishing every summer with my grandma in a heavy old row boat which I managed to paddle from early years in Michigan; a Grumman Sailboat which resides in California; a birthday present canoe while living in Illinois, which I still have; a Maas Aero which I used for training while crew rowing for Conibear (Dick's Chicks) in Seattle.

In the 90s I worked at the Center for Wooden Boats learning as much as possible: tear boats apart and refurbish; sail and teach boating to school kids; enter races in wherries across the Sound; give Schooner tours; sing sea shanties and more. Then came the challenge: build my own boats. Take classes to make a cedar strip kayak with Joe Greenley; and a skin on frame with Bob Kelim, which I still have.

Lastly I look for all the ferries and other boats that can take me places: India, Iceland, Norway, Scotland, England, France, Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Canada and live-aboards in Washington. I'm slowing down a bit, but plan on plenty of kayak adventures this year. I go out with OOPS and SSAK on the West Coast but look forward to lots of fun here with RMSKC.



Joy in the cedar strip kayak that she built with Joe Greenley of Redfish Kayaks

EDITOR'S NOTE: Take a minute to google OOPS (Oregon Ocean Paddling Society) and SSAK (South Sound Area Kayakers). They're located near incredible places to paddle and their websites are informative and full of fabulous pictures.

- **JAKE JOHNSON FROM PINE:** Jake has been paddling for 24 years. He began while stationed in Singapore with the Marine Corps because there are lots of islands in Malaysia and Indonesia. He currently paddles a plastic rec boat or a tandem with his grandchildren and his dogs.



Jake and his grandchildren



Jake, age 56, lives in Pine, in unincorporated Jefferson County, with his wife Nita and two dogs and three cats. He says Glacier Bay was the best place they've ever paddled and British Columbia is their next goal.

- **NITA DROLET-JOHNSON FROM PINE:** I began paddling four years ago. My husband Jake suggested this activity, and we enjoy paddling together. I have a recreation boat; I'm a novice and I like calm water!

We have paddled a few lakes and reservoirs in Colorado, in Glacier Bay in Alaska, and ocean paddling while visiting various islands in Hawaii. We also had a few hours on the water in the San Juans. We have lots of fun with the grandkids and the dogs in the boats!

- **KAREN AND JIM DLOUHY FROM LONGMONT:** Karen and Jim started paddling a little over a year and a half ago in a small rec boat on McIntosh Lake. They enjoyed it so much they bought larger kayaks and joined the RMSKC.

Karen has a Perception *Essence 16.5* and Jim has a Tiderace *Xcite*. They have paddled several reservoirs and lakes in Colorado and are looking forward to exploring new places this summer, possibly Flaming Gorge and Lake Jackson in Wyoming. (Their name is pronounced DA-LÓW-HE, with a slight emphasis on the middle syllable.)



Karen Dlouhy



Jim Dlouhy

EVEN MORE NEW MEMBERS

➤ CHRIS AND GRISELLE DUVAL FROM COLORADO SPRINGS:

Chris: I was born in New Jersey, but has only been back once since 1970. We moved to Crested Butte to enjoy the great outdoors. Most of my outdoor experience has been mountaineering, backcountry skiing, and climbing. I did a little kayaking in college and did the San Juan, the Dolores, and the San Miguel.

I have only been sea kayaking a few times in the Northwest, in Puerto Rico, the Bay Islands off of Honduras, and in Mexico where we did an overnight and almost got in over our heads. Now I want to learn the skills to kayak safely.

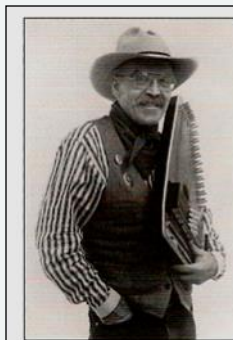
Griselle: I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. I came to the mainland United States in 1989 after a five year stint in Spain. I have spent a lot of time on the water, but not in human powered boats until now. Like my husband, I am looking forward to learning the skills necessary to paddle the world safely. In March we leave for the Sea of Cortez and in June we are planning on floating the Green to the confluence of the Colorado. Our first club trip will be at Pueblo Reservoir in May.



➤ DON MANTON FROM LAKEWOOD: Don got into paddling about seven years ago. He currently paddles a Delta 17' or a 16.5' self-made Redfish cedar strip boat. He has been lots of places; his favorite kayaking town is Port Townsend, Washington.

➤ ROZ BROWN FROM LAKEWOOD: We hope to have paddling information from Roz in the next issue.

Here's the business card for his musical appearances that he shared at the Winter Party.





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Don on Lake Mead

MORE NEW MEMBERS

- **STACY REZAK FROM LITTLETON:** I am originally from Illinois, but recently moved to Littleton. I have been a recreational kayaker on and off over the last several years, but became serious about sea kayaking this past summer. I own two sea kayaks: a Wilderness Systems *Tempest 165* (green, plastic) and a Steller S18 (white, composite).

I have paddled many of the lakes in southeastern Wisconsin and along the shoreline of Lake Michigan.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Door County Sea Kayaking Symposium last year and plan to return again this July. After attending both it and the Great Lakes Sea Kayaking Symposium the following week, I plan a weeklong exploration of the Apostle Islands in early August. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to kayak the Apostles while on an extended camping trip. I hope it will be the first of many kayaking trips to beautiful places around the world.

I look forward to meeting all of you and discovering this breath-taking part of the country through your eyes. I'd love to hear all about your favorite paddling destinations. Seek me out. I'm easy to spot, just look for the white sunglasses. Otherwise, you can reach me at stacyrezak@att.net or 847/226-5161.

- **OTHER NEW MEMBERS;** we hope to have their bios in the next *NEWS*: Wendy Lamar, Alex Thompson and Eileen Yelverton



PaddleFest; Roxborough Cove at Chatfield Reservoir

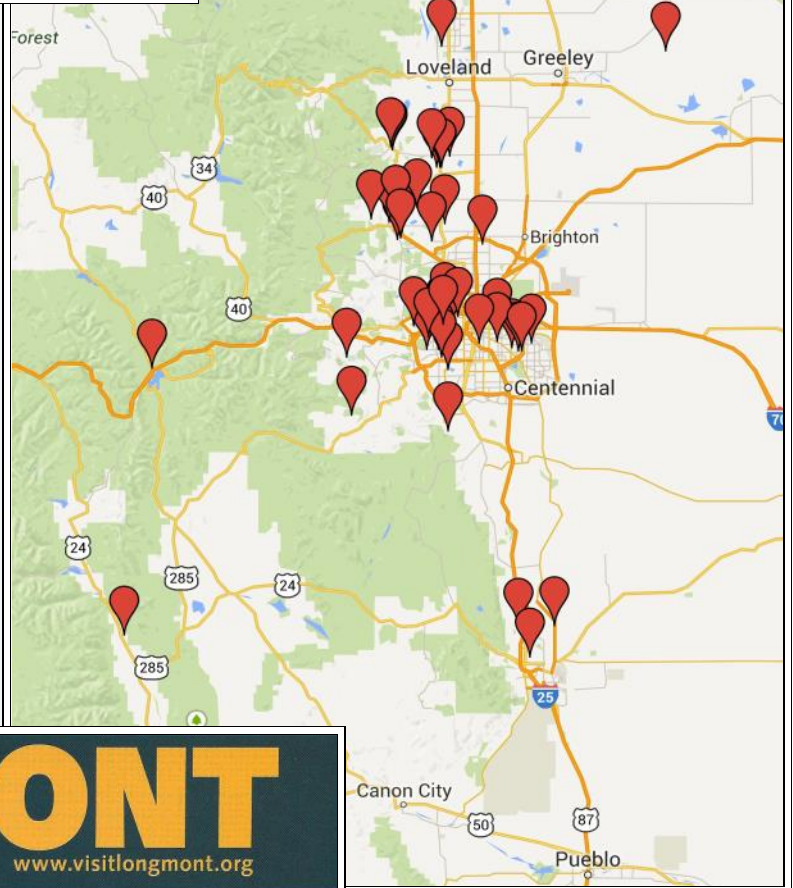
LOCATIONS: MEMBERS, PADDLE DESTINATIONS, PADDLE REPORTS AND PICTURES

Most **RMSKC MEMBERS** are clustered in urban areas up and down Colorado's Front Range. We made front page news in close-to-home Longmont this past year, but we paddle all over.

Find an exhaustive list of near and far mountain **PADDLING LOCATIONS** on the Trips and Day Paddles page on the club's website, and read about dozens of paddling destinations and adventures in back issues of the *Mountain Paddler* which are archived in the Publications section.



There are also albums of some of our **PADDLING PICTURES** on Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club's Facebook page.

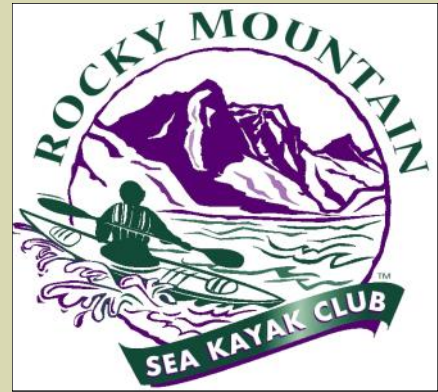


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Clark Strickland.

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Phyllis Dwyer.

THE NEW GOOGLE GROUP

By Jud Hurd and Clark Strickland



Our members range from Fort Collins to Kersey to Colorado Springs to Buena Vista to Silverthorne, and all over the Denver/Metro area. One of our biggest challenges is having an easy-to-use communication system to get in touch with other members for an afternoon on a local lake or to suggest a major outing to see who might be interested in participating.

The RMSKC has set up the Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club Membership Google Group for just that purpose. We hope that this facilitates communications among our members and makes it easier for us all to get together for an outing. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Here are some answers about our Google Group:

Who can use the Group? Only RMSKC members can post to the Group. Every RMSKC member can and hopefully will use the Group.

How do I sign up to use it? Do nothing. The Membership Coordinator enrolls all RMSKC members as they are added to our club roster.

How do I use initiate messages? Email rocky-mountain-sea-kayak-club-membership@googlegroups.com.

- To send a message to the whole Group, hit the tab "New Topic."
 - From the drop-down menu, you can choose to "Start a discussion," which will create a new thread with responses from members visible to all.
 - Or you can choose "Make an announcement" which does not start a threaded discussion.
- You send your message out by hitting the tab "Post Message."

How do I respond to messages?

- If someone sends an announcement, you can respond directly to the sender if you wish to do so.
- Do not change the topic in a thread. It is better start a new discussion or send an e-mail directly to the member with whom you want to communicate.

Who maintains the Group? The Membership Coordinator is the owner of the Group.

What if my email changes? If you change the e-mail address that you want to have associated with RMSKC, please notify the Membership Coordinator and it will be changed in our records and for the Google Group.

What if I want to unsubscribe from the Group? If you want to unsubscribe, send an email to rocky-mountain-sea-kayak-club-memership+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

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THE NEW GOOGLE GROUP, CONT.

By Jud Hurd and Clark Strickland

What types of topics should be posted to the Group? Since people get so many emails, we want to use the Group only for kayaking, kayak camping and related subjects. Of course, this suggested list of topics is not all inclusive:

- Announcements of a Club paddle or other Club activities, such as the winter party or manning a table at a local event
- Invitations to impromptu paddles that are not official RMSKC paddles
- Announcements of interest about an RMSKC member such as a new child or grandchild, change of address, illness, etc.
- Links to interesting or helpful online articles about kayaking, camping, gear, tripping, safety, symposiums, etc.
- Notices of kayak or camping gear for sale
- Postings of kayak-related requests or lists of gear you want to buy

What types of topics should be NOT posted to the Group?

- Non-kayak gear for sale such as cars, skis, bicycles, etc.
- Kayak trip group communications; once a trip leader has a group identified for a trip he or she should communicate trip particulars directly with the participants and not through the Group
- Kayak trip reports; while these are directly related to kayaking we will reserve them for *The NEWS* or the *Mountain Paddler* so they can be indexed for future use on the website.

CLUB PUBLICATIONS, ANOTHER COMMUNICATION TOOL:

The RMSKC produces two publications - *The RMSKC NEWS* and *The Mountain Paddler*. Why are there two and what's the difference between them?

- *The RMSKC NEWS* is like a newspaper that publishes mostly just Club news—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 RMSKC is proud of our publications. We keep them indexed and archived on our website to help people remember the enjoyment of paddling, realize the availability of a group of congenial people to paddle with, and learn about the wealth of paddling venues available for folks in our land-locked state.

Articles by our members are what keep the publications vibrant. Whenever you do or think about something of interest to other kayakers let the Editor know. We are always looking for content for either of the RMSKC's publications.

WINTER PARTY 2015

Snow cancelled the first plans for our annual Winter Party and finding an alternate date took a lot of emailing, but it all fell in place on a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon. We were at John Ruger's clubhouse in Lakewood again, which was lots easier to find in the daylight than it had been the year before. The pot-luck featured ham, Lou Ann's famous deviled eggs and long tables of other yummy dishes.



Jim and Karen Dlouhy

In his place, Clark Strickland was MC. He introduced the Steering Committee members and the club's instructors. Then he led a discussion of changes to our instruction program since all but one of their certifications have expired. We also talked about ACA insurance [see p. 4].

George took notes and the Steering Committee will be reviewing the input on these topics in the coming months.



Closest to the camera: Clark, and Griselle and Chris Duval
On the far sofa: Dave Hustvedt, George and Jen Ottenhoff

Two dozen people, with new members Roz Brown, Karen and Jim Dlouhy, and Griselle and Chris Duval, were there but Interim President Jud Hurd was sick at home with the flu.



Clockwise from the left corner: Marsha Dougherty, host John Ruger, new member Roz Brown and Larry Kline

The creation of a new Google Group to facilitate all-club communications was announced, as well as a change in wording on the website to clarify that paddlers of all types of kayaks were welcome.

Without Jud's whiteboard, the brainstorming and listing of paddle ideas for the upcoming season was shorter than usual, but everyone was excited about the options that were suggested [p. 20] and paddling with all the enthusiastic new members.



Clark leading the discussions

LOU ANN'S DEVILED EGGS

Lou Ann's deviled eggs have been a favorite at Club gatherings for years. She raises her own chickens but says that she usually uses eggs that she buys and keeps in the refrigerator a week before deviling them, because slightly older eggs peel more easily. Here are her secrets for eggs that come out of their shells without divots and taste delicious:

COOKING THE EGGS: Put the eggs in a pot of cold water on the stove. Set a timer for 10 minutes, by which time they will probably be boiling. Take them off the heat, put a lid on them and leave them for 20 minutes. Run them under cold water, add a couple trays of ice to really cool them down and wait 10 more minutes. Remember 10-20-10 and you'll have smooth peeling.

DEVILING THEM: Cut the eggs in half and put the yolks in a Cuisinart. Add some mayonnaise, salt to taste, and about a teaspoon of red wine vinegar, regular mustard, and horseradish (for 9-12 eggs). Sprinkle salt over the dish the eggs will be served in to get a bit of it on the outside of the white part. Spoon a small amount of dill pickle relish in the bottom of each egg white. Put the blended yolks in a plastic bag, cut the corner off the bag and squeeze the filling into the egg white cups.

There was a table of gear from former member Dan Hunter for sale (don't forget to send Harold Sturgis your money if you bought something) and the club's new business cards, front and back pictured below, were distributed for people to hand out to interested kayakers. Email Sue Hughes if you would like a set before PaddleFest, which is scheduled for June 27th at Chatfield Reservoir.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEA KAYAK CLUB



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- Kayaking...along the Front Range or far beyond
- Classes in boat handling, safety and kayak camping

PADDLING POSSIBILITIES, 2015

Here's the list of paddling suggestions generated at the Winter Party. Most of these need to have a trip leader in order to be put on the calendar.

Over the years RMSKC members have written a good series of instructions for people leading trips which are on the website [Trips and Day Paddles], and an easy-to-follow tutorial for the post-trip reporting required by the ACA [*The NEWS*, 20-2a]. Our Paddle Coordinator, Jud Hurd, is a master at "Jud-Led" trips and will be happy to help you get started.

- **CORPUS CHRISTI/TEXAS COAST** before it gets too hot. Check out the fun (*Mt. Paddler* 21-1b and others indexed on the web) and email Sue Hughes to express interest.
- Eighth Annual **LAKE MCINTOSH MUD HEN PADDLE**, the 4th Saturday in April; RSVP to Sue Hughes because this paddle has a history of being cancelled due to late spring weather.
- **ANNUAL OPENING DAY AT GROSS RESERVOIR** (Memorial Day weekend); **this needs a trip leader.**
- Mid-week **AFTER-WORK AT CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR**; **these will need trip leaders.**
- **GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK PADDLE**; read about this trip in 18-3b, and **volunteer to organize one for 2015**
- **SUPPORT SWIMMERS IN TRIATHLONS**, or swimmers or kayakers in other events, at local lakes and reservoirs; you'll get emails about these fun service opportunities.



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

This quote from former Paddle Coordinator Anne Fiore is the crux of belonging to a kayak club instead of going on commercial trips.

Buying an organized trip is easy, and a reasonable consideration when kayaking far from home, but around the Mountain West why not plan a trip yourself for you and your mates?

Think about the possibilities above and check out the extensive list of places to go in **PADDLING LOCATIONS**, a sub-page of **TRIPS AND DAY PADDLES** on the RMSKC website, and email Jud at hurdofgoats@q.com to add a new event to our calendar.

NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

by Jud Hurd, Paddle Coordinator

Before joining any RMSKC day paddles or longer trips, please read the *Participants' Guidelines* in the FOR PARTICIPANTS section of TRIPS AND DAY PADDLES on the Club's website, and contact the Trip Leader to discuss the necessary skill level and other requirements.

It's also important to remember that trips get relocated, postponed or cancelled. In addition to learning important details about an outing, contacting the Trip Leader to RSVP will also keep you abreast of any last minute changes due to our famously unpredictable Rocky Mountain weather.

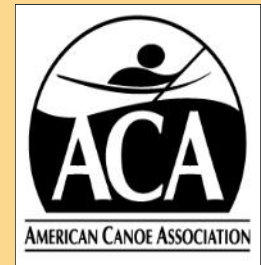


Jud, paddling toward Bullfrog Marina with bags of garbage the group had collected

STARTING TIME: 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.



Pulling the boats from Lewis Lake to Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park.

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Calendar

The Club Calendar provides dates for all RMSKC trips and events currently scheduled, basic details about them that participants will need to know, and the Trip Leader contact information for each trip. Review the calendar below, select the trip in which you want to participate and RSVP to the Trip Leader to let him or her know you want to join that trip. Please remember that details in the Club Calendar are tentative as the Trip Leader may change the location and date due to unpredictable weather or adverse paddling conditions. Signing up with the Trip Leader is important so you can be kept informed of any last minute changes.

Who Can Go on an RMSKC Trip?

RMSKC members may attend all events and trips (subject to the Trip Leader's approval) and they must present their current ACA membership card at the launch. Club membership is required for participation on multi-day trips; people who are not RMSKC members may paddle only on day trips. A person who is not an ACA member will be required to purchase an ACA event membership for \$5.00 and to complete an [ACA Waiver & Release of Liability](#) form ([adult](#) or [minor](#)). All trip participants are expected to abide by the RMSKC [Participant Guidelines](#).

Important Times

- **Meeting Time:** Approximate time the leader will be arriving in the parking/launch area.
- **Starting Time:** The time 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.



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Today: February 2014							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Feb 1			
26	27	28	29	30	31					
Pool Session										
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
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Pool Session										
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Pool Session	Late Winter Trip to Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada									

Click AGENDA to locate a chronological list of all the events that have been put on our GOOGLE CALENDAR

Double click on the name of any event in a BLUE BAR to find more information about it. You will get a box that looks like this, with an option for even MORE DETAILS

Late Winter Trip to Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada

When Feb 24 – 28, 2014
Where Lake Mead ([map](#))
Description Contact Jud Hurd at hurdofcows@q.com

This is an ACA/ RMSKC event. Participants must be an ACA member. According to RMSKC policy, overnight and extended trips are open to RMSKC members only.

Drive to the Lake Mead Area on Feb 24th (750 miles, 12 hours), paddle on the 25th -27th, then drive home on Feb 28th

We may also explore Lake Mojave, a river lake just south of Mead dam

<http://www.nps.gov/lake/planyourvisit/canoekayak.htm>

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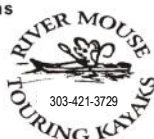
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