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THE RMSKC NEWS

CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE

FROM THE COCKPIT

by President Larry Kline



I just returned from PaddleFest. Some 37 of you showed up of which two were new members and two were guests... glad you all made it!

We did do the Green Thing and it worked well... our trash can was less than half full. Some 20+ paddlers joined in on the Follow Me event and finished it off chasing a tennis ball...huh? Meanwhile those on shore learned how to pack a boat for camping. Check the next Mountain Paddler for more fun details and some great pictures.

Attendance at our weekend day paddles has also been good, averaging about ten members per paddle. A lot more of you are welcome as well.

The Steering Committee met on July 14th (Bastille Day) and spent its time fine-tuning our communications: email, YahooGroup, website, newsletter and Trip Leader notifications. We used some of our recent experiences communicating with you to help make things go a bit smoother. If you have any thoughts on how to spiff things up even more do let one of us know.

Worried that the newsletter has gotten too long, the SC decided to split it into two publications. One, called *The RMSKC News*, will have current Club news and our schedule of events. The second,

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keeping the *Mountain Paddler* name, will publish paddle reports and articles by RMSKC members. We also hope to develop an index of articles to facilitate locating information from past issues, but that will have to wait until paddling season is over.

We have posted the 2009 calendar on the website, and have decided to eliminate the Members-Only section on it as well. The one special thing to members, and I think it is special, is that the current Newsletter is not on the website. It is only posted when the next one comes out which means you as a member get the special first shot at the most recent info. That suggests you should keep your emailed copy "in hand" for easy reference and watch the Calendar on the website for periodic updates (about once a month).

We also made a major decision to reimburse the annual SEIC fee of \$25 for each of our four ACA certified instructors. The Club has paid these fees, which keep their ACA teaching certifications current, for 2009. The reimbursement will continue for 2010 and beyond. This has been a topic of much discussion within the SC. Our decision has resulted in a happy conclusion for all involved. See the accompanying article for background on this matter.

It's good to see the ACA classes are getting going after a somewhat slow start. It is that you wait for the warm weather? Don't hesitate to take these great classes from our ACA certified instructors; even if you are not a "beginner" there is lots to learn. Five are signed up for the August 22 class and more are encouraged to do so. We may even need another class.

Lastly, we began the effort to write our bylaws and reviewed our expenses to date. Things are going well even as we have to dig a bit into the \$3800 in our treasury.

ANNOUNCING:

**The Club RAFFLE at the Winter Party
for our
RMSKC Contributors**

Have you written an article? Sent in pictures we've enjoyed?
Led a Club paddle? Submitted a Paddle Report?
Taught a class? Hosted an Event?

YOUR NAME WILL BE IN THE HELMET TO WIN PRIZES

**ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT
THE WINTER PARTY:**

While you are paddling this summer keep looking for something truly "wonderful," so you can re-gift it to a fellow Club member at the January party.

Lou Ann is still talking about those nifty undies she got last year.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dick Dieckman,
Treasurer and Membership Coordinator

NAME	LOCATION	NAME	LOCATION
Kerry Appel	Model	Sandi Vannice	Boulder
Gail Denton & Dan Downs	Longmont	Larry VonDeBur	Colorado Springs
James & Bettina Klein, Tim & Anna	Highlands Ranch	Bert & Linda Van Toomburg	Greeley
Annette Mascia	Colorado Springs		

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REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS, A HISTORY OF RMSKC PRACTICES

By Larry Kline

The Steering Committee has been reviewing the reimbursement of Club officers and our ACA instructors. In every case, each of us enjoys working on club activities, or why else would we be doing it? Not for the money! And we all agree we did not join the Board or become instructors to make money. Yet, beginning in the 1990s the Club has compensated some officers and others. This article gives you background on the SC's decision to reimburse our ACA instructors' SEIC fees but no longer pay their dues.

RMSKC was formed in 1989; I joined in 1999. To my knowledge the SC members have never been reimbursed for their efforts, except that sometime in the late 1990s the newsletter editor began to be compensated at first \$50 each for six newsletters; then \$100 and \$150 each newsletter. Club records indicate this cost the club \$300 to \$700 per year for several years. In the November 1999 newsletter (Yes, I am a packrat and have kept all the copies since I joined) there was an appeal to raise dues from \$15 to \$25, apparently to pay the newsletter editor.

When I became president in 2002 (for the first time), a new administration came into being and we ceased compensating the editor but we ran a \$900 deficit that year. However, dues stayed at \$25 and, without the need to pay the editor \$150 for each newsletter, we soon experienced a surplus of \$3000. It has grown ever since and is currently \$3800. With our affiliation with ACA beginning in 2003, we dropped our Club dues to \$10; the ACA portion makes up the other \$30 for an individual and \$40 for a family.

In 2005, Matt Lutkus organized the ACA instructor group and got five fellows trained at a personal cost of \$500 each. The Club agreed to compensate each of them \$100 for their efforts provided they do two teaching sessions within the following 2 years. They easily and gladly did so.

With four ACA instructors now teaching the ACA Basic Skills Class for \$50 per first-time student and sending all that income to the RMSKC treasury, our surplus has continued to grow despite our low \$10 Club dues. This year we estimate the ACA classes will produce \$500 (\$50 x 10 students) of income, while Club dues have so far contributed \$620.

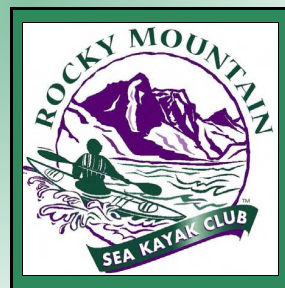
In 2007 the Steering Committee decided to compensate the ACA instructors for their ACA Instructor Certification fee (called SEIC, which is \$25 each) and, in 2008 and 2009, also included payment of their Club dues (\$40 each).

The SC believes the ACA instructors provide a great service to the club and its members in that they train our members on the basic skills of paddling and, even more so, the safety aspects. Before they came on the scene, it was a hodge-podge of untrained member "instructors" vying for attention and giving no consistent paddling guidance. In fact, one of our present day ACA instructors was almost drowned in an earlier "teaching" event at PaddleFest. Not a good situation.

Recently the instructors reminded the SC it is not the compensation that keeps them teaching but the fun and satisfaction of teaching you that keeps them going. On July 14, 2009, the SC decided to continue to reimburse the annual ACA SEIC fee of \$25 for each of the four. In a change from the past two years, they will pay their own ACA and RMSKC dues as we all do. This will begin next year. We hope this decision meets with your approval.

The SC is still hoping to find a couple of Club members who will handle designing, pricing, ordering, selling and distributing Club tee-shirts with the RMSCK logo.

Contact Brian Hunter if you would be willing to head this project for us.



CLUB SCHEDULE

Janet Scervino, Paddling Coordinator

PADDLING COORDINATOR'S NOTE: Please remember details in our Club schedules are *tentative* due to Trip Leaders' decisions about locations and dates, and the unpredictable Colorado weather. To avoid disappointments, always RSVP to the trip leader so you can be kept abreast of any last minute changes.

AUGUST

- **August 8: "Second Saturday" Paddle at Lone Tree Reservoir NW of Berthoud**
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - Directions: Hwy 56 (Exit 250 off I-25) west through Berthoud to CR-17 ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the A&W). North on CR-17 three miles to CR-14, then two miles west on CR-14 to Lone Tree Drive. South one mile on Lone Tree Drive to the boat ramp. (On the return, CR-17 is called "Taft Road" instead of Highway 17.)
 - Free (Earlier information mentioned getting a Wildlife Stamp, but the Colorado Wildlife Commission has changed their regulations; Habitat Stamps are now only required for hunters and anglers.)
 - Trip leader: Anne Fiori, anne_fiore@yahoo.com or 303-823-6397
- **August 13: Kayak Camping Class: Introductory Classroom Session [FULL]**
 - Time: 6:00 to 9:00 pm
 - Location: Lakewood; directions will be emailed to participants
 - Bring a pencil and paper to take notes
- **August 22: "Fourth Saturday" Paddle at Rampart Reservoir, NW of Colorado Springs**
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - Rampart is a no-wake reservoir at 9,000 feet; \$5.00 day pass
 - Trip leader: Rich Broyles, dbroyl@hotmail.com
- **August 22: Kayak Camping Class: Shake-down Pack and Paddle Session [FULL]**
 - Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Location: Chatfield or Union Reservoir
- **August 22: ACA Basic Skills Class**
 - Location: Chatfield Reservoir
 - Cost: \$50 for first-time students; free for repeating participants
 - The class is limited to nine participants; preference is given to first-timers
 - Contact Matt Lutkus (mlutkus@comcast.net) to register, and for details and required equipment

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.



CLUB SCHEDULE, CONT.

Janet Scervino, Paddling Coordinator

SEPTEMBER

- ▣ September 12: "Second Saturday" Paddle at Soda Lake in Bear Creek Lake Park
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - Location: 15600 West Morrison Road, Morrison, CO 80465
 - Park info and map: <http://www.lakewood.org/comres/page.cfm?ID=43&BearCreekLakePark/>
 - Daily pass \$5.00/\$4.00 for seniors; annual pass \$45.00/35.00
 - **Trip leader needed:** Contact Janet if you can lead this paddle: jscervino@gmail.com

- ▣ September 12 - 13: Kayak Camping's Overnight Trip [FULL]
 - Meeting time: 10:00
 - Location: Granby Reservoir

- ▣ September 26: "Fourth Saturday" Paddle at Union Reservoir in Longmont
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - **Trip leader needed:** Contact Janet if you can lead this paddle: jscervino@gmail.com

- ▣ September TBA: Ruby-Horsethief section of the Colorado from Fruita to Westwater
 - Trip Leader: Brian Curtiss, bc@asdi.com
 - 31 miles of Class I+ overnight river trip (one night camping at the put-in, one night on the river)
 - Participants must bring a river helmet to wear through the Black Rocks (Class II) section
 - Dates to be decided; contact Brian to express interest

THE REST OF 2009

- ▣ October 10: "Second Saturday" Paddle at Soda Lake
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - **Trip leader needed:** Contact Janet if you can lead this paddle: jscervino@gmail.com

- ▣ October 12 - 16: Lake Powell Houseboat Trip [ALMOST FULL]
 - Contact Dan Bell: dbell12345@msn.com

- ▣ October 24: "Fourth Saturday" Paddle at Union Reservoir in Longmont
 - Starting Time: 10:00 in the water and ready to go (to approximately 1:00)
 - **Trip leader needed:** Contact Janet if you can lead this paddle: jscervino@gmail.com

- ▣ October:
 - Call for nominations for Steering Committee openings

- ▣ November 7: Penguin Paddle on Lake Dillon
 - Location: Mike and Jan's
 - RSVP to get directions and details: michaeldanson@comcast.net

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