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OVER THE FOREDECK

By President Clark Strickland

It has been great to see old friends and new members during the spring and early summer.

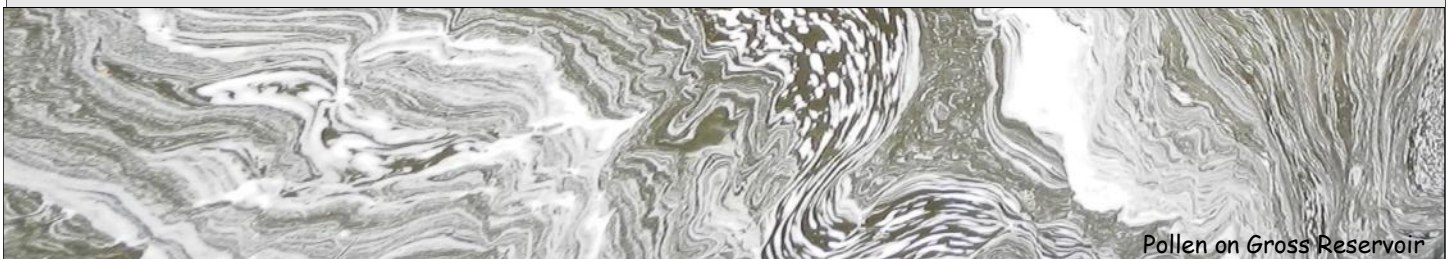
Despite having to move our 2015 PaddleFest at the last moment from Chatfield because of high water (what a wonderful problem to have in Colorado), we had a good turnout with many new members and a fine time.

A rescues workshop drew a baker's dozen of paddlers to Soda Lake in Lakewood on a warm July morning. Five RMSKC members attended the Door County Sea Kayak Symposium in mid-July, and trips to the San Juans, the Tetons and Lake Powell are on tap. Who wants to organize evening paddles during the rest of the summer and early fall?

Many thanks to the folks who have pitched in to organize RMSKC activities, and who have shared their skills and knowledge of kayaking. We all have lots to learn to improve our abilities, make ourselves better equipped to back one another up if we get into a sticky situation, and generally to gain more enjoyment from our graceful and sporty little craft. See you on the water!

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Pollen on Gross Reservoir



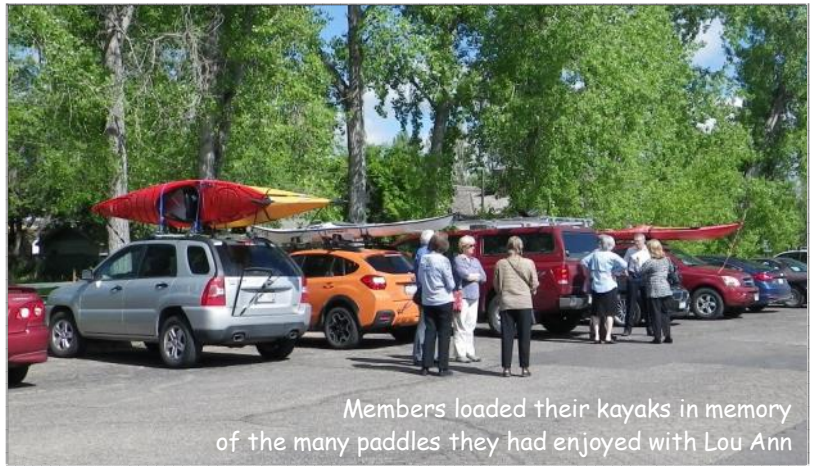
Lou Ann Hustvedt on Lake Powell, 2013

On May 30 about a dozen RMSKC members gathered for Lou Ann's memorial service at Valmont Community Presbyterian Church.

The program gave many of us new insights into the breadth of her interests and talents: "Lou Ann parachuted on her 16th birthday and went on to obtain a commercial pilot license and become a flight instructor. She attended CU and graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, worked as an air traffic controller and an engineer for Beech Aircraft while raising two children. "

"In 1982 she married David Hustvedt and devoted herself to building their house in Four Mile Canyon while mothering two more children. She raced sailboats and taught sailing, windsurfing and kayaking for the Girl Scouts for over 25 years."

In her honor donations have been made by RMSKC and individual members to the Girl Scouts' kayak program that she loved so much. Photos and memories from her more than two dozen paddles with us have been collected and presented to her family.



Members loaded their kayaks in memory of the many paddles they had enjoyed with Lou Ann

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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*.

➤ MICHEALA POOLE FROM SUPERIOR:



Michaela (pronounced Michael-ah) was born and raised in California and has lived in several states but loves Colorado the best. She is retired; she was a software engineer and most recently worked for US West Communications/Qwest for 15 years.

She is a scuba diver and on a trip she had access to a kayak, paddled around in a lagoon and loved it. On subsequent trips she would kayak when she could.

One day while walking around Barr Lake this spring, she saw a kayak group and chatted with Brian Hunter and met the others kayaking with him. She joined RMSKC because she wanted to learn how to paddle

correctly, safely, and with others. She loves the water and enjoys the beauty of nature. She is also interested in learning to fish and maybe fish from a kayak. She has an *Innova Swing 1* inflatable kayak but has been trying out different types of sea kayaks with the club members before purchasing one. She has been to lakes and reservoirs around the Denver and is looking forward to expanding her destinations with RMSKC.

- **GREGG GOODRICH FROM BRIGHTON:** Gregg started paddling this year. Ann Troth got him interested in it because of the fun trips she described with the RMSKC. He says, "We are avid birders, so will be fun to share another interest. It is such fun to have a sea kayak club here in landlocked Colorado; I'm looking forward to great trips organized by the club. "

He paddles a 15' Prijon *Touryak* that he purchased from Rich Broyles, a former club member who is no longer paddling because of shoulder issues.



MORE NEW MEMBERS



Ros at the Winter Party

- **ROZ BROWN FROM LAKEWOOD:** Roz writes: "My earliest experience in a kayak was back in Wisconsin at the age of about eight. My cousin had made a canvas covered kayak and took me out on Lake Wisconsin for a paddle. It left a long-lasting memory for me. I tried canoes at YMCA camp, etc. but they didn't hold my interest the same way.

"About five years ago I wandered into the kayak store in Golden just off of 6th Avenue on the hill. I bought two 15' Prijon kayaks for me and my sweetheart, Barbara. We took basic kayaking lessons from the store down at Soda Lakes beach. I also bought a VHF instruction tape which I review yearly.

"Lately we kayak out at the Aurora reservoir as the kayaks are presently stored at her ranch near Parker. We usually paddle on Sundays or Mondays when I'm out there. I recently assembled a light weight Malone trailer I can pull with my Toyota Prius because it's too hard to load them up on the roof of the car. Now I can easily bring one of the kayaks back to Lakewood to paddle over here when I get a chance. We can also get down to the Cherry Creek reservoir easily from Parker.

"I haven't really retired at age 77 and my work schedule is erratic to say the least. I entertain in retirement homes several days a week and entertain four nights a week, Wednesday through Saturday, at the Buckhorn Exchange restaurant from 7:00 to 9:00."

- **WENDY LAMAR FROM BOULDER:** "I began paddling almost 15 years ago in Port Townsend, Washington. This began a love affair with kayaks and small boats and I've spent the following years trying to be on the water and trying something new as often as possible, from whitewater kayaking and rafting to sailing small boats. Currently, my modest armada includes a small whitewater kayak, a missing river raft (I suspect it's in a friend's garage or long lost in a move), and an inflatable recreational kayak. I'm looking forward to meeting you all on the water!"
- **VON FRANSEN FROM LITTLETON:** Years ago, when our kids were little, I bought a 17' Old Town *Discovery* canoe. We have many memories of great camping trips and we still have the canoe. I've always been interested in kayaks and last summer on a two month trip through Alaska and Canada I saw so much kayaking I decided to take the plunge. I bought my Wilderness *Tsunami* 145 a few months ago and am getting use to it. No trips yet, but I will probably be on a future club excursion.

EVEN MORE NEW MEMBERS

- **SANDY CARLSEN OF LAFAYETTE:** I first started sea kayaking the beautiful lakes in the southeast about 12 years ago when I was living in South Carolina. I also enjoyed several 4-5 day ocean trips to barrier islands off the coasts of Georgia and Florida. I especially liked Cumberland Island which has lots of wildlife including wild horses.

Before moving to Colorado my husband (RMSKC member Harold Christopher) and I lived in Spokane, Washington, and paddled in that area. Harold and I look forward to making new friends and paddling new waters with the Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club.



- **HAROLD CHRISTOPHER OF LAFAYETTE:** I took an interest in sea kayaking while I was living in South Carolina; there were lots of lakes and the ocean was close. I started off renting a kayak with my wife Sandy and going on day lake trips. This evolved into four and five day ocean trips which were amazing.



I then moved to eastern Washington state and kayaked some of the lakes in that area. Recently we moved to Colorado where Sandy and I continue to kayak on the lakes close by. We both enjoy the peace that kayaking offers and just being out in nature.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sandy and Harold joined RMSKC and quickly signed up for the Grand Teton National Park trip in early August. They were pleased to learn that since we do not offer "guided" outings there are no charges for club trips, just the group costs that are divided among the participants.

MORE NEW MEMBERS, CONTINUED

- **BELLE BASHAW FROM PARKER:** I've been paddling for about four years; I was brought into it by Brian Hunter, who I affectionately know by his Girl Scout name, "Splash". I was 13 at the time and spent part of my summers at a Girl Scout boating camp where my mom was the director. The camps had Sailing, Windsurfing and Paddle Boarding, and Canoeing, but never kayaking.

The first time I paddled I loved it so much that I couldn't stop. Just this past year I bought my first boat, a yellow and black 17-foot Wilderness Systems *Cape Horn* kayak.

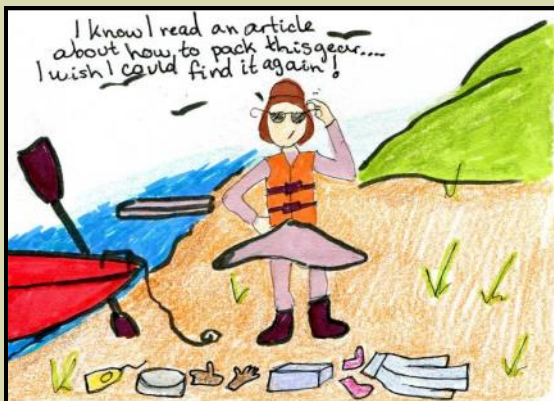
At this point, I've earned my Red Cross instructor certification and am now teaching at those same Girl Scout camps. I hope to go all over the world with my kayak, and next summer I'm even planning on traveling to Washington state to teach at another camp.



In the next RMSKC's *The NEWS* we hope to have information about our other new members: Annie and Bill Bashaw, Gail Denton, Daniel Downs, Tammy Haven, Dan and Sheryl Hunter, Ken Kloppenborg, Jami Mohlenkamp and Sheila White.

THE INDEX FOR THE CLUB'S PUBLICATIONS

The *RMSKC's NEWS* publishes mostly just what its title implies—Club news. Its goal is to keep you current on our local paddles and the RMSKC organization. (It used to have our schedule, but that is now kept on the website.) It's a bit like a newspaper; many of the things in it will be less relevant after the passage of time. The other Club publication, *The Mountain Paddler*, is a magazine that publishes articles written by members about major trips and other topics of interest to kayakers that will remain relevant over a longer time span.



Yes, those articles and their pictures are wonderful, and would be an invaluable source of information for future paddles, if you could find the one you were looking for.

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 function while in the Index you can locate any article by name or by author, and by almost any topic or subtopic.

Cartoon by Ingrid Hustvedt Anderson

SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER CLUB PADDLES

MARCH 14: EARLY SPRING ON SODA LAKE, BEAR CREEK PARK, LAKEWOOD

Marsha Dougherty put the first paddle of the season on the calendar. She was joined by long-time (some very long time) members Dan Bell, Brian Hunter, Jud Hurd, Clark Strickland, Ray Van Dusen and Larry Kline. Marsha reported, "There wasn't a spot of ice on Soda Lake but there was still ice on Bear Creek Reservoir. The park ranger at the visitor center said that they allow people to put kayaks on the lakes any time of year there is open water, however they don't want trailers using the boat ramps.

"Everyone was properly dressed in cold water gear, dry suits or 3-mil neoprene. It was 65ish and absolutely gorgeous. Some folks went around two laps and some did three. I was amazed to see SUP people without any cold water gear or even lifejackets, flirting with death; the water temperature must have been about 35 degrees."

APRIL 1: FOOLS' DAY AT CHERRY CREEK

For several years some of the retired folks have gotten together for an early season, mid-week paddle at Cherry Creek. Usually it's been in March, but this year having it on April Fool's Day worked best.

Brian Hunter, Sue Hughes and Clark Strickland enjoyed a nice bright day with lots of water to go up the creeks. Birds were seen; trash was collected; fun was had.



Clark, with one of several bags of trash



Clark and Brian paddling clockwise past the huge stump near the south shore

SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER CLUB PADDLES, CONTINUED

APRIL 11: LONE TREE RESERVOIR

A larger than usual group of club members joined trip leader Anne Fiore at Lone Tree Reservoir, a favorite paddling destination near Berthoud.



Google references and the state website spell it Lonetree, but the sign at the site uses two words.



Karen, Anne, Gary and Harold on Lone Tree Reservoir

The views of Mount Meeker and Longs Peak on the Front Range were spectacular and the trees on the south shore had a large heron rookery.

Participants were: Gary Cage, Karen and Jim Dlouhy, Joy Farquhar, Anne Fiore, Sue Hughes, Jen and George Ottenhoff, Clark Strickland, and Harold Sturgis.

APRIL 25: MUD HEN ON LAKE MCINTOSH

The lake was full and the weather was good, and the paddlers (Marsha Dougherty, Karin and Jim Dlouhy, Joy Farquhar, Sue Hughes, and Stan White) were in the water within five minutes of the starting time!



Karin Dlouhy in Jim's *Tiderace* and Marsh Dougherty

MORE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER PADDLES

MAY 1: BARR LAKE RANGER/NATURALIST PADDLE

Trip leader Clark Strickland with members Marsha Dougherty, Joy Farquhar, Sue Hughes and Anna Troth were welcomed by Park Manager Ranger Michelle Seubert.



Naturalist Betsy and Ranger Jake

Ranger Jake and Naturalist Betsy Shaw escorted the group of birders and semi-birders and pointed out the wildlife. They departed from the beach area near the boat launch and paddled southerly into several coves and backwaters; they reached the buoy line from the east and returned to the launch site after having paddled along the shore to the east toward the dam. RMSKC members did a good job of moving in a close line-abreast formation to the starboard side of Jake and Betsy's canoe so that the naturalist had to speak in one direction only.

During lunch they watched the beach net enclosure being stocked with 10" trout for a fishing clinic for kids and a big truckload of like-sized fish dumped into the lake. They were joined by Anna Troth's friend Gregg Goodrich, who had been doing his birding from shore. What we were doing on the water looked like fun, and he has since bought a kayak and joined the club.



35 SPECIES OF BIRDS IDENTIFIED:

Robin, Canada Goose, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Coot, Osprey, Great Horned Owl (adult and two juveniles), Bufflehead, Common Loon, Northern Shoveler, Western Kingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird, Starling, Mallard, Black-crowned Night Heron, Great Blue Heron, American White Pelican, Red-tailed Hawk, Wood Duck, Western Grebe, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning Dove, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Say's Phoebe, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Swainson's Hawk, Rock Pigeon, Magpie, Barn Swallow, Flicker, Double-crested Cormorant, Meadowlark (heard), House Wren (heard)

MAY 15: BARR LAKE CLEAN-UP

Park Supervising Ranger Michelle Seubert greeted trip leader Clark Strickland and briefed him on areas to be covered. The trip leader provided heavy plastic bags and mesh laundry bags for use in collecting floating trash, and the group (Clark, Joy Farquhar and John Ruger) took to the water and began to police the shoreline.

They worked from the beach east of the boat launch to the northeast, toward the east end of the dam. The three paddlers were joined by Jordan Parman, water quality scientist with Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, in a Boston Whaler; this boat served as the "garbage scow."

Water levels were similar to those on the May 1 naturalist paddle at Barr Lake, despite several days of rain preceding our clean-up. Barr Lake's water is used for agricultural irrigation, and the water level is entirely regulated by its ditch system. The smartweed (*periscaria amphibia?*) leaves, which had been six inches below the surface of the water two weeks before were six inches above on the day of the clean-up. What a fast grower!

Trash was scarce until the group reached a backwater area at the far east end of the lake. There, a backwater and tangles of willows along the shore provided a substantial yield of plastic bottles, bits of degraded plastic, chunks of Styrofoam, plastic bags, Tyvek, tennis balls, a Merrill boot, two size-15 insoles and three tires.



Jordan, John, Joy and Clark

When the deck cargoes of trash on the kayaks began to become unwieldy, Jordan would take the garbage into the Metro Wastewater boat. Jordan also carried the tires, one having been horsed out of the willows by Joy and towed out to the "garbage scow" in deeper water by Clark.

John Ruger peeled off to clean up from land some of



Clark

the trash that he had spotted from the kayak; a threatening thunderstorm looming from the southwest caused Clark, Joy and Jordan to make haste for the put-in. All were off the water before the few drops of rain fell, but thunder continued to rumble in the vicinity. They gathered for pictures, loaded the trash and tires into the Metro Wastewater truck for disposal, and had a bite to eat before departing for home.

Their haul was estimated to be about 35 pounds of trash, much of it small pieces of non-biodegradable synthetic materials. This does not include the three tires that were salvaged and removed from Barr Lake's waters.

Thanks to Metro Wastewater Reclamation District for the loan of Jordan and the "garbage scow" and to Barr Lake State Park's Ranger Michelle Seubert for her warm welcome and skill in managing such a wonderful public resource.



Joy and Jordan

THE LAST OF THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER PADDLES

JUNE 10 AND JUNE 24: CHERRY CREEK AFTERWORK

Both of these paddles were cancelled due to Colorado's unsettled afternoon weather. The threatening storm didn't materialize on the 10th but there was serious flooding, hail and lightening on the 24th just as some people were arriving. They sat out the worst of the rain and rush hour traffic at nearby Casa Vallarta, where both kinds of salsa were first rate!

JUNE 13: GROSS RESERVOIR

Gross Reservoir was an easier put-in and even more beautiful than usual because the water level was at full pool. Gary Cage, Marsha Dougherty, Brian Hunter, Sue Hughes, Dave Hustvedt and Clark Strickland were given rescue whistles by the ranger and paddled the usual loop, although they couldn't get all the way back to the creek entrance because of the fishing lines from both banks.



Trip leader Dave Hustvedt near the entrance of Boulder Creek



Thimbleberry

They enjoyed a tail wind for part of the day and saw three mergansers (?) who were so young they still had brown and yellow blotches, and later a pair of mergansers who were stretching their necks up in an interesting way. The thimbleberry bushes were full of their pretty white flowers.

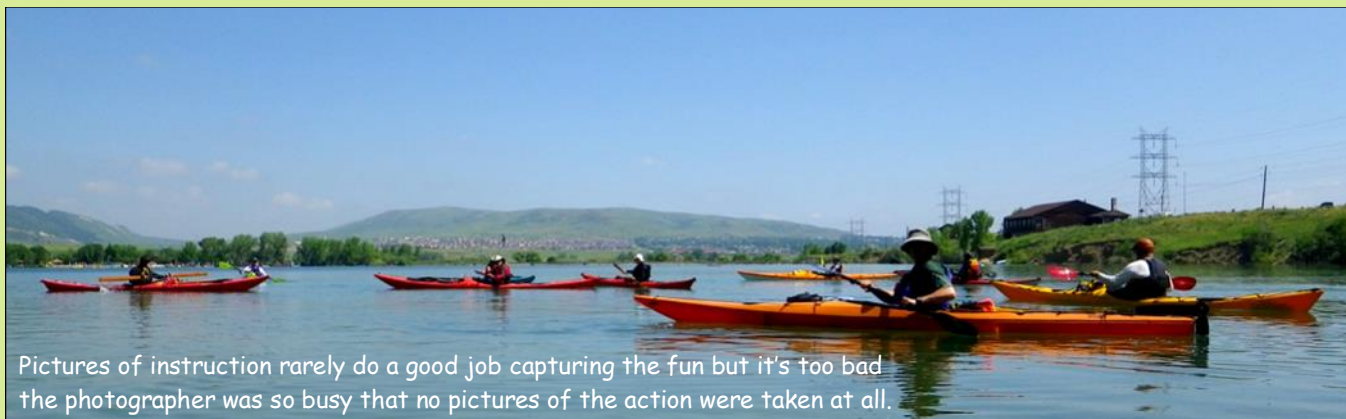


In places the water was covered with swirls of pollen.

JULY 3: REENTRY AND RESCUES TRAINING AT SODA LAKE

Brian Hunter and Gary McIntosh taught a morning of Reentry and Rescues training at Soda Lake. Lots of new members and people preparing for this summer's trip to Grand Teton National Park spent a couple hours practicing controlled wet exits, getting themselves back in their boats with the help of another kayaker and being the helping kayaker for their partner. They got pretty good at heel-hook reentries and T-rescues.

It was Friday of the holiday weekend and the lake was very busy, but after lunch many of the group paddled around some more before going home. Participants were new members Sandy Carlsen, Harold Christopher, Gregg Goodrich, Tammy Haven, Ken Kloppenborg, and Michaela Poole. They were joined by Marsha Dougherty, Tim Fletcher, Sue Hughes, Annette Mascia, John Ruger and Marty and Clark Strickland.



Pictures of instruction rarely do a good job capturing the fun but it's too bad the photographer was so busy that no pictures of the action were taken at all.

STARTING TIME: "Starting time" means the time that the group will be *in the water* starting to paddle. Plan to arrive early enough to have your boat off the car, loaded and ready to go by that time or you may be left on the shore.



Photo by Clark Strickland

PADDLEFEST AT UNION RESERVOIR



Post lunch relaxing:
Dan Bell, Dave Hustvedt, George Ottenhoff,
Stan White and Jane Lewis



Thanks to the tarps people brought, the venue worked almost as well as Roxborough Cove

Traditionally PaddleFest has been at Roxborough Cove in Chatfield State Park near Littleton, but the reservoir there has been unusually full all spring and our beach was under water.

The Steering Committee decided to change the location of the annual summer get-together instead of changing the date, and Union Reservoir in Longmont was selected. We've had group picnics there before and it worked well again this year.



Gary McIntosh pulling Anna Troth's boat up to empty it before she practices her reentry skills

Tables were moved and shelters were erected to provide shade in the open area south of the beach where we usually launch.

Before lunch people demonstrated and practiced reentries and T-rescues.



Marsha Dougherty holding Brian Hunter's boat while he swivels himself into it with a heel hook

Around noon two grills were fired up and people began to eye the potluck selections, which were as varied and good as always.

After lunch a volunteer from the Coast Guard spoke briefly about right-of-way regulations for non-powered craft and other safety issues. Then people visited, tried out each other's gear or paddled off for a bit of exercise before heading home.

More than two dozen people attended: Annie, Bill and Belle Bradshaw, Dan Bell, Bernie and Marcie Dahlen, Dick Dieckman, Marsha Dougherty, Von Fransen, Jay Gingrich, Tammy Haven, Sue Hughes, Brian Hunter, David Hustvedt, Jane Lewis, Gary McIntosh, George Ottenhoff, Marlene Pakish, Michaela Poole, Julie Rekart, John Ruger, Clark Strickland, Anna Troth, Kristy and Rich Webber, and Stan White.

Ray Van Dusen, one of our experts who has sold many of us our boats and always comes, was home with an injured hand he couldn't get wet and was missed.

Many thanks to President Clark Strickland who organized the Coast Guard speaker and lots of the details, and managed the attendance roster. Clark has been serving as both president and membership coordinator but will be passing the membership responsibilities to Marlene Pakish. More thanks to everyone who brought tarps, tables and grills, and remembered their serving utensils, and to new member Sheila White who took the pictures.



RMSKC IS A GREEN CLUB

By Brian Hunter,
Onshore Events Coordinator

EDITOR'S NOTE: This essay by former Onshore Coordinator Brian Hunter about how RMSKC gatherings handle trash was originally published in 2010.

For over a year now RMSKC has been GREEN. Being green simply means observing *Leave No Trace* principles. It's easy to be green, and it's not just politically correct, it's what we must do to protect all that we love about our planet. Having green events has worked out well for RMSKC and only requires small changes from each of us.

One key principle about being green is reuse or recycle vs. throw away. So, please remember that for all onshore and paddle events you will be asked to bring your own:

- Plates and bowls
- Eating and serving utensils
- Cups, glasses, or drink containers
- Beverages

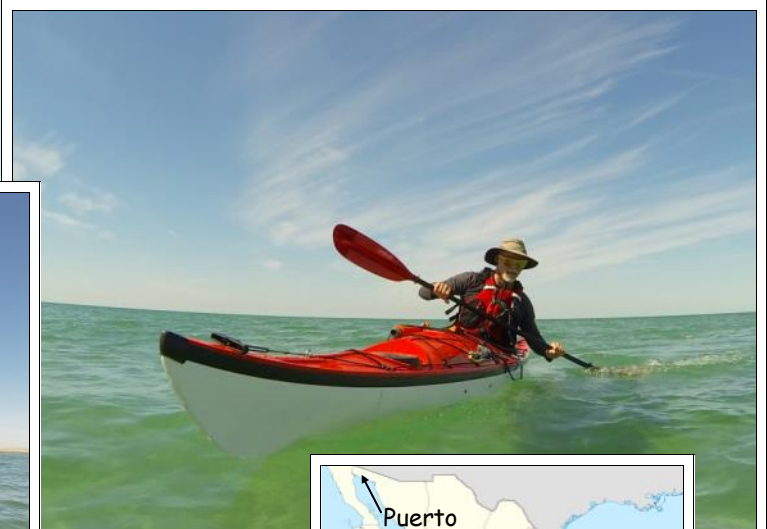
Recyclable items will be collected at onshore events in bins for like types of items which will be recycled at the proper city waste disposal/recycle facility. To date every green event has produced much less garbage than previous events and every Club member has done their part to make it happen. Each of us as individuals and all of us as a Club have been excellent *Leave No Trace* ambassadors by our actions and accomplishments.

MEMBERS' NEWS

CHRIS AND GRISELLE DUVAL: In March my wife and I drove to Mexico and paddled in the Sea of Cortez near Puerto Peñasco. We had a great time trying out our new boats in the ocean for the first time.

The water was exceptionally calm in the mornings and then became rougher as the day progressed, testing our limited skills. We usually just paddled for about half a day each day. The bird life was amazing, as was all the shrimp we ate.

The ocean was quite shallow where we were, so the low tides required us to carry our boats a long way. We will be buying wheels soon!



MEMBERS WITH NEW CARS: One day in April three of the four paddlers at Union had new Subaru models. Sue Hughes complained that a company that advertised cars for outdoor adventures should have a decent tie-down point on the back; she had to put in the tow bolt to get a place to hook her stern line. The other models had more substantial lower back panels, but Ray Van Dusen still had to rig an under-car ring hooked to his frame. Check with him to see how he did it.

Since none of the new Subarus come with keys that can get wet—even the valet key has a chip in it—Ray had a skeleton key made at Ace. A warning: When Sue asked about getting her skeleton key made at Home Depot, the fellow there said to be sure not to start your car with the skeleton key or the computer ignition will go hay-wire. (Ace may be the only place that stocks a key blank that can make a Subaru non-computerized key.)



Ray Van Dusen, Gary McIntosh, and Kathleen Ellis

MEMBERS' NEWS, CONTINUED

STAN WHITE: Stan's our hardy member who lives near Dillon and starts paddling the minute at least part of the ice is off. He made the front page of the *Summit Daily News* on April 28, paddling with a lot of frozen water in the background.

MIKE ANSON AND JAN FAULKNER: Also from Dillon, Mike and Jan are former members who entertained us there for years until knee issues made them sell their boats. (Marlene Pakish now owns Jan's zippy purple *Synergy LV* by Northwest.)



having to travel every other week and getting to enjoy the mountains more. We figure we have about ten years before retiring and then we can really have some fun! Give everyone our best and take care!"

SUMMIT DAILY NEWS



Aurora theater shooting trial begins

Opening statements kick off first day of legal proceeding expected to stretch over months **PAGES 6 & 7**

ICING ON THE LAKE



This kayaker was out exploring the edge of the remaining ice on Giberson Bay over the lunch hour Monday.

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MORE MEMBERS' NEWS

RICH BROYLES: On our Steering Committee for several years, Rich was instrumental in the first drafts of the club's bylaws. He's been in contact recently; he sold his boat to new member Gregg Goodrich because he's been having terrible shoulder trouble that will keep him away from paddling for a long time.



Rich Broyles in Yellowstone

BRIAN HUNTER: Brian's been keeping us abreast of the high water situation at Chatfield. Here are his pictures of May 28, when the water was 12 feet high.



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