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THE RMSKC NEWS

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

OVER THE FOREDECK

By President Clark Strickland

What difference does the Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club make?

I had the occasion to think about this while representing RMSKC by sitting in my paddlesuit, skirt and PFD in the rain and snow outside Douglas County's Philip Miller Library outdoor expo in Castle Rock on a recent Saturday. I had my boat up on stands, set up my camping tent, chair table and Jetboil and talked with folks. Some of the conversations were about whether I was cold and wet - I wasn't. About whether kayaking is scary - you can answer that. And where did the rack on my truck come from - Suburban Toppers.

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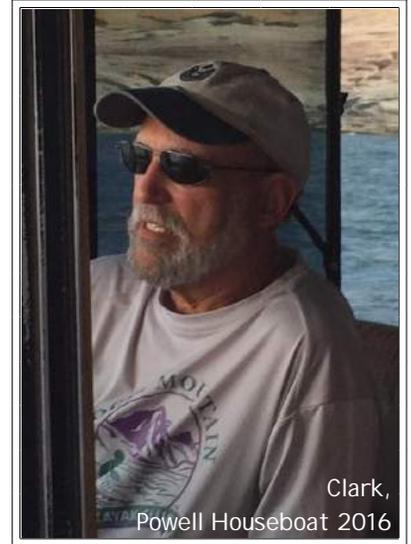
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End of the Day Shadows
10,000 Islands, Everglades National Park, 2017

Photo by Dave Hustvedt

It so happened that another exhibitor at that expo was the local Boy Scout troop. The leader and I had a good chat about sea kayaking and the fact that some of the troop members had the kayaking merit badge, the whitewater merit badge and the canoeing merit badge. They got certified at an adventure camp in Canada. This got me thinking about how we might partner with the Boy Scouts to develop paddling skills locally. [See p. 4 for a summary of this in the Steering Committee News, or read the unabridged minutes on the website.] The Club might also find younger folks - scout leaders and scouts - who'd like to join us on paddles.



And that got me thinking about how RMSKC is about our sport, but also about each other. Since joining the Club in 2011, a whole new circle of friends has come into my life. With them, I've paddled hundreds of miles, slept (in an adjacent tent), eaten, jawed, carpoled for countless hours, and dreamed of exotic places to paddle. I've seen proof that my friends are concerned about my safety (and sometimes my sanity), care about my family, pay attention to my physical and emotional health, teach me new skills and share insights about life respectfully and honestly. That's a pretty good return on my \$10 annual dues payment.

It's also true that some members, whom we don't often see on the water, like to stay in touch with the Club because they hope to take up sea kayaking more actively in the future. Others don't have sufficient free time to devote to "away" multi-day paddles. Some are recovering from physical ailments or surgeries. Regardless, we're happy to have all of these folks with us as members, and we hope that they'll join us on the water as their lives permit. Paddling across a peaceful mountain reservoir on a calm, sunny day is a great way to get to make a new friend or to get to know a long-time acquaintance better. The Club has certainly made a difference in the richness of my life.

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STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

OCTOBER, 2016 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:** All the present members of the Steering Committee whose terms are expiring (Clark Strickland, President; Dave Hustvedt, Treasurer; Marlene Pakish, Membership Coordinator) are willing to continue and they were nominated for those positions. The positions to be filled will be announced by email, and additional nominations will be accepted. The Committee discussed the need to involve more members in the Steering Committee.
- Revisions of the **STEERING COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS** were adopted and have been posted on the website.
- Two vinyl **RMSKC BANNERS** that can be displayed at events or other club activities have been purchased. Anyone can contact Clark to use the banners. We still have club business cards and decals that are available to members at no charge to use to publicize RMSKC.
- Brian reported that he will contact two ACA Instructor Trainers in Laramie, Wyoming, to inquire about offering **INSTRUCTOR TRAINING** in our area next spring.
- Marlene presented the **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** showing a total of 75 members. She noted that several former members have not renewed their memberships. She also reported that our ACA Paddle America Club dues will remain the same until we have 100 members.
- Jud distributed comprehensive **YEAR-END PADDLE SUMMARIES** that he prepared for the 2015 and 2016 club paddling events. They show that 44 different members participated in 20 events in 2015, and that 47 different members participated in 18 events in 2016. The summaries also show that the top ten participants in both years were essentially the same. Clark will write members who have participated very little to encourage their greater participation, and to inquire whether we can offer activities that might be more attractive to them.
- Jud also opened talk of possible paddling **TRIPS FOR THE COMING SEASON**. When one of the proposed trips was pounced on and completely filled by the SC members at the meeting they realized they had a problem; it just wouldn't be fair to have a trip that had already been filled before it was even announced!
- That led to a discussion about the best way of **HANDLING SIGN-UPS FOR TRIPS** that are limited in the number of participants, a conversation that continued by email for several days. The SC decided that participation for popular trips could no longer be based on the order of members' responses, since some people may not, or may not be able to, monitor their email as frequently as others and may not be able to respond as quickly.

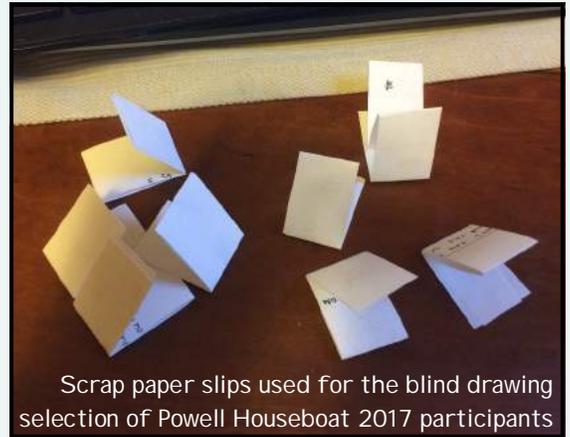


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- **NEW PROCEDURES FOR MULTI-DAY TRIP SIGN-UPS:** Instead of the old “first come; first selected” method, trip leaders will now send an email notice to all members announcing the trip, describing any particular paddling skill requirements, and setting a response deadline for those wanting to participate. After the deadline date, the trip leader will draw the names of those responding to establish the initial trip participation list, and the order of those on the waiting list. Members responding after the deadline will be included on the waiting list in the order their request was received.

[A description of this procedure was emailed to club members and has already been used to select applicants for several of 2017’s most popular trips.]

- Plans were made for the **WINTER PARTY AND PADDLEFEST**. PaddleFest is set for June 24; Tim is contacting Chatfield to reserve our usual location at Rodborough Cove.



Scrap paper slips used for the blind drawing selection of Powell Houseboat 2017 participants



April Steering Committee meeting:
Clark, Tim, George, Dave, Jud, Brian, Marlene, Sue

APRIL, 2017 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Jud Hurd reported there is a good **VARIETY OF TRIPS** on the calendar for the 2017 season — local, within one day’s drive, and at greater distance, for both one day and multiple days. He is going to the Big Horn River in Wyoming to investigate it as a possible location for a future trip,

and invited anyone interested to join him. A suggestion was made to offer another trip leaders’ training class, and Jud said that he will organize that for next fall or winter.

Onshore Coordinator Tim Fletcher said that our application has been submitted to **CHATFIELD RESERVOIR** for PaddleFest at our usual location at Roxboro Cove. Clark mentioned that the Army Corps of Engineers will begin work this summer on the enlargement of the reservoir to store more water. This will result in significant changes in Chatfield and the surrounding area.

Membership Coordinator Marlene Pakish reported that she is receiving **MEMBERSHIP** renewals. We had our annual discussion of the perennial, unresolved problems and difficulties with ACA about renewing, verifying ACA memberships, and getting waiver forms. [See page 7 for the step-by-step process of forwarding your ACA waiver to RMSKC.] Clark said that he will write another letter to ACA regarding these problems, and their lack of response to resolving them. Clark also mentioned that he had gotten about half a dozen responses to the notes he had written to inactive and former members. He said that the answers varied from disinterest to possible future renewed participation. [Clark’s *Over the Foredeck* has more about this.]

SC NEWS, CONTINUED

A possibility for **WORKING WITH BOY SCOUTS** who are working on merit badges for sea kayaking was mentioned. This was seen as a potential way of

interesting young people in sea kayaking. Clark and Tim will contact Scout leaders to explore ways we might be able to assist them, and to get more information. The discussion also involved considering possible certification requirements — either ACA or Red Cross.

Safety and Training Coordinator Brian Hunter made the **SAFETY SUGGESTION** that each trip participant should carry an emergency medical information card in his or her pfd that would be available to first responders in the event of an emergency. The suggestion was well received and Dave Hustvedt, an EMT, agreed to prepare a 3x5 card that could be used to record the necessary information, and that could either be laminated or kept in a zip-lock plastic bag in one's pfd. It was stressed that this information is for emergency responders only, and not for trip leaders or other trip members.

Brian also suggested having a **COLD WATER RESCUE PRACTICE** session in preparation for the Lake Superior's Apostle Islands trip. Jud will schedule this. [It's open to non-Apostle participants; see p. 13 and contact Jud.]

The suggestion by Andy McKenna for promoting **ROLLING CLASSES BY HELEN WILSON** and Mark Tozer was discussed. Based on the information given to us that there is no financial obligation to the Club, the Steering Committee is in favor of encouraging Helen to offer the classes in Northern Colorado. We will put her in touch with Confluence Kayaks and others who might be interested, and will offer suggestions as to possible venues.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

People on the Steering Committee, and many more club members, 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 other volunteers. Here are some suggestions, but feel free to propose something else that better aligns with your interests, talents and time:

- Contact Brian Hunter to explore the possibility of becoming an **ACA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR**.
- Work with Tim Fletcher and Jud Hurd to **INCREASE MEDIA PUBLICITY** of our club events. In the past we've had a Publicity Coordinator; we need one again.
- **CONTACT 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 instructors of classes like these in the past. [See the *Mountain Paddler* issue 19-1b, which is archived on our website.]
- As always, **RESEARCH AND LEAD NEW TRIPS** or day paddles.

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Hustvedt,
Treasurer



We started 2016 with \$4258.

We spent \$1163 on RMSKC logo shirts, hats and decals, postage to mail them, fees for our website and being an ACA Paddle America Club, and our non-profit registration with the State of Colorado.

Those expenditures were offset by members' dues and income from the sale of Club t-shirts and hats.

We ended with year with \$4285, just slightly more than the beginning figure.

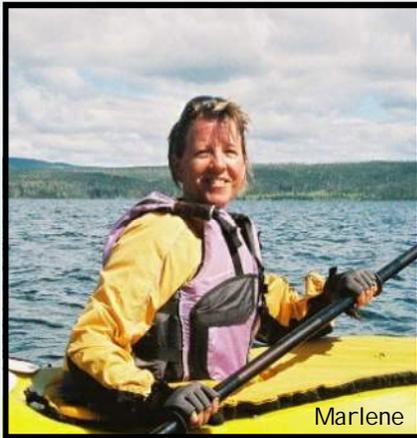


Brian Curtiss at an instructors' training with Roger Schumann

All outdoors activities carry risks, and it's for you to understand those risks and decide whether you personally are prepared to accept them before undertaking any activity.

Kayaking is no different. Kayaking can be dangerous if not undertaken in a safe manner and should never be done without proper training 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 any articles, advice or images published in its publications or on its website.



RMSKC MEMBERSHIP AND ACA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS

Marlene Pakish,
Membership Coordinator



Your Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club membership has two components. They are membership in RMSKC itself and membership in the national paddling group which provides our insurance, the American Canoe Association.

All **RMSKC MEMBERSHIPS** expired on March 31. If you haven't already, please follow the renewal procedures on the "Membership" page of the RMSKC website and mail or email the application form and snail-mail your \$10 check [Individual or family membership, either is just ten dollars!] to Marlene Pakish immediately.

The second component, having an up-to-date **MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACA**, is a mandatory part of being in RMSKC. Your American Canoe Association membership is also renewed yearly, but that date depends on when you first joined ACA. The ACA renewal is done on their website (<http://www.americancanoe.org/>) where you will designate RMSKC as your Paddle America Club affiliate, which entitles you to ACA membership at a reduced rate. Look for the further reduction offered to seniors, if that applies to you.

Part of the annual renewal process with ACA is signing their online waiver. On the ACA website, on the left side of the home page, click "Insurance" and then "Online Waivers". Halfway down the page it says, "If you are a member of an ACA Paddle America Club, and you are signing your yearly ACA PAC Waiver, please click here."

When you do that you will be moved to a page that asks you to designate either "Adult" or "Minor". When you click "Adult" you will sign by making your signature with your mouse. [There is a do-over option if it looks too childish.] Although it is not labeled clearly, after filling in your address there is a blank for your ACA number.

Then you will get a message that says, "You're almost done! An email will be sent to you. Click on the link in that email to complete your document [the waiver]". When you do, you will get an email; click on the green box that says, "Confirm email address" and it says you are done. **BUT YOU ARE NOT.**

ACA will then send you an e-mail that says, "Congratulations! Your email address has been confirmed and copies of the ACA PAC Adult Waiver for *your name* have been sent to all parties to the agreement. If you need a signed copy of this waiver for your records you may download it here." **YOU ARE STILL NOT DONE.**

Although it says, "...copies of the ACA PAC Adult Waiver for *your name* have been sent to all parties to the agreement" the American Canoe Club does not send RMSKC the waiver you signed, and we must have a copy of it.

Therefore, please click that "Download Here" and then "Control-S" and save the waiver to your desktop. You can then either email it or print it and send it to the RMSKC membership coordinator. Marlene's address is:

**1719 Utah Street, Golden, CO 80401
Her email is: mjoycep@yahoo.com.**

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*.

- **KAREN AMUNDSON FROM CENTENNIAL:** I was born in Mankato, MN and grew up in three parts of Texas but have enjoyed living in Colorado for most of my years. Since college at Texas Tech in Lubbock, I was in the Outing Club and started adventures that included rafting, then canoeing. My only experiences with kayaks have been sit-on-tops in Thailand and Fiji and a tandem sea kayak on Lake Dillon.

I am an avid canoer, owning one tandem and four solo canoes, and have been in three officer positions for the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, including President for 2.3 years. I usually lead three to five trips for them each year.



Karen in Browns Canyon of the Arkansas



Karen on the San Juan River

In April of 2015, I led a full group of rafters and small boaters on a 21 day trip down the Grand Canyon. For this trip I paddled a solo duckie on up to half of the class six rapids; I rolled it up to ride on the 18' rapids in harder water.

I have paddled solo and tandem with club member Marsha Dougherty for almost a decade and have

wanted to have a boating adventure on Lake Powell for several years, so I am happy to join the RMSKC to do this summer's houseboat trip and see what other offerings will tempt me in the 17' tripping kayak that I recently bought from Pam Noe.

- **DAVID ANDERSON AND SUSAN O'SHIELDS OF BRIGHTON:** Dave and Susan moved to Colorado from the Chicago area. They had kayaked there years ago. Dave is getting back into the sport, but maybe his wife, Susan, isn't: she has sold her boat to Marty Strickland.

Dave has been practicing at Pool Practice, and we hope to see them both, and Marty with Susan's boat, at PaddleFest in June,



Dave at Meyers Pool

MORE NEW MEMBERS

- ▶ **DAVE GARLAND FROM DENVER:** Dave started paddling river kayaks and canoes with the University of Connecticut Outing Club in the later 1970s. He also sailed out of Watch Hill, Rhode Island, where he says he often got lost in the fog. He moved to Colorado in 1980 and sailed on Dillion in the '80s.

His first sea kayak trip was to Belize in the early '90s. He's done a few river trips in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming and often paddles with friends and family in Florida.

He owns a Current Designs *Pachena* and a Perception *Essence*; his other boats are canoes and small sailboats as well as an old K1 kayak that's hard to balance. He enjoys restoring old boats and is interested in trips and practice.



EDITOR'S NOTE: There are lots of new or fairly new people on the Membership Roster who don't have bios or pictures in this issue. Some of them are returning members we've published bios on and paddled with in the past: **ANDY MCKENNA**, **ANN MARIE ODASZ** and **STACY REZAK**.

We published photos of **KERRY** and **PAULINE EDWARDS** in the article about last spring's Chatfield Clean-up; they were paddling the canoe that brought in so much of the garbage we found. **CRAIG GODBOUT** paddled at Horsetooth Reservoir last summer and hosted the after-party at his house; a picture of him is in the article about that day trip. **RIK LAWSON** and his no longer manufactured Current Designs boat joined last year's Wednesdays After-Work at Cherry Creek, and his wife, **STEPHANIE LAWSON**, was pictured with their baby at PaddleFest 2016. We ran a photo of **JULIE PFANNENSTEIN** after she test-paddled Jud's new green Delta last fall, and another at the Winter Party in this issue.

Other new members are signed up for paddles this spring and summer, and we'll get photos of them for the next issue:

CHRIS DAVENPORT from Colorado Springs, at the Arkansas River/Pueblo Reservoir paddle in June.
ANNABEL SAUNDERS and **JOHN ANDERSON** from Bennett, on the Powell Houseboat trip in September.

We'll look for these folks and **JOY** and **JIM BAUMAN** (Golden), **LINDA** and **ERNEST EVANS** (Riverton, WY), **LINDA LAWRY** (Boulder), **JOE ESSEICHICK** (Englewood), and **JESSE VANKEMPEN** (Denver) at PaddleFest on June 24.

WINTER PARTY

2017



New member Julie Pfannenstein visiting with Julie Rekart and Clark Strickland

We cook with as much enthusiasm as we paddle, and all the potluck dishes were delicious, as they always are.



George Ottenhoff,
Secretary

After people ate and visited, President Clark Strickland thanked Tim and Kathy Fletcher for arranging the use of their church's fellowship hall, and mentioned we've still got RMSKC hats for sale and that there may be another order of paddle shirts with the club logo later in the spring.



Marlene Pakish,
Membership Coordinator

Secretary George Ottenhoff channeled his inner comic and used his very good words to explain the new selection process for trips which can't accommodate all the people who apply. [See the Steering Committee notes on page 3 for more details about this.]

Membership Coordinator Marlene Pakish asked people to introduce themselves, and then spoke about renewing our individual ACA memberships online and urged people to pay their 2017 RMSKC dues before March 31. If you haven't done that, read about it on page 7.

Treasurer Dave Hustvedt said we were in good shape financially [see his Treasurer's Report on page 6] and Sue Hughes said she loved formatting the club publications and appreciated everyone who wrote articles.

Onshore Coordinator Tim Fletcher announced that this summer's PaddleFest would be June 24 at the traditional

location, Roxborough Cove at Chatfield Reservoir. He asked for program suggestions, but the consensus was that people mostly just liked to paddle, try other people's boats and visit during a potluck lunch.

Brian Hunter, our Safety and Instruction coordinator, reminded people of the fun and benefits of coming to Pool Practice. There are still a couple more sessions before the end of pool season; check the calendar on our RMSKC website for those dates. He is planning to have another kayak camping class this summer, and people sounded interested in a second GPS class. If either of those options is appealing, let Brian know.

Paddle Coordinator Jud Hurd shared some data he'd collected for the last two seasons about the number of club trips and the names of the most frequent paddlers. Marsha Dougherty was tickled to be discovered she was 2016's *Top Paddler*.



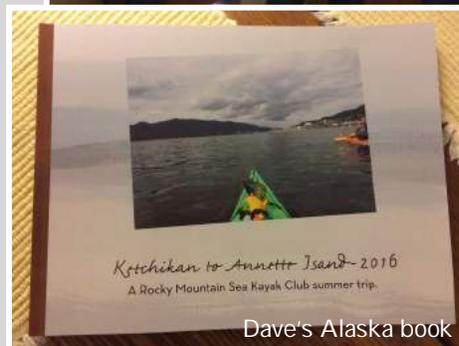
Marsha and Jud

He also gave *Certificates of Appreciation* for "Teamwork, Patience and Flexibility" to the Alaska paddlers who circumnavigated Annette Island in less than ideal weather and then discovered that their ferry ride home had been cancelled! Dave Hustvedt presented each of the adventurers with a commemorative book of photos from their trip of a lifetime.



ALASKA 2016 participants:
Tim Fletcher, Bernie Dahlen,
George Ottenhoff, Joy Faragher,
Marsha Dougherty, Dave Hustvedt

Then Jud talked about plans for the 2017 season; he was happy to announce that there are lots of trips already proposed. You can see a partial list on pages 13-14 and then check the calendar on the web for more details. Be sure to RSVP to the trip leader to be kept abreast of any changes.



Dave's Alaska book

Do you dream of other destinations?

Don't be shy about contacting Jud if you've got suggestions or might be interested in organizing a trip. He's very helpful making first-time trip leaders feel comfortable with the process.

Clark passed out stern-end safety flags, RMSKC decals and club business cards to people who wanted them and then people cleaned up and took off. It was another convivial get-together of people who enjoy each other's company on or off the water.



RMSKC safety flag

MEMBERS WHO ENJOYED THE CAMARADERIE AND GOOD FOOD:

Roz Brown, Sandy Carlsen and Harold Christopher,
Bernie and Marcie Dahlen, Jim Dlouhy, Marsha Dougherty,
Joy Farquhar, Rich Ferguson, Tim, Kathy and Ben Fletcher,
Gregg Goodrich and Anna Troth, Sue Hughes, Brian Hunter,
Jud Hurd, Dave Hustvedt, Andy McKenna, George and Jen Ottenhoff,
Marlene Pakish and Julie Rekart, Julie Pfannenstein,
John Ruger, Clark Strickland, and Rich Webber



Anna Troth

PALEO SWEET POTATO GRATIN

from Anna Troth

- 6 slices of bacon, chopped
- 3 pounds of sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/8" thick
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 2 onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup of chicken broth
- 1/3 cup raw cashews, toasted and chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

- Cook the bacon until crisp and set aside. If you don't have about five tablespoons of fat, add some olive oil.
- Toss the potatoes with 3 tablespoons of the fat, 1 teaspoon thyme, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and set aside.
- Cook the onions with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in the fat left in the skillet until softened and well browned. Stir in the rest of the thyme and the garlic and cook until fragrant; about 30 seconds more. Stir in 1/2 cup of the broth, scrape up any browned bits and cook until almost evaporated.
- Arrange half the potatoes in a greased 13" x 9" baking dish, spread the onions over them and top with the rest of the potatoes. Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of broth on top, cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake at 400° for 45 minutes.
- Uncover and bake another 15 minutes or until the potatoes are completely tender. Let cool for 15 minutes and sprinkle with the bacon pieces, cashews and parsley before serving.

PADDLING POSSIBILITIES, 2017

Here's the list of paddling plans that are already in place for the upcoming season. More specifics about these opportunities

are on the calendar on the website. Check it for the details and to RSVP to the trip leader so you can be emailed about any changes.

A lot is happening in 2017 but there are always more locations and times to fill, especially in August, so consider adding, and leading, another trip that especially interests you.

Over the years RMSKC members have written a good series of **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRIP LEADERS** which are on the website [Trips and Day Paddles].

There is also a tutorial for **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.

- **POOL PRACTICE AT MEYERS POOL:** The last two sessions for 2017 are April 23 and May 7
- No regularly scheduled **MID-WEEK AFTER-WORK** paddles have been planned, but we hope to have at least a couple when the days get longer and the weather warms up. Contact Jud to schedule one near you!
- **BARR LAKE CLEANUP** on April 17; RSVP to Clark Strickland
- **LONETREE RESERVOIR** near Berthoud, to see the heron rookery on April 22; RSVP to Sue Hughes
- **COLD WATER RESCUE PRACTICE** on April 25 is designed for the Lake Superior paddlers but open to anyone; RSVP to Jud Hurd if you're interested
- **2ND ANNUAL BARR LAKE BIRDING** on May 13; RSVP to Gregg Goodrich or Anna Troth
- **LAKE PUEBLO** day trip or weekend camping on May 20; RSVP to Jud Hurd
- **OPENING DAY AT GROSS RESERVOIR** (the Monday of Memorial Day weekend); RSVP to Jud Hurd because the traditional leader, Dave Hustvedt, will be traveling in Scandinavia with his family.
- **ARKANSAS RIVER TO PUEBLO RESERVOIR**, June 10; RSVP to Jay Bailey
- **STERLING RESERVOIR OVERNIGHT**, June 17; RSVP to Anna Troth
- **PADDLEFEST AT CHATFIELD RESERVOIR'S ROXBOROUGH COVE**, June 24
- **GREEN RIVER WYOMING TO FLAMING GORGE**, July 1-5; contact Anne Fiore to be put on the waitlist for this trip.
- **ROLLING INSTRUCTION WITH HELEN WILSON**, tentatively on July 8 and 9. These will be half-day classes with professional instruction; details have yet to be finalized. Check Helen's website and contact Brian Hunter to express interest.
- **CHERRY CREEK FULL MOON PADDLE**, July 8; RSVP to Sue Hughes
- **HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR**, July 15; RSVP to Jud Hurd
- **APOSTLE ISLANDS KAYAK CAMPING**, August 5-17; RSVP to Jud Hurd to be put on the waitlist for this trip



PADDLING POSSIBILITIES, 2017, CONTINUED

- **COLORADO RIVER FROM MOAB TO THE CONFLUENCE**, September 9-16; RSVP to Tim Fletcher to be put on this trip's waitlist
- **LAKE POWELL HOUSEBOAT V**, September 24-30; RSVP to Sue Hughes to add your name to the waitlist for this year's trip out of Wahweap, Arizona.
- **INTRODUCTION TO TRIP LEADING**, October 2017; RSVP to Jud Hurd for the date and location

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 a fact of life: sometimes 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 in the loop about 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. Be sure to 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.



Check out Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club's page on Facebook. It isn't always up-to-date, but it has some of the most interesting photos taken on our trips. It's a good way to share the fun with your younger friends.

THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

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Click here on the HOME PAGE to get to the Calendar PAGE

Then SCROLL down to see the interactive CALENDAR itself

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.

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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