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ACA PADDLE AMERICA CLUB

THE RMSKC NEWS

CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE

FROM THE COCKPLT

By President Larry Kline

Hope your summer is going well. The Club has had a very busy calendar this season...much of it has revolved around the classes taught by our ACA-certified instructors. In May, they took a week of their time to

travel to Santa Cruz, CA to get recertified. Since then they have been showing us all the new techniques they

learned. Response by members has been overwhelming...lots of folks have shown up at the Tuesday evening sessions up north and a series is under way down here in the southlands of Lakewood this September. It's never to late to take advantage of these paddling clinics; they're for everyone!

I've heard that members have also paddled the lakes in the Tetons in Wyoming and enjoyed a commercial trip to God's Pocket west of British Columbia. Others have paddled near Orcas I sland in the San Juan I slands and at the mouth of the Columbia River. There may be a trip to the Galapagos afoot. Meanwhile those of us who have stayed closer to home have traveled to Steamboat, paddled Loma to Westwater on the Colorado, and a group is getting ready for Lake Powell in Utah again.

On an administrative note, the Steering Committee is completing its review of our proposed Bylaws and will send them to the membership for review after paddling season is over. The members will vote on adopting them when we hold our elections for officers in November.

That makes me think, the Steering Committee positions open this year are *President*, *Publications Editor*, *On Shore Coordinator* and *Webmaster*. I strongly encourage each of you to consider being nominated, or nominating yourself, for one of these positions. It's a great way to get to know new friends, give back to RMSKC, and, most importantly, the Club needs new blood to keep it viable.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sue Hughes

As I was finalizing this edition of *The RMSKC NEWS* I worried that it seemed dry, with far too few pictures. Then I realized that's because this publication is about

RMSKC news and most of the news this summer has been the Club's lessons or practice sessions. It's been a great summer for paddling, but lessons aren't very photogenic and how often can you write, "They were working on their bow rudders and hanging draws," without being tedious?



The Club's sister publication, *The Mountain Paddler*, will be out later in the fall. As always, it prints articles written by our members about a variety of kayaking topics, and longer accounts of RMSKC or personal trips. Coming in that issue will be reports of a trip to God's Pocket on Vancouver I sland, paddling in the Tetons with friends and solo paddling in the San Juan I slands, directions for designing and making your own dry bags, coverage of this year's Lake Powell and Ruby-Horsethief trips, and more. Pictures are also included without text, so send them in, too.

This is my third year in RMSKC and my best year yet. I joined the club to have others to paddle with and to improve my

REFECTIONS ON RMSKC

Brian Hunter, Onshore Coordinator

skills. I am one of those Type A personalities who is always on the move and not really good at just sittin' around. I also don't pick up new skills easily but don't mind working at it. To my delight I found many kindred spirits in the Club who yearned to improve their skill and who are always willing and happy to lend a hand. Wow, what a great group of people to spend time and share experiences with!



This season I took advantage of the advanced paddle classes and many of the skills practice sessions. My paddling ability improved so much that I purchased a Valley Aquanaut HV. This kayak is more "playful" and will provide many years of exercise and paddling enjoyment. I am excited about continuing to improve my skills and develop the full potential of my new kayak. More importantly, I am looking forward to creating new and lasting memories of the great times I have paddling with the other Club members. I know that storing lots of great memories are treasures without equal.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anna Troth, Membership Coordinator

New members have joined the Club; we are looking forward to getting to know them.

Some have sent highlights of their paddling background:

* Russ and Terri Hardy from Pinewood Springs: Terri and Russ got their first taste of kayaking two years ago in Prince William Sound in Alaska. They liked it so much they did some research online and bought a Hobie tandem inflatable with the pedals and paddles in October, 2008. It's been in the water about 50 times on Lake Estes, Gross Reservoir, McIntosh Lake, and other lakes in Colorado! They've also taken it on lakes in the Grand Tetons, as well as the Snake River in the Tetons.

While on an RV trip to the Northwest last summer, they stayed in Port Townsend, Washington, where Pygmy Boats is located. They were interested to watch people test drive their wooden sea kayaks and talked to owner/designer John Lockwood about the handling differences between the boats.

Russ found a couple of partially built old Pygmy sea kayak kits for sale in Berthoud, and Terri agreed he should buy the model he wanted and finish building it. That was this June, and it was completed and in the water in August. It's the Coho model and is 17.5 feet long and weighs about 40 lbs.

Russ says he's a novice sea kayaker and hopes to take the classes offered by the Club's instructors as well as meet new friends to paddle with at the Club events. Terri prefers the more stable sit-on-top tandem Hobie because she likes to have someone to talk to and isn't a strong swimmer. They're retired now, although Russ recently trained as a pastry chef and does a little baking for private events every once in a while.

* RICHARD FERGUSON from Boulder: Richard has been messing around in boats for 40 years or so. He started in sailboats, later built a redwood strip canoe and, more recently, has taken up white water canoeing. He's has done relatively little kayaking, but a few years ago he went sea kayaking in Mexico in a kayak so unstable that he flipped while standing still in calm water. It made him realize that he really needed to learn to kayak. He also realized that all the boats that he owned were very slow in a straight line, so he bought an old Sea Lion sea kayak this year, which got him up to five boats.

He was fortunate enough to retire early, and he and his wife travel a great deal. He has mountaineering experience in North and South America, including peaks over 20,000 feet, speaks fluent Spanish and has been in more than 20 of the 31 Mexican states.

Richard's adventure emphasis tends to be multi-day trips and expeditions. He will be paddling the Gates of Lodore in Dinosaur National Monument in September and plans to attend the Sea Kayak PaddleFest in Corpus Christi in October. He's also trying to put together a trip to run whitewater in the Huasteca region of northeastern Mexico, maybe this winter.

* Hurley Lutkus of Westminster: Hurley is the new addition to the Matt and Julie Lutkus household. Since they have a family membership, and he's wearing his PFD and having a good time, he must be the newest Club member.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, CONT.

Anna Troth, Membership Coordinator

* KATE WALLACE of Fort Collins:

Kate has been padding whitewater for

the past 16 years both commercially as a guide on the Poudre River and recreationally. About seven years ago her parents settled in Florida where they live on the Inter-Coastal Waterway. Sea kayaking from the backyard was an inviting activity and she has paddled on many different rivers and waterways in Florida. She grew up in Micronesia and has paddled in that part of the world as well: Yap, Palau, and Kwajalein. Locally she mostly paddles Horsetooth Reservoir when there isn't too much powerboat traffic. She looks forward to exploring more water in Colorado and can't wait to paddle in Yellowstone one of these days. She is a social studies teacher in an alternative school in Fort Collins.

- * James and Kathleen Liuzzi from Aurora: The Liuzzis joined the Club member for PaddleFest.
- * MICHAEL ANSTETT from Lyons and Jill Yarger from Boulder: Both Michael and Jill attended the June 19th Basic Strokes and Rescues class at McIntosh Lake in Longmont.
- * MARCELLA WRIGHT from Golden
- * BARBARA COWGER from Parker
- * EILEEN YELVERTON from Lyons

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SUMMER LESSONS AND PRACTICE SESSIONS

June 19: ACA Basic Strokes and Rescues Class

All four instructors came to Longmont's McI ntosh Lake to help new members Michael Anstett and Jill Yarger, and Carole Kline, Stan White and Richard Webber with the ACA's Basic Strokes



and Rescues Class. No one wrote a report, but the word was everyone had a good time. Brian Hunter must have been there, too, because he sent this picture.

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST EVENING PADDLE CLINICS:

Ten summer evenings, from June 15th to August 24th, found a casual group of Club members at McIntosh Lake visiting and paddling, and practicing useful skills everyone can improve upon. Brian Curtiss started each session with a short bit of review or instruction and the participants paddled to the end, talking and practicing. Then Brian added another brief set of instructions or answered questions and everyone paddled back. Some loaded up and left, but others stayed for another circle around the pond, at least before the days started to get shorter.

No one took pictures, but Anne Fiore reports: "It was nice to be able to practice a variety of techniques and review again and again! Some things, like edging, are a wonderful tool but it takes lots of practice...and takes practice even to start to get it correct. Macintosh was a great place for that: there is a closed area that goes along the north side of the lake and using those buoys to simulate objects or to use as a guide is particularly useful. I am finding myself making regular trips out there to practice. Many thanks to Brian Curtiss for his time.

Sue Hughes wrote: "Brian Curtiss and I had a wonderful time one night when the weather looked so dark no one else came. It was blowing like crazy and he reviewed the basics about turning out of the wind, or into the wind, or whatever it's called if you want to turn sideways to it. I think I understand the theory, even if I don't have the vocabulary, but I'll need to draw pictures of boats and wind directions and paddle strokes to be able to even think about it for certain. In the course of trying it out it became obvious that what I thought was a stern rudder really wasn't, and then even after I was shown I wasn't doing it correctly until almost the end of the evening.

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Anyway, after that bit of turning, which never worked very well because my bow rudder stinks and my stern rudder wasn't, we just paddled straight into the wind (a workout, for sure) and then turned around (back paddling is a good way to turn if you aren't getting much control the correct way) and surfed back across. I had a blast. I wouldn't be afraid to go in that much wind now, but I never would have tried it the first time without Brian's help."

JUNE 26: SKILLS PRACTICE at GROSS RESERVOIR

Kristy and Richard Webber joined Brian Curtiss at Gross Reservoir on a typical sunny, blue-sky Colorado day. Brian led them closely around the contours of the lake's edge using various turns and strokes, especially lots of edging and bow rudder turns. He also worked on ways to hook up tows. Having teaching moments with him made the paddling even more interesting. Brian also showed them a short hike to a waterfall where they ate their lunch.

Somehow Richard cut his hand at the boat or on the trail and as they noticed the blood dripping from his fingers they all wished someone had carried the first aid with them as well as their lunch. Then, while eating lunch, Rich started to slip off the rock he was perched on, moving towards Brian and over to the edge of the waterfall. Kristy says she's thought often after that paddle about what she would had done had both of them been incapacitated in a fall and she had to get help. They managed to not fall, but once again we're reminded that life can change in a moment and it is best to be prepared to be responsible should an emergency arise. Blood and near-misses aside, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

JULY 10: SKILLS PRACTICE at SODA LAKE

Bernie Dahlen, Marsha Dougherty, Tim Fletcher, Sue Hughes, Brian Hunter, George Ottenhoff, Mary Lynne and Stephen Kneller, Pam Noe, Annette Mascia, and Kristy and Rich Webber practiced strokes, bracing and rescue techniques at Soda Lake.

Brian Curtiss, Matt Lutkus and Ray Van Dusen were the instructors. More of the pictures Sue Hughes took with Matt's camera are on the next page.



JULY 10, CONTINUED: SKILLS PRACTICE at SODA LAKE







JULY 25 AND JULY 31:

with torso rotation and vertical hand placement

ACA Level 3 Coastal Kayak Strokes, Maneuvers and Rescues Refinement Classes

A Sunday session at McI ntosh Lake and then the follow Saturday at Soda Lake kept many of the same RMSKC kayakers busy for the rest of July. Participants at one or both classes were: Pam Noe, Kate Wallace, Mark Willey, Ray Van Dusen, Kristy and Richard Webber, Brian Hunter and Sue Hughes.

The days' activities looked a lot like the Skills Practice on July 10th but no one took more photos.

Tim Fletcher paddled with the Skills Practice group in the morning

August 1 and August 29: Roll Classes at Soda Lake

Ray Van Dusen and Gary McI ntosh stood in the shallow water at the southwest corner of Soda Lake, tipped people over by their PFD straps, and held on to them or spotted them while they practiced the paddle and body movements necessary to roll a kayak.

Those guys really know how to have fun: they did it again and again and kept on smiling. Everyone



appreciated the instruction, time to practice and Ray's and Gary's incredible patience. All of the participants feel closer to rolling, even if they didn't. The DVD that Ray and Gary recommend is called *The Kayak Roll* by Performance Video. Ray has them in stock; with the Club discount he offers they are about \$28.00, depending on your location's sales tax.

AUGUST 14 - 15: COLORADO RI VER MOVING WATER WEEKEND

Lou Ann and Dave Hustvedt, Pam Noe, Marsha Dougherty, Annette Mascia, and Kristy and Richard Webber worked on their moving water skills on the Colorado River near Dotsero with instructor Brian Curtiss.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The issue was almost finished and I hadn't gotten a Paddle Report or photos for this trip; I was sad because when we did the training a couple of years ago it became an all-time favorite memory. It seemed a good opportunity to rerun a picture of Pam Noe, taken from the shore by Eric Niles, that captured the fun perfectly.



AUGUST 14 - 15, CONT. COLORADO RIVER MOVING WATER WEEKEND

Brian Curtiss did an awesome job of teaching the seven participants the essentials of negotiating sea kayaks in moving water. After putting in at Dotsero, he began Day One explaining moving water hydraulics, currents and eddies. He also demonstrated how to maneuver our kayaks in and out of the changing water features.

We all tried to imitate him and gingerly practiced edging and "mooning" our boat bottoms to the various currents as we turned into and out of them. We also learned the proper way to approach the shoreline with a low brace turn upriver. As we gained a bit of confidence, we progressed to playing in larger, faster rapids and currents, all under Brian's watchful eye.





Then came the Big Ones: wave trains that appeared monstrous from the seat of our kayaks but in reality looked rather wimpy from the road. We learned to stabilize our boats in the waves by paddling faster than the current and by always keeping a paddle blade in the water, not overhead in the air while hollering "Yee-ha!" It's also important to keep your boat from getting pushed side-wise, broadside to the waves, for such a position guarantees a swim.

Day Two took us upriver from Dotsero to a more scenic and equally challenging section of the Colorado River where four of us practiced our newly learned skills and added "surfing" to our repertoire, all with Brian's encouragement and support. It was, "Look, Ma...no hands," as the water hydraulics held the kayak surfing in place, pointing upriver. Even more fun was to run a rapid, eddy out, around and back up near the top of the rapid, re-enter the rapid, run it to the bottom and circle around again ... and again... It was an excellent confidence building drill!



The wave trains we encountered were breath-taking and I prayed I would not flip. We also learned the meaning of "portage" in order to avoid a potentially troublesome boulder in the midst of a fast running rapid. Rather than risk twisting an ankle wading through the rocky side-creek, I straddled atop my boat and flopped along, much akin to riding horseback, with Marsha also adopting my less-than-graceful-but-safe technique.

It was inspiring weekend for sure!



AUGUST 28: ACA LEVEL 1 - 3 COASTAL KAYAK SKILLS ASSESSMENT at Soda Lake

ACA's Coastal Kayak Skills Assessments offer Club members the opportunity to receive documentation of their paddling abilities. The assessments are valuable for a paddler's self-knowledge but they are also useful when outfitters require verification of kayak skills before renting gear.

Following a summer's worth of lessons and coached practice opportunities, the Club's instructors spent a whole day evaluating the skills in Levels 1 through 3.

In two groups, with two instructors for each group, the participants circled around with their boats on edge, paddled in reverse and sideways, showed off a variety of turning strokes, and demonstrated that they could avoid capsizing with effective braces. After lunch they showed their skill at rescuing and being rescued, and self-rescue techniques, too.



The assessors took notes during the evaluations and had individual de-briefing chats with people after everyone was off the water. It would have been easier to just pass all the participants, but they took the evaluation and certification process seriously: everyone was given check sheets with at least a few areas that needed improvement. The paddlers were tired and a bit sad they hadn't passed, but they all agreed with the evaluations and are hoping there will be a re-testing opportunity before the water turns to ice.

We paddle for fun, for the camaraderie, for the challenges and for exercise. We also paddle to glory in the wonders around us.

Did you know "Small But Free" McIntosh Lake in Longmont has only one water lily plant? Brian Curtiss has followed its progress all summer, and many of his evening paddles ended with a pass by to check on it. Fortunately, Brian Hunter was there with his camera when it finally bloomed.



SUMMER SOCIAL PADDLING

JULY 17:

PADDLEFEST AT CHATFIELD RESERVOIR

RMSKC's annual get-together for water games, instruction, time to chat and try out other members' boats, and a lunch of brats, burgers and excellent pot-luck side dishes was held in the shade at Roxborough Cove again this year. That shade was especially

welcome because the temperature was 102° by mid-day.





Frank Bering, the member who traveled the farthest to come to PaddleFest, Carole Kline and Juli White, Stan's daughter, at Anna Troth's sign-in table

In the morning, after signing in and policing the ground for trash, we had several groups of "Follow The Leader" for paddling fun and another wild and cut-throat game of "Throw The Tennis Ball" where there didn't seem to be any rules and no winners or losers.





Brian Hunter brought a generator and his sewing

machine for a demonstration on making custom dry bags with gusseted bottoms (like paper bags) for extra expandability.

After lunch the Club's president, Larry Kline, and Brian Curtiss, our instruction coordinator, talked about RMSKC's plans for the rest of the season. Then skills and rescues were demonstrated; lots of people enjoyed practicing wet exits and reentries in the hot afternoon.

Thanks go to Larry Kline for reserving our shady spot and to Brian Hunter for his excellent organization. Due to our members' accurate RSVPs and careful planning, there were only seven leftover pieces of BBQ; that's good for more than 30 people. Additional thanks to Jan Faulkner and Mike Anson for bringing and setting up the screen tents for the food, and thanks also to Jan for being the photographer.

SUMMER SOCIAL PADDLING, CONT.

AUGUST 7:

ANNUAL SUMMER DILLON PADDLE AND BBQ

More than a dozen Club members launched their boats from the Frisco Marina on beautiful, glassy Lake Dillon. The paddle started out at a balmy 54° and the sunny skies promised a fabulous day. Paddlers included: Mike Anson, Dan Bell, Marsha Dougherty, Jan Faulkner, Brian Hunter, Jud Hurd, Annette Mascia, George and Jen Ottenhoff, Marlene Pakish, Julie Reckart, Janet Scervino and Richard and Kristy Webber.

We began our paddle by heading northwest from the Marina to the inlet of Ten Mile Creek. We then followed the northern shore in and around the many small islands and bays while catching a glimpse of a vulture, which had found something for breakfast in the willows, as well as a blue heron and several osprey.



We cruised into Pirates Cove on Sentinel

I sland for a snack break around 10:45 am, hoping to see the beaver family that lives there, but they must have been napping. After a short rest we threaded our way through the beaver channels in the marshy east end of Pirates Cove back out into the lake.



We then headed south across the lake to the Blue River arm and paddled next to the western shore to Silver Dollar island. After a short break at the island we returned to the Frisco Marina along the southern shoreline of Lake Dillon, enjoying the windless day and beautiful scenery.

Marsha Dougherty kept track of our progress with her GPS and let us know that we had paddled a total of 9.4 miles, and Jan Faulkner took photographs of the scenery, wildlife and paddlers, which she later posted to her Facebook page.

After the paddle everyone drove to the Anson-Faulkner townhouse in Dillon for brats, burgers, veggie burgers and lots of other goodies. Brian Hunter exhibited his skills once again as "grill master extraordinaire." We really had a fabulous day, and enjoyed everyone's company.



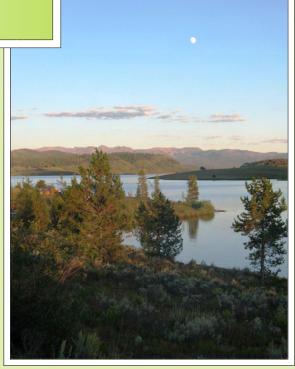
Mike and Jan: paddle report author, photographer, and event hosts, too!

SUMMER CAMP AND PADDLE

AUGUST 21 - 22: STEAMBOAT LAKE STATE PARK CAMP AND PADDLE WEEKEND

Anna Troth had the vision and did the planning, advertising and the camp-site reservations for a weekend at Steamboat Lake State Park. Here's her report:

It was a great two days, and a cool place to paddle, well worth the five hours of driving. Although there is a lot of pine beetle devastation it was over-shadowed by the setting, the view of Hahn's Peak and the wonderful group that joined me: Anne Fiore, Brian Hunter, Marsha Dougherty, Annette Mascia, Jud Hurd, Mike Anson and Jan Faulkner and Dave and Lou Ann Hustvedt.





We stopped for lunch just before noon and continued toward the dam after lunch. By then, the power boats were making big waves providing lots of excitement.

Then the wind came up a bit and made things even

We met Saturday morning for a full lake tour. As we started out the water was pretty glassy which made for nice reflections. The idea was to explore the edges, but before long some folks were cutting across while others were exploring the nooks and crannies, and others who had kayaks with sails were catching every breeze.

more interesting! The sail-kayak boats sure had a blast, some folks high-tailed it to camp, some of us practiced turning in the wind (without much success I might add; thank goodness for rudders) and others continued to explore the remaining nooks and crannies which were out of the wind. We discovered a very cool, very tall beaver dam at an inlet of the creek that flows down from Hahn's peak.

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Sunday everyone was on their own. I checked out Pearl Lake but did not paddle, although others did.

On Monday, Brian, Annette and I left about 9:00 a.m. It had rained off and on all night, so everything was wet.

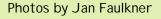
The only problem I had was keeping the group together on Saturday, that's why I decided to let everyone do their own thing on Sunday.

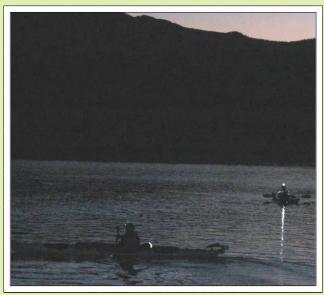
I was very grateful for Brian Hunter's help and glad there was such a good group of people that came.













GEAR NEWS

Rich Webber has been working on his boat's rigging. Note the wooden beads to keep the cross-deck bungee raised to facilitate stowing his paddle, and the crocheted painter (bow line). The crochet shortens the line, keeping it tidy and out of the way, but it can easily be pulled loose to tie up his boat when he needs it. He also has a nifty contact tow, but it isn't in this picture.

BOAT NEWS

- * Dan Bell bought a plastic Valley *Aquanaut LV* from River Mouse Kayaks, Club member Ray Van Dusen's local business.
- * Marsha Dougherty has been paddling her Current Designs *Suka* all summer; it was also purchased from and retrofitted just for her by RIVER MOUSE KAYAKS.
- * Richard Webber has a new plastic Valley Aquanaut LV from RIVER MOUSE KAYAKS, too.
- * Because he bought his new *Aquanaut*, Rich is selling his Point 65 X -Ray. It's the snappy 16'9" red fiberglass boat pictured above.
- * Brian Hunter has a new a plastic Valley *Aquanaut HV* after borrowing Gary McIntosh's for a couple of days. He loves it, but we'll miss the old gray boat with a shearwater, the sea bird that spends most of its life at sea, painted on the bow.
- * Brian Hunter needs storage room for that new *Aquanaut* and is hoping to sell both a Perception *Monarch 15* sea kayak and a Bucks Bags personal pontoon boat, mostly used for fishing and photography.
- * Jud Hurd doesn't have a new boat yet, but he does have a Prijon *Touryak* he would like to sell so that he can buy one.
- * Gary McIntosh is thinking about parting with his long, fast Current Design *Extreme*.
- * Conrad Thomaier sold his 14' Necky Manitou and purchased a 17' Wilderness Systems Tempest 170. The bigger boat allows him to carry his camping gear.



CLUB SCHEDULE

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

SEPTEMBER

- September 18: Boyd Lake Scouting Trip and Paddle
 - Time: 10: 00 am at the entrance; from there the group will figure out where to get the required zebra mussel inspection and where to put-in
 - Location: Main entrance to Boyd Lake
 - Driving Instructions: From I-25, take exit 257B and travel west. Continue taking Highway 34 / East Eisenhower Boulevard to Madison Avenue. Go North on Madison Avenue (right turn) until you reach East 37th Street where you will go east (right turn again). Follow E 37th Street for about half a mile, it curves north and is renamed County Road 11-C, Boyd Lake State Park is on the east side of the road.
 - RSVP to Anne Fiore at: anne_fiore@yahoo.com
- September 19-25: RMSKC's 2nd Lake Powell Houseboat-Supported Paddle Week
 - This trip is full, but openings may occur.
 - Contact Jud Hurd if you are interested in being notified if they do: hurdofcows@q.com
- September 25: Overnight Trip to Lake Granby for Kayak Camping Class Participants
 - This trip is for Club members who have already taken the classroom and "Pack and Paddle" portions of the Kayak Camping Class
 - Contact Larry Kline for more information: lkline146@yahoo.com
- September 18 or 25: Destination TBD
 - An exploratory trip to a local north-side body of water; suggestions welcomed
 - Express interest to trip coordinator Anne Fiore: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

CLUB SCHEDULE, CONT.

Anne Fiore, Paddling Coordinator

THE REST OF 2010

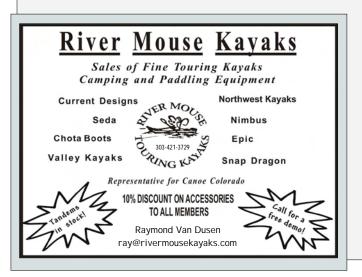
- October 2-3: Fruita to Westwater on the Colorado River (Ruby-Horsethief Canyon)
 - Fruita to Westwater on the Colorado with camping beforehand and one night on the river
 - The organizational meeting on September 14th has been cancelled
 - Contact Anne Fiore (anne_fiore@yahoo.com) if you are interested
- October 10: Paddle at Lone Tree Reservoir Northwest of Berthoud
 - Time: 2:00 on the water and ready to go (to about 5:00)
 - Directions: Hwy 56 (Exit 250 off I -25) west through Berthoud to CR-17 (½ 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.
 - Be careful to note that on the return, CR-17 is called "Taft Road" instead of Highway 17
 - Free
- October 15-16: Lake Pueblo Overnight (tentative)
 - Paddle day is the 16th
 - Contact Jud Hurd to express interest: hurdofcows@q.com
- Sometime During October:
 - Volunteer to coordinate a last-of-the-season paddle before it gets too cold; contact Anne Fiore
 - Call for nominations for Steering Committee openings: President, Publications Editor,
 Onshore Coordinator, Paddle Coordinator and Web Master
- November 13:
 - Annual Penguin Paddle and Post-Paddle Grill, Pot-Luck, and Lie Telling
 - Time: On the water and ready to paddle by 9:30. Bring a snack; the BBQ is late afternoon.
 - Location: Dillon Lake
 - RSVP to trip coordinator and host Mike Anson for details and directions: mda72455@gmail.com
- November:
 - November elections for Steering Committee openings and to adopt the Club's bylaws, by email ballot

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- CONFLUENCE KAYAKS
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 303-433-3676
- Golden River Sports
 806 Washington Avenue, Golden
 303-215-9386
- Outdoor Divas (15%)
 1133 Pearl Street, Boulder
 303-449-3482
- RIVER MOUSE KAYAKS (Club member Ray Van Dusen) ray@rivermousekayaks.com
 10% on gear; 5% on your 2nd (or more) kayak

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