

# Upper Colorado Carnage

By Randy Thompson

During peak season, four kayakers ventured down the Colorado River from Pumphouse Recreation area to Dotsero in sea kayaks. This was approximately 70 miles or so through class II and III whitewater as well as a bunch of flat stuff. Although the first half of this trip is fairly easy, long weighted fiberglass boats just were not the right tool for the application. I split my boat in half down the keel line for about four feet. Brian Curtis chopped the back of his boat off clean, all of this damage occurred in Red Eye



Rapid just upstream of State Bridge. Our friends in plastic expedition boats made it through without any problems. After repairing boats with a role of duct tape, a couple of cam straps, and as much garbage as we could find (for flotation), we were back on our way. The second half of the trip was much less eventful, however the half submerged boats negotiated the remaining rapids as if they were logs. This is a beautiful stretch of river and I hope not to discourage anyone from paddling it. I just hope that when you are planning your trip that you leave room for the duct tape!

## RMSKC Income/Expense Statement

<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$3,571.95
<b>Income:</b>			
	ACA Beginner Classes (117 participants)	\$552.00	
	Dues Payments	\$470.00	
<b>Total Income</b>			\$1,022.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Colo. Sec. Of State (Annual Fee)	\$10.00	
	Events- net expenses	\$162.41	
	Barb Smith - Three Newsletters	\$288.24	
	ACA Instructor Reimbursements	\$500.00	
	ACA PAC Payment	\$200.00	
	Postage	\$15.60	
	Exec. Comm Meetings	\$92.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$1,268.25
<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$3,325.70