

The Alamo City Rivermen

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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Next Meeting

July 9, 2003, Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near the intersection with Harry Wurzbach. See the [linked map](#). 6:30 to 8:30.

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Pecos Expedition Notes & Next Meeting July 22, Tuesday

The Pecos Expedition met on June 24, Tuesday at 7:30 PM at EZ's Restaurant. The following people were present: Gib Hafernack, Randy Hohlaus, Marc McCord, David Plylar, Joe Simons

As a rule everyone that is committed to this trip being to the Pecos First and San Juan Second with a go for sure on either one. Most of the time was spent reviewing past Pecos, San Juan & Rio Grande Trips and covered the following topics:

- Available cooking kits for dinner preparations
- Beverages (alcohol & non-alcohol)
- Breakdown of who might purchase what for menu's
- Camping goals & layover days
- Cooking requirements including refrigeration, stove, fuel types & lighting
- Dish washing & some cooking details
- Equipment requirements including firepan
- Float ability Minimums for Pecos Trip
- Food menu (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Paper plates for dinner with everyone bringing their own silverware & cups
- Pecos take out options
- Reservations for camp sites on San Juan (Randy Hohlaus)
- Review of 30 day deposit required for San Juan Trip
- Safety and rescue equipment
- Storage of some items in boats
- Toilet requirements for both Pecos & San Juan
- Travel itinerary for both the Pecos & San Juan Trips
- Types of boats each person would have
- Water requirements (1 gallon per day per person in each boat)

The following people are confirmed for as going on the Pecos Expedition with San Juan Option:

- Boat No 1 - Gib Hafernack & Randy Hohlaus, 20 foot Tripper ABS
- Boat No 6 - Chris Vogeler
- Boat No 8 - Zoltan Mraz
- Boat No. 12 - Marc McCord (14 foot Cascade)

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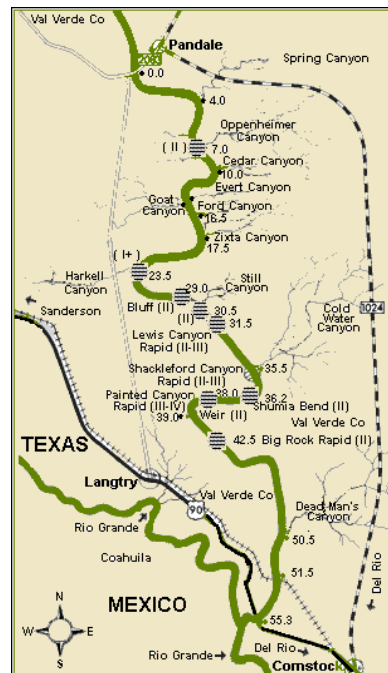
The next planning meeting to discuss the logistics and food requirements of the Pecos Expedition with San Juan Option will be on July 22, Tuesday at 7:30 PM at EZ's Restaurant and Grill on 734 West Bitters. I have reserved the smaller back meeting room. The phone number for EZ's is 210-490-6666.

That's it for now. Onward to the Pecos.

Gib Hafernack 210-822-8901 or Gibguy@Compuserve.com

(Map courtesy of <http://canoeman.com/SWPaddler/pecos4.html>)

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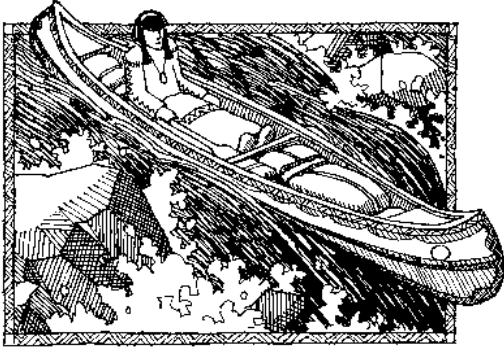
Upcoming Events

July 4-6, 2003	Llano River at Junction. Morgan's Shady Grove.	GibGuy@compuserve.com , 822-8901
July 9, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
July 19, 2003	Padre Island National Seashore-Bird Island	Kathy Cusick, kmcusick@juno.com , 830-885-5324
July 26 to August 2, 2003	Mississippi River Rumble, from Savanna, IL to Burlington, IA	Chris Vogeler, 210-863-8622, AlamoChris@aol.com
August 13, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
August 30-September 1, 2003	Labor Day Trip	To be determined
September 10, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
September 20-28, 2003	Pecos or San Juan Rivers	GibGuy@compuserve.com , 822-8901
October 8, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
November 12, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
December 2003	Christmas Party	



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Caption Contest



Searching Google's image library looking for interesting images related to paddling, I found the picture on the left. Instead of kneeling, the passenger is sitting on the bottom of the canoe as one sits in bed. He (she?) isn't even attempting to use the paddle in his right hand—as he goes over a waterfall. It struck me that this picture has caption potential.

So, folks, send me your captions. I will publish some or all of them in the next newsletter, depending on how many we get. If we get enough that I need to select the "best" captions, rest assured that the selection will be arbitrarily based on my own sense of humor. For those who know me well enough, that should be scary. All captions must be suitable for a family publication.

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San Marcos River

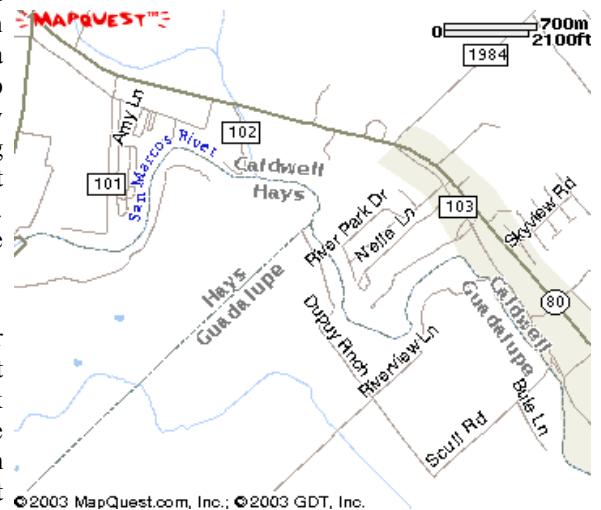
On June 21, several Rivermen paddled the San Marcos from Westerfield Crossing to Scull Crossing. The weather was clear and, as for the temperature, it was what passes for seasonable for June in Texas. The San Marcos is almost always a delightful paddle, and our trip was no exception. We met at 10:00 at Westerfield put in after the short shuttle. At the time we put in, Westerfield was almost deserted.

The segment we paddled misses both Cummings Dam and Martindale Dam, but we did catch Cottonseed Rapids and the broken dam near Tom Goynes property. A friend from my office, Roberto Guadiana, and his teenage son came with their own canoe. Beto had never paddled on moving water before, but even he made it through Cottonseed as well as I did, which is to say right side up but with no grace. For those unfamiliar with Cottonseed, the rapid comes immediately after a blind curve and begins with a well-defined downstream "V" leading to a large boulder. People sometimes wrap around the boulder. If you can slide to river right of the boulder, there are a few more rocks to bump into, but they are less serious. David Plylar tells of coming around the blind curve and finding someone else wrapped on the boulder. That makes it impossible to get through, but there is no stopping at that point. Cottonseed is definitely one to scout first. The only decent scouting view we could get was to river left, at the edge of a chain link fence.

Gib Hafernick led the trip and billed it in advance as a competitive lawn chair surfing event. Indeed. We all spent a fair amount of time at our lunch stop, but some of us moved on while Gib and others lingered. David Plylar took me back to Westerfield to pick up my truck, and we found an incredible number of college student tubers blithely ignoring the "no parking" signs. We did well to beat them to the river. At the take-out, Beto's son was playing with a young lab that matched the description on a "lost dog" poster. I had a cell phone, but all I got was the owners answering machine. We left the dog with a local resident who could stick around for the owner. For those who did not make it, you missed a good trip.

Ken Bennight

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A man who paddled a canoe
Tumped over and lost a shoe
And then tore his sock
On a sharp rock
And uttered some words that were blue.

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Cattle Passes

At the last meeting, we discussed sending an open records request to the Texas Department of Transportation regarding policies and guidelines for letting cattle passes impede public access to navigable rivers. Our president Kathy Cusick signed the letter at the meeting, and the letter was mailed that evening. Texas open records law gives TxDOT 10 business days from receipt to respond. Although we can't be sure when the postal service delivered the letter, the 10 business days is likely to expire in the first week of July. The next newsletter will report the results. In the meantime stay tuned to the Yahoo group email list and check out the Rivermen website for updates.



(A Riverman of yore, so to speak.)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a member of the Alamo City Rivermen Canoe and Kayak Club and would like to take advantage of the club discount to become a member of ACA Paddle America. I enclose a check for an individual/family membership in the amount of \$15.00 (single) or \$20.00 (family).

Please use this name for your membership role: _____

Please send mail to the following address: _____

Happy Paddling. Thank you.

Member, Alamo City Rivermen Canoe and Kayak Club

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rivermen Mileage Log Sheet

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Alamo City Rivermen Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Telephone: _____

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The Alamo City Rivermen try to keep their activities safe, but risk is inherent in water sports. We cannot and do not guarantee safety. The Alamo City Rivermen disclaim liability for accidental injury or death in any sponsored event. As a condition of membership and participation in club sponsored events, I release, acquit, and forever discharge the Alamo City Rivermen and its officers, agents, and members from all liability arising out of or relating to a sponsored event, even if negligence of the club or its officers, agents, or members is a cause, and even if I die or am injured. This release includes not only actual paddle trips but also all other club events and driving or riding to and from club events.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Membership dues are the same for an individual or a family. As a member of the Alamo City Rivermen, you are automatically entitled to our monthly newsletter, NOC Outfitter store discounts, a \$10 discounted membership in the American Canoe Association through the Paddle America Program, and subscription to our email list. Details on these benefits are available in our newsletter.

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