

# The Alamo City Rivermen

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### Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

#### Next Meeting

August 13, 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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#### Goliad Canoe Trail Float

A canoe trail is proposed for the segment of the San Antonio River near Goliad. We have been committed to take Goliad community leaders on a float trip for some time. An earlier scheduled trip was flooded out.

We are trying to schedule this trip for October or early November. Please come and show the leaders of Goliad that paddlers are not loud mouthed drunks who will trash their river. We'll can do it as a day float, including going out to eat with the Goliad folks after the float, with camping optional in Goliad State Park. There's a good Mexican food restaurant in Goliad.

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#### Hidalgo Falls Clean-Up

Relatively frequent clean-ups are held at Hidalgo Falls, a rapid on the Brazos River near College Station. The land being cleaned has recently been acquired by paddling organizations to preserve paddler access to the rapid. Helping in the clean-up is a good thing and also is a good opportunity to get cleared to access the land for paddling. If you are not on a listserv getting notice of the clean-ups, contact Steve Daniel, [sdaniel@philosophy.tamu.edu](mailto:sdaniel@philosophy.tamu.edu).

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#### Free-Style Canoe Clinic

On Columbus Day week-end, October 11 & 12, the Houston Canoe Club and the ACA will be sponsoring a Texas Freestyle Canoe Roundup. John Steib will chair the event. The best freestyle canoe teachers in the country will share their knowledge. It will be a two day event with clinics for novice, intermediate, and advanced Freestyle paddlers. We will have a special clinic for White water paddlers who want to learn freestyle. We will also do short 4 hour clinics for Tandem recreational canoe on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night we will host the National Freestyle Canoe Competition under the lights. The event will be at Brooks Lake in Sugar Land.

Contact Lillian Tigard, [tigards2@hal-pc.org](mailto:tigards2@hal-pc.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

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	Gib Hafernicks, <a href="mailto:GibGuy@compuserve.com">GibGuy@compuserve.com</a> , 822-8901
August 30-September 1, 2003	PaddleFest, Corpus Christi	Marilyn Kircus, <a href="mailto:mkircus@yahoo.com">mkircus@yahoo.com</a>
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 Buffalo (Ark.) Rivers	<a href="mailto:GibGuy@compuserve.com">GibGuy@compuserve.com</a> , 822-8901
October 8, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
Undetermined	San Antonio River at Goliad, day trip with overnight camping option	Randy Hohlaus, <a href="mailto:hohlaus@prodigy.net">hohlaus@prodigy.net</a> , 493-7058
November 12, 2003	Monthly meeting	Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
November 28-30, 2003	Turkey Trot, Colorado River	Randy Hohlaus, <a href="mailto:hohlaus@prodigy.net">hohlaus@prodigy.net</a> , 493-7058
December 2003	Christmas Party	



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### **Pecos Expedition, Sept 19 – 23, Change of River Options: Buffalo River Next Meeting August 19, Tuesday**

The Pecos Expedition met on July 22, Tuesday at 7:30 PM at EZ's Restaurant. The following people were present: Gib Hafernicks, Randy Hohlaus, Claire Lindblum, Reiko Seiler, Chris Vogeler

The time frame for the Pecos River Expedition is Sept 19 – 23, of major significance is the fact that the San Juan River Option to Utah is OUT AND IN IT'S PLACE IS THE BUFFALO RIVER TO ARKANSAS. The main reason for change of river options was low flow rates for the San Juan and it was felt that the Buffalo would be just a better option to consider. The Pecos River is still the primary river for this trip and everyone is being encouraged to pray to the Rain Gods for plentiful rainfall in September.

As a rule everyone is committed to this trip being to the Pecos First and Buffalo Second with a go for sure on either one. The following people are confirmed for as going on the Pecos Expedition with the Buffalo River Option:

- Boat No 1 - Gib Hafernicks & Reiko Seiler, 20 foot XL Tripper AB
- Boat No 2 - Randy Hohlaus,
- Boat No 6 - Chris Vogeler
- Boat No 8 - Zoltan Mraz
- Boat No. 12 - Marc McCord (14 foot Cascade)

Sitting on the fence but seriously planning or looking for partners to paddle with: Claire Linblum, David Plylor

The next planning meeting to discuss the logistics and food requirements of the Pecos Expedition with San Juan Option will be on August 19, 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.

This will be a critical meeting to go over and finalize the logistics of this trip, it is encouraged that those individuals living in the San Antonio Area Attend.

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

Gib Hafernicks, 210-822-8901, or [Gibguy@Compuserve.com](mailto:Gibguy@Compuserve.com)

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### **Llano River Labor Day Weekend August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>**

This is a show up and do anything you want trip. We have reserved the large patio pavilion area at Morgan Shady Park in Junction. The phone number for the camp ground is 915-446-2580, day or 915-446-2071, night. The patio cost us 40 dollars per day to use. The campground is situated on river left about 1 mile upstream of the bridge leading into Junction. There are showers and restroom accommodations. We have a nice grassy area for tent camping plus there are several other sites immediately available around the patio area. We will be camping on the river. There are canoe rentals available in the area. Reservations are recommended for this weekend.

The patio lends itself extremely well to Dutch oven or bar-b-que cooking. The patio is approximately 30 by 30 feet. Inside that is a raised up area 10 by 10 feet about waist level filled with dirt that allows placement of dutch ovens and small bar-b-que pits. In the center of this area is an oak tree which provides lots of nice shelter. We have reserved the patio for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 1. You can actually start arriving on Friday night.

There are various options for canoeing. The segments vary from 14 miles to 3 miles. Last year we had several different groups going on different sections of rivers. You can even just hang out at the campsite and do nothing at all. My plan is to arrive at the campsite, Friday night sometime after 9:00 pm. The cost of this trip is based on the following carefully constructed algorithm: (Total cost of patio for days rented)/total number of people plus 2 dollars per day per person

When arriving at the campground check in with the office and let them know you are with the Alamo City Rivermen. Lavern Harden is the owner and she is expecting us. We will collect all money at the campsite on and then turn it over to her. She actually likes our group as we are pretty well behaved plus we pay her for our group. So be nice and polite when visiting with her.

In addition to all this there is a street parade, Saturday night dance, rodeo plus a whole lot more. Contact Gib Hafernicks 210-822-8901.

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### **Mustang Island Beach Trip Friday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (Formerly known as the Bird Island Basin Trip) Trip Leaders: Kathy Cusick & Kevin Longin Camp Chef: Gib Hafernicks**

On Friday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the club went beach camping at Mustang Island State Park. We had a bit of adventure finding each other in the dark, but kayaks on vehicle roofs helped, and all but one vehicle made it to the same spot. We had 11 club members for a variety of activities. We had 1 recreational kayak, 2 sea kayaks and 8 sit-on-top kayaks that made it into the water. We had people kayak surfing, paddling out into the Gulf, fishing from boats and in the surf, beach combing, bobbing around in the water, and simply lounging around in the shade of fairly nice tarp that provided wonderful shade.

Initially, Gib and I were planning a tandem weekend of camping on the bay & beach at close locations so that fishing and surfing were possible. As it turns out, Bird Island Basin appears to be a premier wind surfing spot and contained too many RV's to be desirable for us. As a result, we set up on the beach at Mustang Island State Park (site of original beach group). Anyone wishing to paddle in the bay had easy access not far from the park entrance. Mustang Island State Park has port-a-potties and cold water outside showers spaced out along the beach camping area where we were, as well as several enclosed bath houses closer to the entrance.



As it turned out, we had fishing in the surf and from kayaks out beyond the breakers right at the beach spot. Several people spent hours fishing. There was also a group kayak surfing most of the weekend. I thought the most exciting of the activities was paddling with 4 dolphins on Saturday morning while out surfing. Almost everyone paddled out beyond the breakers into the Gulf, and one group found our four friendly dolphins for a second time that day by doing this. Several people just went swimming, sat in beach chairs in the waves, or went walking. Basically, it was a very relaxing weekend for everyone, and we all got to take home a fair amount of sand as a souvenir.

On Saturday evening we started the meal with peel & eat shrimp, followed by a Dutch oven meal of fish & veggies over rice, followed by cake. We had a volunteer run to the store for fish (thanks Henry), since he wasn't swimming and was looking for air conditioning in the middle of the afternoon. Between the cook and kayak trailers, we had a great platform for meal preparation. We even had a birthday cake and singing in celebration of a big birthday for Reiko Seilor. We never did get to the beach fire is planned, although we did haul in some wood. It was just so nice to sit around in the evening breeze with the sun going down that nobody was motivated enough to start a fire. For those of us in the water all day, sleep was the first thing on our minds anyway. Breakfast on both mornings was the usual mass quantities of egg tacos, sausage, and potatoes. Lunch was leftovers or on our own potluck and on Sunday afternoon we had an ice cold watermelon, compliments of Zoltan.

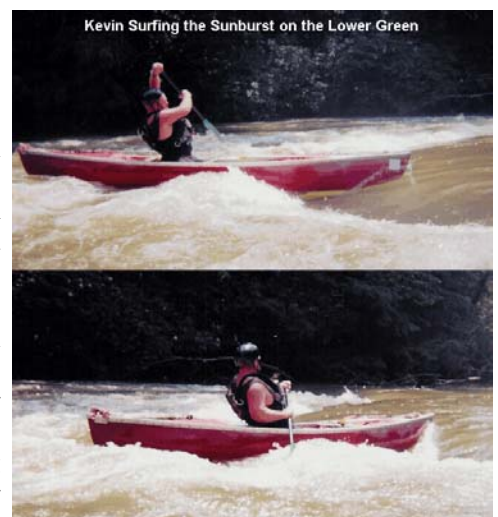
There will definitely be another beach camping adventure on our trip list when the rivers are low.

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**Week of Rivers – Carolina Canoe Club --Sat, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bryson City, North Carolina -- Held annually the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Trip Attendees: Kathy Cusick & Kevin Longin**

Being fairly new to paddling, Kevin and I have tried to attend different group events this year to broaden our experience. We attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hidalgo Falls Festival in April as both club and individual contributors to the property. While there, we heard of the "Week of Rivers" during a campfire chat, and we had to look into it. The Carolina Canoe Club has a great website, ([www.carolinacanoecub.com](http://www.carolinacanoecub.com)). Most of the rivers back east run with dam release, and most of those releases are posted, but some not until the day of. Therefore, there are morning meetings each day in the group tent where this information was posted and announced, following which local club members decided who would lead trips to which rivers that day.

We left Friday evening and drove straight through to Cleveland, TN where we met up with my daughter and her boyfriend at the Ocoee Outpost of the Nantahala Outdoor Center late Saturday afternoon. We were in our self-contained truck camper, and so we stayed in their park-like parking area overnight in order to go rafting with them the next morning. Had we been a little more rested, we would have taken the Ultralight flights (\$38) that were taking off from next door until dusk, but maybe next year. The next morning we set out for our guided raft trip on the lower section of the Ocoee, as the upper was not running that day.



My daughter and I took the front positions in the raft for the full experience, but all of us had a great time. There were folks of all ages out there, from kids to grandmas, and even paddlers not of the white water persuasion would love this guided trip.

By dinner time on Sunday, we arrived at the Smoky Mountain Meadows Campground (their website has a link to local attractions [www.smmcamp.tripod.com](http://www.smmcamp.tripod.com)), where the event was centered. We were on the stand-by list and lucked out, getting our own campsite with all utilities. The group actually has a large field where any attendees could set tents up, and where the Group Tent was also set. There was a dagger rep there with loaners for any day you wanted to demo a boat. I might add that Hurricane Bill was just about to settle in, and the creek boaters were jubilant.

Monday morning, 6/30, it was raining but a comfortable day and we decided to paddle the Nantahala River in our open white water canoes (Dagger Impulse & Blue Hole Sunburst). It was raining, but warm, and the mist on the river was incredible. I had no idea until that day that the Smoky Mountains were just 2 average annual inches shy of being classified as a temperate rain forest, which is why the mountains are smoky with mist. This mist just added to the atmosphere, and we had a great run with wonderful local trip leaders on a legendary river. This was a solid class II river that moved almost constantly and had great features. We both made the falls at the end of the run, with the open side of the boats up, taking the "Wildwater" line down river right (see picture).

Tuesday, 7/1, raining again but not an unpleasant day, we paddled Section II of the Pigeon River in TN in our open white water canoes. This was a beginner stretch with waves throughout the run as it went over shoals even though the river was up. It allowed for folks to stop and play if they wanted or to just do a float trip. We had a group of 28, and the run only took 2 hours. I couldn't just head back to camp, so we rustled up a couple other folks and a shuttle, and 4 of us did the run again. With fewer paddlers, we were able to stop and surf quite a bit more, and that second run was even more fun than the first.

Wednesday, 7/2, it was still raining and we set out for the Lower Green River, outside of Asheville, NC with a trip leader from Houston, Susan Eda. The river was running on "2 turbines" that day, and it had been raining since Sunday night. When we got there, the river was definitely flooding, and so we decided not to run it. We headed to a river outfitting store in Asheville, and then on to look at the French Broad River just north of Asheville where they have a White Water Park to play in, and where you can also just plain run the river. It, too, was flooding, but Susan was interviewed by a local news crew and gave a good plug for the CCC. We did have a good day of touring Asheville, which has beautiful plantings along their highways, making it a very pleasant drive through the area. We took a back road back to the camp, and drove through the Cherokee Indian Reservation. It had stopped raining late in the afternoon.



Thursday, 7/3, incredibly, the sun was out, and we ran the Oconaluftee River in Smoky Mountain National Park, taking out just before the Cherokee Indian Reservation. This was a little bony, but not too bony for a good run, and we did it in our white water sit-on-tops (a Dagger Pegasus & a Perception Torrent). It was Class I-II this day, and a good run for a beginner with some good skills, although the day prior it was up 4' higher and was significantly more difficult. Again we had a big group of 24 paddlers, but we split up and had a much more isolated experience on a beautiful river with rhododendrons lining the banks draping right over the water.

Friday, 7/4, another gorgeous sunny day, and we went back to the Lower Green River, which was still running on 2 turbines, with both the open white water canoes and the sit-on-tops. The river was still high but not flooding and we ran it in the canoes. Again, this was a beginner river that toobers were also on, but were not over-running even on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a moderately quick river, with lots of waves to stop and surf along the way and a great ledge for surfing near the end of the run (see Kevin in the "freightliner" on this wave). We ran this twice, too, because we could.

Saturday, 7/5, we left for home. We stopped at the Upper Ocoee while it was running to see the paddlers, rafters and playboaters on this beautifully planned stretch of river. We also went through the Visitors Center from the 1996 Olympics.

This trip was an inexpensive way to see a bunch of rivers in another part of the states with local paddlers. There were beginner trips every day that we were there, as well as trips on stuff I may only see in pictures during my lifetime. The area also had great attractions for anyone traveling with non-paddlers. The Nantahala Outdoor Center ([www.noc.com](http://www.noc.com)), along with other outfitters, runs rafting trips to all the rivers

in the area if you want to do a difficult river that your own paddling skills aren't up to, or if you want to go out on the river with non-paddling family or friends. We already have this on our calendar for next year!

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## Nueces Adventure Report

By Glenn Hart (Austin)

When I found out that the lower Nueces had received quite a bit of water from the recent hurricane, I wanted to go there Saturday (July 19th) to see if there was enough water to run the 12-foot waterfall in Zavala County. Also, I wanted to paddle a new section of the river.

The waterfall on the Nueces is about six miles (as the crow flies) north of Crystal City. It's about a quarter-mile south of the FM 1025 bridge. Driving through this wide-open farm and ranch land, you wouldn't expect to come upon a river, much less one with a waterfall like this. The fact that it's almost as far south as Eagle Pass makes it even more unusual.

When I arrived at the waterfall, I was disappointed to see that there wasn't enough water to run it. There were only about three inches of water going over the top. Sorry guys, no photos! Although the gauge at Asherton was showing about 280 cfs, it didn't look like that much water. Since the falls are fairly wide (maybe 100 feet), it will require quite a bit more water, maybe 1,000 to 1,500 cfs, to be run. Of course, that will only happen during a flood, which happens maybe once or twice each year. But the cool thing is that you could just watch the gauge and arrive there when it's at the right level -- maybe after running the Frio the day before. Isn't technology cool!

I had originally mentioned wanting to try the section of the river from Hwy. 57 to FM 1025, but I heard that it's really long and wild, and it has at least one natural lake. I was told it could be as much as 30 miles. Some fishermen (fisherpeople?) go there in johnboats with motors to fish. It's always good to know a local! So that section was out of the question.

We instead considered paddling the section from FM 1025 to FM 582, which ends on the north side of Crystal City. It was 6 miles by road, so how far could it be by river? Maybe 10 miles, I thought. That was the mistake that led to a LONG hard day on the river! Sky had made a taped-together topo map using Topozone.com, and when we looked at the first one-third of the trip, we saw that the river snaked all over through some really high banks. We thought that it would be a pretty long trip, but we had no idea! We later estimated that we paddled (and paddled, and paddled!) about 16 miles.

After some good ol' breakfast tacos from Dora's in Uvalde, we ran the shuttle and put on the river at 10:30. At the waterfall, we decided to portage on the right rather than down the rockslide on the left, which we knew would be slick as \*\*\*\*. Sky dragged her recreational kayak along the path across the sandstone cliff on the right and lowered it to the pool below. I decided that there had to be a much easier way for my canoe to get there. So I walked to a place on the right side of the fall where part of the descent slants at about a 30-degree angle for a third of the descent, before dropping straight off. It was covered with slick algae, so I gave my Dagger Rival a good push, and off it flew, landing at a beautiful 20-degree angle, and coming to rest on the banks of the pool right next to where Sky waited! And it didn't even take on any water!

A little more background about the waterfall. Many years ago, a layer of concrete was added to most of it, forming an old low water crossing. So even though it's a natural waterfall, you can see a straight line across the top. It looks like there may have been a natural slot at one time down the middle, although that probably would have left an eight-foot drop at the slot. The overall drop looks like about 12-feet, and there's a big recovery pool at the bottom. I paddled in the pool below up to the landing area in the middle, and it was so deep that I couldn't touch the bottom with my paddle.

The natural crossing formed by the waterfall has historical significance. Spanish Governor Alonso de Leon's expedition in 1689 is said to have crossed here. Later, the crossing became famous as the Cross-S Ford, named after the huge Cross S Ranch, which was established in the 1850's, as far as I can tell.

After leaving the fall, we started out on a shallow, narrow and winding riverbed, with a bottom of small rocks and gravel. I had to get out and push my boat a few times, but Sky's little kayak made it fine. Then the river got deeper and entered an area of high dirt banks. The river was still very narrow, averaging about 12-15 feet, with a slow flow. It looked as if we were paddling in a creek. The banks got taller, some reaching 30-35 feet, and the "river" just kept on twisting and turning so that we could rarely see more than 40 feet ahead. The banks were made up of colorful browns and burnt orange dirt, covered in many places by green moss and other vegetation. Huge trees, mostly

live oaks and elms, hung over the water forming almost constant shade. We were in a semi-tropical canyon, and the sound of birds added to the beauty. We saw wild turkey, hawks, kingfishers, and blue heron. We also saw a raccoon and heard some wild pigs or javelinas. It was extremely remote. There was no traces that people had been there.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Wait a minute. Not so fast! Some of these beautiful trees had fallen into the narrow channel, forming (you guessed it) Strainers and Log Jams and Deadfalls, oh my! Our Really Grand Adventure had become a Very Difficult Struggle.

For several miles the river gave us 15 or 20 different challenges, and the trip slowed. We pulled our boats through small passageways between branches and over the top of logs. We pushed our way through deadfalls with paddles. I finally put away my nice whitewater paddle for my cheaper spare. Sky remarked that we needed a paddle with a hook on the end to pull ourselves along. I was glad I hadn't taken my air bags, because they could have been ruined. The floor of my canoe was covered with mud and dead wood. The banks were so slick and steep that it would often have been impossible to portage. Luckily the current was slow, or we would have had even more problems. We saw evidence of big floods; this would be a deadly section under those conditions.

Then we came to the Ugliest One, which consisted of several tree trunks across the channel and lots of deadwood. The total mess went on for about 30 feet. There was only one choice, and that was to portage. Backtracking, I found a place where we barely were able to climb up the bank and use ropes to pull up the boats. Then came the difficult part, which was lowering the boats down the slick bank. Using ropes and saplings, we lowered the boats and carefully made our way down. At one point, Sky dislodged a branch that slithered by my feet, and of course I thought it was a snake. I jumped up like a scared cat and almost lost my boat and myself down the bank.

Finally, we left the Land of the Strainers and Log Jams and Deadfalls, as the river widened and became fairly straight and deep. But then we were met with the second overall difficulty, which was lack of flow. The river went on forever and forever. I wished I wasn't in a whitewater canoe. My knees and thighs were hurting from all the miles kneeling. The banks were high and slick from rain, so we couldn't get out and stretch. I sat on my thwart for a while, but it felt tippy. I realized that if I fell out of my boat, it would be really difficult to get back into it because of the deep water and high slick banks. The last miles were really tough.

After what seemed like forever, we came to the place where a branch of the river goes to the right. This is Espantosa (Ghost) Slough, and we knew we were only about three-quarters of a mile from the end! We finally paddled up to the bridge a little after 6:00, about seven and one-half hours after we started. We were exhausted! Luckily, I was able to stay another night at the Open V and get some rest.

The lower Nueces was one big adventure. We were glad to have seen it, especially the wild first part, but we both said we didn't think we'd do it again.

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## **Llano River Trip Report**

By Gay Culbertson, [gculbertson@lycos.com](mailto:gculbertson@lycos.com)

Put-in: Hiway 87 bridge south of Mason, Take-out: FM 2768 crossing in Castell, Length: 12.1 miles. Duration: 4 1/2 hours

On Sat, June 28th, I participated in the Great Castell Kayak Race along with about 60 other boaters. We accessed the river on the south bank which is a little steep, but not too bad, and offers plenty of parking. After lining everyone up, it was off to the races! Most of the people, like myself, did the event for fun-not for the race. There were boats of all kinds with the majority being recreational sit-on tops.

The water level was low, somewhere around 80 CFS, making the run grueling from the scrunching through sand and rock gardens. Six more inches of water would make for a fun run. Many of the lighter boats didn't have to get out and pull, but the heavier boats did. The water was murky from recent rains and warmer than I expected. The many rock gardens would be fun to navigate with a little more water, including a couple of small drops. An old mill dam about half way backs up a channel on river left with lots of slow, flat water. The scenery is beautiful with rock and sand banks on both sides of the river and many trees.

A lady from the Llanaux Seafood Restaurant offered lemonade and water on the sandy banks; we found out what quick sand is like trying to get to her. The sand bars and banks are fine river sand with deep holes, adding to the problem of walking your boat through low areas. The river is often wide and it can be hard to tell which channel is best; listening for the rapids helps, but not always.

The take-out is a low water crossing on FM 2768 as it joins Tx 152 in Castell with easy access to river left. There isn't any parking but you can stop on the bridge to load up your boat. It's a short walk into town and the only store in town offers plenty of cold drinks, ice cream, sandwiches, air conditioning, and friendly people. This is definitely a river to include in your list of rivers to run if you want to enjoy beautiful scenery with many nice rapids and play spots (when the river is higher).

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## Obituary

We regret the passing of Rivermen member Leo Canales on May 13.

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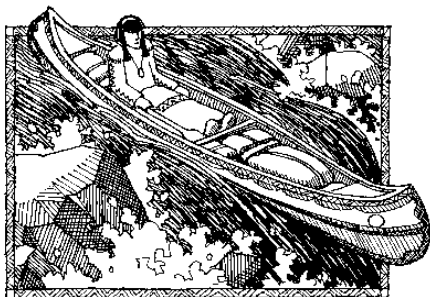
## Interactive Paddle Guide

Check out the interactive paddle guide at <http://class5.info/PaddlingPutin.aspx>. I have not checked it out in any detail, but I have added the Rivermen to the paddling clubs listing.

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## Results of Caption Contest

I have not tried to pick any winners. Following are all the entries I received:



Charles Riou: Vegetarian: Old Indian word for "can't hunt", Rafter: Old Indian word for "can't canoe"

White man say river Class I, speak with Middle Fork Tongue

After a low water day, Running Bear makes camp and sleeps in his canoe, only to wake up in middle of the night to find his rain dance worked better than had thought.

On his maiden voyage after repairing his canoe, Bob realizes he should have let the resin dry before getting in the boat.

Kevin Longin No lunch to pack, shuttle to plan, or need of a PFD, just the pure pleasure of running Class VI whitewater.



# Alamo City Rivermen Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

I prefer to receive the newsletter: (Please circle the one you choose)

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**(Note: Newsletter copying and mailing has been our biggest expense; using email frees up money for other activities, including our website.)**

*Mail this completed form, together with a check, to:*

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