

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

October 13, 2004, 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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Bird Island

The Bird Island Basin trip was held on September 11 and 12. Near perfect weather conditions welcomed those who attended what will hopefully become an annual event. The waters of Laguna Madre were ideal for paddling, a nice breeze kept afternoon relaxation very comfortable, and a spectacular sunset climaxed a great day. Gib Hafernick, was once again, outstanding. Attendees were treated to fresh spotted sea trout, cooked in an incredible white wine sauce, grilled shrimp, skewers of fresh vegetables, wild rice, parmesan bread, and the always popular peach cobbler. An evening campfire topped off a wonderful day!

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the event so enjoyable!

Gary Tupa

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LCRA Muleshoe Bend Recreational Area: October 8th - 10th

I am planning on camping at LCRA Muleshoe Bend the weekend of October 8th through the 10th. This is going to be a rather interesting mix of people from the Alamo City Rivermen along with Mountain bikers from the San Antonio and Austin area.

We will be base camping on the upper shores of Lake Travis at LCRA Muleshoe Bend Recreational Area in a nice grove of trees. I am planning on going up early Friday to set up camp. There are a variety of options in terms of canoeing, mountain biking, trail running, hiking, fishing, bird watching or just nothing at all.

On the Canoeing Scene:

On Saturday, I am planning on launching upstream at LCRA Narrows Recreation area and doing an extended canoe training run (22 -25 miles) to our campsite. The opportunity also exist to launch upstream at the LCRA Grelle Recreation Area and do a shorter distance of about 6 to 7 miles or you could just launch directly from the campsite on the water. In the immediate vicinity of our camp are several coves to paddle to. Both of these sections are on flat water and lend themselves particularly well for touring canoes and sea kayaks.

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Upcoming Events

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| October 8-10, 2004 | Muleshoe Bend, Lake Travis | Gib Hafernack, 210-492-7517 or Gibguy at Compuserve.com |
| October 9-10, 2004 | Corpus Christi Surf Fest, camping at Bob Hall Pier | |
| October 13, 2004 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |
| October 16-18, 2004 | Muleshoe Bend, upper end of Lake Travis | Gib Hafernack, 210-492-7517 or Gibguy at Compuserve.com |
| October 17, 2004 | Anhalt Octoberfest Guadalupe Day Trip | Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy.net 493-7058 |
| November 6, 2004 | Goliad Canoe Trail | Randy Hohlaus, 210-493-7058 or hohlaus at prodigy.net |
| November 10, 2004 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |
| November 26-28, 2004 | Turkey Trot, Colorado River | Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy.net 493-7058 |
| December 2004 | Christmas Party | ????? |
| January 12, 2005 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |
| January 29-30, 2005 | Freeze Trip | Gib Hafernack, 210-492-7517 or Gibguy at Compuserve.com |
| February 9, 2005 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |
| March 9, 2005 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |
| March 2005 | Pecos Trip | Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy.net 493-7058 |
| April 13, 2004 | Monthly Meeting | Barbeque Station, 1612 N.E. Loop 410, near Harry Wurzbach, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. |



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On the Mountain Bike or Trail Running Scene

In the evening, that is Saturday, I may run or bike the 7.5 mile mountain bike trail or do some mountain bike riding on Sunday. The location has a 7.5 mile looped course with numerous switchbacks. The total distance on the trails could easily be 10 to 12 miles.

What to Bring:

You need to bring your own food for breakfast, lunch and dinner but generally the breakfasts & dinners sort of turn into a smorgasbord of dishes. On Saturday evening we will have a cook out of some kind. There should be several two burner stoves for you to use plus a grill as well. I will be cooking a dish of potatoes in a dutch oven. If you want to get in on this dish you need to bring a potatoe and some onions or mushrooms to throw in the pot.

How to get there:

From San Antonio Take 281 North till you almost reach Marble Falls. Take State Highway 71 East and go past the town of Spicewood. Turn left on Paleface Ranch Road and go about 4.5 miles to Burnet County Road 414. Turn right and go about 1.5 miles, then take another right just before the entrance to Ridge Harbor. Continue until you reach the park entrance at the end of CR414.

Some direct links are as follows with directions & map: LCRA Muleshoe Bend Recreational Area
URL(http://www.lcra.org/community/muleshoe_bend.html)

Hope to see you there.

Gib Hafernick, 210-492-7517 home; 210-355-1726 cell or Gibguy@Compuserve.com

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Anhalt Octoberfest Paddle Oder Geht Unter!

Join us for a great day of paddling on the Guadalupe river and family style lunch and Oompah at the Anhalt Octoberfest, held every third Sunday in October by the Germania Farmer Verein. We did this trip last year, but at the Mayfest, so this year we'll check the Octoberfest. We'll meet at the canoe put-in at Guadalupe State Park at 9:00a.m Sunday morning. We'll do a float down to Specht's crossing, about 6 miles. After taking out, we'll go to Anhalt just down the road to enjoy the festivities. Don't bring a lunch, bring some dollars to chow down, as they will be serving family style at the traditional long tables some really great German style roast beef with all the trimmings in the 125 year old dance hall. The polka band starts at 1:00pm, and the country and western at about 5:30pm with Jason Allen featured, so plan on a little schottische und chicken dancing. There are also some kid games for the katzenjammers. It makes for a really great day. If you are going, give me a call or confirm by email. Ich werde Sie auf dem Fluß sehen!

Randy Hohlaus, 210-493-7058 or hohlaus@prodigy.net

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Gulf Area Sea Paddlers - GASP!

We are having a paddling get together in Corpus Christi, Tx on October 9-11. A general description, a schedule of trips and events, and an entry form can be found at the Paddlefest website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~hkwpkwp>. This is a free event and is primarily geared toward guided kayak tours of the area although some instruction and kayak surfing is also available. Hope you can join us.

Mark Arnold, mjamja at earthlink.net

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Goliad Canoe Trail Trip

It looks like there will be another trip to the Goliad Canoe Trail on the San Antonio River on Saturday, November 6, 2004, sponsored by the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee. We had a really fine trip last year. This year we may do a different stretch. This is basically a day trip, we'll meet down there in Goliad at 10:00am at the State Park. I don't know if we will be asked to help out with canoes and

take guests or dignitaries, or just go and float ourselves, but plan on helping out if needed. Lunch will be on the river. That was sponsored by San Antonio River Authority last year, and they may do it again. This is an easy trip for novices, as it is all flat water, but has a class 3 put-in. You can do it as a day trip and go back to San Antonio at the end of the day, or join us in camping at the State Park. Last year we got free camping, we'll see about this year. No cooking on this trip, and you pay your own way. We will drive into town for dinner that night, and then retire for a little fireside apres canoe, and the next day will walk into town on the incredible boardwalk overlooking the river to get breakfast. If you are interested in helping out or going, let me know as soon as possible so we can plan with the Committee in Goliad.

Randy Hohlaus, 210-493-7058 or hohlaus@prodigy.net

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Support Canoe Trail Goliad

The folks who hosted our great trip last year are raffling off a canoe to raise money to help them promote a canoe trail in Goliad. It isn't often that we get a chance to support people who support us, but now is the chance. We should really help them out, and get a chance a new boat and gear to boot. Don't put this off long, time is running out. See below for the details.

Raffle: Support development of the Canoe Trail Goliad through your \$10 donation and receive one chance per donation to win the Canoe Trail Goliad Old Town Canoe Pack:

One Old Town Canoe, two paddles, two personal floatation devices, two cushions, a car-top carry kit, and two ropes.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2004, at Goliad's 13th Annual Missions Tour de Goliad Bike Ride. Mail your checks to **Leah Huth at Park Road 6, Goliad, Texas 77963**. Make the check out for \$10.00 for each ticket to Goliad Canoe Trail. She will mail your tickets back to you. You do not need to be present to win.

See the Old Town Canoe Pack at Market Days and get your tickets while you're there. Or order your tickets by contacting the following Canoe Trail Goliad Committee Members: Leah Huth at (361) 645-3405 or at Leah.Huth@tpwd.state.tx.us or Claire Barnhart at (361) 375-2824 or at clairebarnhart@yahoo.com.

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Revised Edition of Texas Whitewater

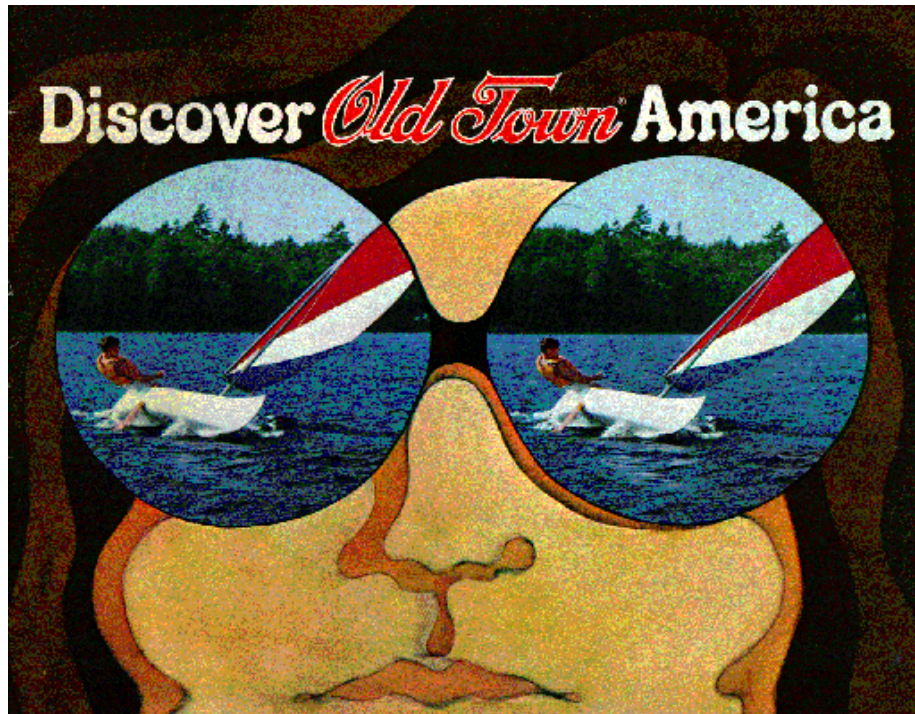
The new edition of *Texas Whitewater* is now available at bookstores and paddling shops. It covers more than 100 streams (including 23 new ones and eight new stretches on previously listed ones), and has 84 maps and 118 photos (51 new). Descriptions of runs have been updated, at 260 pages, is substantially larger than the first edition (even though it costs the same as the 1999 edition). To see the new table of contents listing all the streams included, go to <http://philosophy.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/kayak.html>.

Steve Daniel

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1923 Old Town Catalog



1970 Old Town catalog

Things change, but not necessarily for the better.

Alamo City Rivermen

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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 \$20.00 (single) or \$25.00 (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: _____

Alamo City Rivermen Mileage Log Sheet

Date: _____ River: _____ Put in: _____ Take Out: _____

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Alamo City Rivermen Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

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)

Dues if newsletter sent by email \$15.00

Dues if newsletter sent USPS \$20.00

(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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