



The Alamo City Rivermen

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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Paddling the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Dues

Next Meeting

June 14, 2006, Hungry Horse
Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near
the intersection with Rhapsody.
6:30 to 9:00.

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If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. **Next month I take off the list people who have not paid.**

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Texas Water Safari

The Texas Water Safari is a 261 Mile Ultra Marathon Canoe Race that is billed as the "Worlds Toughest Boat Race. The race covers 90 miles on the San Marcos River, 162 Miles on the Guadalupe River and 8 miles on San Antonio Bay. It is a **long, tough, grueling and dangerous race.**

Over 100 canoes will enter with crews composed of a maximum of six individuals to a minimum of one. Contestants have 100 hours to finish. As a rule, the race has a 60% attrition rate.

One of the unique aspects of this race is that contestants must carry all equipment and provisions from the start. No outside assistance is allowed other than water and ice from the Team Captain, who tracks and signs the boat through at specific check points.

I will be Team Captain for Zoltan Mraz, a member of the Alamo City Rivermen. His goal is to complete the race in 75 hours. You are welcome to join me. We will be living in lawn chairs and living off the land or ice chests as we move from bridge to bridge, tracking the boats over a 3-day period.

The most exciting and interesting part is on Saturday though to Gonzales but you can join or catch up with me at any time on the river.

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Upcoming Events

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| June 14, 2006 | Monthly Meeting, Steve Daniel, Texas Whitewater DVD | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| July 12, 2006 | Monthly Meeting | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| June 17, 2006 | Alamo Area Aquatics Association open water swim. Boerne Lake during Berges Fest. 9:00 am. Support paddlecraft needed | Chris Vogeler, alamoChris at stxglobal dot com |
| August 9, 2006 | Monthly Meeting | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| September 2-4, 2006 | Labor Day Trip | ????? |
| September 13, 2006 | Monthly Meeting | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| October 7-9, 2006 | Angelina-Neches Forks (deep East Texas swamp paddling, near Jasper & Woodville) | Ken Bennight, bennight at stic dot net |
| October 11, 2006 | Monthly Meeting | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| November 8, 2006 | Monthly Meeting | Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00. |
| December 2006 | Christmas Party in lieu of meeting | ?????? |



(Water Safari, continued)

Here are approximate locations where I will be in the race over the 75 hour time period:

Saturday - June 10

9:00 AM – Aquarina Springs – Start of Race – Mile 0

9:10 AM – Rio Vista Dam with the new Rapids – Mile 1.33

10:00 AM – Westfield Crossing – Mile 5.83

10:30 AM – Cotton Seed Rapid – See people destroy their boats after months of intense training - Mile 8.99

12:00 PM – FM1977 & San Marcos River – Stables Dam – Official Check Point – Mile 16.45

3:00 PM – Stairtown at San Marcos River – Mile 33.18

4:00 PM – Hwy 90 at San Marcos River – Official Check Point – Mile 40.47

6:00 PM – Hwy 80 at San Marcos River – Luling Dam – Mile 46.46

8:00 PM – Palmetto State Park at San Marcos River – Official Check Point – Mile 61.21

11:00 PM – Sladen Cemetary Bridge – Cool & spooky Place to sit in a lawn chair on an Iron Bridge Built in the early 1900's – Mile 68.83

Sunday – June 11

2:00 AM – Hwy 183 at Guadalupe River – A Real Zoo & Soap Opera place, as this is where a number of boats drop out due to exhaustion or equipment failures – Official Check Point – Mile 86.46

9:00 AM – Hwy 183 at Guadalupe River – Hocheim Crossing - Official Check Point – Mile 122.86

5:00 PM – Hwy 706 at Guadalupe River – Cheapside Crossing - Official Check Point – Mile 146.86

8:00 PM – Hwy 236 at Guadalupe River – Official Check Point – Mile 160.65

Monday – June 12

2:00 AM – Thomaston Crossing at Guadalupe River – Mile 177.51

5:00 AM – Hwy 447 at Guadalupe River – Mile 186.16

6:00 PM – Victoria City Park – A number of boats try to sleep here before entering the section known as Hallucination Alley – Mile 199.00

Tuesday – June 13

2:00 AM – Dupont Plant – Numerous large alligators & 6 foot gar – Official Check Point – Mile 227.95

5:00 AM – Salt Water Barrier Dam – Official Check Point – Mile 245.38

12:00 PM – Seadrift Flag Pole – Awards Ceremony – 8 Mile Bay Crossing – Mile 261.67

The above times are approximate locations as to where I expect to be. For late Sunday and Monday & Tuesday my times could be plus or minus up to 3 hours. Race Link: www.texaswatersafari.org

Hope to see you there. Gib Hafernack, 210 - 492 - 7517, Home. 210 - 355 - 1726, Cell or Gibguy at Compuserve dot com

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June Meeting

At the June meeting, Steve Daniel, author of "Texas Whitewater," will present a 35-minute *Texas Whitewater* DVD. Don't miss it, and bring your books to get autographed. If you don't have one, he may bring some to the meeting as he did last time.

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Great River Rumble! '06 on the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers! from Sauk City / Prairie du Sac, WI to Dubuque, IA

Saturday, July 29 –
Saturday, August 5, 2006

This year's river rumble will be about 138 miles down two of the greatest rivers in the Midwest. Participants will paddle about 81 miles down the sometimes shallow and always sandy Wisconsin River and enter the Mississippi River near Wyalusing State Park. The Mississippi River segment will take you past working barges as you travel through two locks on the way to your final destination in Dubuque.

The Great River Rumble is an annual weeklong canoe/kayak trip. Each year it travels a different section of river, usually on the mighty Mississippi. This trip is brought to you by Midwest River Expeditions, a nonprofit organization.

<http://www.riverrumble.org/>

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Trip Reports and Other Articles Needed

Please send me trip reports and other articles. We need to fill out the newsletter a little better.



OK, it's unrelated to paddling, but having two daughters, I thought this was too good to pass up.

Alamo City Rivermen Mileage Log Sheet

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

Estimated Miles: _____ Comments: _____

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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 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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