



The Alamo City Rivermen Babbler

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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Swap Meet

Next Meeting

September 13, 2006, Hungry
Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue,
near the intersection with
Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00.

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Our program for September is a swap meet. Bring your surplus paddling paraphernalia to sell or trade. And bring money, the better to bring home what fits your needs. Everything from boats to sunglasses floats is welcome.

The meeting is at the usual time and place. Large items will best be left in the parking lot, but small items may be brought into the restaurant as long as it doesn't get out of hand.

Even if you neither have needs nor surplus equipment, this promises to be an interesting evening. Come for the entertainment value of seeing what shows up.

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Matagorda Expedition - October 20, 21 & 22

Gib Hafernick

The Date for the Matagorda Expedition has been set for October 20, 21 & 22. The plan is to go out on Friday October 20th and return on Sunday October 22nd. I will most likely stay at the Seadrifter Inn (361-785-2031) in Seadrift on Thursday night, the 19th. Sea drift is about 20 miles from Port O'Connor.

Everyone should meet in Port O'Connor on October 20th at 10:00 AM, where we'll load up equipment and kayaks on two guide boats that will take us to the island. This will take several trips but I would like to have everyone on the Island by around 1:00 PM. We will return on Sunday the 23rd departing the island at noon, with every one off the island by 2:00 PM. This trip will most likely max out with 12 to 18 people. I am presently compiling a list of those who have sent in an RSVP.

Upcoming Events

September 13, 2006	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00.
????	Amistad Reservoir	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net, 493-7058
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.
October 20-22, 2006 (Tentative)	Matagorda Island Trip	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy at compuserve dot com
November 8, 2006	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00.
November 23-26, 2006	Turkey Trot, Colorado River	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net, 493-7058
December 2006	Christmas Party in lieu of meeting	???????
January 10, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00.
January 2007	Freeze Trip	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy at compuserve dot com



(Matagorda, continued)

To minimize duplication on this trip we need the following as community equipment:

Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen will be modeled after what was taken on the Pecos River Expedition. For that trip we had the following:

- 3 - Tables
- 2 - two burner stoves
- 1 - large propane tank & respective connection hoses
- 1 - tree assembly with light
- 2 - rectangular dutch ovens
- 2 - large stainless steel pots (washing dishes)

- 1 - firebox with grill
- 1 - Drum lid (dutch ovens)
- 1 - Charcoal for grill
- 1 - Kitchen dry box with utensils
- 1 - Large coffee pot

The above kitchen will have the capability of serving 12 to 15 people.

Ice chests with personal stashes of appropriate beverages are an individual responsibility.

Cooking

Friday night, we will grill on the fire box. Everyone should bring

1. meat of their choice to grill.
2. A potato to be sliced and cooked in one of the dutch ovens.
3. A vegetable (zucchini, squash, mushrooms, carrots, etc), to be sliced and cooked in the other dutch oven on one of the stoves.

Half of the group brings community bread and hors d'oeuvres for the first night. The other half brings the same for the second night.

On Saturday night, we will cook a dish of Hungarian Lescó served on rice. Lescó is a mix of red peppers, green peppers, and tomatoes that are simmered down with sliced kiolbassa sausage. These dishes would be individually cooked on the two rectangular dutch ovens on the two burner stoves. If we catch fish, we will substitute the fish for the sausage and make a French Gaspergou dish made in a roux. The sausage would then be grilled.

Everyone brings their own breakfast & lunch.

Use straps to secure your ice chest and food from racoons, or wish you did.

Community Shelters:

Option 1 - Depending on the mosquito situation, we would bring 12 x 12 screen shelter.

Option 2 - We have the capability of setting up a large shaded shelter 20 feet by 30 feet over one of the existing 10 x 10 shelters. This is a large tarp (20 x 30) with respective rope, carabiners, and stakes. This takes 4 people to set up plus I need two kayak paddles. This would be an area for storing ice chests out of the sun.

Community Beverage Program

I would like to have a alcohol lime-based beverage each evening. We will have one ice chest completely dedicated to carrying ice strictly for the community beverages. The cost would be shared by those who sign up before hand.

Community 2 wheeler (for carrying equipment around) (optional)

Community Restroom

Restroom tent & seat

Personal Equipment

Everyone brings the following for themselves: (This list is not complete)

1. Chair
2. Plate & silverware
3. Camping equipment
4. Tent
5. Fishing Equipment
6. Appropriate clothing
7. Citronella lamps (1 per person to set around the camp site)
8. Water (there is none on the island)
9. Anything else you can't spend the weekend without.

Safety Sign Out Sheet

Since we are on a very large and remote island, everyone must use a sign out sheet to indicate where they are going and when they will be returning. (Editor's note: As an Explorer Scout, I made several survival-type trips to Matagorda Island. I don't recommend it. The only easily obtainable wildlife we could find to eat were field rats. We weren't quite that hungry.)

Mountain bikes and kayaks are available for rental through the Guide Service that we are using but you will need to make your own arrangements for that.

That's it for now.

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Political Message

Gib Hafernack

Beginning Labor Day Weekend, I intend to carry on my car an aluminum racing canoe with this message affixed in duct tape:

"Tippy Canoe and Kinky Too"

I am hoping that I can convince other canoeists and kayakers in this state to do the same.

I live in San Antonio, and I have a feeling a free ad like that would go a long way as I traverse Loop 410 & 1-10. The same would apply for Houston on Loop 610 or the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan area or for that matter anyplace in the state as you travel the roads.

With respect to the governors race, the present Governor as far as am concerned has been extremely disappointing for me and I am registered in his party. Four sessions of the legislature with nothing to really

show for it, toll roads, out of sight property appraisals, school vouchers and the condition of State parks are just a few of my beefs with him.

Grandma what's-her-name is even more suspect in terms of who she really is. First a Democrat, then a Republican and now a so called Born Again Independent makes me even wonder where she stands on any of the issues.

Both of the above mentioned have collected a huge treasure chest of money. 10 million for one and 8 million dollars to the other. Which makes me even worry more what they have promised to all those generous monetary donors.

I suppose if you are a True Yellow Dog Democrat you could vote for Mr. Bell to avoid having a guilty conscious but how about if you are from that party and have some doubts consider casting your support to the Kinkster.

While you are at it, check out the Kinky Friedman website at :

<http://www.kinkyfriedman.com/>

Note: Duct Tape is available at Home Depot in Black, Red, White, or Grey for maximum visibility.

Editor' Note: We are a nonpartisan club and have a nonpartisan newsletter, but since this came from the inimitable Gib, I bent the rule to include the article—but only with this bit of leavening doggerel:

Kinky, Grandma, Perry,
And a guy named Bell, too,
Each tries with fervor
To get a vote from you.

But after next November,
When push comes to shove,
Our votes will all be cast,
And one will be our gov.

And what never changes,
As if it were on purpose:
The clowns return to Austin,
For the big ol' Texas circus.

Another editorial caveat: Don't try something like Gib's idea in a federal election within 60 days of the poll date. It may be regulated by or even violate McCain-Feingold as an independent expenditure.



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:

Alamo City Rivermen Canoe Club

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