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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

2007 Dues

Next Meeting

March 14, 2007, Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near the intersection with Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00.

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Tediously humdrum though it may be, please pay your dues to Marie Searight, P.O. Box 171194, San Antonio, Texas 78217. They are \$15 if you receive the newsletter by email and \$20 if you receive it by USPS. If you joined in the last calendar quarter of 2006, you are good through 2007.

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Hans Weichsel Civic Service Trophy

We will award the annual Hans Weichsel Civic Service Trophy at the March meeting. Please send nominations to Gary Tupa (email address to the left) ASAP. Thank you.

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On the River

Gary Tupa

First of all, thanks for the opportunity to serve you. Secondly, thanks to Chris Vogeler for his past years of service. I look forward to a great year ahead!

Check out the calendar for the next three months. My goal is to have something for everybody.....day trips, overnights, get-togethers, and yes, an OCCASIONAL meeting. There will be less emphasis on meetings, and more on getting people on the river.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR 2007 DUES. Remember, your dues are now DUE!!!! Getting them in promptly will allow you to stay on the Yahoo list, and be part of 2007

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Upcoming Events

March 3, 2007	San Marcos Clean-up, Martindale	Kathy Cusick, kmcusick at junodot com
March 14, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
March 24, 2007	Upper Guadalupe River	Gary Tupa, gltupa at yahoodot com
March 30-April 1, 2007	Pecos (3-day float)	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net
March 30-April 1, 2007	Springs Fest 2007	http://www.redriverracing.org/springsfest.htm
April 7, 2007	Trinity River Clean-up, Glen Rose	Needs a trip leader
April 11, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
April 14-15, 2007	Hidalgo Falls Festival	Gary Tupa, gltupa at yahoodot com
April 21, 2007	Earth Day Festival, Woodlawn Lake	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy at compuserve dot com
early May ????	Llano River (car camp and 2-day float)	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net
May 5, 2007	Medina River clean-up, Bandera	Gary Tupa, gltupa at yahoodot com
May 9, 2007	Monthly Meeting canceled	
May ????	Anhalt Maifest, Guadalupe	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net
May 28, 2007	Monthly ACR Paddle	Gary Tupa, gltupa at yahoodot com
May 26-28, 2007	Memorial Day Trip to Seadrift	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy at compuserve dot com
June 13, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
July 11, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00



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activities. A goal of mine is to do something worthwhile with our money, especially to do something for ourselves. Do you have any suggestions on how we can spend it??? Let me know.

Welcome to our new members who have joined this year.....Karla Held, Jill Herrlein, Janie Holcombe, Kathy Smith, and Jerry Williams. Great to have you on board.

Congratulations to David Brinkman for his acceptance to the police academy. He has indicated his desire to eventually become a city park ranger. Good Luck, David.

Also, congratulations go to Gib Hafernik. Gib recently organized the first annual BIRD LOVERS 10K run at Mitchell Lake. It was a great event and an awesome review was recently written in the Express-News. Gib is a person of many talents.

Finally, we are in the process of applying to the American Canoe Association who partners with the L.L. Bean Co. to provide grants to groups that will use the money for river related causes. I'll keep you posted on the progress of the application.

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House Bill 3

The lege is in session and, as they say, no man nor his liberty nor property is safe. House Bill 3 is pending. It relates to development, management, and preservation of water resources. I do not have an informed opinion on the bill, but it has generated some comment on paddling listservs, particularly regarding its proposed reservoirs. The following are proposed reservoirs listed in the bill:

(1) Lower Bois d'Arc reservoir, to be located on Bois d'Arc Creek in Fannin County, upstream from the Caddo National Grasslands Wildlife Management Area;

(2) Lake Ralph Hall reservoir, to be located on the North Sulphur River in southeast Fannin County, north of the city of Ladonia;

(3) Marvin Nichols reservoir, to be located on the Sulphur River upstream from its confluence with White Oak Creek; the dam will be located in Titus and Red River Counties and the reservoir will also impound water in Franklin County;

(4) Lake Fastrill reservoir, to be located on the Neches River in Anderson and Cherokee Counties, downstream from Lake Palestine;

(5) Tehuacana Creek reservoir, to be located on Tehuacana Creek in Freestone County, south of the Richland-Chambers reservoir, with the two lakes to be connected by a channel;

(6) Bedias reservoir, to be located on both Bedias and Caney Creeks in portions of Grimes, Madison, and Walker Counties;

(7) Brushy Creek reservoir, to be located near the city of Marlin in central Falls County;

(8) Little River reservoir, to be located on the Little River upstream from its confluence with the Brazos River in Milam County;

(9) Little River off-channel reservoir, to be located northwest of the city of Milano in Milam County, on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Little River;

(10) Texana Stage II reservoir, also known as Palmetto Bend, to be located on the Lavaca River in Jackson County above the confluence with the Navidad River and extending the existing dam west across the Lavaca River;

(11) Goldthwaite channel dam reservoir, to be located on the Colorado River west of the city of Goldthwaite and downstream from the existing diversion structure;

(12) Wheeler Branch off-channel reservoir, to be located on the Wheeler Branch tributary of the Paluxy River and north of the city of Glen Rose in Somervell County;

(13) Cedar Ridge reservoir, to be located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River upstream from its confluence with Paint Creek and in Throckmorton, Shackelford, and Haskell Counties;

(14) Lake 07 reservoir, to be located in southeastern Lubbock County, to impound developed water resources discharged into Yellowhouse Canyon as part of the Canyon Lakes System, also known as the Jim Bertram Lake System;

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(16) Nueces off-channel reservoir, to be located west of Lake Corpus Christi in south central Live Oak County, to be linked to Lake Corpus Christi by pipeline and operated as part of the Choke Canyon-Lake Corpus Christi reservoir system;

(17) Ringgold reservoir, to be located on the Little Wichita River in Clay County approximately one-half mile upstream from its confluence with the Red River;

(18) Muenster reservoir, to be located on Brushy Elm Creek in western Cooke County; and

(19) Brownsville Weir and reservoir, to be located on the lower Rio Grande in Cameron County; the proposed project consists of a weir structure across the channel of the river approximately eight miles downstream from the city of Brownsville.

Fortunately none of these appear near San Antonio. Some 30 years ago I paddled the Little River segment that may be flooded. It was pleasant but not remarkable. I also own land on the Navidad River, but it is well upstream of the proposed dam.

I'm not suggesting paddlers should necessarily oppose all dams. I am not reflexively anti-dam, even though I could not resist Tom Goynes' bumper sticker "Frankly, my dear, I don't want a dam." But as paddlers, at a minimum, we need to be sure dams come out well on a cost-benefit basis. As a result, this is something we need to keep an eye on. I'm sure others will have differing perspectives on the issue.

Ken Bennight



Alamo City Rivermen Mileage Log Sheet

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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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