

The Alamo City Rivermen Babbler

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20th Anniversary Year

July 2007

The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Monthly Paddles

Next Meeting

July 11, 2007, Hungry Horse
Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near
the intersection with Rhapsody.
6:30 to 9:00.

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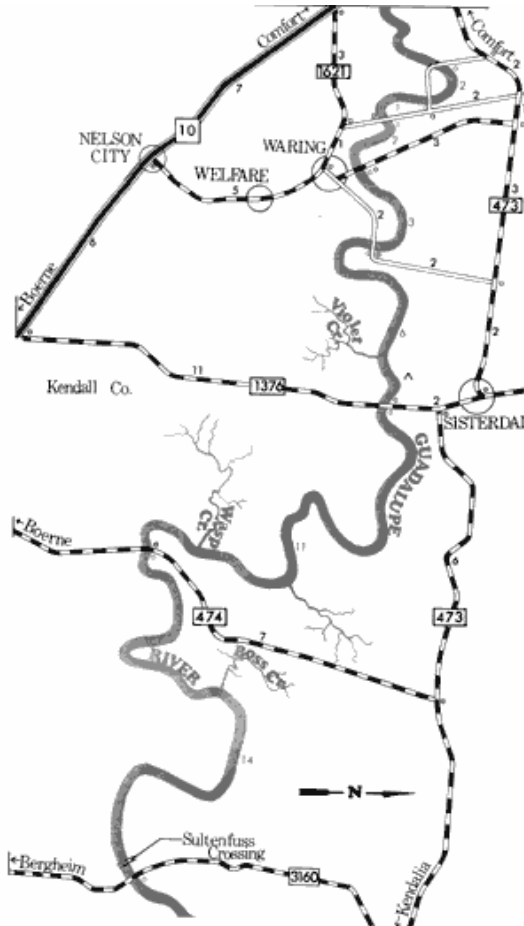
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Gib Hafernick will lead an approximately 6-mile trip on the Upper Guadalupe on Saturday, July 14. This paddle was originally scheduled for July 4, but we feared the river would still be too high from the recent rains. The put-in will be Zoeller Crossing, which is the first crossing downstream from Waring. Take-out will be FM 1376 at Sisterdale. There will be further details at the July meeting and on the email group.



Ken Bennight will lead an approximately 5.6 mile trip on the Upper Guadalupe on Saturday, August 4. The put-in will be Specht's Crossing. Take-out will be FM 311. Further details will follow.

Randy Hohlaus will lead a similar trip sometime in September. Details are not yet set.

Upcoming Events

July 11, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
July 14, 2007	Paddle Trip, Upper Guadalupe, Zoeller to FM 1376 (Sisterdale)	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
August 4, 2007	Paddle Trip, Upper Guadalupe, Specht's Crossing to FM 311	Ken Bennight, klbennight at yahoo dot com
August 8, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
September 1-3, 2007	Labor Day Paddle, Morgan's Shady Park, Junction	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
September 12, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00
To be determined	Paddle trip (to be determined)	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net
October 10, 2007	Monthly Meeting	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 6:30 to 9:00



Change in Officers

Gary Tupa resigned as president at the last meeting. Since that time, Kathy Cusick, Gib Hafernicks, Randy Hohlaus, and Ken Bennight met to discuss how to proceed. Gib Hafernicks agreed to step forward to fill the president's responsibilities, for which we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

The club could still benefit from an infusion of new energy and ideas. I encourage all who have not been active in club leadership to consider stepping forward. Just as with anything else, the club can give to its members only what the members collectively put into it.

Given that the unusually wet weather this year, we can look forward to good paddling all summer. Let's take advantage of that and get on the river.

Ken Bennight

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Guadalupe Paddling Trips

Texas Parks and Wildlife's "An Analysis of Texas Waterways"

(http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd_rp_t3200_1047/index.phtml) contains information on many Texas streams. Specifically, it contains information on the segments we will paddle in July and August.

Regarding the July 13 trip, it says:

Zoeller's crossing - county road crossing off FM 473, 2 miles northwest of Waring. At low water levels, the river is passable beneath the bridge.

Violet Creek - enters on the right.

Private camp - located on the private road west of Ranch Road 1376, 3 miles south of Sisterdale. The only facilities available are picnic tables. (5 miles)

Ranch Road 1376 or Sisterdale crossing - 2 miles south of Sisterdale. (1 mile)

Regarding the August 4 trip, it says:

Specht's crossing - county road crossing, 3 miles west of Spring Branch. At below normal and normal water levels, the river is passable beneath the bridge.

Spring Branch Creek - enters on the left. (2.5 miles)

Private camp - located adjacent to US 281 on left bank.

US 281 crossing - 2 miles south of Spring Branch. The high bridge provides poor access. (1.5 miles)

Elm Creek - enters on the right. (0.5 mile)

FM 311 crossing - 2 miles southeast of Spring Branch. Access is available on the Highway right-of-way. (1 mile)



Our own Reiko Seilor going over a small dam on the Upper Guadalupe.



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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