



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.

Next Meeting

June 11, 2008, Hungry Horse
Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near
the intersection with Rhapsody.

7:00 to 9:00.

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New Meeting Time

Please note the new meeting time. We have been late starting fairly consistently, so at the last meeting we decided to push the start time back to 7:00 in the hope we would actually start nearer then.

Goliad Canoe Trail

The June 2008 Goliad Canoe Flotilla was June 6, 2008. The put-in was U.S. 59, just upstream from Goliad. The take-out was in the state park, just downstream from the U.S. 183 crossing. Approximately 80 people participated, including Jerry Williams and Ken Bennight from the ACR.

The weather was good for the time year, cooler than it could have been. It was clear but for one light sprinkle. There was a free lunch at the takeout.



Though many fallen trees lie along the route, the entire trip was clear of log jams needing portaging, except near the end. In years past, in a spot where the river makes a turn to river right, there has often been chute along the river right bank. This year, that chute was blocked by fallen trees, and the only way clear was to river left, where the water was quite shallow. The current wanted to push you to river right, into the trees, but it was not strong enough to present a hazard.

It was a good day on the river.

Upcoming Events

June 11, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
July 9, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
July 19-20, 2008	Wild Man of the Navidad Trip (paddle the Navidad and car camp at primitive site)	Ken Bennight, klbennight at yahoo dot com
July 28-August 9, 2008	Big Salmon and Yukon Rivers in the Yukon (trip full)	George Lackey, 15maggie15 at suddenlink dot net, 325-944-0175.
August 13, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
August 39-September 1, 2008	Labor Day Trip ?????	??????
September 10, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00



Help Protect Texas Rivers

Texas' Rivers Need You! Stakeholders needed to help set water flow goals How much water do our rivers and bays need to stay healthy? How much water can we take out of a river for use in cities, on fields, and in factories before we do serious harm? Texas is growing faster than any state in the nation, and with that growth will come increased demands for water. Projections indicate that as water use increases many of the state's rivers and estuaries could end up without enough freshwater, particularly in drier years. The good news is that we now have an opportunity to protect Texas' rivers and bays. A new state law creates a stakeholder process to set standards defining how much water needs to remain in our rivers to sustain a healthy ecosystem.

The outcome of the process will depend heavily on the appointed stakeholders. Strong participation from committed people who care about these unique rivers and bays will make a real difference.

Right now, we are looking for stakeholders for two watersheds:

San Antonio River and San Antonio Bay system—this includes tributaries such as the Guadalupe and San Marcos

Colorado River and Bay system—this includes the upper and lower sections of the river, the Highland Lakes, and tributaries such as the Llano.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect Texas' natural heritage for future generations. Please consider getting involved. Find out more about the new Environmental Flows Allocation Process at www.texaswatermatters.org/flows.htm.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Ellis at the National Wildlife Federation, 512-476-9805 or ellis@nwf.org.

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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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