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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Program for August 13 Meeting Missouri 340 from the Banks and in the Boat.

Next Meeting

August 13, 2008, Hungry Horse
Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near
the intersection with Rhapsody.

7:00 to 9:00.

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Gib Hafernack will present a slide show of the Missouri 340, the
Worlds Longest non-stop river race.

Running from Kansas City to St. Charles, the Missouri 340 is a 340-
mile endurance race across the state of Missouri. Competitors start in
Kansas City and finish in St. Charles. The program includes photos
taken in the boat and from the shore. The Missouri River is incredibly
scenic and isolated in some stretches, with wildlife and beautiful vistas
rivaling any river in North America.

<http://rivermiles.com/mr340/page2.html>

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Tuesday Bridge Club Happy Hour Float Downtown San Antonio

Put the boat on the car and join us after work for a happy-hour urban
river run on the San Antonio River, Tuesday, August 12. I will have a
club permit from the City to float the river in canoes and kayaks on the
stretch from Nueva to Alamo Street. This is not the river channel
where the barges are, but is a quiet and prettily landscaped flat-water
stretch running through King William and the HEB headquarters area.
Some say it's almost a mile in length. It is a pleasant evening paddle,
or you can turn it into a workout if you want. We even did a little fun
club racing last year to cap it off, so bring your graphites!

After the float, we will head over to Blue Star Brewery to carbo up
with some fine riparian refreshments on the deck, catch some food, and
maybe a little of the big band sound they have every Tuesday night.
On the 12th, the band will be the River City Big Band, a big horn jazz-
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Upcoming Events

August 12, 2008	Tuesday Bridge Club, SARA boat ramp on Guenther Street	Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net
August 13, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet, Program: Missouri 340	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
August 23, 2008	San Marcos River, City Park to TG Livery, http://www.adventureclubsa.com/clubportal/EventDetailPublic.cfm?clubID=204&EventID=69439&mo=8&tDate=%7Bd%20%272008%2D08%2D05%27%7D	Tom Willems, willemst5038 at yahoo dot com
August 29-September 1, 2008	Labor Day Trip on the S. Llano. Morgan Shady Park in Junction.	Gib Hafernack, Gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
September 10, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00



(Bridge Club, continued)

type of sound. It's pretty tough to leave the deck once you're on it.

The put-in is at the Guenther Street bridge at the San Antonio River Authority headquarters building. There is parking nearby, and a ramp where you can carry your boat to the water. Our permit is from 5:30pm to 7:30, mas o menos. I will have the permit, if you are challenged by the Park Police. But the rule is that I notify them ahead of time.

The permit allows a limited number of boats to float this stretch, so let me know if you are coming so I can keep a boat count. And so in the event of flood warning conditions, this float will be canceled. The name comes from the fact the trip goes from bridge to bridge, I guess that's good enough for me. But I'm adding Happy Hour to it, because that is what it will be, anytime we get on the water.

Randy Hohlaus, hohlaus at prodigy dot net

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Junction - Llano River – Labor Day Weekend

The Alamo City Rivermen have reserved the Patio at Morgan Shady Park in Junction on the Llano River for the Labor Day Weekend August 29th through September 1st. The price of “The Patio” is 60 dollars per day plus the day use fee which is 5 dollars per day per person on the camp grounds. We have rented the Patio for 3 Days

THE PLAN:

August 29 – Friday

I am planning on going up Friday evening with the intention of setting up camp at the location called “The Patio”. I expect to arrive sometime between 8 to 10 o’clock PM. I will eat dinner along the road someplace.

30 – Saturday

For the day I will do some running in the morning and then have breakfast, I could use some assistance on putting up the big blue tarp (20 feet x 30 feet) for additional shade on the patio. Breakfast and lunch are on your own, but as a rule the breakfast tends to turn into community meals.

I plan on canoeing from South Llano State Park to Morgan's Shady Park, a distance of about 6 miles. We should leave “The Patio” around 11:00 am, with an expected launch from the South Llano State Park around 12:00 PM. You must get a Park Day pass to park your car at the put in. The float is a very leisurely 5 to 6 hour trip but expect some competitive Lawn Chair Surfing along the way. In the evening I plan on grilling on “The Patio”.

31 – Sunday

I may repeat the same run on Sunday or doing something from the 2nd Crossing to the Sate Park. Generally there is a group doing a more leisurely paddle on the river I just don’t know where. Breakfast and lunch repeat themselves. In the evening, I plan on repeating Friday’s meal on “The Patio”.

1–Monday

Breakfast and lunch repeat themselves. I will do some running in the morning, have breakfast, take my time packing up, and returning to San Antonio in the afternoon.

ON COOKING IN THE EVENING:

We’ll have a community Bar-B-Que Pit to grill and cook some steaks. Bring whatever meat you wish to cook and, as a consideration, some charcoal as well to contribute to the fire.

Friday & Saturday Night - Here are a few other dishes I plan on cooking:

Dutch Oven Potatoes – Slice potatoes and onions baked in a dutch oven. For anyone interested in getting in on this deal bring a potato¹ or onion (whatever you think you will eat), and it will be thrown into the Dutch Oven.

Sauteed Vegetable Medley – I will slice up some vegetables and cook those on my two burner stove. Anyone interested in getting in on this should bring any of the following to be sliced and thrown into the dutch oven: zucchini, yellow squash, red pepper, onion, green pepper, anaheim pepper, green onion, or mushrooms (what ever you think you will eat).

SOME INFORMATION PLUS SOME OTHER STUFF

¹Dan Quayle ghost-wrote this? :-)

Morgan's Shady Park the phone number for the campground is 325-446-2580, day or 325-446-2071, night. The location "The Patio" is situated on river left about 1 mile upstream of the bridge leading into Junction. The website for the campground with directions is: <http://www.MorganShadyPark.Com>

"The Patio is situated on the Llano River with a nice grassy spot for camping in between the patio and the river. The Patio is approximately 30 feet by 30 feet and has plenty of shade, several picnic tables and a bar-b-que pit. There is also the high ground in above the Patio, which some people prefer for a better breeze and a little more privacy. Facing toward the High Ground the area runs from left of the Fence to the almost the Restrooms/showers. Shade is available as well on "The High Ground".

There are showers and restroom and we have a nice grassy area for tent camping plus there are several other sites in our immediate vicinity.

There are various options for canoeing. The segments vary from 14 miles to 3 miles. Last year we had several different groups going on different sections of rivers. You can even just hang out at the campsite and do nothing at all.

The cost of this trip is based on the following carefully constructed algorithm:

(Total cost of "The Patio" for days rented)/total number of people

plus

5 dollars per day per person.

Note 1: For camping and hanging out around the Patio Adults count as 1 person and children under 16 count as ½ person for computation.

Note 2: Day use is 5 dollars per day for both Adults and children.

ARRIVING AND COLLECTING MONEY AT CAMPGROUND:

When arriving at the campground check in with the office and let them know you are with the Alamo City Rivermen. Lavern Harden is the owner and she is expecting us. I will compile a list of who is attending and then start to collect the money on Sunday Morning. We will collect all money at the campsite on and then turn it over to Lavern Harden. Please have some small dollar bills in ones, fives and tens. Lavern actually likes our group as we are pretty well behaved plus we pay her for our group, so be nice and polite when visiting with her.

The Address for the Camp is as follows: 600 South 6th Street / Junction, Texas 76849

Directions:

1. From San Antonio take I-10 west to Junction, approximately 110 mile.
2. Exit IH-10 at the 456 marker.
3. Turn on to Hwy 377 / 83 to come to Junction. This becomes Main Street in Junction.

4. Follow Main Street to the Kimble County Courthouse.
5. Turn right on Sixth Street. (There is no marker to tell you that this is Sixth Street until you go one block. And as Laverne points out, "Well, you wanted to come to a small town!")
6. Stay on Sixth Street until you enter the park on the banks of the South Llano River.

Hope to see you there

Gib Hafernack, 210-492-7517 or Gibguy76 at Yahoo dot com



The sun is hot;
The river's down,
But we've a spot
Right here in town:
Tuesday's paddle
Right downtown,
So saddle up
And come on down.



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

P.O. Box 171194

San Antonio, Texas 78217