



# The Alamo City Rivermen

# Babbler

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## Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Christmas Potluck Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### Next Meeting

January 14, 2009, Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near the intersection with Rhapsody.  
**7:00 to 9:00.**

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Kevin Longin and Kathy Cusick will host the party at their house. There can be a paddle that day if we have a volunteer who will run that. Either Nichols Landing to 311, or 311 to Rebecca Creek Road are really close by. By having the Potluck late afternoon/early evening, folks will have the option to paddle or not. Options are as follows:

1. Come to the house at 3:00 pm for the gathering, which will officially end at 7:00 pm.
2. Paddle late morning/early afternoon prior to coming by the house for the potluck. (Any volunteers to lead that paddle?) We might have some rain in Nov. If not, it will be plastic boats only.
3. Plan to stay over or stay late, as can have a fire in the yard. Anyone wanting to camp in the yard can do so.
4. Maybe some can even paddle again on Sun.

We live off of Hwy 281 in Spring Branch, just south of the intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 306 on the north side of Canyon Lake. The actual address is 2294 Puter Creek Road, Spring Branch, TX 78070 for those who want to Mapquest or Google it. Otherwise, come north on Hwy 281, ~ 5 miles past the Spring Branch Store. Make a Right onto Puter Creek Road, which winds left and then right as it goes up a small hill. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> house on the right, both with circular drives. Feel free to pull into either driveway, as there is not much parking on the street.

If the weather is pleasant, we can have a fire, but the size of the fire will depend on the burn ban. If no burn ban, we have a 6' fire pit. If we have a burn ban, we have 2 chimineas and a raised fire pan. For those who might want to camp, we have a guest house for an all night bathroom, and a truck camper and trailer on site for alternate "facilities". Tents can go pretty much anywhere in the backyard.

## Upcoming Events

December 13, 2008	Christmas Paddle and Potluck	kmcusick at junodot com
January 14, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
January 31-February 1, 2009 or February 7-8.	Freeze Trip, location not yet certain	Gib Hafernack, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
February 11, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
March 11, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
April 8, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
April 24-26, 2009	Swamo Trip, either Caddo Lake or Angelina-Neches Forks	Ken Bennight, klbennight at yahoo dot com



'Twas a night around Christmas when, out on the river,  
The wind on my neck caused me to shiver.  
The paddle dripped water down on my knee.  
The water was cold, I'm sure you can see.  
Ice was forming all on my gear,  
And sleet was pounding into my ear.  
Gosh, I thought, "This is a bummer.  
Why not just do this when it's still summer?"  
I found deep water right in the center,  
And then I remembered why paddle in winter.  
My hull scraped rock and came to a halt;  
I stepped in the water to go for a walk.  
"No water in summer and darn little now,"  
I mutter while dragging my worthless old scow.  
"Why not play chess or tournament bridge  
And no more go out in this riverine fridge."  
But then I find out about the next paddle  
And drag out my boat, like a cowboy his saddle.  
Lately we paddlers must deal with this plight,  
But Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

## Alamo City Rivermen Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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