



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.

22nd Anniversary Freeze Trip
Lake Wood - Base Camping
January 31 – February 1, 2009

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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IN THE BEGINNING

This is the 22nd year that the Alamo City Rivermen has done this event, which has always been one of our most popular trips. The Freze Trip was the very first trip for the club when it was formed in 1987, and it just keeps on going and going.

BURN BAN

Because of the burn ban in Bastrop County, we have moved the event to the Lake Wood Recreational Area in Gonzales County, which is run by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. But Gonzales County also has a burn ban, so all fires must be elevated. That includes fire pans and chimney stacks. Putting them on cinder blocks or metal dutch-oven tables would work. Please bring what you have to help. We'll stack dutch ovens and cook in the campsite's fire ring. We'll try for the site in the center section that has the two concrete picnic tables. If you have a garden hose, bring it so we can run water from a faucet to the cooking area.

LOGISTICAL PLANNING REQUIRES COMMITMENT

We have to reserve campsites and buy food for 50 to 60 people for community meals. If you're going to participate, you must commit. No half-hearted "well maybe," or "I'm thinking about it". The rule is a GO or NO GO kind of trip, sort of like YES/NO, ONE/ZERO AND ON/OFF.

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Upcoming Events

January 14, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
January 31-February 1, 2009	Freeze Trip, location not yet certain	Gib Hafernick, 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	Swamp Trip, either Caddo Lake or Angelina-Neches Forks	Ken Bennight, klbennight at yahoo dot com



(Freeze Trip, continued from first page)

MENU

The menu is as follows:

Roast Beef Shoulder Clog
Baked Potatoes with Onions
Green Beans
French & Sour Dough Bread
Peach Cobbler
Cowboy Coffee

Cost for the above is \$ 6.00 per adult and \$ 3.00 per children.

HOT WINE GROG (OPTIONAL)

The grog is a delicious mixture of red wine, brandy, sugar, cloves, cinnamon stick kept simmering over a camp stove. If you want to drink some, bring a bottle of dry red wine or any flavor of brandy. We will provide the other ingredients.

Note: I have been advised by some Rivermen that there was one person from the Dallas Contingent who exhibited *extraordinarily skills beyond that called for in making wine grog and we are requesting his attendance.*

HELP NEEDED

I need a few key people to help me buy and bring the following on this trip. For the food, I need you to volunteer to purchase one of the groups. I will give you the quantities needed based on RSVPs.

We have to wait until the last minute in case we have to postpone the trip. If you would like to help or team up with another person let me know. Hang on to your receipts and or have a rough estimate, and you will be reimbursed on the island.

Person No. 1	- Baked Potatoes with Onions	- Label PO
Person No. 2	- Green Beans	- Label GB
Person No. 3	- Sour Dough Bread	- Label SB
Person No. 4	- Peach Cobbler	- Label PC
Person No. 5A & 5B	- Collecting Money	- DON'T LOSE IT
Person No. 6	- Collecting Signature Release Forms & Distribution of maps (At launch Point)	

To help facilitate cooking and serving, consider bringing the following:

Dutch Ovens IF YOU GOT ONE BRING IT & LET ME KNOW
Fire Starter Stacks IF YOU GOT ONE BRING IT & LET ME KNOW
Cutting boards & knives
Large pans or plastic bowls (for holding cut up vegetables)
Portable tables
Serving Spoons

THE CEREMONIAL PADDLE:

We need someone to bring the Ceremonial Paddle to burn to determine the true Alamo City Rivermen president.

THE FLOAT:

9 to coordinate shuttles. The float is on relatively flat water and should take approximately 3 to 4 hours.

(see attached Map)

CAMPING:

We hope to get the campsite inside the perimeter road with two cement tables close to each other. There should be sufficient room for a large group to assemble and park cars in this area.

See attached fee schedule for camping

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LAKE WOOD RECREATION AREA
 167 County Road 254 * Gonzales, TX 78629
 (830) 672-2779 www.lake-wood.com

FEE SCHEDULE

Day Use

Day Use Fee: \$7.00 per vehicle per day. Paid for all vehicles entering the park. Maximum occupancy number per vehicle is six (6) persons.

Individual Day Use Fee:

\$2.00 per person per day for ages 6 and over. Individual fee is charged for pedestrians, motorcycles, bicyclists, commercial bus passengers, and groups exceeding six (6) persons per vehicle. Children 5 years old and younger are free.

Annual GBRA Vehicle Permit:

\$115.00 each vehicle. Paid in lieu of the Lake Wood Day Use Fee. Only covers entrance for six (6) persons per vehicle. At times portions of the park will be closed to the public due to special events, maintenance, safety reasons, or flood conditions and annual permits do not allow entrance during these times.

Camping

All camping fees paid instead of Entrance Fees
 Check in after 8 AM
 Check out - Mon - Sat. by 2 PM
 Sun. & Holidays Check out by 5 PM

RVs, Trailers, Campers & Pop-Ups:

\$23.00 per vehicle per camping day. Vehicles using 50 AMP service are charged \$26.00 per day.

Tents:

\$20.00 per vehicle per camping day for campsite.

2nd Vehicle:

\$8.00 per additional vehicle per camping day for each 2nd vehicle at campsites including visitors.

Weekly Rate:

15-30 Amp \$112.00 per week Oct. 1 - March 31; \$133.00 per week April 1 - Sept. 30.

Monthly Rate:

15-30 Amp \$360.00 per 30 nights Oct. 1 - March 31; \$450.00 per 30 nights April 1 - Sept. 30.

50 AMP Service:

50 AMP service is 147.00 per week year-round or \$510.00 per 30 nights year-round (50 AMP is the newer large trailer hookups).

FISHING LIMITS –Texas Fishing License Required

	SPECIES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION	MIN. LENGTH
BASS	Largemouth, smallmouth	5	10	14 in.
CATFISH	Channel & Blue	25	50	12 in.
	Yellow	5	10	18 in.
CRAPPIE	White & Black	25	50	10 in.
ROUGH & BAIT	Perch, carp, gar, buffalo		No bag or size limit	

IMPORTANT POLICIES FOR PUBLIC USE

SAFETY ON THE WATER

Swimming, Boating, Skiing, and all other activities are done at the visitor's sole risk. In case of emergency, notify park headquarters immediately.

Please be aware of submerged stumps and logs in the lake and additional Guadalupe River laws.

Visitors are expected to observe all usual land and water safety precautions and rules.

Please be aware of dangerous currents and steep drop offs around and downstream of the dam.

Watercraft shall not operate within 200 ft. of the H5 Dam.

Please observe the "NO WAKE" zone around the dock and canal.

Violation of any regulation or conduct that interferes with the enjoyment of other visitors will not be tolerated and may result in the removal of offending parties from the park.

CAMPING AND PICNICKING

ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE PARK MUST PURCHASE A PERMIT. A night deposit box and instructions are located at the front of office. **Speed limit on park roads is 10 mph.** All motor vehicles must operate on designated roads. Off-road vehicles are not allowed within the park. No vehicles may drive down the river banks.

There is a maximum limit of eight (8) people per campsite and two (2) camping units per campsite, except for RV's, Trailers, and Pop-Ups. No vehicles are allowed on or around the Dam Levee.

Persons under 18 years of age desiring to camp overnight must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or be supervised by a responsible adult.

Quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and unnecessary noise or activities are prohibited to allow campers a good nights rest. Please use common courtesy.

GROUND FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Fires are allowed only in furnished grills and pits.

The boat ramp is open 24 hours a day. (Please remember quiet hours must be observed)

Picnicking, visiting, and driving through are available only between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

NO PETS ARE ALLOWED unless they are on a leash or confined in a vehicle.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS are allowed in the park.

To preserve and protect park vegetation and animals and their habitat, the possession, use or discharge of firearms, archery equipment or fireworks are prohibited.



**Lake Wood
H-5**

Reservoir Data: Pond Area (acres) 454, Storage (acre feet) 3,720

■ Denotes Access Public Boat Ramp



Change in Officers

A topic of conversation at the meeting this Wednesday will be change of officers. If there are competing candidates for a job (a situation that now seems unlikely), we will have an election. Please come and participate.

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Financial Report

Starting Balance	\$2,756.45
Deposits	790.50 (dues)
Checks Written	(457.01)
Ending Balance	\$3,089.94

Summary of checks written:

Postage	\$11.60
Hafernick Mailings	\$80.99
Paddle America	\$100.00
Freeze Video	\$20.98
Postage	\$9.34
Hidalgo Falls/DVD	\$35.00
Hafernick Freeze Trip	\$80.70
Postage	\$8.40
P.O. Box Renewal	\$70.00
Hafernick Junction Trip	\$40.00

Thank You,

Marie J. Searight/ Secretary-Treasurer



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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