



# 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.

### Guadalupe River Association

#### Next Meeting

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February 11, 2009, Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near the intersection with Rhapsody.  
**7:00 to 9:00.**

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#### Club Officers

President           Gib Hafernack  
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(Except Ken Bennight was slow getting stuff to Joe, so Ken's punishment is to do this newsletter)

Please read the following letter from the president of the Guadalupe River Association regarding the annual meeting, potluck lunch, and membership drive on Saturday, Feb 7, 2009 at 11:30 am. The membership application is also attached. This organization partnered with TRPA a few years ago to legally limit the amount of water the River Crossing Golf Course could draw from the river in Spring Branch, just above the gauge. It continues to monitor issues relating to water levels in the Guad. Many of the members are local ranch/land owners along the Upper Guad where many of us paddle. The meeting is at the RV Park across the river from Nichols Landing, and I will lead a paddle from there to 311 following the meeting at 2:00 pm for anyone interested. Please RSVP for the paddle, as it will only occur if there is interest.

Kathy Cusick – RSVP for the paddle to [kmcusick@juno.com](mailto:kmcusick@juno.com) or 830-885-5324

(Editor's Note: Because I was slow with the newsletter this month, the meeting to which this article pertains has passed, but the information about the Guadalupe River Association may still prove valuable.)

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### Guadalupe River Association 2009 Annual Meeting

Things change. At our previous annual meeting the Guadalupe River was flowing well above the median of 200 cubic feet per second. It is currently flowing around 60 cfs but has been considerably lower during the summer. Rainfall amounts for 2008 were some of the lowest on record. It will take a series of substantial rain showers to return the River and the Trinity Aquifer to average levels. We also changed our local representative to the Texas House of Representatives.

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## Upcoming Events

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
March 21-22, 2009	Hidalgo Falls Festival	
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
May 13, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
May 22-25, 2009	Seadrift, fishing and birding, and staying in <b>motels</b> .	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
June 10, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
July 2-5, 2008	Morgan Shady Park, Junction, S. Llano River	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
July 8, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
August 12, 2009	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
September 5-7, 2009	Morgan Shady Park, Junction, S. Llano River	Gib Hafernicks, gibguy76 at yahoo dot com



(Guadalupe River Association, continued)

State Representative Doug Miller has graciously agreed to be our keynote speaker at our 2009 GRA Annual Meeting. Rep. Miller served for the previous 5 years as Chairperson of the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) and is an advocate for protecting water rights. We are fortunate to have his knowledge and experience representing us in Austin. We are honored to have him with us for this year's annual meeting. I know you will find his presentation interesting and informative.

We are lucky to live in the Hill Country with our Guadalupe River and the sweet water of the Trinity Aquifer. Your **Guadalupe River Association** has been actively involved for more than 35 years in protecting this precious, natural resource. If you live on or near the river, own property on the river or in a subdivision that has a community park on the river, enjoy the recreation on the river or Canyon Lake or are concerned about the amount and quality of the

water in the Trinity Aquifer, we invite you to join or renew your membership in the Guadalupe River Association. We have provided a form for you to join or renew your membership.

We would also like to invite you to attend our Annual Meeting Pot Luck Luncheon and Membership Drive to be held at the Guadalupe River RV Park Hall, 7200 Spring Branch Road, just 3 miles west of US Hwy 281 or 7 miles north of TX Hwy 46, at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Food will be served following Rep. Miller's presentation. Tea, water and meat will be provided by the GRA. If you have additional questions, call 830-885-5444, or check [www.guadalupeiver.org](http://www.guadalupeiver.org) Thank you for your support.

Larry Hull, President, and the GRA Board of Directors

Guadalupe River Association Membership Application:

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**Guadalupe River Association, Inc. Membership Application**

**P. O. Box 54**

**Spring Branch, TX 78070-0054**

**830-885-5444**

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ You have been a member since \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15) Family \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25) Business \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25) Friend \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25)

Name of Business or Non-Profit Organization. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's first \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Would you or your spouse like to volunteer to assist GRA?

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**Sat, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – San Marcos River Cleanup**

The Alamo City Rivermen will be cleaning the TX Paddling Trail from Hwy 90 to Zedler Mill in Luling. We have done this section in the past, and it has been developed even more since the last time I was there. It is a very flat section, and we can probably get canoes from TG if we shuttle them ourselves. If we do this, I will

need to know in advance that you will need a canoe. As noted below, there is camping at Spencer's both Fri & Sat night, with the dinner for all participants on Sat evening. Anyone who wants to meet us on Sat morning can do so at 9:00 am at Spencer's or at the Hwy 90 put-in at 10:00 am.

Additional information is below directly from Tom Goynes. Please RSVP for this event to kmcusick at juno dot com. Please let me know if you will be camping, and which nights you will camp. Let me know if you have any questions. There is also the Annual TRPA Meeting on Sun, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for anyone interested in attending. On Saturday, March 7, folks from all over Texas will be participating in the world's longest river clean up. We will be picking up trash along the entire length of the San Marcos River (approximately 90 miles).

#### BANK CREWS

Everyone is urged to help. If you are unable to participate in the water, we need volunteers to work the banks of the river, especially at parks and highway crossings. Scuba divers and snorkelers are also urged to participate.

#### RECREATIONAL PADDLERS

The upper sections of the San Marcos River, particularly just downstream of the City of San Marcos, will require the most attention, and the short mileages set for these sections reflect this. Furthermore, the river becomes less accessible and more hazardous as one goes downstream. For that reason, novice boaters should volunteer for either section 1 or 2 and more experienced boaters for the other sections.

#### CANOE RACING ENTHUSIASTS

The lower river, from Luling to Gonzales, has several long sections with few bridge crossings and for that reason, we are asking canoe racers (especially teams that have competed in the Texas Water Safari) to volunteer for sections 9 - 11.

#### CAMPOUT AND GET-TO-GETHER

Everyone participating in this event is invited to camp free at either Shady Grove Campground/ Spencer Canoes (<http://www.spencercanoes.net>) or at the San Marcos River Retreat (<http://www.sanmarcosriverretreat.com>) for the weekend. Starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening there will be a meal provided by the San Marcos River Foundation (<http://www.sanmarcosriver.org>) at Shady Grove/Spencer Canoes.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., there will be a non-denominational Christian worship service at the San Marcos River Retreat.

#### MEETING TIMES AND SHUTTLES

A group meeting will be held for everyone paddling the sections of river between Pecan Park Retreat and Luling at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at Spencer Canoes. Canoe racers paddling the lower river will meet at Palmetto Park at 8:30 a.m. Contact Ginsie Stauss for more info: ginsie at io dot com. Persons working sections 1 and 2 will meet at City Park in San Marcos at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Goynes (coordinator) 512-392-6171

E-mail: goynes at centurytel dot net

TRPA Annual Meeting

March 8, 2009

On Sunday, March 8 at 10 a.m. the Texas Rivers Protection Association will hold it's annual meeting. We will meet at the San Marcos River Retreat office (which is also the home of Tom and Paula Goynes). Everyone is welcome to attend.

To get to The San Marcos River Retreat (formerly Pecan Park Retreat): coming from Interstate 35 in San Marcos, get on Highway 80 and head toward Luling for 1.8 miles. Take a right on county road 101. Take an immediate left onto county road 102. Go 1/2 mile on 102 and take a right on Pecan Park road. Keep going straight (past TG Canoe Livery) and the road will end at the San Marcos River Retreat Office. For more info call Tom Goynes at 512-392-6171 or visit our website at <http://www.sanmarcosriverretreat.com>

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### Freeze Tip 2009 Pictures



## 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

(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