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**Award For Top**

**Paddlers**



Paddling the various waters is what a canoe club is all about and this club likes to paddle! The club had 65 official club trips in 2000 and paddled 7,350 miles. This is a combination of adding the miles of each trip (double for trip coordinators) times the number of paddlers. One trip (the family trip down the San Marcos in June) had 55 people but was only 4 miles long = 220 paddler miles. Another trip only had three HCC members but the trip was 100 miles = 300 paddler miles. Fun for the participants and for the club

**F. Mary Zaborowski** (top mileage), **Tracy Caldwell** (Rookie #2), **Cindy Bartos** (lead most trips), **B. Donna Grimes** (most people on a trip), **Randall Nord** (RooKie #1)

is keeping track of the miles and awarding various paddlers for their participation. One such award goes to those who paddle 100 miles. 19 people did this.

**100 Miles Paddlers were:**

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Mary Zaborowski | 513 |
| 2. Paul Woodcock   | 301 |
| 3. Donna Grimes    | 228 |
| 4. Fraser Baker    | 225 |
| 5. Sharon Anderson | 196 |
| 6. John Bartos     | 194 |
| 7. Cindy Bartos    | 190 |
| 8. Marilyn Kircus  | 189 |
| 9. Randall Nord    | 164 |
| 10. Dana Enos      | 154 |
| 11. Bill Grimes    | 134 |
| 12. Cliff Peery    | 131 |
| 13. Tracy Caldwell | 131 |
| 14. Natalie Weist  | 126 |
| 15. John Olden     | 122 |
| 16. Marilyn Peery  | 119 |
| 17. Bob Arthur     | 110 |
| 18. Cheryl Cleary  | 102 |
| 19. Mary Carter    | 100 |

The nineteen received small, blue Coleman ice chests with the Houston Canoe Club logo on it. Other awards were also given. Mary Zaborowski for having paddle the most miles (513); Fraser Baker for having been on the most HCC sponsored trips (23); Tracy Caldwell and Randall Nord for being the "rookies" with the most miles. There were three top trip leaders (each leading ten trips) and Cindy Bartos was given the award; Donna Grimes coordinated the trip with the largest number of people (55). Each of these award winners received keychain lighter with the HCC logo.

**A Special Thanks to Trip Coordinators**

I want to thank those people in the canoe club who led the 65 HCC trips and turned in the necessary paper work. Thank you to:

- 10 trips - John & Cindy Bartos, Mary Zaborowski
- 6 trips - Marilyn Kircus
- 5 trips - Natalie Weist
- 4 trips - Paul Dittrick and Chet Tigard
- 2 trips - Bob Arthur, Bill & Donna Grimes
- 3 trips - Mary Carter, Mike Farrell, Anne Stafford, Terry Gulliver, Mark Andrus
- 1 trip - Phil Montgomery, Skip Donovan, John Ainsworth, Fraser Baker, Sharon Anderson. John Olden

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## Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions to the Newsletter are encouraged. The preferred method is a Word document. Pictures in jpeg or gif. Submit articles, sales items, pictures by general meeting OR by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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### Change of Address

Contact HCC Recorder, Marilyn Peery

## Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande (or the Trip from Hell)

Having heard the phrase, "a trip from hell" applied to the lower canyons trip in November, a number of people have asked me about it. So... let me explain. On November 5, 2000, twelve excited and experienced paddlers set off for the 83-mile trek down the Rio Grande. At first, the water level was a little low (2.6 feet) with the ideal being around 4 feet. However, this low water was about to change. On the second day, it began to rain, and it rained 14 hours straight, causing the water level to rise to over 7 feet. Now, the Class II rapids took on the appearance of Class III. In addition, the turbulent water barely covered some rocks, causing boats to either grind to a halt or fill up with water. Plus, instead of only needing to portage or line one or two rapids, many rapids needed to be lined. Sandbars for camping were now under water and

good sleeping spots were few.

One Kevlar canoe, heavy laden with a week's supply of gear, began taking in water as the bottom of the boat deteriorated. Several times we had to stop and duct tape the bottom. The boat's gear was shifted to other canoes. Kevin Casement and Dana Enos pontooned their boat to the sinking vessel. An especially "trying" day included a difficult portage around large boulders, two long linings of boats, and by 4:30 PM when one boat rapped on a rock in the middle of the river, an exhausted paddler commented, "I didn't know I'd be on the 'trip from hell'". The trip had its title.

However, in spite of the weather, the hard conditions, and the bottomless boat, the beauty of the canyons, the oneness with nature, and the great camaraderie among the group made this trip well worth the hardships.



(f.) Dana Enos,  
Curtis, John  
LeBlanc, (m)  
Marilyn Peery,  
Lolita Stricker,  
Linda Gorski, (b)  
Louis Aulbach,  
Robert Stricker,  
Kevin Casement,  
Donna Grimes,  
Loretta Wallace,  
Paul Laurents

## Survival of the Lower Canyons

by Lolita Stricker

Stuck a truck in the sand on the very first day  
Unloaded, reloaded and set on our way  
Buttocks so tight we perched high on the seats  
With gear it was lower and we looked like a fleet

We paddled three miles and stopped for the night  
We were well-fed and trusting by Rio starlight  
It rained some that day and next morning in mist  
A rainbow spanned-river, a pleasure none of us missed. . .  
The day was pristine, conducive to pleasure  
In paddling the river and napping and leisure

And then came Hot Springs, not runnable here  
We lined, though some ran it, we assembled our gear  
A free day ahead, some rain overhead  
But who cared, we had tarps and we soon went to bed

The raccoons near Hot Springs were waiting for night  
T'was their personal playground; we were on their site  
They slipped around quietly and taking stock  
They rejoiced that nothing they found had a lock. . . .  
Twelve eggs were dispatched, shells tossed far and near  
What they found next delighted and promised them cheer

A wine box!! .They were really keyed up  
They sucked and they slurped and they licked that wine up  
They ran around giggling, hungry for more  
Found leftovers to eat, into which they tore

The next morning brought snow. Snow? Yes, but it melted  
After all, with rain we'd already been pelted

The rain ran to the river; the river, it rose  
We saw a different river and



HOW IT NOW FLOWED! . . .  
The next night it rained too, Fourteen hours straight  
The placid Rio ran like a train full of freight

Between seven and eight feet the river changed disposition  
The rapids were now a brand new composition  
Boats were swamped, tipped over, or hung up on boulders  
Many rapids were lined, our gear on our shoulders

One boat with the rocks frequently interacted  
The result was gashes with which duct tape counteracted  
By the end of the sojourn, this rock-magnet was covered  
By one third duct tape and may never recover. . . . .  
We portaged some boulders as big as large rooms  
With gear and the boats, so we could resume

The portages were miles and grew with retelling  
The gear now superfluous and not so compelling  
Dry bags became wet bags; the tents never dried.  
Sandy sleeping bags and zippers that would no longer slide.

In knee-deep mud, getting to our boats  
We discovered who sinks, and who stays afloat.  
Lining boats when the river falls away far below  
We gasped as the river drug us ahead with the flow.

Though rescues were frequent; no feelings were hurt.  
Friends acted together and help was expert.  
Grumbings? There were none.  
The leader not lynched  
And despite provocation, nobody Grinched

Round the campfire, new friendships were formed.  
Old friendships became new again, and rewarmmed  
Discussions were heard from the canyon walls,  
"It is Gore -. No, it's Bush!" -  
Could have led to some brawls. .  
In the boats, though heavy, there was always room  
Where collectors hid rocks with their burgundy bloom



The desert awoke with the coming of rain  
The sage bloomed itself purple, the ferns grew again  
The majestic canyon walls rose and changed with each bend  
They housed wrens who trilled sweetly as forward we'd wend

The multitudinous stars in the desert night skies  
The late night full moon that clarifies  
The smell of the desert when touched by the rain  
And the sound of the Rio Grande will always remain

It's not a trip for the apathist  
But it is a journey not to be missed

## Viewpoint:

### Paddling Trip Etiquette

By John Bartos 1995

Houston Canoe Club trips are led by volunteers. These people are members of the club just like you and have been gracious enough to invite other members along on their trips. A little common sense effort and consideration by you will make the arrangements easier and the trip safer for everyone. This might even encourage coordinators to lead trips again in the future.

1. Call the coordinator asking to participate at least three days prior to the scheduled trip. This is especially important on out of town trips. Keep in mind that number of participants may be limited on some trips.
2. Find out from the coordinator whether this is a trip that is appropriate for your skill level and equipment.
3. Show up at the put-in **prior** to the appointed time. Be ready to start with all of the required gear so that other trip members don't have to wait for you. Be responsible for your own safety. The trip coordinator is not a baby sitter.
4. Take directions from the coordinator regarding shuttle arrangements, lead boat and sweep boat assignments. Do not pass the lead boat and do not fall behind the sweep boat. Do not proceed on your own without consulting with and obtaining permission from the coordinator.
5. Do not bring pets without the coordinator's consent
6. Offer to help other trip participants with carrying boats etc. if they need it
7. After the trip, thank the coordinator for inviting you along and for his/her efforts in organizing a fine trip.
8. Consider leading a club trip yourself. It's fun to paddle with a group of friendly, polite club members like yourself.

Who be These  
People?

**Jim Null**, our new  
Comodore



I was born in Southwest Ohio in 1938. I married Sue in 1960; have 3 children (ages 36, 33, 23); Christie, the youngest, is a raft guide and trip leader for NOC on Sec. 4 of the Chattooga.

*In 1960 I received a B. A. in Political Science from the College of Wooster in Ohio and a Masters in Public Administration from Wayne State Univ. in Detroit in 1962. I spent 1 1/2 years working toward a PhD. at the University of Michigan in political science and public administration, then quit to move to Houston in January, 1964, to work for the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, doing personnel and financial management.*

*After 41/2 years there, I spent 6 years training insurance agents in taxes, estate planning, and salesmanship. I then was hired by M. D .Anderson Hospital to establish a training department there and worked there for three years. Park Plaza Hospital then hired me to do the same there, and I spent 12 years at Park Plaza in medical continuing education. 13 years ago, I establish my own business, Medi-Slide, Inc., which specializes in medical and legal presentation slides and poster presentations.*

I started canoeing with a group of leaders for the Girl Scouts

probably 15-20 years ago and have been with the HCC for probably the past 5-7 years. My favorite paddling place is the Nantahala River in North Carolina,

Besides canoeing, I also enjoy photography, various activities with the First Unitarian Church and with Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).



### National Paddling Film Festival

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual  
National  
Paddling Film  
Festival will be

held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentuck, Feb. 23 & 24, 2001. Co-sponsored by Am. Whitewater, ACA, the NPFF is pleased to present the best paddle sport image competition in the nation. For more information about the National Paddling Film Festival, check out the Bluegrass Wilwater Association Website [www.surfbwa.org](http://www.surfbwa.org)

### Join the Welcoming Committee

- Compose letters of welcome to New members
- Send letters of Welcome and mail New Member Packets to those who join via mail.
- Set up table at HCC meetings to distribute name labels and information to visitors,
- Assemble New Member packets as needed

If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact Donna Grimes (713) 728-1645 [donna.arimes@mindspring.com](mailto:donna.arimes@mindspring.com)

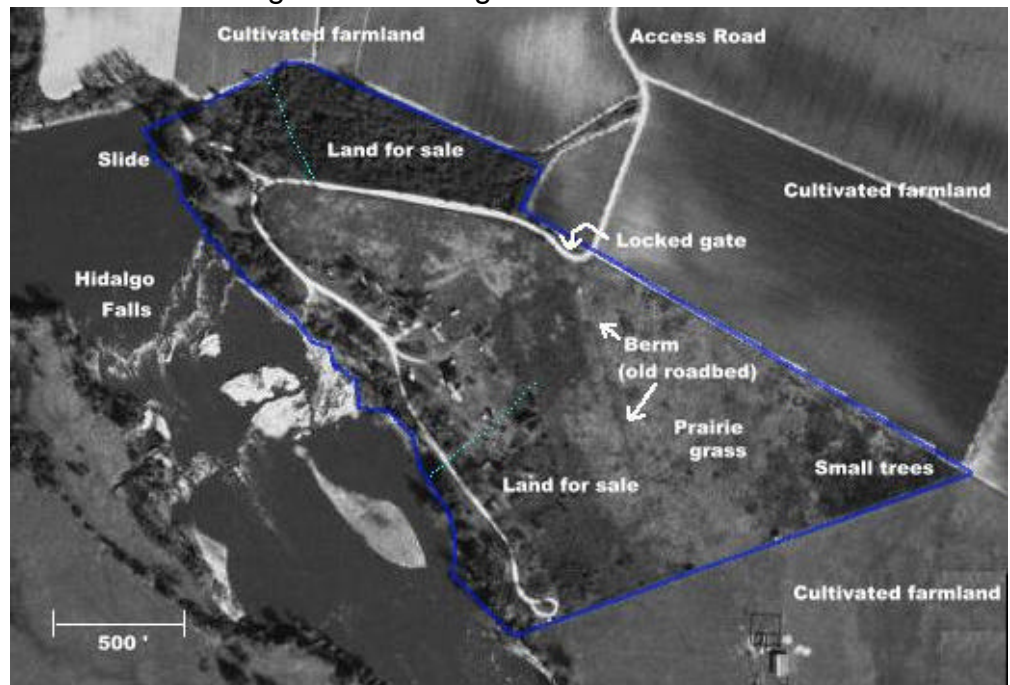
## Land Around Hidalgo Falls For Sale

Recently, Neil Harrison, Scott Butler, and Tom Goynes (for TRPA), just to name a few, have been corresponding with the family who owns the land along the Brazos River by Hidalgo Falls. Buying the land around the access area for Hidalgo Falls is being considered. Below is Tom Goynes' edited letter to TRPA officers.

The family that owns the access point at Hidalgo Falls has decided to close that area to camping (and therefore, river access). They cite the usual problems with drunks and drugs. Nonetheless, they like canoeists and are willing to sell us a tract of land so we can have access. It looks like we could be looking at as little as two acres and a price as low as \$15,000. On the other hand, they've got twenty or so acres available, so the tract could be about as large as we wanted. The million dollar question is, is TRPA (or any other groups – such as HCC) willing to spend money toward the purchase of an access point.

If one of our (TRPA) goals is to safeguard access to our rivers, then this seems like a no-brainer. On the other hand, this access will be limited – only folks with a key or possibly a combination will be able to enter. So we might be able to guarantee access for TRPA members (or HCC members) but not for the drunks and druggies of the state. Do we fight for public access, or would we pay for access for paddlers? Lots of questions.

I have suggested that if TRPA did get involved, we would probably insist that a local group be in charge of maintaining the property – mowing, trash pick up, etc. I think such a group is likely to form. My opinion is that we should commit at least



\$10,000 toward this purchase. This is a unique site and we may never have such a willing landowner to work with regarding access anywhere in Texas. Furthermore, we get almost 100% of our funds from paddlers, and this would be a great way to finally give them something concrete for their investment. I think anything we spend on access we will recoup overnight in dues and appreciative paddlers.

Many concerns have been voiced about the purchase of this land; liability, maintenance, use of the river being of interest to only a handful of paddlers (the only whitewater "high" close to Houston), possible better projects. Right now BCWC is considering using \$2,000 of their limited funds to help in the purchase of this land. Will HCC also contribute? If you have any suggestions or ideas, contact Tom Goynes at [Goynes@centuryinter.net](mailto:Goynes@centuryinter.net) or Neil Harrison at [neil@harrison.net](mailto:neil@harrison.net) or HCC Commodore, Jim Null

## The bulletin Board - Things for sale!

**17' Mad River Sundance**, fiberglass, light colored wood trim, dark green, sliding bow seat, sailing thwart + mast step, garage kept, clean/good condition, D rings, cane seats, stern foot rests, great paddling tandem, \$ 700.00 contact Rudy Rivers at (281)495-9742 or rudyrivers@aol.com

**17 foot Mad River Sun Dance**, good shape and auto racks (clips for gutter or non gutter) \$400. Call Wanda at 830 238 4564, Hunt Texas 78024

**Need storage space** for your canoe or kayak? Marilyn Kircus has space she wants to share. Room for 3 to 5 canoes or kayaks on the west side of town. Contact Marilyn Kircus for more details. mkircus@academicplanet.com or 713-782-0178 evenings.

**Video of 2000 Interpretive Freestyle National Championships** The final footage is about an hour long and includes all the competitors as well as the rain, the swirling fog on the water, some unplanned verbiage from behind the camera, and of course, spontaneous palaver from the Texas emcee, John Bartos. If you would like a copy and haven't ordered one yet, send a check for \$20 to Marge Cline, 1343 North Portage, Palatine IL 60067

## HCC TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

**2/11 Lake Charlotte.** Paddle through a cypress swamp and lakes in the Trinity River delta. John Bartos 713-957-3809 or jbartos@ix.netcom.com

**2/14 HCC General Meeting** Program: "Recreational Sea Kayaking Using Traditional Technique" by John Heath, 7:00 PM Red Cross Building, 2700 SW Frwy west of Kirby.

**2/23-25 Choke Canyon** - beautiful area between San Antonio and Corpus Christi. trip is especially good for touring kayaks, but canoes are welcome. Contact Marilyn Kircus at 713- 782-0178 or mkircus@academicplanet.com

**2/24 2nd Annual Clear Creek cleanup 2001.** Walter Hall Park in League City. Clear Creek is one of the areas finest natural rivers and need all the help we can muster. The cleanup is an all day affair with barbecue offered after the work is done. Please refer to www.clearcreekcleanup.org for more info on Cleanup and Clear Creek Environmental Foundation. Joel Taylor, 281 332 5822

**Sat. 2/24 Advanced Wilderness First Aid** 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Sun 2/25, Sat 3/3, Sun 3/4 Lead instructor: Jamie Butler Cost: \$337 Class size limited. Location: Whitewater Experience. Also CPR class 2/21 7:30-10:00 PM Cost: \$23 (for those registered in the Wilderness First Aid Course) Contact Don Greene at 713-774-1028.

**3/03 San Marcos River Cleanup** - The annual cleaning of this river. HCC will take a group, one or two sections of the 90 mile cleanup, and enjoy evening barbeque provided for volunteers. The next day will be the TRPA meeting. Call Donna Grimes (713)728 -1645 donna.grimes@mindspring.com

**3/10-18 Buffalo River**, Arkansas. 80 miles. Steele Creek to Gilbert. Contact: Mary Zabrowski (713) 957-0614, (713) 480-3600 or maryzabo@flashnet.net

**3/14 HCC General Meeting** -

**3/23-25 La Louisiana Freestyle Symposium** - a weekend of good paddling for beginning to advanced freestyle paddlers. Mandeville Louisiana. For more details, contact John Bartos at 713-957-3809 or jbartos@ix.netcom.com or host John Steib at - ssteib@worldnet.att.net

**3/31 Armand Bayou Cleanup**, this event has been going on for at least 15 years and the HCC has a prime role in helping to keep our beautiful urban wilderness clean. For more info contact John Bartos 713-957-3809 or jbartos@ix.netcom.com

### Roll Sessions:

Come and practice kayak and canoe rolls, braces and wet exits at 7PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at the Westside YMCA pool in Houston located on the Katy Freeway ( I-10) at 1006 Voss Road. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, an instructor is available to teach. For insurance purposes, the YMCA requires all participants to wear a helmet. Fees are \$5 for members of the Bayou City Whitewater Club and Houston Canoe Club and \$7 for non-ACAJ members.

**Contact Cheryl Cleary , our new fleet captain, if you wish to lead a trip!**

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Every year , Tommy Goynes coordinates the annual San Marcos River Cleanup. This slow moving river draws paddlers from all over the state. The river is easy enough for those just starting to learn Class I – II water, yet challenging enough to give seasoned paddlers joy. This cleanup covers a total of 90 miles, from Aquarena Springs in San Marcos to Gonzalez, Texas, where the river joins its big sister, the Guadalupe. For years, Tom Goynes has given the prettiest and most exciting sections to the Houston Canoe Club. We often have enough members show up that we are given two different sections. So, PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THAT SATURDAY, support



Paula and Martha fill their boat with trash -or some may call it "treasures"

HCC, clean a river, enjoy the camaraderie, eat a free barbecue that evening, camp free, and visit with old and new friends from Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and other cities, enjoy music around the campfire.

At the moment, we do not have a trip coordinator. However, until someone volunteers, Donna Grimes will coordinate it. However, if you wouldn't mind taking down names, letting Tom know how many we have coming, and turning in the trip report, call Cheryl Cleary and let her know you'll serve as cleanup coordinator. For those of you who will be helping with the cleanup, here's what you need to know:

Call Donna Grimes (until we have an official trip coordinator) letting her know you are coming. Show up at Spencer Canoes at 9 AM on Saturday morning for the group meeting. Look for the HCC coordinator to let her know you have arrived. Garbage bags will be provided by different organizations and HCC members will work out shuttles for the cars.

Since you have helped with the cleanup, the camping is free at either Shady Grove (Spencers)

or Pecan Park (Tom Goynes). Starting at 6PM Saturday, there is a free barbecue at Shady Grove (Spencers) provided by the San Marcos River Foundation. You'll have an opportunity to meet other paddlers from around the state. If you are musically inclined (or not) bring your instrument for a jam session.

**HCC IS RELYING ON YOU!!! WE NEED YOU FOR THIS EVENT!**

**How to get to Spencer's ( Shady Grove) in Martindale, Texas:**

Take Interstate 10 west to the first Luling exit, which is marked as Highway 183 and which has LOVE's gas station as the landmark. Go north on 183 into Luling and a stop light. At the light, turn right, cross the tracks and drive to the next stop light. Texas 80 turns to the left toward Martindale and San Marcos. Once within Martindale's jurisdiction, *closely follow the posted speed limits and other traffic laws to avoid getting a ticket.*

As soon as you pass the Martindale city limits, watch for FM1979 and turn left, following this road down to the river. After you cross the river, the entrance to Spencers Canoes is on your left. Enter the campground and near the pavilion will be the gathering of the river cleanup people.

Welcome to Our NEW HCC Members!

**Maryanne Tociadowski** ,4333 Effie St ,Bellaire TX 77401 (713) 839-9871 metocid@juno.com

**James and Bessie McBee**,2998 County Rd. 233 ,Caldwell, TX 77836 979-272-3902 jtmcbee@bihs.net ( both of these two sets found us on the web page)

**Joe Stockdale**,3 Oaklawn Dr. Houston, TX 77024 713-465-0197 jOsephDale@aol.com (joined at RDZ)

**Jim Berry** , 1190 Laneview, Houston, TX 77070 281-370-4503 jberry@nhmced.edu found us on the web Joined at Rendezvous;helped with the HCC Xmas party!

**Misty Jones** 2102 Walnut Bend ,Houston, TX 77042 832-252-7777 MJONES7@HOUSTON.RR.COM heard about us from John and Cindy Bartos

**Denise Nellsch**, 4444 Lakewood Drive, Livingston, TX 77351 936-967-8997 vnellsch@livingston.net Heard about us at Southwest Paddlesports.

**John Henn**, 2400 Old South Dr #4127, Richmond, TX 77469 281-633-2016 Heard about us at Adventure Outfitters

## How to Join Canoe TX

CanoeTX is an email mailing list that many Texas paddlers use to keep in touch. It is an automated "Majordomo" mailing list program. David Reichert from San Antonio is the "owner" of the CanoeTx mailing list.

To subscribe or unsubscribe to CanoeTx mail list, send an email message to canoetx-request@world.std.com In the body of the message, enter only the words "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" and "canoetx"

This should work, but if you don't start receiving canoetx messages in a day or so, send a request directly to David Reichert. Once you have successfully subscribed, you will send emails to CanoeTx using the address: canoetx@world.std.com

## Thanks to the HCC Officers of 2000!

The outgoing officers for 2000 were thanked at the club meeting on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> with keychain lights with the Houston Canoe Club logo on it. The officers were John Bartos (Commodore), Candy Donahue (Vice Commodore), Grady Hicks (purser for the last three years), Donna Grimes (fleet captain), Ann Derby (newsletter primadona for the last three years), Carla McCabe (recorder), and governors Mary Carter, Mark Andrus and Paula Dittrick. Since the governors are three year terms, only Paula Dittrick will be leaving the governorship.





## Message from the Commodore

I think one major objective this year should be to arrive at some long-term decision as to the status of the Rendezvous. Each year, we go down to the wire without a chairperson. Will the event be held or not? We're there again this year. As of this writing, no one has come forward as chairperson and there doesn't even seem to be a consensus among HCC leaders that the event should be held.

There ARE options: Have a Rendezvous in alternate years; have a smaller event which isn't such a killer of volunteers; let some other group take over the event; or, finally, let the event die. There are probably still other reasonable alternatives.

IF we find a chairperson for this year AND can schedule the event in Huntsville State Park, we still need to find ways to resolve the annual crisis atmosphere: work with the committee in redefining roles and responsibilities, "grow" potential new chairpersons by training, rethink the role of chairperson, etc.

At this moment, all options are open. Your ideas are welcome. Jim Null

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### 2001 New slate of officers

We have some new faces on the HCC board and some new ideas. Jim Null has stepped up to "do his duty" and his duty starts at the top. He will be our Commodore for this year and believes strongly in supporting a club by becoming involved. Our new vice commodore is Fraser Baker and he already has a slate of potential speakers lined up. At Christmas he took a survey of what members would like to have as speakers and at the January officers' meeting, he showed us a tentative list for the year. Our new purser, Candy Donahue, has displayed her capabilities this past year when she served as Vice Com. Her goal this year is to get a better handle on where our money is going and to supply clearer numbers to the members. Marilyn Peery is recorder, a position she had a few years ago and did an excellent job. She will be managing the roster and records for membership. Making her decision AT the January meeting, Cheryl Cleary has agreed to be fleet captain. She wants people to lead trips and to call her. She will keep track of mileage for us this year, but there will be changes in the process. Donna Grimes is the newsletter editor. Although the newsletter will not have the Ann Derby professional look, there will be a monthly newsletter and in your hands by the first of every month. The new governor is Bob Scheffler who will be the "new kid on the block" joining Mark Andrus, in his second term, and Mary Carter, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year, senior governor.



*Bright eyes for bright ideas! The New Board: Mary Carter, Cheryl Cleary, Candy Donahue, Donna Grimes, Marilyn Peery, Jim Null*

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**February 14th Speaker:**

**John Heath on "Recreational Sea Kayaking Using Traditional Techniques"**

John Heath Biographical sketch:

Kayaks have captivated John Heath since childhood. He built his own as far back as the 30s. Fascinated by traditional kayaking, he traveled to Alaska, Canada and Greenland where he learned traditional technique and honed his kayak building skills from those early originators of the art. He has written on the subject in canoeing periodicals since 1961 and is published in US and Canadian museum periodicals since 1964. He has lectured to numerous international groups since 1986, including the British Canoe Union Jubilee, US Sea Kayaking symposia, US Army Special Forces, US Navy Sealsdeployed in Scotland, and to the Jersey Sea Kayak Symposium. We are very privileged for John to present "Recreational Sea Kayaking Using Traditional Technique" to our club during its February general meeting. Be sure your calendar is clear for this memorable event.