



Christmas Party – Hawaiian Style *by Donna Grimes*

When I moved to Texas from cold Wyoming, one of the hardest adjustments for me was getting used to a Green Christmas. I was used to cold, windy, and many White Christmases, the one day of the year we watched and hoped for flakes to come falling down and covering our world. However, in Texas, I had to



*Cheryl Cleary and Ann Derby – party coordinators
(photo: Fraser Baker)*

adjust to green grass, wearing shorts, and even going to the beach during the holidays. In keeping with the warmer Christmas celebrated in Texas, Ann Derby and Cheryl Cleary decided our Christmases were more like those of Hawaii than those on the Christmas postcards with snow and sleds. So, our HCC “Santa” donned a Hawaiian shirt and Panama hat, sat in a kayak with a Hawaiian backdrop. Ann created an adorable center piece of a volcano, beach (with miniature outrigger canoes), and palm trees. Guests arrived in colorful shirts and skirts and a lei was presented to each. In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, Cheryl gave us name tags with Hawaiian words and English translations. We were then given a list of terms to find the Hawaiian meaning by looking on different nametags. What a great

mixer and what a great way to continue the Hawaiian theme. However, whether in Hawaii or in Texas or in the cold North, food for Christmas is always an essential and we lined up to indulge in the luscious spread.

As a token of our thanks to the commodore for the last two years, the officers presented Fraser Baker with a clock having a canoe motif and sitting in an engraved stand. Again, our thanks to Ann and Cheryl for creating a unique and fun Christmas party and next year, hope those who didn't attend will be there!



Colorfully dressed officer's presenting thanks to Commodore Fraser Baker (photo: Fraser Baker)

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Monthly Meetings:

Second Wednesday of every
month at the American Red Cross
Building at 7 PM

*Today is a gift; that's why
it's called
"The Present"*

Houston Canoe Club General Meeting November 13, 2002

*(These minutes have not been approved. Any
changes or amendments will be noted in the
February newsletter)*

The meeting was called to order by Vice
Commodore Jim Null. Officers present
included Purser Kevin Casement,
Newsletter Editor Donna Grimes, Fleet
Captains John and Cindy Bartos, and
Governor Bill Grimes.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Dianne Wassernich presented a program on
the San Marcos River Foundation's effort to
keep water in the San Marcos River.

John Bartos gave the Fleet Captain's report.

Kevin reported that the end of September
balance was \$25,802.44, the end of October
balance was \$25,182.27. The total paid out
in October was \$620.17, there was no
money taken in during October.

There will be no regular meeting in
December. The meeting will be combined
with the Christmas party on December 14 at
the Northwest Fitness Center. For more
information about the Christmas party,
contact Ann Derby or Cheryl Cleary.

Ann Derby gave a report on the TRPA
meeting at the Nueces River.

The following officers were elected to serve
for 2003:

John Ohrt: Commodore
Mary Zaborowski: Vice Commodore
Mary Carter: Recorder
Kevin Casement: Purser
Sherri Blifford: Newsletter editor
Fraser Baker: Fleet Captain
Paul Woodcock: Governor
Anne Olden: completing the two years
remaining of the Governor's position being
vacated by Candy Donahue

Thanksgiving Paddle in the Hill Country

by John Ohrt

This trip was originally scheduled for Friday following Thanksgiving through Sunday, but unusually cold weather (forecast for a high of 49 degrees) caused cancellation of the Friday paddle. The Medina River portion was dropped from the schedule, but on Saturday morning November 30th, sixteen people in 15 boats were unloaded and while the shuttle was run, the paddlers enjoyed the warm sunny morning. The water in this section was clear and fast with numerous riffles and small drops. There was some log dodging, of course, but also lots of opportunities for eddy turns, ferries, and surfing. Inevitably there were a few flips (all by good experienced paddlers, no less), primarily caused by the swift shallow water. Most of the day was spent underneath a canopy of great cypress trees bronzed by the autumn weather. As the afternoon sun dipped behind the hills and it began to get chilly, the take-out near Comfort was a welcome sight.

We loaded up and drove through Kerrville to the By The River RV Campground where we camped on a large, grassy island formed by two arms of the Guadalupe. After showers and clean clothes, everyone headed into town for a hot meal. That night we sat under the Milky Way as Fraser steadily loaded the remains of the Perry's garage onto the fire and Cliff passed around his bottle of "Old Numbskull". Cliff says it was not named after him; he only drinks it. Once you get used to it, it's not too bad. After a long day and now Orion rising, we went to bed. The temperature was close to 30 and I was

afraid that we were in for a frosty night. However, a front moved in, and it clouded up keeping the temperature steady. The next morning after jumping Chet's van, thanks to Carla, we all headed to breakfast and the next run.

We put in at the high bridge at Bergheim on the upper Guadalupe. It was a cooler day by at least 10 degrees. About a mile down from the



(f) Natalia Canada, Sue Null, Donna Grimes, Lillian Tigard, Janice Frels, Carla McCabe, Bill Grimes, Chet Tigard (b) Louis Aulbach, John Ohrt, Ray Moravek, Gary McCabe, Marilyn Peery, Cliff Peery, Jim Null (photo: Fraser Baker)

put-in was Rock Pile Rapid which was the only one we got out to scout. It is a rock jumble with at least four ways to run it. At least that's how many our group found. This is a usual play spot allowing paddlers to practice various entries, catch a difficult eddy behind a center rock, and surf on the many rapids formed by the rocks. However, with the cooler weather and a flip by one of our better paddlers who then had to head for the hills to change, less playing than usual took place.

After passing a nice travertine waterfall where the water cascades down the side of the cliff into the water, we got to Dog Leg Rapid which seems to me to be a bigger drop than Rock Pile but is more straightforward. No problems here. At the take out we met a friendly duck, the only "local" that we saw on the river. All loaded up and, with an Italian dinner stop in New Braunfels, returned to Houston. Many thanks to Bill and Donna Grimes for their efforts in organizing and coordinating this trip which is becoming one of the more popular that the club does.

TRPA VIEWS NUECES RIVER RUTS

By Ann Derby, HCC paddler and TRPA board member
(with help from Anne Stafford's minutes)

After hearing stories and seeing pictures of the escalating damage inflicted on Texas rivers by the recreational use of offroad vehicles in riverbeds, I welcomed the chance to see for myself exactly what this new sport can do to one of our more beautiful streams.

On the weekend of November 9, 2002, the board of directors of the Texas River Protection Association met at the Open V Ranch, located 15 miles north of Uvalde, by the banks of the Nueces River. We were hosted by rancher Sky Lewey, of the Nueces River Authority (mission: resource protection of the natural condition of the river's beds and banks), who has lived by the river for decades and witnessed the escalating impact of 4-wheel ruts on the river's beautiful gravel bars. We camped under a magnificent canopy of stars by night, and by day Sky led us in our canoes down 2 different sections of the river.

The Nueces is a jewel. The aquamarine water is so clear that the shadows of our boats on the bottom 15 feet down and the sun beaming under the keels sometimes gave an uncanny illusion that we were floating in midair. The riffles are many; the flat pools short; the fun factor high. With the bars of rounded river rocks, the cave-riddled cliffs and the water clarity, this river reminded some of the Frio and others of the Pecos. There are no cities on the pristine Nueces, no dams. Sky calls the Nueces watershed the "water engine" of the Edwards Aquifer because it provides so much of the water to that area.



TRPA board members inspect ORV damage on Nueces River." Photo by Ann Derby.

In places where the gravel bars are undisturbed, plants spring up to hold the river's form, even in floods, but where the ruts are heavy, the riverbed is changing shape. In the portion next to Sky's ranch (see photo), the grinding of wheels has spread out the bars and degraded the natural channel. Ultimately there will be NO channel, just a wide, shallow, lumpy field of gravel from bank to bank. A bump-and-grind

paddling experience.

At the TRPA meeting Sky and Jeannie Dullnig of the group Stewards of the Nueces gave a presentation about Off Road Vehicles (ORV's) in the rivers (The Frio and Llano Rivers are also suffering). The destruction of streambeds and adjacent land is increasing because of the numbers and size of the equipment. Clubs with hundreds of people and dozens of vehicles come from Houston and other cities to drive in the riverbeds, destroying flora and fauna, dumping vehicle fluids and parts, creating noise, and jeopardizing the safety of others in or near the river. There seem to be no specific law(s) against this. Texas Parks & Wildlife has written two reports saying the destruction is indisputable. Sky is working to develop legislation in the upcoming session to ban ORV's in streambeds; such activity is now banned in 33 states. (see follow-up article on page 6)

UPDATE! On Nov. 14, TRPA President Tom Goynes met with Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, some influential landowners, lawyers, the head of resource protection for TPW, reps for Sierra Club and hunting interests, the exec director of the Nueces R. Authority and an aid for the Senator who will probably carry the ORV bill. He said, "I came away from this meeting convinced that this bill will pass. Ms. Combs has pledged to this group that this will be her primary legislation this session." As we went to press, Tom was about to participate in a press conference on Dec. 19, 2002 where Commissioner Combs would unveil the bill on which she'd been working.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Assuming the bill will be as expected -- banning the recreational use of off-road vehicles on the navigable rivers of Texas, while allowing their occasional use by property owners to access their land -- paddlers are asked to write their legislators and support this bill. They should point out that this is a river protection issue, and while it does limit access, it is essential to limit this type of abuse or our rivers will be destroyed. We must protect sensitive areas from abuse, and this activity is obviously abuse. It would be appropriate to include something about protecting the traditional non-destructive forms of river recreation. When we know the bill's number, we'll share that with the Listbot.

FOR YOUR LEGISLATORS' CONTACT INFO GO TO <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/fyi.htm>

OTHER TRPA BUSINESS:

-- TRPA has given \$5000 to the San Marcos River Foundation (SMRF or "Smurf") to assist with their permit application to keep adequate water in the river. This is an expensive and precedent-setting application, and has generated tremendous opposition. False information being spread by opponents of the application includes saying this permit would supersede any existing permits, that "outside agitators" are behind it, and that SMRF wants to do something besides leave the water in the river. SMRF is considering suing the Texas Council on Environmental Quality to get them to move on the application process.

-- TRPA voted to give \$3000 more to the SMRF to contest the court appeal of the City of San Marcos of its "bed & banks" permit - to put in wastewater and take out river water downstream. This is also a precedent-setting case, which other cities are watching carefully. Even though SMRF got some good concessions, the fact that the City is appealing means SMRF must respond or possibly lose those concessions. SMRF is using most of its funds for the permit application discussed above and needs help with the appeal costs.

--- Scott Pope, from Kerrville, and representing a new group, Friends of the Hill Country, spoke about fences on the Guadalupe River and tributary creeks. He brought enlarged photos of some very high fences blocking 2 area creeks, as well as barbed wire strands across the river. These barriers are across water which is navigable in fact and therefore illegally restrict access to state property. They represent violations of navigability, safety and access rights. The difficulty is in enforcement, as local sheriffs and other law enforcement officials rarely want to prosecute landowners. Resort and camp owners especially view the water next to their property as "theirs" and want to protect their economic interest. The pictures showed fence violations by Camp Mystic on Onion Creek and Lynxhaven Lodge on Verde Creek. Ten years ago the State Attorney General gave Lynxhaven notice that its fence was in violation of the law and that this was a Class B misdemeanor, but the owner has ignored this and Kerr County law enforcement has declined to pursue it. More pressure on the local attorney general and press involvement is planned.

Donations to the American Red Cross: The Houston Club will be making a donation to the American Red Cross of \$500 plus donations collected from the membership at the January 8th meeting. Attend and donate or call Kevin Casement (713-748-0468) and send in a check. Thank you

-(As a follow up of the report from Ann Derby of TRPA's visit to the Nueces) here's what appeared in the Austin paper Dec. 20, 2002)

Bill seeks to ban off-road vehicles in or near state's rivers

By APRIL CASTRO Associated Press AUSTIN –

Off-road enthusiasts who take their hobby to Texas rivers could soon be forced to find a new place to drive. Legislation filed Thursday would prohibit motor vehicles from operating in or near the state's rivers.

"The public and landowners will still have access to Texas rivers under this legislation," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "They just won't have the right to destroy a river with their vehicles."

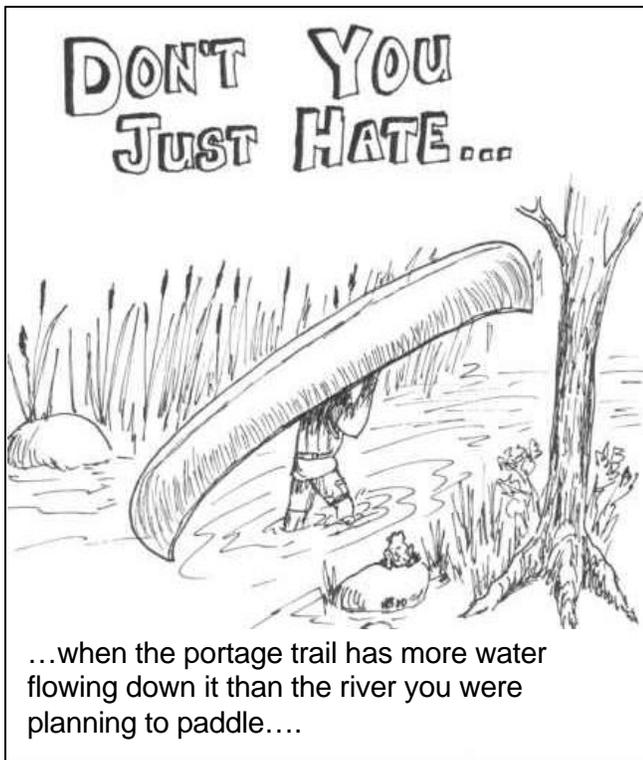
Although off-roading has been common at rivers and streams throughout the state, Combs said damage from off-roading has been most severe on the Nueces, Canadian and Llano rivers.

Combs said studies have found that off-road vehicles in riverbeds harm aquatic creatures and damage the habitat they depend on.

At the Nueces River, a study by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department found fewer game fish in areas where off-roading is common. Officials also worry that punctures from rocks could cause automotive fluids such as oil and antifreeze to leak, contaminating rivers.

"I am filing this bill on behalf of my constituents, who love and enjoy the Nueces River in a nondestructive manner and do not want to see it destroyed by irresponsible behavior of off-roaders," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who co-sponsored the bill in the Senate.

Richard Jones, an off-road enthusiast, said he believes the legislation is not about protecting the environment, but about privatizing the river. "If you keep vehicles out of the rivers, you will keep people out of rivers, but landowners still have access to it," said Jones, president of SouthTexas Offroad.



"I off-road all over the country, so I'm going to continue to off-road. But what upsets me is when I see 70- to 80-year-old people out there with their families, just playing in the water and having a cookout. We shouldn't just take that away from them. It's not right."

Some river-goers who want to picnic at the river would not be able to "lug an ice chest and barbecue pit down there on foot," Jones said.

No current laws prevent anyone from driving recklessly within the normal boundaries of the river. Public access to public water, including driving in the water or on a dry riverbed, is guaranteed under state law.

The legislation is the result of a rare joint effort among agricultural and environmental groups in Tex

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Items For Sale:

Dagger's plastic polo boat. Replaced the back rest with a nice Planetary Gear cushioned back rest. \$399 Will also throw in a face mask (helmet not attached). Contact Carla at 512-751-3283 or cjenn@sbcglobal.net.

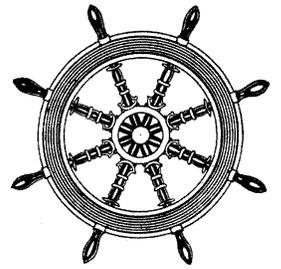
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that will take up to 4 horsepower contact Jon
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From The Helm

Marilyn Peery – HCC Recorder



Upon ending my second stint as HCC Recorder, I'm thinking back over the 15+ years I have been a member. My duties as recorder are to keep the minutes and the membership records, put out the roster, etc. Serving the club in this way has enabled me to become more involved in the club

Cliff and I learned to paddle with a group from our scuba diving club which took two trips annually just to be outdoors. After renting several times, we decided to buy a boat and thought we were pretty good because we didn't turn over like most of our group did. One weekend we were at Shady Grove on the San Marcos and saw some people running slalom gates. We immediately realized we didn't have the skills to do that! We asked some other on-lookers and found out they were members of Houston Canoe Club. We decided to join!

We thoroughly enjoyed the club trips and signed up for instruction. As we improved our skills, Cliff decided he wanted to paddle solo. He claimed he had to communicate with people all week at work and didn't want to have to do it on the weekend too! Some club members let us try out their solo boats at lunchtime. I got in Lillian Tigard's Encore and could do nothing but paddle in circles! It was quite a humbling experience but I didn't let it discourage me. We went to Rendezvous and bought a Genesis. We weren't sure which of us would like it but surely one of us would. It became Cliff's boat, too big and heavy for me! In the meantime, I rented the club's Rogue, and we signed up for Bob Foote's class where we learned fundamentals of paddling and safety. That summer we went to NOC (Nantahala Outdoor Center) in North Carolina for more lessons and a chance to paddle more difficult water. We were both hooked and I bought a Viper. It was a bit beyond my skill level at that time but thanks to more instruction and the invaluable guidance from veteran HCC members on club trips, I kept improving. Little did I dream then that one day, I would be a certified ACA instructor paddling my own solo boat down the Grand Canyon! Through paddling I've traveled through much of

the U.S. and Honduras and made many new friends. This was possible because of what I learned from several good instructors and more experienced fellow paddlers.

I'd like to encourage new paddlers to take advantage of all the instruction they can get. Sign up for classes and don't be afraid to ask for help on club trips. There are a lot of us out there like me who are more than willing share our knowledge with anyone who asks. We just don't want to push ourselves on people who don't want help. **Don't be afraid to ask!**

Who Be These People?

Paul Woodcock: (*top mileage paddler for a number of years, long distance paddler, and HCC Governor for 2003*)



1. Where were you born and raised?

We had a sign in our trailer "Home Sweet Route 66." I lived in 36 states by the time I was in the eighth grade. I did spend four years of High School in Gridley, Kansas.

2. Are you married, have children ?

I have been married 37 years and have two children, a son who is 31 and a daughter who is 25. I have 4 grandchildren compliments of my son and my 10-year-old grandson lives with me.

We are a blended family: My son is German and Phillipino; my daughter is Hispanic and Irish; my wife if English and German, and I am Irish and Cherokee.

3. Where educated and degree? I have a Masters Degree in Counseling From Kansas St.U., Emporia.

4. Previous occupations? I have worked many occupations during the summers while going to school and teaching: Dishwasher. Ironworker. Truck driver, Oilfield roustabout. Auto upholsters, Used Car salesman, Bakery Assembly line worker, and Stage Manager for Southwest Jazz Ballet Company. I left teaching and was a Maintenance person at a small hospital for a year and a carpenter for two years before becoming an elementary counselor for HISD for 18 years.

5. Present occupation. I am a co founder and now, for 5 years, counselor for Eastwood Academy High School, an HISD Charter School.

6. Other places lived,? I have been in Houston for 27 years, the only place I have ever stayed for over 4 years.

7. How did you become involved with HCC? When I turned 50 I felt a need to get closer to nature and canoeing seemed to be the best way to do that.

8. What is your favorite type and place to paddle? I love to camp out on the river, and my favorite place to paddle is the next section of a river I have never paddled.

9. Do you have any other hobbies or outside activities?

Lack of time has limited me to just canoeing but I like to bicycle, hike and read.

10. Any other comments? I subscribe to the Native American philosophy that the Earth is my Mother, the Sky is my father, and the animals are my brothers. The canoe lets me get closer to all of them.

Homesteaders of Memorial Park

By Louis F. Aulbach and Linda C. Gorski

Recently several groups from the Houston Canoe Club have paddled Buffalo Bayou in the area of Memorial Park. I wonder how many of you realize that you were paddling the section of the bayou in Houston with the oldest recorded history?

The area that we know today as Memorial Park received its first mention in recorded history when Jane Long, 'the Mother of Texas', wrote in her diary about the 'pinery' in which they were camped. Long was traveling to San Antonio in September, 1822 to seek a pension from Governor José Félix Trespalacios, an associate of her husband James Long who was killed earlier in the year. The group camped for two days in the woods and the men hunted for food on the outlying prairie.

By the mid-1820's, settlers who were attracted to Texas by the promotional efforts of Stephen F. Austin began to find their way into the country along the area's bayous. In addition to those who sought land in the heart of Austin's Colony along the Brazos River, others found places on the San Jacinto River and its tributary Buffalo Bayou. In 1824, grants of land were issued to Nathaniel Lynch near the mouth of the San Jacinto River, to the Vince brothers along the lower end of Buffalo Bayou, to John R. Harris near the junction of Brays Bayou, and as far west as John D. Taylor who settled in the area we know of as Spring Branch.

Allen C. Reynolds arrived in the area in 1826. In 1831, Reynolds received a grant of a league of land, approximately 4428 acres, on the south side of Buffalo Bayou in the Memorial Park area where he operated a sawmill and a gristmill on the bayou.

John Reinermann, his wife and sons Heinrich (Henry) and John, Jr., settled along the north side of Buffalo Bayou near Memorial Park. Having sailed from Oldenburg, Germany in 1834, the Reinermann's were on board the schooner Sabine from New Orleans when it wrecked near Galveston Island on December 22, 1834.

Unfortunately, within the year, John Reinermann died and was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the farm. Although the Reinermann's had built a log cabin, planted orchards and cultivated a few small fields, the elder's death in 1835 brought hardships to the pioneer family.

The Reinermann family was determined to remain in the area. Henry Reinermann married Louisa Margerethe Schermann on December 19, 1840 and they had two children. After Henry's untimely death in 1844, his widow Louisa married Joseph Sandman on April 27, 1845. They had a son Joseph Sandman, Jr., in 1846.

In an effort to secure title to their land, John Reinermann's widow applied for a land grant from the State of Texas on the grounds that he qualified for the grant since he was an immigrant to the area before the Texas Revolution. A league, 4,338 acres, and a labor, 177 acres, of land were granted by the State of Texas to the heirs of John Reinermann on April 28, 1847.

By the late 1840's, Louisa was no longer married to Joseph Sandman, and she had married Christian Ledovic Bethje with whom she had a daughter in 1850. Christian Bethje, 28 years old, listed himself as a farmer in the 1850 census and his household included his 34 year old wife Louisa and their combined family of four children. They had property valued at \$5,250 which indicated that they were prospering. By the 1860's, their farm in the Memorial Park area had its own sawmill, several cultivated fields, three hundred head of cattle and various farm animals.

In 1869, members of the Reinermann family bought a house on fifteen acres and moved to the Brunner

Addition located along the Washington Road (near today's Shepherd Drive). Some of the heirs continued to live on the original property near Memorial Park, but by 1883, that property was abandoned. The heirs sold off tracts from the north and west part of the original Reinermann grant to various timber operators. Later, they sold out to land speculators, although as late as 1915, they retained a tract that became the eastern part of Camp Logan. The Reinermann home, which was located a few blocks northwest of the modern intersection of Washington Avenue and Shepherd Drive, was demolished in the 1920's.

Although the physical evidence of this pioneer family seems to have passed away, these early settlers of Houston remain with us in a simple, but subtle way that you might notice the next time you drive in the area around Memorial Park. John Reinermann's name is perpetuated by Reinerman (sic) Street that runs south from White Oak Bayou to Buffalo Bayou, five streets west of Shepherd Drive. Joseph Sandman's name is perpetuated by Sandman Street, a north-south street two blocks east of Reinerman Street. Christian L. Bethje's name is perpetuated by Bethje Street, a short street one block east of Sandman Street, near where Durham Street curves back to join Shepherd Drive. Durham Street was constructed over Bethje Street in the Brunner Subdivision as the southbound, one way companion to the northbound Shepherd Drive.

Houston Canoe Club Trip List:

1/11 Anahauc NWR Day Trip - Day trip- Anahauc Area Paddle in the back canals and marshes. Contact Mary Z. by phone 713 884 1925, or by email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

1/24 Pre-Freeze Paddle - Pre Freeze Trip-Colorado River Put in - Webberville Park paddle to gravel bar above the Utley Bridge. Next day paddle to bridge to join others in the Freeze Trip. 14 miles Contact Mary Z. by phone 713-884-1925, or by email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

1/25 - 1/26 Freeze Trip - Freeze Trip -Colorado River San Antonio Rivermen Annual Paddle and Dutch Oven Cooking. Utley Bridge to Gravel bar then to Bastrop City Park. 14 miles in two days. Good food, good fire, great river paddle... class 1 rapids. Contact Mary Z by phone 713-884-1925, or by email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

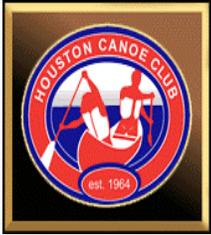
2/15 - 2/17 Brazos River- Brazos River Put in at I-10 Bridge paddle to Rosenberg. Camping on Gravel Bars. 34 miles Contact Paul Woodcock by phone 713 772 4945, or by email plwdcck@yahoo.com.

3/15 - 3/23 Buffalo River - Buffalo National River ARKANSAS Wilderness Canoe/ Camping Trip over Spring Break. Put in at Steel Creek take out at Gilbert, Ark 7 days/nights on the River class I/II Rapids along the river. 83 miles Contact Mary Z. by phone 713-884-1925, or by email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

4/12 - 4/13 Neches River - Neches River Camp at M and B Campground Day Tripping down sections of river. Sat. Night- celebrate a Birthday Bash. Contact Mary Z. by phone 713-884-1925, or by email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

Roll Sessions:

Come and practice kayak and canoe rolls, braces and wet exits. Roll sessions are held at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Westside YMCA pool in Houston located on the Katy Freeway (I-10) at 1006 Voss Road. On the 4th Monday, an instructor is available to teach. For insurance purposes, the YMCA requires all participants to wear a helmet. Fees are \$10 for members of the Bayou City Whitewater Club and Houston Canoe Club and \$15 for non-ACA members.



Renewal - 2003



Houston Canoe Club Membership Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse's name _____ Address _____

City/St./Zip _____

Email (*write clearly*) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Liability Waiver

The Houston Canoe Club always strives to make boating experiences as enjoyable as possible. However, some elements of risk including personal injury or death and property damage always exist in canoeing, kayaking, and water activities. I do hereby recognize this risk and agree to hold the Houston Canoe Club, its organizers, leaders, coordinators, officers and instructors from liability for any personal loss or injury which I may incur, and I do hereby WAIVE any remedy I may have in law or equity. This Liability Waiver is in effect while in transit to and from any Houston Canoe Club event and while participating in any Houston Canoe Club outing.

Signature _____ Date _____

HCC Membership Fees: (Effective Jan1 – Dec. 31)-If you joined AFTER September, 2002, your dues are paid thru 2003

HCC family Membership \$25.00 _____

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Turn it into the Purser, Kevin Casement

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