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North Texas River Runners



Commodore's Column

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Bringing the New Year In Right

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season. We've had a lot of exciting activities going on since the last newsletter came out. First, we had our annual Holiday Party hosted this year by the lovely and talented Barb Cutter and her husband Mike. They did a great job putting together some entertaining and interactive games for the group, and the food was delicious! Barb should seriously consider some sort of catering or chef career. There were so many delicious dishes to choose from that I decided to conduct an impromptu taste test. My personal favorite was the crab dish, but other "tasters" soon joined my test and several favorites emerged. We also had the White Elephant Gift exchange, and this was a pretty mild year as far as "stealing" was concerned. The most hilarious gift was the "YES MAN" who quipped phrases that any employer would love to hear: "You are absolutely right!" "I couldn't agree with you more!" etc. Too many people for me to list (or count) attended, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Second, our own club member, Kathy Cash got on the evening news by running one of the first newly designed whitewater "drops" on the Trinity River. Dave Holl was also there and tried to roll his kayak in a Santa suit making for a lovely wet exit on the news. Hey, you try rolling a kayak with a 50-pound beard! Way to go Dave and Kathy! Eric Vanderbeck and Curtis Boerner were also there running the dam, but I don't know if they made the news or not.

Third, Margaret Thompson, one of our activity chairs, was kind enough to host the NTRR permit party. I have now officially declared her to be the "hostess with the mostess", but I don't think she wants the title. We had 15 people show up for the party and submit permits for various rivers across the United States. Hopefully, we'll actually get some permits again this year and have some more fun river trips for club members.

Finally, paddling.net sent me an entire box of 2004 paddling calendars (free of charge) to distribute to club members. I gave them all away at the January meeting, so check with your friends to see if they grabbed an extra one for you!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the officers for the fantastic job they've done to date. Dave has just done a tremendous job of lining up programs (I hear he still has room for some suggestions), and Patsy and Margaret have really been working hard to get some club activities together. The newsletter and the website are really drawing people in to the meetings (thanks to Tyler and Ted), and of course, Barb and Curtis' reports add a great deal of interest and flavor to the meetings. Last, but not least, Beth has done a terrific job of keeping track of membership and getting newsletters mailed, and Brent keeps doing a super job of finding raffle items and keeping track of the money.

The officers still need help from club members! If you have a program, an activity, a trip report, pictures you'd like to share, an idea for a raffle item, or a suggestion for a safety/environment report, PLEASE share that information with an officer! We'd love the help and the new ideas!

See you on the river,
Diana

Just a Reminder: If you have not already renewed your membership in North Texas River Runners, now is the time. Mail your membership form and dues (\$15 for the year) to the NTRR post office box or turn it in at the meeting Tuesday, February 24. Hope to see you there.

Treasurer's Report

February

Income Statement

Income:	
Membership (13):	\$ 195.00
Raffle/ T Shirt Proceeds(Jan+Mar):	\$ 85.00
	<u>\$ 280.00</u>
Expense:	
Raffle Prizes	\$ 0.00
Office Supplies/ Newsletters	\$ 64.60
Post Office Annul fee	\$ 0.00
Bank Fees	\$ 2.50
	<u>\$ 67.10</u>
Net Income :	\$ 212.90

Bank Reconciliation

Prior Month Ending Balance:	\$ 2,486.98
Deposits	\$ 242.00
Checks	\$ 0.0
Bank Fees	\$ (2.50)
January Ending Balance	\$ 2,726.48
Feb. Pending Deposit	\$ 280.00
Pending Checks	\$ (64.60)
Available Cash Balance	\$ 2,941.88

Balance Sheet

Assets:	\$3,001.88
Ending Bank Balance w Deposit	\$ 2,941.88
Petty Cash (Raffle Change):	\$ 10.00
Raffle Prizes (Estimated)	\$ 50.00
Liabilities:	\$64.60
Equity:	\$2,037.28

Program for this month Bill Anton from Mountain Sports will be giving a presentation on new products for paddling and camping. Be sure to come to the meeting this month to see what is new!



Do you have Permission?

Interested in seeing some new river scenery in some different parts of the country? You might want to consider applying for some river permits. Applications are usually due early in the year, but if you are too late for this year, you can always get a jump-start on 2005. The rules for river permit application vary from river to river, but we thought we'd give a few numbers/web sites to get you started! Some river permits applications may be requested and then copied for others to apply, and some applications must be on an original form.

Here's some information from Weldon Sanders regarding permit applications for some Western rivers:

Application permits for the Green River, Lodore Canyon are available on the Web: www.nps.gov/dino/river/RiverDoc/04application.html You can also call 970-374-2468 to request an application.

Permits for Green River, Desolation Canyon/Gray Canyon must be originals. BLM (Bureau of Land Management) will not send multiple applications except to members of the same household. Call 435-636-3622. www.blm.gov/utah/price/

Permits for the San Juan River must be original. The office is open only in the mornings. Leave a message at 435-587-1544 to request an application. www.blm.gov/utah/monticello/river.htm

Permits for the Chama River must be original. Call 505-751-4731.
Permits for the Snake, Selway, and Salmon Rivers are available on the Web.

For links to the rivers, see Rich Grayson's web page at www.rivergeek.com. You may also want to visit the River Management Society Web site at www.river-management.org.



NORTH TEXAS RIVER RUNNERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
 ADDRESS (Street) _____
 (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
 PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
 E-MAIL _____ ~ OK to publish in club roster? Yes()NO()

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE BLANKS:

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ ADDRESS CHANGE - Yes()NO()
 I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTER ON-LINE - Yes()NO()
 I'D LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED OF CLINICS & EVENTS BY E-MAIL - Yes()NO()
 RENEWAL DATE: _____ DATE PAID: _____ DUES ENCLOSED(\$15.00) _____

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the NORTH TEXAS RIVER RUNNERS, do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

- ◆ Canoeing, kayaking and rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes participants to various safety hazards.
- ◆ No one but myself is responsible for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities by running a particular river or a particular rapid.
- ◆ I expect to assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my own personal skill and ability if they appear to need such assistance, but only so long as I can do so without significant danger to myself. I further understand that this does not imply any LEGAL duty for me to do so, nor for anyone else to render such assistance to me.

Now, therefore, intending to be legally bound, I HEREBY WAIVE, FOR MYSELF AND FOR ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING THROUGH ME, MY RIGHT TO SUE THE NORTH TEXAS RIVER RUNNERS, ITS OFFICERS, TRIP COORDINATORS OR LEADERS, OR ANY OF MY FELLOW PADDLERS, FOR ANY INJURIES TO MY PERSON OR MY EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING, IN PREPARATION FOR, OR IN TRANSIT TO A NORTH TEXAS RIVER RUNNERS OUTING. THIS WAIVER APPLIES TO ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, AND TO ANY INTENTIONAL ACT INTENDED TO PROMOTE MY SAFETY OR WELL BEING. This waiver is given in the interest of permitting the North Texas river Runners to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable myself and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improve the sport and to help in training those less skilled than ourselves without fear of liability.

MY WAIVER IS GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR SIMILAR WAIVERS TO BE GRANTED ON MY BEHALF BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS RIVER RUNNERS.

Signed: _____ this _____ day of _____, 2004.

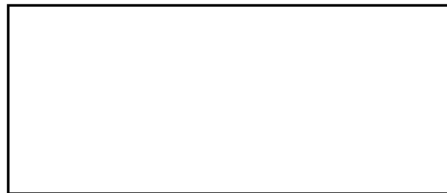
Please mail completed application by January 15, 2004 to:

NTRR PO Box 1284 Bedford, TX 76095-1284

Meetings held 7 to 9 pm the last Tuesday of each month at Spring Creek BBQ ~ Bedford, TX



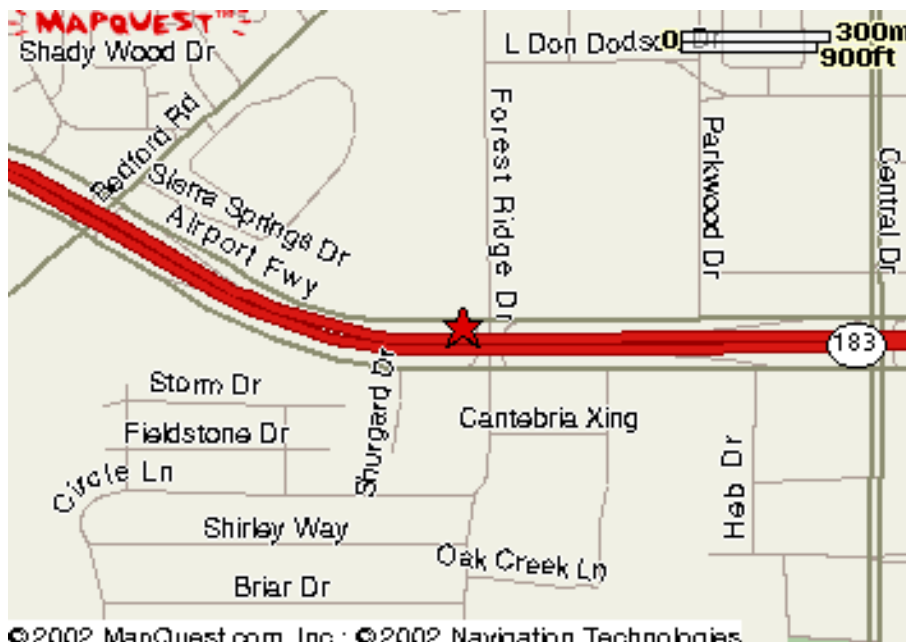
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"If we're not in the hole, we're sitting right beside it."



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Club meetings
are held on the
last Tuesday of
the month at
Spring Creek
Barbeque from
7:00—9:00 PM

Spring Creek Barbecue
1509 Airport Freeway
North-West Corner of Forest & 183
817-545-0184