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North Texas River Runners



Commodore's Column
By Curtis Boerner

Ahoy from the Helm,

With a new crew ready to go, we are off and sailing on another great year for NTRR. Thanks to all of the individuals who were willing to be a part of the new crew. A debt of thanks also goes to those individuals who manned the crew last year. Your willingness to crew has helped keep NTRR afloat.

We still have an open officer position. This is the Environmental Officer. If you feel the calling, please do not hesitate to respond. This is your club. It is what you make of it.

There are several opportunities for NTRR's to float and have some fun. Please see the calendar of upcoming events.

See you at the meeting,
Curtis

October Program Builder's Corner

Forget about building your own home! Build your own wood strip kayak instead. John Calderia, who has built several kayaks of his own, will present some of his best hints for construction of a wood craft. He'll be taking club members through the building process and giving lot of great tips. Don't miss it!

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4. When is the last time you tossed an orange peel into the brush by the river's edge? It can still be there 6 months from now.
5. Do you or friends throw cigarette butts on the ground? Decomposition is 1 to 12 years.
6. Did a plastic bag blow away at breakfast? You may find it in 10 to 20 years.
7. Not tie your nylon wind breaker in the boat? Your grandchildren may find it in 30 to 40 years while out paddling.
8. Tin cans and Aluminum cans can take up to 100 years to degrade.
9. Plastic 6 pack holder rings take 450 years to decompose. Animals can easily be strangled by these if they get caught in them.
10. Did your reel malfunction and tangle your monofilament fishing line? Take it with you as it may be there 600 years from now. Aquatic animals may drown, starve or become easy prey if caught in
11. Loose your plastic water bottle? Hang on to that bottle because it may never breakdown!

(Biodegrade times from Science Concept Research on Biodegrade by Corey Huber)

Now, let's think about what we can do to lessen the likelihood of inadvertently leaving litter behind on a paddling trip.

Before we go on a trip reduce the potential litter you pack:

1. Remove any unnecessary packaging and repackage food into plastic bags or reusable containers.
2. Use zip locking bags or use knots rather than twist ties.
3. Avoid disposable utensils and paper plates.
4. Do as much food preparation as possible at home. This easily lessens trash from packaging on the trip
5. Carefully plan rations to reduce waste from leftover food while on the trip.

During the trip:

1. Make sure all trash is put in a bag or receptacle at the time it is discarded
2. Place a tarp under the kitchen area to catch microtrash that attracts ants, flies and small animals. Inspect area after each meal and pick up what is found
3. Always inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash before you leave.

Is there anything else we can do as paddlers to reduce overall potential litter in our paddling environment?

1. We can participate in river and lake clean up days in organized groups.
2. We can pick up trash we find on our paddling trips if possible.
3. We can "Talk Trash"! Talking trash may make people avoid you at first and you might be labeled as a "Trashy" person. But if they know you are sincere, they too will begin to think about trash with a new perspective.

Remember, one careless moment of littering can last more than a lifetime. Enhance your outdoor experience for everyone, animals included by thinking about trash issues during trip planning and keeping it clean during the trip.

Simply put: Pack It In, Pack It Out!

NTRR Club Activity Annual Women's Trip

Mark your calendars! We will be having our now not so Annual Women's Trip Saturday, Nov. 12 through Sunday Nov. 13th.

Join us for a weekend of paddling without the boys. This will be a whitewater trip, so you must have experience and be comfortable on class II-III water.

The location will be determined by rainfall and will be announced closer to the trip date. In the past, we have run the San Marcos or the Guadalupe.

Space will be limited, so sign up now!

Contact Diana Boerner at

817-656-3475 (home) or

972-824-7403 (cell) for more

information or to put your name on the list.

No men allowed, not even if they promise to wear a skirt (Ronnie)!



Mark Your Calendars!

The Wardles will be hosting the NTRR holiday party at their house this year. We will be having the white elephant gift exchange and lots of fun. The details are still being worked out.

However, leave the evening of Saturday, December 10th, open for merriment with your fellow paddlers.

Newsletter Plea

I have one more article left in my reserves bank for next month's newsletter. I will definitely be in need of some more articles in order to fill the newsletter. Please, please, please send me a photo or a trip report so that everyone can enjoy reading the newsletter.

Your newsletter editor,
Diana

Fabulous Friday Night Flips

Just like last year, indoor heated pool time to work on your roll and paddling strokes, and private lessons from US Team Members and other skilled instructors. New for this year, bring your paddle skirt and PFD and demo the entire line of Jackson Kayaks. This event is appropriate for all skill levels, beginners to experts.

**The Colony Aquatic Park Pool
5580 North Colony Blvd.**

Friday nights, beginning October 21, 2005
through April 14, 2006
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Costs- \$5.00 pool rental, free Jackson Kayak use, \$5.00 PFD- skirt- paddle rental

Please visit our website for more information
www.kayakinstruct.com

Ghost Rider on the Saline River Photo Taken by Weldon Sanders





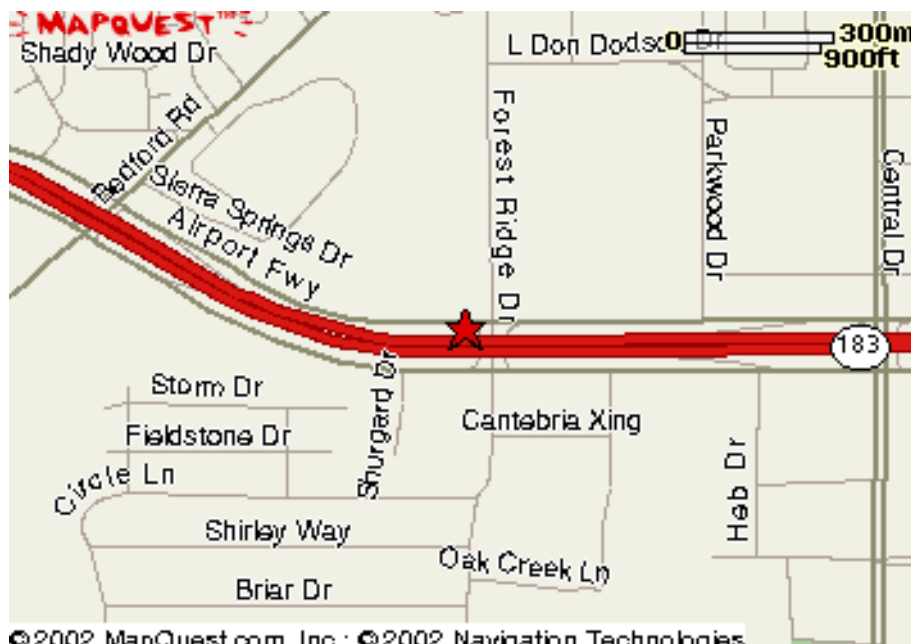
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"If we're not in the hole, we're sitting right beside it."



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Club meetings
are held on the
last Tuesday of
the month at
Spring Creek
Barbecue from
7:00—9:00 PM
Next Meeting:
October 25th

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