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This is a very short newsletter due to time constraints. Come back September 2 for lots of stories and pictures, please.

Program - August 13, 2003

My linda Richarson of Big Bend River Tours

She will update us on the Rio Grande and her experiences on it.

We need your correct email address!

Please send your current email address to Marilyn Peery now.

Email address: mpeery@ev1.net.

The Waterline is the monthly newsletter of the Houston Canoe Club, Inc. The Waterline is made possible by your dues and critically depends on member contributions. Please submit trip reports, news worthy items and any literary musings you wish to inflict on your paddling buddies to the Editor at the following address.

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Houston Canoe Club Officers and General Meeting Minutes

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General Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2003

These minutes have not been approved. Any changes or amendments will be posted in next month's issue of the Waterline.

Commodore John Ohrt presided.

John announced that Patti Carothers donated 3 videos from Trailside TV show which HCC will sell for \$5.00 per video.

John introduced the officers and asked visitors to introduce themselves and tell a bit about their paddling.

The minutes from the June meeting were read and accepted.

The purser was not present.

Fraser Baker, fleet captain asked for members to tell about their past trips. He also announced upcoming trips.

The newsletter is online.

In September Donna Grimes will do a short presentation on river signals.

John asked that members wear their favorite summer hat to the August meeting and give a short reason why this is their favorite.

John announced that NOC will give a 10% discount to HCC members.

Texas Parks & Wildlife will hold their annual Wildlife Expo on October 4-5.

The program was videos about basic canoeing and kayaking techniques.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Carter

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Sabine River Labor Day Weekend Trip

by Mary Zaborowski

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Come join us on the Sabine River August 8/30 – 9/1 for the annual Labor Day trip. This annual trip is coordinated by the Big Thicket Voyagers. We put in at the bridge on Highway 63 and take out above the boat ramp on Louisiana Highway 111.

This is a leisurely three-day long paddle on beautiful flat, gently moving water. Camping on wonderful sandy beaches. Good paddle, good games, great place to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Pool food with friends or bring your own. \$5.00 fee to stock the margarita barge and \$1 for the shuttle bus.

Contact Mary Z by phone 713-884-1925 or email maryzabo@sbcglobal.net.

A few glimpses of last year...



Campground

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Texas Freestyle Canoe Roundup

by Lillian Tigard

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On Columbus Day week-end, October 11 & 12, the Houston Canoe Club and the ACA will be sponsoring a Texas Freestyle Canoe Roundup. I will chair the event. We will have all the best Freestyle Canoe Teachers in the Country here to share their knowledge. It will be a two day event, with clinics for novice, intermediate and advanced Freestyle paddlers. We will have a special clinic for White water paddlers who want to learn freestyle. We will also do short 4-hour clinics for Tandem recreational canoe on Saturday. On Saturday night we will host the National Freestyle Canoe Competition under the lights.

I have been doing White Water Canoeing for over 20 years and swore I would never do Freestyle canoe until I got old. Well as all of us do, I got old. I started Freestyle Solo Canoe back in August, 2000, after participating in a class taught by Karen Knight. I wish now that I had started earlier. By submerging myself into Freestyle Canoeing I have gained greater balance, flexibility and boat control. Every time I get out on Whitewater, I can feel the difference. It is subtle but I know I am a better paddler. I do less and accomplish more.

Bob Foote, Nationally known Canoe Instructor, is now recommending Freestyle paddling to all of his White Water Students. He knows that it can improve their overall paddling.

By the way, Men's Solo Freestyle National Champion, Mark Molina, just won the International Competition in Rolling in Greenland for his age group. This is quite a major accomplishment. I am sure the flexibility, balance and discipline, he learned in Freestyle Canoeing helped him accomplish this great feat.

So I put a challenge out to all you white water paddlers and flat-water Paddlers, come join us in Sugar Land, close to Houston on October 11 & 12. It will be a two day event. I have set up a special clinic for White Water paddlers wanting to learn Freestyle Canoeing.

I will be sending out registration forms in August. If you are interested in attending please let me know and I will send a registration form directly to you. My email address is tigards2@hal-pc.org.

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Paul and Ron Took 2nd Place in the Neches River Race

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Two of our paddlers - Ron Nunnely and Paul Woodcock won 2nd place in the Neches River Race August 2nd. They paddled 22 miles of moving water with lots of log jams. They bettered their time from last year from 5 hours 23 minutes 12 seconds to 5 hours 7 minutes 37 seconds.

Congrats to both of these " SENIORS" for doing a good job with the others who competed from around the State.

Sincerely yours on the RIVERS,

Mary E. Zaborowski

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For Sale/Wanted

Old Town Canoe

174 Discovery, tandem, good condition, \$650

Contact: Mary Zaborowski at 713-884-1925

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Mad River Canoe

15'9" Royalex for \$750

Contact: Paul Woodcock at 713-722-4945

email: woodcock@eastwoodacademy.com

Old Town Discovery

17'-4", in the water 5 times, no scratches,
no dents, like new. \$600.

Call Tom Davis at 281-893-2291 or

email: tom@downtowndistrict.org

Mohawk Canoe

14 foot tandem, only \$349 cash. Located in Dickinson

Contact Gerald Casey at 281-910-3028

email: imgerryc@yahoo.com

Wanted - used kayak trailer

We are looking for a used kayak trailer
to haul at least 3 kayaks (2 - 8' and a 13').

email Lynda at lbegnaud@aol.com

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