

## Question????

Who in HCC played goalkeeper until age 63 with a Houston soccer team composed of a large number of European players: as a result, played in Mexico, Belize, Hungary, Germany, and Denmark?? Check out the "Who Be These People" on page 6

## Another Easter In the Hill Country by Donna Grimes

One of my most memorable Easters was spent in 1989 paddling in the hill country with the Houston Canoe Club on the Frio River on a trip lead by Chet and Lillian Tigard. My husband and I arrived first – getting there on a Thursday afternoon and setting up our tent. By the next morning, our tent was only one of about twenty tents as about 35-40 HCC paddlers showed up. Not only did we have three days of great paddling, we also were greeted Easter morning to Easter eggs set out in front of our tents – a gift from one of the HCC participants.

Since then, my life has gone through many adventures, but that particular trip stands out vividly. To help other HCC members experience that wonderful trip, I have tried to plan other Easters on the Frio River. However, the weather has NOT cooperated, leaving the Frio high and dry each year. So, I plan the trip to the "hill country" leaving myself open to paddle other rivers if the Frio fails to fill and be floatable. This year, I had 27 paddlers sign up for my trip, but with either too little water or the possibility of too much forecasted bad weather, only 15 actually showed. Low water level left only the Guadalupe available and even it was low. The water gauge registered only 167 cfs rather than the ideal 400 cfs. But, despite the low water, the participants had a great time with nice weather, great Dutch oven cooking (thanks to Alex and Bryan Richter), great laughter and camaraderie around the campfire, and the Easter eggs by each tent or car on Easter morning.



If you missed the hill country Easter paddle this year, mark it for next year and maybe ONE of the Easters, it will actually be on the Frio River... again.

*At Travertine Falls on the Guadalupe: Jim Barton, Amber Johnson, Karen Barton, Roy Scott, Cheryl Cleary, Alex Marriot, Scott Handley, Lois Wright, Bill Grimes, Donna Grimes and Natalia Canada (photo and photographer: Bryan Richter)*

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### **Change of Address**

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## **Monthly Meetings:**

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

**Address:** 2700 Southwest Freeway –  
Hwy 59 S @ Kirby

April 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Commodore Jim Null. Ann Olson from the Buffalo Bayou Coalition solicited volunteers to assist with the Buffalo Bayou Regatta. . Birthday cake and drinks were served to commemorate Chet Tigard's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Officers were introduced. All officers were present and there were 13 guests for a total of 61 people. Natalie Wiest presented the program on places to paddle in the Houston Area and passed out her update on the Houston Area Canoe Trips list originally done several years ago by Barry Bennick.

Jim Null gave a short presentation on the ACA's role in conservation legislation and other environmental issues.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Donna introduced guests and new members.

John Bartos announced that Chet Tigard has resigned as Rendezvous Chairman due to health concerns.

Officers and former Rendezvous Chairmen met before the meeting and decided that unless a chairman can be found and a core committee formed within the next two weeks, Rendezvous will be postponed.

Randall Nord gave the Fleet Captain's report. He reported that HCC members have paddled 1350 miles during the first quarter of this year. [Trips lead by Mary Zaborowski contributed 500 miles.](#)

Kevin reported that the February balance was \$26,579.43 and the March balance was \$26,242.29. The biggest expense was a Rendezvous instructor who cashed a check received in October.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marilyn Peery  
Recorder

Houston Canoe Club General Meeting



## HCC ANNUAL WOMEN'S PADDLE

By Lois Wright

The women of HCC thoroughly enjoyed their annual trip to Village Creek the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Ten of the eleven who signed up, eventually arrived on Saturday to spend a leisurely 10 mile



paddle on serene and beautiful Village Creek. All enjoyed laughter and camaraderie as Mary Carter pointed out various birds and Anne Olden showed us the routes. Afterwards, the group joined efforts to produce an exquisite meal served on brilliantly colored paper plates, topped off by a variety of sumptuous desserts. Thank you, Mary Carter, for organizing this part of the trip- We all like food. Donna Grimes offered a plethora of one-liners to the amusement of all, even before the evening's wine encouraged lots of hilarious stories, some put to music by our extremely talented in-house musician – Ann Derby. We were able to enjoy past trips of river flooding, low water and stinking catfish thanks to Ann's music. The cabin overlooking the river was a great setting in which to relax and have a good time. Sunday, we were awakened by the smell of coffee and bacon, as another part of the group prepared a wonderful breakfast. Several of us enjoyed a nature hike through the forest before heading back to Houston. Other highlights of the weekend included the paper plate bonfire, Donna's "leather sandals", lots of laughter and the camaraderie of women. If you missed it this year, put it on your schedule as a MUST for next year.



(f) - Ann Derby, Cindy Bartos, Marilyn Peery, Anne Olden, Donna Grimes, Natalia Canada (b) - Mary Carter, Peggy Smith, Lois Wright, Linda Litchfield

## For Sale

Mr.Clean (**kayak**) **Firecracker** Red/Orange  
Excellent Condition  
\$550 OBOI can be reached at 281-804-6412  
Mark Anderson

**Dawn Trakker** for sale in San Marcos.  
\$200.00 or best offer. I can email a picture of it.Tom Pope  
[tom\\_r\\_p@lycos.com](mailto:tom_r_p@lycos.com)

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## Welcome New Members

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Sign at Bay Area Park Boat Ramp

American Rivers ♦ Environmental Defense ♦ National Wildlife Federation ♦ San Marcos River Foundation ♦ Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter

Embargoed Until  
April 2, 2002, 6:00 a.m. Eastern

Serena McClain, Eric Eckl  
(202) 347-7550  
More contacts below

Texas' Guadalupe River is one of America's most endangered rivers

*The future of the river hinges on protecting instream flows*

**2002 America's Most Endangered Rivers report and supporting photos -**

[www.americanrivers.org](http://www.americanrivers.org)

(Washington, DC) - Today, American Rivers named Texas' Guadalupe River as one of the nation's Most Endangered Rivers for 2002, citing the risk of increased state-authorized water diversions that would reduce river flows to two Texas bays, seriously threatening fish and wildlife. At a series of press conferences and other events today, American Rivers and dozens of local and national partner organizations announced the annual list of the nation's most endangered rivers, placing the Guadalupe at the #10 spot on the list of 11.

"If the state of Texas doesn't take action to ensure that water keeps flowing in the river, existing and proposed diversions could dewater the river and deprive San Antonio Bay and Aransas Bay of needed fresh water. These flows are critical both to the health of the environment and to the continuation of economically significant activities, such as recreational and commercial fishing, birdwatching, and related tourism," said American Rivers President Rebecca R. Wodder.

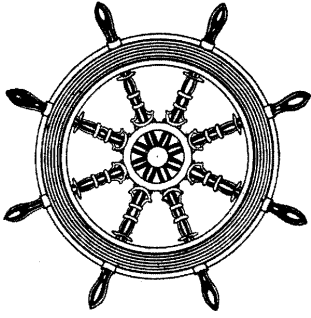
A new state water plan adopted in January proposes numerous dams, pipelines, and other diversion projects with little consideration for the amount of water needed for healthy rivers and coastal bays. The threat facing the Guadalupe River is particularly imminent. Plans are in place to pump more water from Canyon Lake, build a reservoir that captures the flows of the Guadalupe near the coast, and to convert unused irrigation rights to municipal use, which would take water just above Guadalupe Bay and pump it 170 miles to San Antonio.

Responding to that threat, a Texas conservation organization, the San Marcos River Foundation, has filed an application for a water right guaranteeing that a reasonable amount of water will be left in the river. Should the Foundation secure the permit, it will donate the rights to a state water trust to ensure that the water stays in the river to reach the estuaries. Unfortunately, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, which has applied for new rights to divert water from the River to sell to other users, has filed a motion with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to dismiss the Foundation's application.

"Texas water regulations provide for the protection of instream water rights," said the Foundation's Dianne Wassenich. "We are hoping to protect this beautiful river and San Antonio and Aransas Bays, which mean so much to Texans. We also want to set a precedent for river protection in the state."

As the Guadalupe flows into the Gulf of Mexico, its fresh water nourishes San Antonio and Aransas Bays, which support commercial and recreational fisheries worth an estimated \$575 million each year and are home to the endangered whooping crane. If current water rights holders exercised their full allocations, freshwater flows from the Guadalupe would only be sufficient to support healthy estuaries less than half the time. "Both people and wildlife can benefit from the protection of river flows," said Dr. Norman Johns, a water resources scientist with the National Wildlife Federation. "The future of commercial and recreational fishing and tourism, and the people those industries support, are intertwined with the whooping crane because they all depend on fresh water reaching the estuaries."

The requested conservation water right would be junior to all of the other water rights that have been granted in the basin and will not hinder the region's economic growth. San Antonio and the surrounding areas have a range of options to meet their water needs, including purchasing rights from existing permit holders, funding irrigation efficiency measures, and undertaking additional conservation. Most of these options would be less expensive than piping Guadalupe River water uphill from the mouth of the river to the city.



## *From The Helm:* by Kevin Casement, Purser

When I became an HCC Officer this year and this idea came up for each of the Officers to write a piece for the newsletter relating to their positions, I was asking myself "What in the world can I as the Purser write about for a whole article. I mean....what can a person really say about money and the management of it? Well a lot actually, but that type of stuff is really kind of boring to most people I figure and this is supposed to be a club about paddling.

So let's keep it simple. Basically all YOU as members have to do to help ME as Purser is to SHOW ME THE MONEY!!! I love taking IN money. Have to pay your dues? SHOW ME THE MONEY! Want to make a donation? SHOW ME THE MONEY! Now I really don't like to pay OUT money, but you know we do have bills now and then we need to pay to keep this 'ol ship running smoothly and to provide our members with such things as this valuable newsletter.

Speaking of keeping this ship afloat, this is done largely through the collection of member dues. If we assume that we have about 300 members (which is about how many newsletters get sent out monthly), the dues basically cover the cost of the printing and mailing of the newsletter, phone service (the HCC Hotline), and administrative costs.

As most of you also know, traditionally the Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous event that the club puts on annually has, on average, provided considerable additional income that we have been able to use to make donations to various education and conservation organizations such as the Texas Rivers Protection Association, Galveston Bay Foundation, American Canoe Association, and others.

Now back to those member dues for a moment. In case you forgot, member dues are to be paid annually in January. We try to remind you in advance through this newsletter and give you a form on the back page that you can send in with your check. Usually we are nice if you are a little late on the payment and let it slide a few weeks, but if it's after January 31 and you find you can't access the newsletter on the HCC website (or if you get a pop-up message when you try that tells you that you haven't paid your dues), well then that's a clue that you need to send me a check. Of course if you stop receiving this newsletter (like all those people who haven't paid up yet and aren't reading this), then that would be another clue.

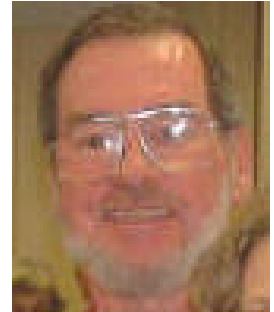
Now some people may wonder what the advantages are of being in the club and paying dues. Well, aside from the obvious things like hearing about (and going on) a lot of wonderful paddling trips and getting this newsletter, there are many other benefits:

1. Being a part of the Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous! Okay....so I'm kind of partial to it having Chaired it one year, but if you haven't been involved in the planning and execution of it, you really should try. It can be a wonderful experience.
2. The annual HCC Christmas party! Gotta love those slide shows choreographed with music that our members put together. And where else do you get to compete with other people to build the tallest Christmas tree out of humans and balloons?!
3. Community service. Boy do we know how to pick up trash! And there is certainly no shortage of it. As users of our waterways, we like to paddle in trash free places, so an important part of what we can do as paddlers is to participate in the various clean-ups around Houston and the Hill Country for example. Just watch out for those snakes hidden in the trash in the trees. (Louis!)

Well, looks like I have about taken up a page here, so I'll wrap this up. Lastly, if there is anything I can do for you or if you have questions about what I do, please ask. I'd be happy to be of service to you.

## Who Be These People? - Skip Rathberger, Membership committee

1. Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in Fort Worth, TX, a third generation Texan.
2. Are you married, have children In April, 1957 I married my college sweetheart, shortly before I graduated from TCU. We have three children and two grand children. They all live in Texas and are always happy to join us at the ranch at Lake Buchanan when ever they can fit it into their schedules, so we see a lot of them.
3. Where educated and degree? I went to college at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth. In June of 1957 I received a BA in Commercial Illustration with a minor in Education, then in January, 1958, I received a BA in Math with a Physics minor. I wanted to be an engineer but since TCU did not have an engineering school, I thought I would like to teach if I couldn't engineer.
4. Previous occupations? Using my math and physics training, I entered the new field of semiconductor (transistor) electronics and joined a company in Houston converting their vacuum-tube equipment to transistors. We moved to Houston in early 1958 and have lived here all but 3 1/2 years since. I worked for NASA and several oil-related electronics companies designing instrumentation and computers. My son and I started our own industrial computer company in the early 1990's and we provide computers for medical and industrial applications, and underwater research.
5. Present occupation – Presently I am part owner and Engineering Vice President of Microbus, Inc. This is my retirement position doing what I enjoy, working with electronic/computer design problems. And I have a flexible schedule that lets me kayak and/or travel pretty much when I feel the urge.
6. Other places lived, how long in Houston. I have lived in the Houston since 1958 except for 3 1/2 years in the mid-60's when I returned to Fort Worth.
7. How did you become involved with HCC? I learned to canoe in the late 40's at several boys' camps on the Guadalupe near Kerrville. I had my own canoe (rebuilt early 'glass boat) and paddled the rivers and lakes around Ft. Worth. Then I took up sailing and gave up canoeing until the mid 90's when I started renting canoes to paddle at Lake Buchanan where we have a small ranch. My daughter (who worked at REI-Austin at that time) convinced the family I should have a kayak to better handle the sometimes windy conditions on the lake, so I was given a tandem kayak as a surprise Christmas gift. I had never been in a kayak in my life, so I looked for an organization to teach me how to paddle a kayak; and REI recommended I visit HCC. I did and joined immediately. Now, three years later I am having a great time paddling and have just completed the Basic Paddling Instructor's certification. I hope to complete Flat Water and Open Water this next summer.
8. What is your favorite type and place to paddle? I most enjoy paddling where there is lots of wild life and good scenery with mostly flat water. I do a lot of paddling at Lake Buchanan but I like to do Lake Charlotte, the east Texas rivers and swamps, and here in Houston I paddle at Armand Bayou and practice on Oyster Creek every chance I get. I have taken quite a few classes with Karen Knight and Bob Foote in the past year that have improved my paddling skills tremendously. Now after three years I have four kayaks; two sea kayaks, a tandem and a solo rec kayak, so I plenty of room for all the new paddlers in my family, my children and my grandchildren.
9. Do you have any other hobbies or outside activities? My wife and I take one and two week trips several times a year – some together and some individually with other groups. I am a scuba diver (Dive Master rating) and a very avid sailor, although recently both diving and sailing has taken a backseat to my new love, paddling.
10. Any other comments Joining HCC was the start of a great adventure which just gets better as I learn more about paddling, and where to paddle, and enjoy the friendships I have made since coming into the club. I am an officer in the Houston Association of Sea Kayakers (H.A.S.K.) and often paddle with them also.





# Camp Hudson on Buffalo Bayou

By Louis F. Aulbach and Linda C. Gorski

A few weeks ago, after we wrote the article about Camp Hudson on the Devil's River, Mark Andrus asked us if we knew of the Camp Hudson on Buffalo Bayou.

Of course, we have been researching this book on Buffalo Bayou for nearly two years, but...Camp Hudson?

Mark went on to tell us about his participation in boy scout campouts at this Camp Hudson. We looked on an old Houston street map of the 1950's, and there it was. Camp Hudson on Buffalo Bayou.

Subsequent street maps from the 1970's and 1980's did not show the camp. Instead, Briarforest Drive cut diagonally through the property from Memorial Drive on the north side of the bayou to the Briarforest Drive extension on the south side.

Camp Hudson was given to the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts in 1925 by E. A. Hudson, who owned the Hudson Furniture Company located at 711 Travis St. Hudson was president of the council for 10 years, and he was elected President Emeritus in 1932.



*Hudson Courts, a gated residential community on Briarforest Drive on the site of the former Camp Hudson.*

The camp property comprised about 100 acres in the heavily wooded area along the banks of Buffalo Bayou. By 1957, the camp had been developed with a training center and other scouting facilities.

By the 1970's, the suburbs had encroached on the Memorial area. The camp no longer seemed remote and in the country. Civilization and housing built up around the site. In 1973, the boy scouts sold the property that was Camp Hudson.

As a reminder of its past, the name of Camp Hudson remains in the names of the residential developments along Briarforest Drive in the area of the former camp. Two of these are Hudson Forest and Hudson Courts.

We are grateful to Mark for his information on Camp Hudson. He has promised to provide us with stories and photos of his camp days on the bayou for inclusion in our book on Buffalo Bayou. If any of you have similar knowledge and experiences along Buffalo Bayou, please share them with us. We would love to include your stories and photos of this unique resource.

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Hudson Forest emblem on the gates of the community on the north side of Buffalo Bayou at the Briarforest Drive bridge.

## Want to Go Paddling? Here are the HCC Trips as well as other activities

**5/4-5/02 The Bayou Beckons 2002** - Featuring the 31st Annual Buffalo Bayou Regatta, 2nd Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival, Anything That Floats Parade and School of Fish Education Pavilion. For information call the Buffalo Bayou Partnership at 713-752-0314.

**5/8/02 HCC Monthly Meeting** -Wednesday- Red Cross Bldg. 2700 SW Frwy just west of Kirby. Speaker will be Mark Kramer who will discuss Armand Bayou

**5/11/02 Medina River Cleanup** - The Lake Medina Conservation Society is looking for groups to join in the annual Medina River Cleanup. Donna Grimes would like the club to adopt a section of river. Contact Donna for more details at 713-728-1645 or [donna.grimes@mindspring.com](mailto:donna.grimes@mindspring.com)

**5/24-27/02 Ouachita River** - Spend two days paddling the Ouachita River through the Ouachita National Forest along this beautiful stretch of river just west of Hot Springs, AR. Class I and II rapids will add excitement to this 15 to 20 mile trip. For more details contact Malynda Richardson at 713-864-9665 or [rio\\_rat@hotmail.com](mailto:rio_rat@hotmail.com)

**5/27/02 The Columbus Loop** - Come paddle the Colorado River in Columbus - the famous 6 mile paddle with the 1 mile shuttle. For all the details contact Fraser Baker at 713-466-7906 or [fraser@pobox.com](mailto:fraser@pobox.com)

**6/1-2/02 Kerrville Folk Festival & Paddle** - What a great combination! Paddle during the day and listen to folk music at night! Contact Bill Grimes at [donna.grimes@mindspring.com](mailto:donna.grimes@mindspring.com) or 713-728-1645 for complete details.

**6/22-23/02 Kids Paddle** - Back by popular demand, an opportunity for adults to be kids as KIDS RULE in a float down the San Marcos. Paddle, swim, jump from rope swings and splash each other. There will be a group dinner and entertainment that night. For details, contact Donna Grimes at 713-728-1645 or [donna.grimes@mindspring.com](mailto:donna.grimes@mindspring.com)

**Looking for more paddling opportunities? Check the links.**

**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.*

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**Galveston Bay Foundation events** (these are NOT HCC events but are of great interest to HCC members. There may be a fee for these)

**5/4 Clear Creek Canoe trip**- explore the hidden beauties of Clear Creek- GBF- fee- 281-332-3381

**6/1 Cypress Wonderland** canoe expedition in Wallisville area- explore the largest cypress swamp on the Texas Coast- GBF- fee- 281-332-3381

**6/15 Urban Wilderness Canoe Armand Bayou/Horsepen Bayou**- learn about the history and ecology of these bayous on this leisurely tour. GBF- fee-281-332-3381



# Top Ten Reasons to Join the American Canoe Association

By Kevin Casement

As many of us know, we are designated as a Paddle America Club of the American Canoe Association (ACA). What this means for you is that as a member of the Houston Canoe Club (HCC), you are eligible for reduced membership rates in ACA.

**Individual memberships: \$15; Family memberships: \$20.**

Joining is easy. If you have never joined before, you can join through the HCC when you first become a member. We take care of notifying the ACA. After you join the first time, the ACA will invoice you annually when your dues are to be paid, which you then pay directly to the ACA. If you have never joined the ACA before but are a current member of the HCC, ask us for the ACA Membership form. We will send you the form that still allows you to join the ACA at the reduced rate. Then you just send in the form to us along with a check payable to HCC noting it is for ACA membership, and we will treat it like you are joining the ACA for the first time and take care of it all.

So why join the ACA? Below are the top ten reasons!

- 10. Access to the ACA's Sugar Island!** Sugar Island is in the heart of the Thousand Islands in Gananoque, Ontario, and is privately owned by the ACA. Annually in late July/early August a whole bunch of ACA member paddlers get together up there to have some paddling fun for a few days. It is of course also open year round to ACA members and lots of campsites are available. While I have never been there....it sounds like a great place to get away.
- 9. Insurance:** The ACA provides insurance to clubs like ours to protect us (and you!) when we do trips as well as when we put on the Rendezvous. In addition, if you are not an ACA member, you cannot lead an HCC sponsored trip and to participate in one if you are not an ACA member, you will be required to pay \$5/trip (after a few "freebies").
- 8. Support them** because they support us! The ACA sanctions the Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous and annually provides \$1000 to us for the event. In addition, they are advocates for many issues from environmental protection (see #6 below) to increasing and preserving paddler access to our nation's waterways.
- 7. Learn about conservation and waterway protection issues.** For those of you that like to get involved with protection of our watery environment, the ACA is one of the organizations at the forefront of protecting these valuable resources. And where else can you get a really cool t-shirt of a mosquito riding a jet ski giving us and our waterways A REALLY BAD BUZZ!
- 6. The ACA Newsletter**, the American Canoeist! Now what could be better than getting not only the fine information filled HCC newsletter, but also the ACA Newsletter. In it you can learn about upcoming ACA sponsored and sanctioned events around the country, paddling instructor opportunities, news about the various ACA Divisions, conservation issues and MORE!
- 5. Instruction!** Do you have the teaching bug in you? Many of our members do and are certified ACA instructors in various disciplines. If you have the ability and desire to teach, the ACA is the most recognized organization in the paddlesports industry that offers every kind of paddling instructor courses you can think of.

4. You get a cool **glossy magazine**! Did you know when you join the ACA you get your choice of Paddler or American Whitewater magazine absolutely FREE! How many magazines these days can you get for \$15 or \$20 annually?? For those of you like me who can't seem to find enough time to get to all those places you really want to go paddle, these mags provide a virtual reality (and legal!) trip or two. And of course there is always the "Oooo....I wanna go there!" exclamation when reading about all the great places to paddle.
3. **Discounts on Books and Videos!** ACA members get discounts on every item in the ACA library, including books on instruction, adventure, and reference. In addition, there are many videos also available including three new safety videos on Whitewater Kayaking, Coastal Kayaking, and Whitewater Rafting. While I don't think they have Deliverance there, we could maybe create our own version for consideration. I hear we have a lead actor who's already tried out for the part!
2. Need a new **car**? Like Subaru's? Well if so, the ACA and Subaru have a new **purchase incentive** plan available to members only where you can get a discount on a fine Subaru. And for every Subaru purchased by an ACA member under this program, Subaru makes a special donation to the ACA Conservation Program.

And the **number ONE** reason to join the American Canoe Association:

**Discounts on Gear!** Did you know that ACA members get 15% off all products at [www.Outdoorplay.com](http://www.Outdoorplay.com), or that if you are an ACA Instructor you can get pro deals on certain gear (currently deals on Extrasport PFDs). If you are a gear head like me (which by the way I don't recommend....it gets expensive over time! ☺ ) this is great. But even if you are not a gear head, we all need to replace gear from time to time and every little savings here and there helps.

So there you have it.....all the reasons you will ever need to become a member of the ACA. So what are you waiting for???? **JOIN NOW!**

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## American Canoe Association Membership Application

(For Houston Canoe Club members that are joining the ACA for the first time)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (*write clearly*): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ACA Individual Membership      \$15.00

ACA Family Membership      \$20.00

**Make checks payable to return to:**

Houston Canoe Club  
P O Box 925516  
Houston, TX 77292-5516

Membership in the Houston Canoe Club makes you eligible for a special discount on membership in the **American Canoe Association** (ACA).

ACA offers new members a subscription to Paddler magazine, The American Canoeist, discounts on books, instruction, events, and races. It is highly recommended (but not required) that one joins ACA

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## The Bayou Beckons ( Buffalo Bayou Regatta)

**Dates:** May 4 – 5

**Place:** Buffalo Bayou's Sesquicentennial Park in downtown Houston  
(race begins at the San Felipe Bridge and ends in Park)

**Events:** Buffalo Bayou Regatta's largest canoe and kayak race  
Anything that Floats Parade  
Styrofoam Cup – river cleanup event  
Picnic in the Park Party ( following the race)  
School of Fish Education Pavilion  
**Sun.** Houston Dragon Boat Festival

### HCC Members:

We have always helped with this event as sweep boats, safety, registration, etc. Contact Bob Scheffler to be on part of the HCC helping crew.  
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## Armand Bayou Trash Bash 2002 Site Report

The Trash Bash was perfect. We had almost 300 volunteers, including 27 from the Houston Canoe Club. Observers noted that more canoes were launched this year than last, however, no official counts were made. Armand Bayou Nature Center and Galveston Bay Foundation had canoes available to the public on a first come, first served basis.

Registration was held under the pavilion at Bay Area Park. Separate registration tables were set up for each category of volunteer including the Houston Canoe Club. Another table for gloves and bags was manned by volunteers and yet another table had a general display about the Trash Bash with sponsor and event details.

The volunteers cleaned shoreline from the shore and from canoes on the water. Most had returned to the launch site by 11:30 AM. The 30 yard roll-off was full this year and 19 tires were placed along side the roll-off. A plastic 55 gallon drum was brought in empty. Two other drums were noted on a map, but not brought

in to the roll-off. Several large appliances and a lawn mower were also brought in. The most unusual "find" of the event was a 9mm automatic pistol. It was found by an adult just outside the park boundary in a swale which ran adjacent to the park. A Pasadena police officer was called to handle the disposition of the gun.



*Chet Tigard, Janice Frels, Skip Rathberger, Mary Carter, Lillian Tigard, and John Bartos, a few of the many HCC members to help with the trash bash*

The Armand Bayou Nature Center Greenhouse was the site for the other festivities. They included entertainment by the Bayou-philiacs, childdog lunch, and educational displays. All volunteers were invited to

attend the "Down on the Farm" event which was taking place, concurrently, at the Nature Center. The lunch was cooked and served by Boy Scout troop 224. Music was provided from noon to 1:00 PM. Door prizes were awarded at 12:45 PM.

Thanks to all the Houston Canoe Club volunteers who made this year's Armand Bayou Trash Bash a great success.



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***May 8th Speaker:***  
***"Paddling in the Houston  
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*Mark Kramer, Naturalist at  
Armand Bayou, will provide  
information and pictures of  
the paddling opportunities  
at the Armand Bayou.*