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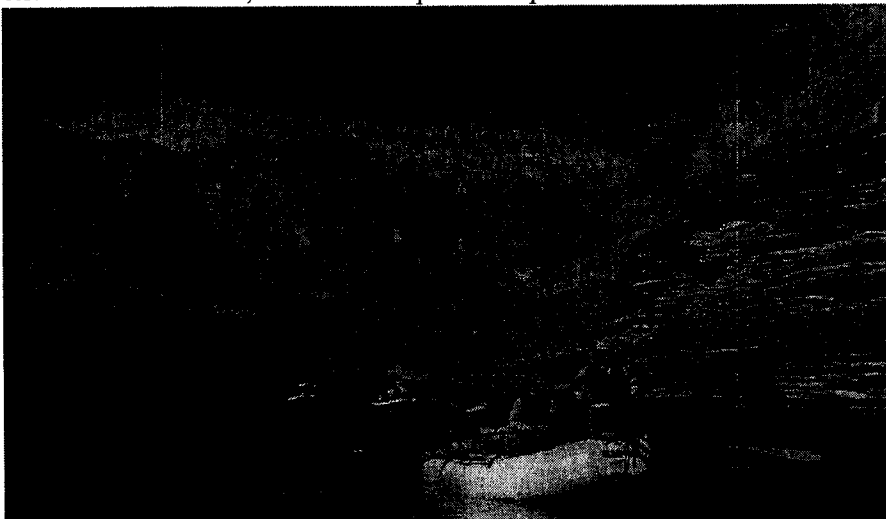
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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

FEB 22 GENERAL MEETING

Part One: Ben Harris will give a slide presentation on a private trip consisting of mostly Alaskans (including some long time KCK members) down the Colorado River. Hear about their 21 day trip down 225 miles of the river from Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek. To the extent there is time, Ben will respond to questions.



Part Two: Mary Price will share the results of a US Fish and Wildlife restoration project on Moose Creek near Chickaloon.

Just in Case you missed it.

At the January General Meeting, several long time volunteers transitioned their responsibilities to new volunteers. The following transitioning volunteers were recognized with a plaque for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the club. Some of the volunteers have been helping the club for over 20 years!!!!

- Kelly Tjaden
- Keith Hawkings
- Marv Copley
- Brenda Wolfer
- Terry Kelly
- Opie Combs
- Marti Engebretsen
- Lyle Anderson

2007 Calendar

FEB 2007

- 6..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM,
..... BP Energy Center
- 22 General Membership
Meeting, 7:00PM,
Loussac Library Theater

MAR 2007

- 6..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center
- 16 General Membership
Meeting, 7:00PM,
Loussac Library Theater

APR 2007

- 3..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center
- 12 Safety Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac
Library Theater. CLASS
SIGNUPS @ 6:30PM

Eddyline notes available at
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/

Some Safety Tips:

- **Check your safety gear**
- **Leave a Trip Plan with others**
- **Know the abilities of participants as well as yourself**
- **It is your responsibility to stay within your level of experience**
- **Be prepared for all kinds of weather**
- **Consider Emergency Communications needs (Flares, laser, sat phone)**

Summary of KCK 2/1/07 Board Meeting

- Board members present: Carl, Randy, Kathy L, Alden, Luci, Jim s and Eric. Non Board members attending included Eddyline Editor Richard.
- The Board minutes from the previous meeting were read and with a few corrections accepted.
- The Board discussed what the policies should be regarding Commercial Business policies. This includes use of the Eddyline, advertisements and website links and whether the KCK should prepare a list of water related websites. After a brief discussion it was decided that, while the Board wants to support water related businesses, the club would not endorse the use of any businesses and that club members were encouraged to ask other club members or Board members for their experiences regarding any businesses that may be found. Eric agreed to draft a Commercial Business Policy for the Board to review that would address the following items that the Board should consider- Education, Knowledge, availability of services and the price (if any) a business should pay for a link on the KCK website.
- Carl indicated that REI wants to coordinate with the KCK on Canoe/Paddle Day which will be held at Goose Lake on June 9. This is a day where people, new to the sport, can try out equipment under supervised conditions.
- Kathy and Carl discussed having the club contribute toward the fees associated with advanced training for class instructors.
- Kathy had sent trip planning information to most members of the Board and interested parties and asked for comments.
- The annual safety meeting at Loussac will take place on 4/12/07 at 7PM with class signups starting at 6:30PM. Eric will help coordinate. Randy indicated he would help with presentations and that he had done most of the presentation components in the past. Randy indicated the intent was to deal with general water sports issues (eg trip planning, navigation, crossings, cold water immersion currents, winds etc) at the safety meeting and leave specifics to the classes for each sport. Kathy is preparing a safety booklet that will be available. She indicated the booklet currently is focused on sea kayaking and canoeing and is looking for additional information for other sports.

EDDYLINE

Knik Canoers and Kayakers is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, canoeists and rafters. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddlesports in Alaska.

Eddyline article submissions:

Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at

Display advertising:

Contact Richard Sepersky at
Paddling hotline: (events and trips):
566-1554

New Member? Sign up for the Eddyline. This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device.

www.kck.org. Also
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/

This site has a list of historical emails and other useful info

Officers and Contacts:

President: Carl Persson

Vice President: Kathy Luchsinger

Secretary: Randy Knauff

Alt. Secretary: Luci Davis

Treasurer: Alden Worachek

Other Board members:

- Jim Davis
- Eric Downey

Membership:

Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:

Richard Sepersky

Program Coordinator:

Eric Downey (Info above)

Webmaster:

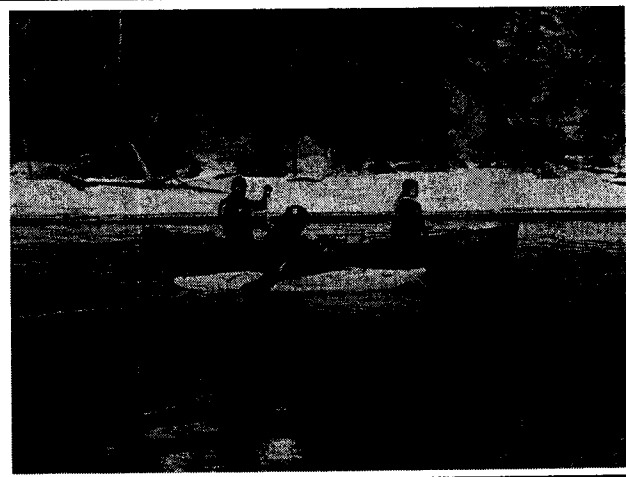
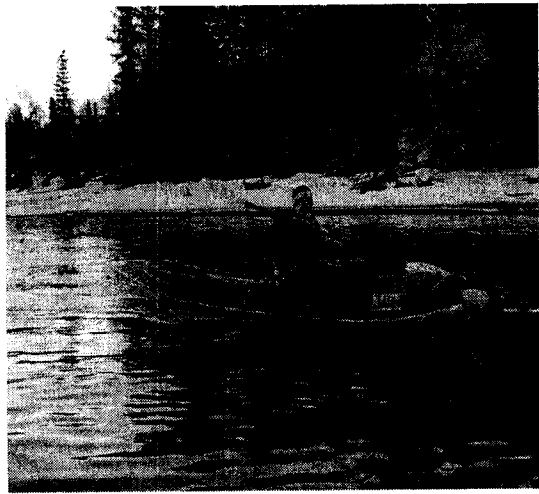
Terry Kelly

Summary of KCK 2/1/07 Board Meeting

Eric wants to improve the take home information since some attendees will not attend the follow-up classes. Eric agreed to develop the agenda and mail it around.

- Jim agreed to insure that club meeting notices are placed in the ADN and other local papers. Luci will coordinate door prizes.
- Randy and Carl agreed to coordinate getting instructors for the spring classes. They have already been in contact with many people that have the skills to teach the classes.
- Randy suggested short refresher classes for the club members.
- Carl indicated he thought the club should better liaison with others with an interest in water activities to insure the club is made aware and involved in decisions that may greatly impact the sport in the area. One example he gave was the decision by DNR to prevent Miller's landing from constructing at kayak camp at Thumbs Cove which would have restricted public access to a portion of the beach. Many club members submitted comments to the DNR.
- The issue of having a swap meet at one of the potlucks was raised but tabled for future discussion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Right above your address your membership expiration is noted. All 2006 expirations will stop receiving this newsletter after March. Please remember to renew so you can get the KCK member list coming out in the spring.



These pictures are from the Kenai River Trip that took place Feb 4 2007. According to Jack Mosby, the temperature was about 20 degrees and everyone that attended had a great time. Thanks for sending in the pictures Jack!
Have a trip you want to tell us about? Send in a short description (where, when, who, how many etc) along with a bright picture or two to the Eddyline Editor.

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW-That KCK has 248 dues payer members. One dues payer may be an individual or a family. Thanks for keeping up your membership!!!!

HEY YOU!!!! Get Involved

As the KCK starts its general sessions again, the Board assesses what volunteer opportunities are available. While it does not take much time, it does take effort to organize meetings and hold club events. The following opportunities may be available:

- **Class instructors-** Help others get trained on how to safely enjoy the sport we love so much. It is very rewarding and it is so important people get proper instruction and understand how to safely enjoy water sports. There are certain requirements for the trip leaders due to the KCK trip insurance policy.
- **Club Trips-** KCK sponsors club trips during the summer. The trips require leaders and helpers. There are certain requirements for the trip leaders due to the KCK trip insurance policy.

If you are interested in finding out what is involved in taking on any of these responsibilities, let any Board member know. The club cannot function without the ongoing active involvement of active club participants.



Here is a picture of the winter solstice picnic some club members enjoyed on Dec 17 at the North Fork of Eagle River. We enjoyed a short stroll in plus two degree temps to the bank of the river using sleds carrying all of our comforts. The outing was concluded in a nearby hot tub.

The cast of brave souls included: Fran Hall, Bob Nanney, Dirk Buys, Jack Mosby, Keith & Holly Hawkings, and John Luckina with his dogs. Thanks John for the picture.

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2-07 Membership application		BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced					
		Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1							
Name #2							
Name #3							
Name #4							
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Household (\$15) ___ Renewal ___ New Member		WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities. Signed Person 1 Date:..... Signed Person 2 Date:..... Signed Person 3 Date:..... Signed Person 4 Date:.....					
___ Check if interested in participating in group trips							
Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____							
___ Check if you do not want your name/phone in annual KCK directory:							
VOLUNTEER INTERESTS Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK: ___ Help with anything ___ Membership database ___ Lead trips ___ Meeting presentation Eddyline newsletter ___ Instruction ___ Help with mailings ___ Safety clinics ___ Write stories/articles							
Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers & Kayakers P.O. Box 242861 Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861		IMPORTANT: <u>Each</u> adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign</u> for each minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					