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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

JANUARY 28 GENERAL MEETING

Jim Strutz will start with a short talk about his trip with a group of friends last summer. They camped in the Copper Center area for most of a week and did several one day trips on the Klutina, Tonsina and Lowe Rivers. They all have a little whitewater and are quite fun. He'll have information on shuttles, put-ins, take outs, where the rapids are, camping and parking fees, and what they can expect if someone decides to do any or all of these.

Then hear about a trip down the Chitina and Copper Rivers from McCarthy to Cordova. Again with practical info on what to expect on the river, available campsites, shuttle options, put-in and take out, shuttling options to Cordova, and the ferry to either Whittier or Valdez.

Sorry the Fire Department had to cancel their River Rescue Presentation

Unfortunately Karl of the Eagle River Rescue is on leave due to an injury and will be unable to put on his river rescue presentation as originally scheduled. We all wish him a prompt recovery.

We have been able to arrange for a backup presentation. Unfortunately I did not receive the details by the time this had to go to the printers.

SO Be ready for a surprise.

KCK.org should have updated information.

2010 Calendar

JAN 2010

7..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

28 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

FEB 2010

4..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

25 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

MAR 2010

4..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

25 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

Interested in having the club help you pay for professional development?

The Board is interested in encouraging people to take leadership roles in club activities as well as promoting safety education. To further those goals the club will pay up to \$100 to those members that take recognized outdoor professional development training. The applicant must approach the Board and the award of the scholarship will be on a case by case basis. Think of this as your chance to help the club and learn something that could save a life!

Summary of KCK 1/7/2010 Board Meeting

- Board members Eric, Jim, Luci (proxy for Keith), Dan and Marv along with non Board members Richard attended the meeting.
- Eric indicated there was a high level of interest in becoming Board members. 3 people that were not at the November Pot Luck had indicated an interest in either becoming a new Board member or remaining a Board member. If all of them remain interested, the Board will consist of 8.
- Changes to the By Laws were approved by the members at the November General Meeting. The By Laws will be posted at www.kck.org.
- Eric indicated reservations for the year were made at the Library. (Editorial comment –Hurrah!!!)
- The Board voted on officers. Eric remained President. Keith was elected VP and Jim was elected Secretary/Treasurer. It was noted that if any non present Board member wished to take on an officer role, that would be considered at a future meeting.
- Past volunteers have agreed to continue to devote their valuable time to the club.
- Keith had developed a great list of presenters for the upcoming year.
- Last year Dave Sanders of the Forest Service indicated he was looking for volunteer laborers to help develop harden sites to allow for better camping at various locations. The Board discussed some potential sites, but elected to wait for Dave to address the Board in March to get the particulars and options he had in mind. The Board indicated it thought that smaller sites were preferable.
- Richard indicated he had reserved the BP Energy Center for the next several Board meetings: 2/4, 3/4, and 4/1.
- This years Safety Meeting is 4/15. Marv indicated he (and hopefully Keith) would co-lead the effort.
- The club still needs volunteers to help in many areas (see next page). Don't forget there is the scholarship offered for taking significant volunteer roles in the club (any instructors out there?)
- The budget was briefly discussed. Some of the items mentioned were support of the 6 mile paddlefest, the Park Service camp hardening (eg providing lunches, drinks etc since it is believed the Park Services provides transportation, tools, materials), newsletter, BBQ and room rentals.

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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, rafters, pacrafters, and canoeists. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska. NOTE: Some classes are offered by commercial vendors and NOT offered by the KCK.
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 Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at akrichard@gci.net
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 Contact Richard Sepersky

New Member? Sign up for the Eddylist list server
<http://kck.org/listserver.html> . 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 check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Ala_ska/
 This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

Board and Contacts:

President: Eric Downey

VP: Keith Hawkings

Treasurer/Secretary: Jim Davis

Other Board members:

- Dan Schubert
- Marv Copley
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Program Coordinator:
 Keith Hawkins(Info above)

Webmaster:
 Marv Copley (Info above)

Non Board Contacts Membership:
 Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:
 Richard Sepersky

Checkwriter: Alden Worachek

Board Meeting Summary Continued

These changes reduce the minimum size of the Board, institutes a requirement for a membership vote in certain instances on a single expenditure over \$2000 and changes the timing to when the newly elected Board select the club officers to immediately after their election at the November General Meeting.

You on the Board???

I am embarrassed to inform you that I believe there are additional Board members not listed on the masthead. I have not been able to contact Steve S. and Rebecca T.

Eric indicated he thought you had agreed to be on the Board and that you were voted in at the General Meeting which you could not attend. Before your name is published we wanted to make sure:

- You want to accept this great honor.
- We need to know the contact information (if any) you want published on the Eddyline.

Please contact the Eddyline editor or Eric.

Alaska Kayak School.com Winter Kayaking Skills Courses @ East High School Pool February 13-14, March 14-15, April 10-11, 24-25. Youth Kayaking Skills, Kayak Basics, Beyond Kayak Basics; Sculling, Bracing and Rolling, Sea Kayak Safety and Rescue April 11 & 25. **Multi-day Sea Kayaking skills Courses:** Sea Skills@ Halibut Cove: Apr 30-May 2, May 7-9 & 21-23, ACA Day Trip Leader Assessment Course: May 13-16. 8th Kachemak Bay Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills Symposium: May 28-June 1. 2nd Whittier Whiplash: June 5-6. 2nd Kodiak Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills Symposium July 17-20. ACA Level 3 Coastal Kayak Instructor Training July 24-28, Kodiak.
(907) 235-2090 (Paid Advertisement)

What the KCK has in the works!!

The club has several speakers for future presentations. Here are some of the things being worked on.

- Brian & Jerry: Chilitna River in IKs
- Brian: Survival wilderness skills
- Andy from Fairbanks Paddlers: Interior Paddling
- Jim G: Interior paddling Chickaloon??
- Matt: Paddle to Seattle or thereabouts
- Paul: Sitka to Juneau

April 15: The Annual Safety Meeting. This is required for anyone that wished to take any class sponsored by the KCK.

(Hopefully no one has seen their name and doesn't know what the heck this is about).

Here is your chance to solve (in a small way) the lack of great camping sites when you go out.

Dave Sanders of the Federal Park Service will be coming to a club meeting to enlist volunteers to go out and using federal equipment and transportation, natural materials and YOUR labor will harden site(s). Wouldn't you like to know that someone is sleeping more comfortable based on something you help build? More details will be coming but psyche yourself up for this latest volunteer opportunity. You will not be sorry.

It's that time of year again! Membership Renewal Time!

Become FAMOUS. The club needs volunteers in the following areas:

- Grillmaster-Bring the grill, food and utensils to the BBQS. Need a freezer to store food.
- Asst Grillmaster
- Insurance Expediter: See to the paperwork needed to file the insurance forms needed for club sponsored classes and trips.
- Sergeant at Arms-Come a little early and see that the doors to Loussac are open.
- Conservation Advocate-keep aware of conservation and access issues that affect our members and keep the Board informed.
- Door Prize Finder-approach commercial ventures (many of which have donated in the past) and ask for door prizes in return for an announcement.

Can you Teach?

The club is looking for volunteers to teach classes in:

- Canoe
- Pac Raft
- Sea Kayaking
- IK

The club can help you with helpers and paperwork support.

Also remember that last year the Board approved making scholarship awards to volunteers taking leadership roles (eg instructors of up to) \$100 toward the cost of taking recognized outdoor professional training such as wilderness first aid, Learn to Return, swiftwater rescue etc. Each scholarship request must be approved by the Board.

Get involved before we run out of volunteer opportunities!!! Contact Eric (President)

