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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

FEBRUARY 25 GENERAL MEETING

Brian DeMarcus will share the logistics, adventures and slides that he and his paddling partner Jerry Hupp had in Inflatable Kayaks on the Chulitna River on the 4th July weekend. The adventure started at the put in at mile 186 of the Parks Highway in the clear fast moving water of East Fork. It took them to the large glacial Chulitna River. The Chulitna River has a series of canyons, and much of it is a wide large braided glacier river, where the correct channel selection is critical, for a fun journey. The scenery is beautiful, the river has its intense moments, and on this trip 10 bears were seen how many were not seen.

Jerry Hupp will show slides he had taken of the San Juan River and Desolation Canyon in Utah.

The San Juan is a desert river in southern Utah this major tributary of the Colorado River flows west into Utah from the four-corner area. With its desert scenery and unique southwestern geology, there are lots of historical sites along the banks including ancient rock art in its meandering canyons.

Desolation Canyon is the deepest canyon in Utah in places 5,000 feet below the canyon rim. The trip through Desolation canyons is a whitewater trip; most of the 67 rapids are Class 11. The Canyon has been designated as a National Historic Landmark to preserve the setting of the John Wesley Powell expeditions.

Come hear about warm weather rafting on a cold winter night.

2010 Calendar

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

APR 2010

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

15 Safety Meeting, 6:00PM Class
Registrations, **Loussac Library**

22 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 2/4/2010 Board Meeting

- Eric was unable to attend the Board meeting at the last minute so the meeting was run by Keith.
- 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 club in March to get the particulars and options he had in mind. The Board indicated it thought that smaller sites were preferable.
- There was discussions regarding commercial use of the Listserver. Marv indicated there is a limit of 3 commercial emails/month allowed and that there is voluntary compliance. An email was sent to one commercial venture. There is some degree of grey regarding whether some of the communications are communications among participants versus commercial emails. Some members thought the emails were informative and helpful. This issue will be brought up at a General Meeting to see what members think.
- The Fire Department had to cancel a presentation on river rescues since the individual that made the commitment is on disability. Discussions centered around other options for this type of presentation such as the Coast Guard. Inquires will be made.
- This years Safety Meeting is 4/15. Marv indicated he and Keith would co-lead the effort. The group discussed options for various presentation topics concerning safety. Several previous presenters had already indicated an interest in participating in this years event. It is required that those taking classes attend the Safety Meeting (especially since class signup will be taking place just prior to the meeting!)
- 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?). Keith will contact some potential instructors. Some interest has already been communicated to the club for some of the classes.
- The cost of publishing the Eddyline newsletter was briefly discussed. The cost to print and mail the newsletter is approximately \$1700 per year. Some board members thought members appreciated the print version merely having it added to piles of other emails people get. It serves as a reminder of the meetings and other important events.
- The February presentations have been confirmed and March's presentations are mostly confirmed. In March the club will hear a brief presentation from Dave Sanders of the Forest Service regarding volunteering to harden a campsite. Andy Reynolds from the Fairbanks

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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.

Eddyline article submissions:
Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at akrichard@gci.net

Display advertising:
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_Alaska/
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

-Steve Shamburek

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

Paddling club will make a presentation. The final presenter must be confirmed by Keith.
-In the future only 1 door prize ticket will be handed out to each meeting attendee. Keith will buy a prize if one is needed.
-Alden will supply the club's 2008-2009 financial statements for publication in the February newsletter.

You on Board???

Welcome to all the new Board members this year!!!

Keith- Tried to make it as an active non Board member but just couldn't last. ☺ Welcome back to the Board!!

Steve- Steve has sea kayaked for years, rafted with others on the Gulkana and Kenai and is interested in IKs.

Dan- Dan is an active ocean kayaker, IKer and rafter! Everywhere there is water be on the lookout for Dan!

We are so glad you are participating!!
Also welcome back to all the reelected Board members:

Eric, Jim, and Marv.

Alaska Kayak School.com/calendar • 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. • **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. **(907) 235-2090** (Paid Advertisement)"

Can you Teach?

The club is looking for volunteers to teach classes:

- 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)

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 the March 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.

It's that time of year again! Membership Renewal Time! The April Newsletter is the last one you will receive if you are not a current member.

Advantages of membership include:

- This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter
- Summer BBQs (Free Food!!)
- The chance to take classes and learn new stuff
- Annual Member list (NOT on website)
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- Website
- List Server
- Discounts many outfitters, instructors and cabins
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out classes
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

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2-10 Membership application	BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced																																			
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