



Annual Meeting - Fun & Success

KCA 2002 Annual Meeting/Kayak Chapter party:
By Jackie Rawlings

There were five past presidents attending- Dave Redmon, TJ Hittle, Rex Replogle, Mick O'Shea and Cliff Long along with numerous Board members. With Pat and Bo Cullen, Jim Johnson, Brian Hammond and Rex and Renata

Replogle present, it really seemed like old times. Rex and Renata Replogle were long time Kansas residents and now live near Delta Colorado. They had received the KANSAS PADDLER Newsletter just a few days before and headed out for Kansas, thus winning the long distance award. Rex, long-time professor of art

at Kansas State University, designed the official KCA and Kayak Chapter logos now found throughout the newsletter.

It was agreed by all that the main goal was to find a president elect for 2003. Jackie Rawlings was nominated,

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On January 26th Jackie Rawlings and TJ Hittle hosted the KCA Annual meeting/ Kayak Chapter party. It was a great success. Over 25 people attended- not all members. Some were friends of members. Some were paddlers that are thinking of joining. The food and drink were great and were provided by the Kayak Chapter. The river stories were numerous and that is pretty typical of any gathering of the KCA. A slide-dissolve presentation on TJ's Southwest WW trip featuring a number of KCA members in some beautiful southwest Colorado and northwest New Mexico scenery capped the meeting.

A short annual meeting was held.



[Above: T.J Hittle & Jackie Rawlings (new KCA President Elect) welcome paddlers with their boat collection placed about the entry courtyard. Can you tell it's a Paddler Party?]
[Editor's Note In January 2003, Jackie will become the first woman President in KCA's 27 year history.]

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2002 KCA Rendezvous - May 18th-19th

by Kail Katzenmeier

This year's event will again be held at the Tuttle Creek River Pond Area, just 2 miles north of Manhattan, Kansas. The River Pond area is just below the dam and, because of its "no wake" designation, makes a superb location for flatwater paddling. This event promises to be one of the best KCA events of 2002 as it offers so much more than just a "float trip".

Arrival: Although official events won't begin until Saturday, the KCA site will be reserved beginning Friday evening. Feel free to come out early and take advantage of all that this park has to offer. For anyone interested in RV camping, electric sites are available but fill up quickly. You will not need a reservation if you plan on tent camping at the KCA reserved site but reservations are needed for RV sites. Contact Wildlife and Parks at 539-7941. Showers, restrooms, and potable water are all available in the park. You will need a \$5.00/day vehicle or annual permit.

Events: The festivities will begin at 9:30am Saturday the 18th with a short orientation meeting to review the schedule of activities. These include:

- * A local float trip in conjunction with National River Cleanup Week
- * A boating safety presentation
- * Hiking possibilities
- * Presentation by Wildlife and Parks / Americorps staff

"On Saturday night, the KCA will provide a main dish"

- * Huge potluck dinner - Saturday evening
- * Contests and awards

Food: Plan to bring your own food for the weekend. On Saturday night, the KCA will provide a main dish, and asks all participants to bring a side dish to share. Plan to bring an "easy to pack lunch" for Saturday as we are likely to be on the water.

Recreation: The River Pond area offers a wide range of recreation for the outdoor and paddling enthusiast. The "pond" is an 80-acre body of water broken up by a center island and numerous coves and channels. The entire area is designated "no wake", and motorcraft in general are a rarity. The fishing is good and walleye, catfish, and crappie are taken frequently. There are hiking possibilities nearby as well as a nice 18 hole frisbee golf course. Seen frequently throughout the area are eagles, deer, beaver, waterfowl, crocodiles, domesticated pet birds, and muskoxen.

[Editor's Note: crocodiles & muskoxen.....hmmmmmmmmmm...]

Be sure to contact the Event Coordinator to RSVP, Kail Katzenmeier at (785) 776-0964 or at: kailk@networksplus.net

Welcome New Members

Browne, David - Wichita, KS
Daughety, Ted & Laura - Topeka, KS
Fischer, Bill - Wichita, KS
Hamlin, Jim & Kaye - Wichita, KS
Muder, Joshua - Olathe, KS
Stamper, Woodie - Lansing, KS
Venturing - BSA Crew 820 -Wichita, KS
Waugh, Nancy & Bruce - Kansas City, MO
White, Anna Marie - Emporia, KS

Wednesday, June 19th. Shawnee Mission Lake. Meet at the boat ramp at 6:00 p.m. in the Shawnee Mission Park on the west side of Kansas City for a fun evening paddle around this very clean and family-friendly lake. Shawnee Mission lake is a very popular kayaking venue with lots of other families out and a great atmosphere for "messing around" in our boats. We'll paddle over to the "lost cove" and other interesting local spots.

Wednesday, June 26th. Clinton

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Kid's Paddling Chapter News

by Bill McClave

Summer 2002 Trip Schedule

The Kids Kayaking Chapter is planning two different summer paddling series. All trips are class I child-friendly and open for all parent/child teams wishing to join us! The **June Wednesday Evening Paddling Series** requires your own boats. An outfitter renting canoes is available for the June-September "**Full Moon Quick Strike Series.**" To join us, call or email program leaders Bill McClave (913-685-9221, wmcclav@yahoo.com), Dave Smith (912-681-1260, dsmith8879@aol.com), or Bill Cutler (785-379-9756, spudspa@aol.com). PFD's are required attire for all participants in all floats.

We will kick off the summer with a three-part "**June Wednesday Evening**

Paddle Series" in the Kansas City/Lawrence area. Meet-up time is 6:00 p.m. with a 1-hour paddle planned. Bring a snack and a drink and be prepared for a nice mid-week break with your family!

Wednesday, June 12th. The

Duckhead. Meet at the Dairy Queen at 6:00 p.m. at the Platte City exit off I-29 (just north of the KCI Airport). We will do an easy 2.2 mile paddle on the nearby Platte River. This trip gets its name from a unique feature of the Platte River. It bends around in the shape of Donald Duck with the result that we will put in on one side of the parking lot and take out on the other side of the parking lot. The river is very gentle and a great introduction for children just learning to paddle their own kayak. The requisite post-float DQ dessert stop (we're talking kids kayaking here) is planned.



2002 Activities Calendar

"KCA Members - we need your trips, so please share your knowledge"



There are more trips on the schedule that extend into late summer-fall. The KANSAS PADDLER Home Page contains the FULL trip and other activities that may not be listed in the KCA Newsletter; so check it out at: www.kansas.net/~tjhittle/

April - Call for dates -1 day - ACA Moving Water class or Whitewater class, \$15, Mick O'Shea or KCA, 604 Bertrand St, Manhattan KS 66502; (785)539-2279 or mjoshea@lycos.com

April 20 - Dagger Demo Day at Tuttle Creek River Pond, Manhattan, KS - Kansas River Outfitters; e-mail: kro@kansasriveroutfitters.com or 785-537-8300

April 21 - Dagger Demo Day at Mountain High, Inc., 10 am to whenever at O. J. Watson Park, Wichita, KS

Wichita, KS. Contact Andrea Pock, Mountain High (316) 684-6579 for directions or Jim Johnson (316) 264-0530

April 26,27 - KCA Novice Whitewater trip (Class III) Meet at the Lake Fort Smith campground in Mountainburg, AR on Friday. We plan to run Frog Bayou on Sat., water permitting and Lee Creek on Sunday. Contact Jim Johnson at (316) 264-0430 or email: rickerby@prodigy.net. If water levels are too low we will change the meeting place and river so check with Jim before you leave.

April 26-27 - Buffalo River, AR Camping at Steel Creek and/or Kyles Landing. Contact Ken Sanders for more details at (785-276-1296 or email: ks9391@sbc.com

Apr 27-28 - Republican River, Milford Wildlife area. [OWWC trip listed by Dave Redmon.] Contact Greg Hall. More at <http://hometown.aol.com/owwccanoecub>.

April 28 - Republican River from Milford Lake to Junction City. 5-6 mile Class I - Sunday afternoon. If there is a lot of interest during any certain month and the weather forecast is GOOD we could go on down to the Kansas River and end the trip at Manhattan. Call Erlene Slingsby (785) 632-2389 or email:

erldorothfrmks@yahoo.com

May 4-5 - Cinco de Mayo on Rio Kaw, 13 miles Perry to Lawrence, overnight camp-on-river. Amigos, por favor, don't forget what goes so well with lime wedges and salt. Contact Joe Hyde, riverat@hotmail.com

May 9 - Colorado River, CO; Shoshone run to Noname. Short run; Class 3-4; Charlie Wood, 435-259-1614 or BIGH2O@lasal.net

May 10-11 - Ruby - Horsethief, Class I; overnight on river camping - Marcia and I will supply raft support; Charlie Wood, 435-259-1614 or BIGH2O@lasal.net

May 12 - Westwater Canyon, Colorado River (have permit) - Class 3-4 - Mothers Day; Charlie Wood, 435-259-1614 or BIGH2O@lasal.net

May 14 - Moab Daily Run - Colorado River; Class 2 to 2+; Charlie Wood, 435-259-1614 or BIGH2O@lasal.net

May 15 - 18 - Moab to Spanish Bottom, take jet boat back upriver - Class 1 - Hike Dollhouse. See Charlie Wood (above)

May 19 - 21 - Cataract Canyon, could have big water (20,000 cfs); Class 4-5 - cancel over 20,000; permit pending upon interest; Charlie Wood, 435-259-1614 or BIGH2O@lasal.net

May 18-19 - **3rd Annual KCA Rendezvous** with lots of fun family events at Tuttle Creek State Park River Pond Area (Manhattan, KS). Meet Saturday at 9:30 AM at the KCA Shelter, Tuttle Creek State Park, just two miles North of Manhattan below the Tuttle Creek Reservoir Dam. This will also include the National River Clean-up event. Details in this newsletter w/updates on the KANSAS PADDLER Home Page. Contact the Event Coordinator to RSVP, Kail Katzenmeier at (785) 776-0964 or at: kailk@networksplus.net

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June 1 - Deadline for the summer issue of The KANSAS PADDLER Newsletter.

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June 19-23 Rogue River, Oregon, 38 miles, class III-IV (one V that can be run at less risk, either III or IV). Contact Cliff Long, clong@kscable.com or (316) 253-9216.

June 22 - June 30 Kansas River Outfitters - OZARK RIVER ROAD TRIP, 785-537-8300, kro@kansasriveroutfitters.com

June 22-23 - "Full Moon Quick Strike (Kaw Overnight) Series" - meet at Lawrence's Kaw River Oak Street put-in at 6:00 p.m. Call or email program leaders Bill McClave (913-685-9221, wmmclav@yahoo.com), Dave Smith (912-681-1260, dsmith8879@aol.com), or Bill Cutler (785-379-9756, spudspa@aol.com)

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The Kansas Canoe Association (KCA), organized April 26, 1975, is a Kansas Not-For-Profit Corporation. KCA is an organization of canoeists, kayakers, and rafters working together to promote river running and related activities. Various Chapters of KCA were established within KCA to help support the specific interests of Chapter members

KCA By-laws and our Outdoor Code can be found on the KANSAS PADDLER Home Page.

Area Paddler Takes a Lickin' & Keeps on Tickin'

By Dave Irvin - Ft. Scott, KS

First off - Yes I was wearing a helmet.

I was running the big chute at the Kaw [at I-435 in Kansas City, KS] and was arrogantly trying to catch a hero eddy halfway down. I missed and as a result hit the next big wave kind of off balance and flipped. I tucked fine and when I set up for my C to C (I should have used a sweep) I was open faced and felt a hard hit from the side. I figured it was just a hard hit to the helmet but when I got up I couldn't see out of my left eye. I felt pretty shaky and knew I had better get to shore before I passed out.

Shawn [Tolivar] and Kevin [Gilbert] were there in a flash and helped me steer to shore. I was pretty confused at that point, wasn't sure which river I was on. Shawn and Kevin stopped the bleeding, bandaged me, asked me my name, and managed to guide me up the hill to the cars.

According to the plastic surgeon,

apparently the blow was downward right above my eye and was hard enough to crush bone and chip off a piece of my



[Above: Dave Irvin - fresh off the mighty Kaw River after the rapids at I-435 had its way with him; Right: Dave on a better day running the Upper Tellico River, TN]

eye socket rim. It's separated by several centimeters and is bearing on the muscle around my eye. The cat scan showed the damage was

limited to the bone and a small tear in the muscle below. No brain damage allegedly. My name is Corran, right?

Thursday they are going to open the gash up again and reset the eye socket rim and put some titanium plates in to stabilize it. Many thanks to Shawn Tolivar and Kevin Gilbert for the cool quick response and having the right equipment to patch me up. I think I will start looking for a new more protective helmet and maybe a facemask. And being a little less cocky with the hero moves of course. Thanks again for the thoughts.



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July 4 - Join Kansas River Outfitters at the River Pond for a Paddle Jam, Scavenger, Hunt BBQ and the opportunity to win a new Kayak. How: Pre-registration required - \$25.00 per person entry Paddle Jam 11 am to 4 pm - BBQ & Awards 5 pm

Where: Tuttle Creek River Pond, Manhattan, KS - Kansas River Outfitters; e-mail: kro@kansasriveroutfitters.com or 785-537-8300

July 5-9 Lower Salmon River (White Bird-Hellers Bar, Snake River) Oregon, 74 miles, class III-IV. If there were enough requests I would consider adding time to this and start at Vinegar Creek adding 59 miles of class III-IV. Contact Cliff Long, clong@kscable.com or (316) 253-9216.

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July 28-August 3 Great River Rumble - Minnesota River; 144 river miles; Call Erlene Slingsby (785) 632-2389 or email: erldorothfrmks@yahoo.com or http://www.riverrumble.org or e-mail at: riverrumble02@yahoo.com

July 31-August 5 - Desolation and Gray Canyons, Green River, Utah, 84 miles, to class III- ; Contact Cliff Long, clong@kscable.com or (316) 253-9216.

August 5-6 - Gunnison River, near Delta, CO. Approximately 25 miles of easy class II. For directions and details, contact Rex Replogle (970) 856-4393 or email: replogle@dmea.net See article "CANYON COUNTRY VACATION"

August 7-8 - Colorado River through Ruby and Horsethief Canyons. Approximately 25 miles of easy class II. For directions and details, contact Rex Replogle (970) 856-4393 or replogle@dmea.net See article "CANYON COUNTRY VACATION".

August 24-25 - "Full Moon Quick Strike (Kaw Overnight) Series" - see June 22-23 information

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There is a Brown's Canyon Permit System?

[Editor's Note: Since several KCA members paddle or raft Brown's Canyon during the summer, I thought this might be of interest to you, taken from an email sent out to CWWA members]

Greetings all. As everyone knows, or should know, the Browns Canyon, CO private permit system has been tabled for one full year so the State Parks can do a hard count on all holidays and weekends to see where the private boater usage lay. If we exceed 150 privates on 5 days (total for the year) it will trigger the permit system and it WILL be implemented for the 2003 season.

In order to avoid the permit system as long as possible, I am spearheading a volunteer program

during the day-counts to inform our fellow boaters of what is going on and attempt to do a rough count throughout the day. If we are coming close to reaching the 150 quota we will inform boaters of the quotas and encourage them to boat elsewhere for that specific day. The committee is working closely with AHRA to also provide written info on the boards and other means of media to inform everyone of the issue and potential options to boat on high use days. We will not encourage boaters to go to a section on the Ark of greater classification such as Fractions, Granite, numbers. Although Granite is comparable, the Pine Creek portage is suspect and may endanger the uninformed boater. If they are an experience boater



they will know what they can do. All beginners, etc. will be encourage to go to sections below Brown's i.e. Stone-bridge, Salida, Bear Creek, etc.

We hope that talking directly to the users on these days everyone will be informed and will get more involved. All volunteers will get a benefit of some sort but that is undetermined at this point. There will be a mandatory meeting for all

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D'Lottery (Western River Permit, that is) Ben Berry Berry Good to Me

The lotteries have been good to me this spring, not the money ones, the river ones. I will tell you what my schedule is here and you can check the details on my web site. [Editor's Note: When you go to Cliff's web page, click on trip plans to find the schedule]. There may be more changes as we go along. Due to this rigorous schedule, if you want join me on any or all of these trips you will need to respond early to insure a place on the list(s). I will need to have plans firmed up before May 15th. The possible exception to this would be the Desolation/Gray trip which I could work on later if it isn't solid before May 15th.

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Remember, these are first come first served. If you have a permit or scheduled river trip that doesn't conflict with these trips I might be talked into joining you.

Cliff Long

0-3 for Lawrence Based Die-Hard Canoeist

by Joe Hyde, Lawrence, KS

Nothing to report from January's overnight camp-on-the-river Kaw trip; the river was iced over and the trip never happened. Nothing on the February trip either – that weekend I got assigned to work overtime, which kept me from leading the trip. And the March trip didn't happen, thanks to high wind.

So here I sit with a spotless 0-3 record as trip leader for the first quarter of the 2002 paddling season. All I can say, dogs, is cold weather river trippin' be that way sometimes.

During the week, too many of us have jobs that somebody actually expects us to show up. So during the week, naturally, is when we get all these



[Above Joe Hyde- featured in his Bell canoe on the Upper Blue River, near Blue Rapids, KS]

gorgeous winter days with highs in the 60s and even the 70s, combined with light winds and clear skies that make for

marvelous Kaw River tripping and camping. Then the weekend arrives and the weather turns to KDHE-approved stream TMDL.

It's all enough to make me wonder... Instead of "hard scheduling" weekend-only Kaw trips, maybe a better idea is to yield to Murphy's Law (no offense, Dave) and set up a phone tree for "Short Notice Kaw Trips." Anybody on the list who finds themselves on the verge of cracking, they trigger the tree and maybe a canoe trip happens.

Because here's the truth of it, folks: In wintertime the Kaw River from Junction City to St. Marys, and from Topeka to Lawrence, frequently offers near-Ozark water clarity and a channel that swarms with wildlife, offering outstanding tripping conditions.

Surely there are some KCA members who have the liberty of taking a day or two off work every now and then on short notice? Paddlers who get antsy when they have to work on winter days that are nice and warm? Paddlers who risk burnout from lost weekends spent sitting in front of the TV set bored as a park ape due to the awful weather outside?

Desperate people, who don't hesitate to paddle their angst off if given decent river conditions and enough company to be safe?

I don't know; it's just an idea. Still, I love paddling and camping on the western Kaw and middle Kaw anytime Mama Nasty – oops, I mean Mother Nature – gives me the chance. Well, she certainly serves up lots of great chances every winter, but all too often I respond by heading straight off to work like some Calvinist bozo on autopilot.

Is anybody else in the same boat? If so let's talk; maybe there's something we can do.

[Editor's Note: You can find Joe's phone & email address in KCA Directory]



[Above Bob Sinnett on the Little Blue River; Blue Rapids, KS]

Paddler Poetry

by Bob Sinnett

[Author's Note: This form of poetry is the tanka, an ancient Japanese poetry form]

[Editor's Note: Bob Sinnett, an internationally known psychologist, is an avid canoeist and can often be found paddling rivers in the Flint Hills region of Kansas]

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KCA Photo-Actions n' Captions



[Above: L-R, Joe Hyde and Ned McPartland (loyal Nebraska KCA member) discuss the nice weather and calm winds on the Kaw last fall. See Erlene, there is too nice weather on a Kansas River float!]

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Lake. Email Bill Cutler at: spudspa@aol.com for a map with directions for meeting on the west side of Lake Clinton, near the town of Skull, about 20 minutes west of Lawrence, KS. Be there at 6:00 pm and join us as we do some open water paddling and then poke up the Wakarusa River, when abundant wildlife is often seen. Past outings have included sightings of foxes, raccoons, beaver, turkey vultures, and blue herons.

Summer "Full Moon Quick Strike Series." During the full moon weekends of June through September, we are leading these Saturday evening/Sunday morning paddle/camp series. We call them "quick strike" because they are designed to work around existing summer daytime kids activities instead of requiring (less available) whole weekends. The plan: Meet at Lawrence's Kaw River Oak Street put-in at 6:00 p.m., paddle one hour down to a sand bar, camp overnight with requisite campfire & s'mores, and paddle out before noon the next morning. These four paddles will alternated between the short runs upriver and downriver of Lawrence. Bring your own camping gear and all water & food. Dates are: June – Sat. 6/22 & Sun 6/23 / July — Sat. 7/27 & Sun. 7/28 / August – Sat. 8/24 & Sun 8/25 / September — Sat. 9/21 & Sun 9/22

[Above: Larry Storer & Robert Slingsby discuss the finer points of River Rescue, "Should you go for the beer or paddler first?"]



[Above: L-R, Alex Smith, Katie & Bill McClave, Jamie McClave, Antoinette Cutler, Bill Cutler, and Jenny Smith on the "Duckhead" (a unique feature of the Platte River (near Kansas City).)]



[Above: Bill McClave napping on a warm Kansas river beach - another tough day on the Kaw, right Bill?]

!?\$&@ What Are You Doing Back There Ron?

by Ron Brann

When you see this list of paddlers that went along with me to tame the mighty Kaw from Desoto to Nelson Island (Mill Creek), you may be wondering what in the world is Ron doing being the leader. After all, Joe, Tom and Dick all have a combined experience level of about 100 years on all kinds of water from white to flat to lakes to ocean and here I am being the leader with maybe 3 years of experience and the closest thing to white water I've ever done was Rocky Ford outside of Manhattan with TJ Hittle. Even that new guy James, with only a couple of years paddling, paddles like he was born to be a river man.

That was how we set off on our Saturday morning journey. Tom and Joe were going solo in their canoes, James was going solo in his kayak while Dick and I were doing the tandem thing with my canoe. This was Dick's first float since I turned over in the Missouri spring before last. (Just for the record Dick was not my partner that day) Our first obstacle was to get around a logjam on Cedar Creek above the confluence. Tom Hanley found the best way through the obstacle course and led us through. The water was high enough that we were able to float over the usual portage to get to the Kaw and at this point everything was going great. I was thinking "and I was thinking of calling this trip off due the weather report, how silly." I had received two e-mails Friday night, one suggesting we cancel due to a wind advisory and had I not been working late, I probably would have called everyone to see what they thought. But, not Saturday

Morning-I didn't hear any wind, I was ready to go.

About 20 minutes later I began to notice the wind was kicking up some water and we were definitely starting to get a roll on the water as waves started to interfere with my steering. A few minutes later as we rounded a bend the wind hit full force as I tried to adjust my course and found the wind forcing me into a sand bar, of course, since I was the leader everyone followed me in and I had to embarrass myself by telling everyone that I got caught in the wind and couldn't change course. At this time Joe gave me a quick lesson on defensive paddling which proved extremely helpful.

Well, to make a short story longer, Dick and I turned my blue Dagger around and we set out to conquer the Kaw again and as Dick and I were adjusting our position to the channel a gust of wind caught us semi-broad side and lifted the little blue canoe to precariously high on one side and that's when I heard it, "!?\$&@! What Are You Doing Back There Ron?." As the canoe settled back down without spilling us, my heart settled back out of my throat, I replied "nothing, it's not me, it's the wind." After that the wind seemed to let up on us a bit but it didn't quite go away till after lunch. We paddled till we saw the first dredge and pulled in to a sandbar. The leader was afraid there wouldn't be any sandbars to eat on if we waited till we passed the dredging machine. So we sat down on a nice dry sandbar, backs to the wind of course and enjoyed a nice mostly quiet lunch. I think everyone was like me a little weary from fighting the wind. We did share some of our lunch with a sociable dog that

came up to visit us while his owners looked through the sand for bones and valuable stuff. Joe probably gets the award for most generous as he gave more bites of food to the dog than the rest of us. I gave him a pretzel but after the first one the dog didn't seem to want any more so I gave him my last bite of my sandwich. This reminded me of feeding the bean dog.

After lunch we hit the river, rounded the bend, and the wind stopped. The sun seemed to make the day perfect. The only other thing that happened to us was that as Tom and Joe passed the second dredge, the operator pulled his cable up too soon and almost caught Joe's boat, but he dropped it in time and we finished the trip without incident. Tom shuttled us back to our cars and when Joe and I got back to pick up our canoes, we found Dick informing people about KCA and FOK. We even got in the act too as people would come up and ask us about canoeing as we loaded our gear. Several people seemed interested and even asked where they could rent canoes. FOK & KCA might want to set up information booths in different parks along the Kaw to get the message out.

To summarize, it turned out to be a great float for me, but it wore me out. It was great to be out with members that I recently met, but I missed some of the old standbys that were always there when Dick & I first joined the club. Now that I think about it in my nice warm study, we must have persevered against 80-mile winds and 60-foot waves-I may not be a good fisherman but I enhance with the best of them. See you on the river.

The date: Feb 23, 2002. Those attending:
Joe Hyde KCA & FOK member
Tom Hanley KCA & OWWC member
Dick Berry KCA & FOK member
James Stamper new KCA member
Ron Brann KCA, FOK, & OWWC member



KCA Newsletter Deadlines

Winter - January 1st

Spring - March 15th

Summer - June 1st

Fall - September 1st

Canyon Country Vacation

by Rex Replogle

Paddling with Jack Frost

by Larry Storer

The Date: January 12, 2002
The Place: Big Blue River, Northeast Kansas

By simply looking at the above information one would think that our group of seven was getting ready to ice fish or ice skate, but quite the contrary. The air temperature was 56 degrees and the water was open and moving. We were getting ready to float the river! We put in at the Rocky Ford dam just below the Tuttle Creek Reservoir and floated the seven miles to the Hwy 24 take-out. The weather was spectacular and the company was great, which made for a very nice afternoon. Accompanying me on this float was a first timer and my wife,

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STOP & Check Your Directory Listing



The KCA Membership Directory is now being published in each newsletter. Please check your listing and verify that membership information is correct.

Newsletters are sent via automated bulk mail. If your address is not exactly correct, your newsletter may end up in the manual sorted pile and delivery may be delayed a week or more.

Remember that trip updates and other KCA info is often sent to all members with email addresses.

Send your changes to:
Kansas Canoe Association
6 Puesta Del Sol
Hutchinson, Kansas 67502

Plan on a family canoe vacation in Western Colorado's Canyon Country, August 5-8. We will be paddling on the Gunnison River near Delta on the 5-6 and on the Colorado River through Ruby and Horsethief Canyons, August 7-8. Both canyons are low gradient (6'-9' per mile) with good current and some rapids up to easy class II. The beauty of these floats is the splendid red rock canyon scenery with awesome side canyon camping and hiking. Expect to discover ancient Indian art, waterfalls, and maybe some natural arches. Mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and desert bighorn sheep are present in the region. The daytime temperatures can be warm in August, but evening and nights are usually cool.

The dominant landscape features in the region are the Uncompagne Plateau and Grand Mesa (possibly the world's largest flat top mountain, topping out at 11,000 feet). Extend your vacation and spend some time exploring Grand Mesa, Colorado National Monument, and Black Canyon National Park. All are within an hour drive of Delta.

Those of you who have never met or who have long forgotten Renata and myself, we are former Manhattan, KS residents now residing in rural Cedaredge, Colorado. Cedaredge is halfway between Grand Mesa and the Gunnison River. We live on seven acres with plenty of room for base camping.

Give us long time KCAers a call at (970) 856-4393 or replogle@dmea.net for more information.



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agreed to be that person, and was voted by the KCA members in attendance. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the main focus of the KCA should be to get people together to paddle.....period. Mick O'Shea agreed to continue as Safety Education Chairman, Pat Cullen-KCA Accessory and Video Library, Cliff Long-Activity Chairman, TJ Hittle-Newsletter Editor, Kail Katzenmeier-Marketing Chairman, Jackie Rawlings-Interior Affairs Chairman. Several people mentioned they liked the new look and format of the KANSAS PADDLER Newsletter. TJ said he was happy with his first attempt, glad that it is behind him, and promises more improvements.



[Above: L-R Mick O'Shea, Eddy Beard, Bo Cullen, Cliff Long- a collection of KCA legends!]



[Above L-R Renata & Rex Replege, Jim Johnson, Brian Hammond]

Dagger Kayaks

KCA Activities Calendar for the Demo Day Event

Store Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-8:00

Saturday 10:00-6:00

Sunday 12:00-5:00



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TJ welcomes suggestions, all articles and pictures.

[Editor's Note: high-resolution photos if possible]. The newsletter is our way of staying in touch.

For those who could not be there, you were missed. Hope to see you on the river in 2002!

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Linda Rae; TJ Hittle, Joe Hyde, Ron Brann, and David & Ann Redmon.

I'm not sure if we were stretching Fall or pushing Spring, but either way Jack Frost took the weekend off and gave us a beautiful winter's day with which to enjoy the wonderful outdoors. The river meandered lazily along its course as we paddled along with it, enjoying good conversations and delightful scenery.

Waterfowl were the most frequent sighting on this trip. Some of the most noticeable were Teal, Mallards, and one Golden Eye, which was the highlight of the waterfowl sightings. A pair of Great Blue Herons moved down the river with us, frequently announcing our presence to all those that were listening. We enjoyed seeing the incredible building abilities of the Cliff Swallows. The Highway 24 bridge was a literal mud nest community hidden away from the view of the bustling cars above.

Time moved on and so did the river, eventually bringing us to our take-out. As our journey ended, new friendships began for the seven of us who seized the opportunity of Jack Frost's day off. Knowing that Jack will be back, let's paddle whenever we can and dream of paddling when we cannot.

KCA Area Representatives - Feel free to call your area KCA contact with questions about the Kansas Canoe Association

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volunteers sometime in April, or VERY early May, to organize and discuss what the format will be. I would like to have two volunteers a day, one for Ruby and one at Fisherman's, for 10 am to 2 or 3 pm. You can put-on afterwards and have Brown's to yourself. This is the best time to put on! If volunteers can do two days the better. Sign up with your friend and you can put-on together. There are a total of 22 days to be counted so we are in need of many people. Some people say we won't be able to find the people, but I think there is enough people that care about Brown's and we will find them. Hopefully you're one!

Please e-mail me at rivers4pls@yahoo.com and I will get in contact will you. If you already have a specific day in mind you would like to do, please include it. I am already starting to book up the days. Thanks for your support. Please pass this along to your friends. THANKS! - Patricia Supanich / rivers4pls@yahoo.com

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[Editor's Note: Many of you know Dave, also an active KCWC member, and have paddled with him or seen his name in an article or two. Dave, who runs an architectural design business in Ft. Scott, KS, is recuperating well and expects to be back kayaking soon. He just joined the list for Tom Covert's 2002 Grand Canyon trip. After all, its mostly just BIG WATER



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Editor's Column

Wow! Thank you KCAers for pitching in and offering some great trips. I can't remember seeing such a great trip schedule, even since the OLD days. I've often said that if each KCA member offered one trip a year, we would have a monster schedule that would be second to none.

Things got pretty tight for room towards the newsletter deadline so thanks for being to the point. The trip schedule goes well into the fall and room was really tight. Therefore, the FULL trip schedule is on the KANSAS PADDLER Home Page. Thank you for all the nice comments about the newsletter. I expect things will get a little easier each time and I am hoping that the quality continues to improve. I think I am getting the hang of Adobe PageMaker too! Thanks also to the new "Proofreader Group". You really helped improve the quality of the KANSAS PADDLER.

Speaking of quality issues, I could always use more photos taken with higher resolution. The more action or face you

can show, the better the image. Almost any PC file format will work, but the most

commonly used are .jpg and .tif files. Your articles in email or .txt. or MS Word format are great too. I can also scan your negatives, slides, or prints, FREE, if you don't have the right equipment handy and want to send them by mail.

The winter has been good thus far and my annual Central American paddling excursion was a hoot. This year it was back to Costa Rica. It was 1990, with Pat Cullen's group that I last went. The trip was a refreshing way to stay in paddling shape. In the process I met a fun group of paddlers from the Missouri Whitewater Association (MWA). They are the ones that organize the races on the St. Francis river each year. Awesome event.

As you can see, KCA is coming back strong thanks to a lot of volunteers coming out to help. This spring we gained the talents of Kail Katzenmeier as KCA Marketing Director. Most important, we HAVE A PRESIDENT-ELECT. We need more women on the KCA Board and we know that Jackie will do a great job. So keep those photos and articles coming in. Paddlingly yours, TJ



[Above Marry Cole (MWA member) and TJ Hittle relax at the footbridge & takeout for the Upper Upper Pacuare River, Costa Rica]



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[KCA & Kayak Chapter logs by Rex Replogle]

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