



Improved Access for River Safety

by Joe Hyde

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By the time this newsletter goes to press, the Kansas River Access public boat ramp at Lawrence Riverfront Park will sport two high-visibility markers – a large black and white ACCESS RAMP sign plus a reflective blue and white boat ramp symbol. The signs



overlook the river channel, making them easy to spot from a distance except during heavy fog or foul weather.

Both signs face upstream, giving boaters headed *downriver* the best view. This orientation was essential to protect the boaters most at risk when approaching this boat ramp; namely, incoming canoeists and kayakers who are nearing

the end of float trips they launched somewhere far upriver.

When self-propelled boaters arrive at Lawrence Riverfront Park, most have spent many hours on the Kansas River exposed to the elements. Fatigue and foul weather aside, any first-time visitor who misses this boat ramp and continues downriver is in jeopardy. Laying 1 ¾ miles beyond the ramp is a lethal navigation hazard, a cross-channel lowhead dam. Powerful eddies and hydraulic currents below this dam have killed many fishers, swimmers, waders

and boaters; last year alone two fishermen fell prey. We all know the deal: around a lowhead dam only the very lucky survive making a serious mistake.

As related to me by the owner of the boat they used, last summer a vacationing couple launched a tandem canoe at Perry Lake Outlet, eager to enjoy the highly popular 16-

mile day trip to Lawrence. From the outlet, you paddle 4 miles down the Delaware River to the Kansas River, then 12 miles down the Kansas to Lawrence Riverfront Park.. Scanning both banks for the takeout ramp they'd



[Above Left: The new Access Ramp signage; Above Right: Looking downstream at the Lawrence River Park]

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Kid's Chapter column

River Report: The Courtois, Huzzah & Meramec Rivers

by Bill McClave

These three rivers, which come together just 70 miles west of the Arch in St. Louis, offer a terrific variety of excellent kids paddling opportunities. A brief summary: the Courtois (pronounced “code-away” or alternately “curtoy”) and Huzzah are crystal clear Ozark streams that offer 22 and 15 floatable miles, respectively, before joining the larger, deeper Meramec in its cross state journey to the Mississippi. Multiple opportunities exist for weekend to week-long floats that the whole family will enjoy.

The Courtois and Huzzah are both the epitomes of the “perfect” kid-friendly Ozark stream we’ve often recommended in this column: (in season) narrow, shallow, clear, good current and constant ripples to run, with beach after beach for great swimming and camping, and side caves for exploring. The Meramec, by

contrast, can be described as more adult friendly. It is wider, deeper, and not as clear, with longer runs behind the more infrequent ripples. The downside for younger kids is more stretches of constant paddling on the Meramec. The upside is stunningly gorgeous tall cliffs and bigger vistas.

This past July 4th weekend, Bill Cutler and I floated the 28 mile run from Berryman on the Courtois to Campbell Bridge on the Meramec. Our group consisted of 6 adults and 3 kids ages 11 and 12. Everyone paddled their own kayak, and we camped two nights along

the rivers. Ozark Outfitters, who advertise in our newsletter, helped us plan our trip and shuttled us to our put-in and take out points. Ozark’s sister resort is the Bass River Outfitters (the same family owns both resorts) located on the Courtois river. Bass is better oriented for updating you on water levels for the Courtois, which can run too low in the late summer for longer floats, and Ozark is more oriented to the Meramec river. Both outfitters are terrifically well organized and knowledgeable and we recommend consulting both in planning your trip.



[Above Bill McClave, Jamie McClave, & Elisabeth Suter getting ready for the Courtois River float]

Our trip consisted of a Thursday morning put-in at Berryman on the Courtois river. Due to three days of rain right before our trip, we hit a window of class II water that was exciting but very manageable for everyone in our group. We had the 7 mile run to Blunts all to ourselves. At Blunts, we entered the stops.

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Kids Kayaking Report: The Full Moon “Quick Strike” Series!

By Bill McClave

This year, the Kids Kayaking program has scheduled a series of four “Full Moon Quick Strike” trips on the Kaw river during the months of June through September. Designed to fit into busy family schedules, these trips feature a put-in at 6:00 P.M. on the Saturday of each month’s full moon weekend. Paddlers float 4 miles (an hour) downstream to a sandbar campsite, where they cook dinner, build a campfire, and enjoy the Kaw in perhaps its best elements – with a beautiful full moon reflecting off the sandbar and illuminating the whole evening. On Sunday morning, the group fixes a quick breakfast, breaks camp, and paddles an hour and half to the take-out. All paddling is done during cooler

evening & morning hours, and the group is off the water before noon on Sunday. Result: this trip structure allows us to get out on the water DESPITE immovable kids soccer schedules and other summer/fall kids commitments.

A very nice bonus extra is that the 8-9 mile paddle is broken into two, relatively short segments, making them especially fun for kids paddling their own kayaks. We give full credit for this inspiration to Kids Kayaking chapter founder Dave Smith for figuring all this out!

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2002 Activities Calendar

"KCA Members - we need your trips & events"



The KANSAS PADDLER Home Page contains the FULL trip and activities schedule. Some events may not be listed in the KCA Newsletter, so check it out at: www.kansas.net/~tjhittle/

September 21-22 - "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, wlmccclav@yahoo.com), Dave Smith (912-681-1260, dsmith8879@aol.com), or Bill Cutler (785-379-9756, spudspa@aol.com)

September 29 – Republican River from Milford Lake to Junction City. 5-6 mile Class I - Call Erlene Slingsby (785) 632-2389 or email: erldorothfrmks@yahoo.com

October 27 – Republican River from Milford Lake to Junction City. 5-6 mile Class I - Call Erlene Slingsby (785) 632-2389 or email: erldorothfrmks@yahoo.com

November 16-17 – Christmas Wish List Float, Kaw River, Tecumseh to Perry, 13 miles. What could Santa lay under your tree to help make you a 4-season paddler? Canoe/kayak camping on the Kaw. Contact Joe Hyde, riverat@hotmail.com

December 31/January 1 – New Year's Eve on the Kaw, Perry to Lawrence 13 miles, camp-on-the-river. A "near New Moon" makes for great star watching. Bald eagles anyone? Contact Joe Hyde, riverat@hotmail.com

KCA Outdoor Code

KCA Outdoor Code, adopted April 26, 1975

As a Kansas Canoe Association Member, I profess to the following Code of Conduct:

- I will at all times display respect for the land and water, treating the same as a valuable and finite natural resource
- I am dedicated to the conservation of streams and rivers and to the protection of natural scenic land and water resources
- I respect riparian landowner rights and will abide by the following rules:
 - o I will secure or seek permission before entering private land with wheeled vehicles
 - o I will not chase or harass livestock, leave gates open, cut fences, or in anyway vandalize private property
 - o I will gain access to streams and rivers at public road bridges or will use private access with permission only
- I will carry out and/or properly dispose of all my litter including litter left behind by others when possible
- I will respect all fishing and hunting laws and will not discharge firearms except where permitted by law and then only in a safe manner
- All camp fires will be properly attended and thoroughly extinguished after use

(FULL MOON QUICK STRIKE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

On June 22 & 23rd, eight paddlers made it to our first quick strike: Dave Smith and daughter Jennifer (age 12), Bill Cutler (another Kids Kayaking chapter founder), wife Elisabeth, and daughter Antoinette (age 11), Bill and Sara Sudlick, and Don Claus all paddled the Lawrence to Eudora run. They camped overnight on the large sandbar on river left above the island halfway downriver. A gorgeous moon, big bonfire, and multiple side trip explora-

tions, one of which found a turtle egg nest, highlighted the trip.

On July 27 & 28th, four paddlers consisting of Dave Smith and son Alex (age 13), Bill Cutler, and Terry Wolfert repeated the Lawrence to Eudora run. This time, they camped on the large sandbar on the downriver end of "halfway island." Another gorgeous moon, big bonfire, and marshmallows highlighted the trip. One especially nice touch is that local cell phones are still in range, which allowed calls home to mom before

bedtime reinforcing that: (a) the dads had miraculously made it to the campout with everyone accounted for, and (b) the kids were not being held against their will, but were in fact enjoying the daylights (or should we say 'moonlights'?) out of themselves.

Two more quick strikes remain: August 24 & 25th and September 21 & 22nd. To join us on any of these two trips, email trip leaders Bill McClave (wlmccclav@msn.com), Bill Cutler (spudspa@aol.com) or Dave Smith (dsmith8879@aol.com).

KCA President-Elect's Column

by Jackie Rawlings

I hope that your summer went well. Unfortunately, this was one of those Kansas summers that make most of us wonder why we are still living here. Because of the heat, I will admit I did not spend much time on the river. I did have a wonderful float on the Little Blue in May and a couple of floats on the Blue.

I am leaving this week for three weeks on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. It is suppose to be hot there, too, but you can always get into the water. The water temperature is



[Above: KCA President-Elect Jackie Rawlings - pictured during the KCA Rendezvous]

around 45 degrees. Needless to say, I am exited about the trip.

Later this fall, I plan to call a meeting of the KCA Board in order to start making plans for next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you think we should consider, please let me know. The date has not been set but if you would like to attend, I would be glad to notify you when it is. I would like to see more participation by members. For a club to be successful, it has to meet the needs of the members. Please let us know what you really would like to see the club do for you.

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On day two, we floated the 7 miles to Scotia, where the Courtois joins the Huzzah, again having the river to ourselves, and then joined the Meramec 1.5 miles later. Another 2.5 miles brought us to a late afternoon snack stop at Ozark Outfitters. This 4 mile section on the Meramec was moderately crowded. After our snack stop, we paddled a mile downstream to a flat gravel bar which, like the first night, we had all to ourselves. On day three, we paddled 5 miles in the morning to our take out at Campbell bridge. If we had wanted, we could have added more days to our trip by going further down the Meramec, as there are well situated outfitters and takeouts all down the river.

In short, we recommend these rivers for kids and family trips of short or long duration. Aim for a good water window – May and June are the best months with lower water in late July and August – and be sure to include either the Courtois or Huzzah in your itinerary, as well as some mileage on the Meramec.

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just missed, they rounded the next bend...and paddled right up to the dam, totally unaware. An instant before getting swept over, the tandem's hull miraculously snagged on something. This left our vacationers marooned on the dam with the forward third of their canoe (and the bow paddler) suspended 20 feet above thundering Lowhead Laundromat.

Those paddlers survived because the Kansas River was running lower that day. A bit more depth in the channel and their tandem would have been carried over the dam straightaway, likely denying the Lawrence Fire Department Water Rescue Unit any chance to save them. Would a channel-facing marker at Riverfront's ramp have prevented this near-tragedy? We'll never know. But thanks to the Lawrence Parks & Recreation Dept., marker signs are posted there now. Odds are they will protect many people in the future, particularly us self-propelled downriver trippers (who, need I say, comprise the river's largest boating group).

In addition to the two marker signs mentioned above, small blue-colored boat ramp symbols are now mounted on the Riverfront Park sign that sits near US 24/40/59 highway junction in North

Lawrence. Then, forming a "bread crumb trail", another blue boat ramp symbol was mounted on the park entry sign atop the North Lawrence levee, just 1/8-mile west of the highway junction sign. These standard boat ramp symbols will help clue inbound motorists to the whereabouts of this excellent Kansas River Access.

Welcome New Members

**Corbin, Jr., Mason & Terry -
Prairie Village, KS**

Doel, Kevin - Topeka, KS

**Sherman, Owen - Kansas City,
MO**

Snook, Geoff - Wichita, KS

Wanky, Russell - Bel Aire, KS



Waka Wave - Kansas' Hidden Whitewater Treasure

by Dave Irvin

In early June, Shawn Tolivar and I were emailing back and forth arranging yet another session at the Kaw. One of us noted that the Wakarusa was running at about 775 CFS. Last fall we had had a great time playing the wave hole at 950 CFS and we knew from TJ's and Dave Bohannon's testimonials that the hole is very unfriendly at 500 CFS. As far as we knew 775 CFS could have also been unfriendly or then again maybe not. After several rounds of "you go check it out and call me"; "no, you go check it out and call ME" :etc. etc.; and since I am the one without a "real" job, I finally agreed to take the long way to the Kaw and at least look at what I expected would still be an ugly hole.

On the way down the path to the river, looking at the hole, I was 95% sure it was going to be friendly, so I called Shawn and told him to head to Lawrence as soon as he got off work. As I sat waiting for Shawn to show up, I was becoming more and more convinced that we had found a near optimum level for the hole. I wasn't too sure I wanted to jump in there without another boater to fish me out if something went wrong but my stomach was fluttering with anticipation and my caution finally gave way to impatience. I geared up and hauled my boat down to the staging rock at

about the same time as two young couples came down to look at the river. Since they were the only people not fishing or drinking I figured I had found my safety man. I got my throw rope out and taught one of the guys to throw it and told him that if in the very unlikely event that I got stuck in the hole he should toss the rope and be ready to belay me. I got in the boat, slid off the rock and immediately flipped in the eddy. I rolled up and told him I meant to flip. I



[Above: Dave Irvin playing on the Waka Wave, Lawrence, KS]

don't think he believed me.

I flirted with the hole for about twenty minutes while my dutiful safety man stood at attention with the coil of rope in one hand and the loose end wrapped around his waist and held with his other hand. I ferried back and forth behind the hole, slid over onto the fluff testing it with my bow before being turned downstream, surfed the big smooth wave on the other side of

the river and then finally managed to screw up the nerve to slide into the meat of the hole for a short side surf. I bounced several times, low braced a little too much and was bubbled up out of the hole and sent downstream. My courage restored, I paddled back up the eddy and told my safety guy that it looked like I wouldn't need him. He seemed very disappointed. Shawn arrived and we spent most of the first night trying to find the sweet spot in the hole for side surfs, surfing the big smooth wave on river left and stern squirting the eddy lines. Two nights later, Bill Pollock and I met TJ Hittle at the Waka Hole for another great surfing and hole riding session.

What's so good about the hole?

Well, it's big, it's bouncy, a little scary when you first get into it and if you want to learn to be windowshaded it will accommodate you with violent gusto. But it is deep, forgiving enough for the novice to learn to side surf, it has big eddies on both sides and has absolutely no consequences below for the swimmer or upside-down boater.

What's bad about the Hole?

It doesn't run very often. Last year it ran about 3 times for anywhere from a week to 10 days. You have to watch those gauges. It can eat you at flows of 500 CFS and below. Fishermen love the spot and there are lots of them on both sides of the river. We have to respect their rights if we don't want to create bad feelings and possible intervention by the City of Lawrence Parks Department who control the land on both sides of the river. When at the hole we try to chat up the fishermen and let them know that we are watching out for their lines. Even if we are very polite and friendly to the fishermen, they still know that we aren't helping to make the fish bite. We are surely creating so much turmoil that the fish feeding in the eddies are laying low and not biting. Most of boaters went out of their way to not only avoid the fishermen's lines but to be very obvious about it so that they would know

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KCA Newsletter Deadlines

Winter - January 1st

Spring - March 15th

Summer - June 1st

Fall - September 1st

Republican River moves to Manhattan

by Erlene Slingsby

Because of lack of water coming out of Milford Lake, the June Republican River trip was moved to the Big Blue River below Tuttle Creek Reservoir. The outflow was 3,000 cfs and the weather was perfect.

Paddlers for an early summer trip included Jackie Rawlings, Dave and Kathy Coombes, TJ Hittle and Bob Sinnett, all of Manhattan. Charles Benjamin and a friend from Lawrence attended along with Robert and Erlene

Slingsby from Clay Center.

The water was COOL and the river rescue was too. Charles and his friend made a slight lean in the same direction at the same time and tipped over in the middle of the river. We all learned about

“boat over boat” rescue as the group worked to get the trip back in progress.

What a luxury to have water in the river this time of the summer.

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the image remained in my mind for 10 months.

Summer Republican River trips gave opportunity to search for the mysterious item. July 10, 6 boats and 7 paddlers hit the river for a Saturday morning float, taking advantage of the high outflow from Milford Lake.

During the cookie break the trip leader made an announcement about the rescue of the mysterious item. Thirty minutes later the two-gallon old brown jug was pulled from the bank. Tree roots

The Jug is Dug!

by Erlene Slingsby

Canoe trips provide sights for sore eyes at times!

During the fall trip on the Republican River-Kansas River in September 2001, something in the riverbank caught my eye. This was one of those areas that had been used as a dump on the river for years. What caught my attention looked like the bottom of a crock, and



[Above Erlene Slingsby & Mark Swanson - holding the prize find.....the mysterious jug]



[Above L-R: Willie Laffery, Bruce Laffery, Robert Slingsby, Mark Swanson.....all of Clay Center, KS]

were growing in it. It was full of sand, water and mud, plus a few cracks.

If only jugs could talk!

There were a lot of theories on how the jug got there and a few more on whose lips drank from it last. The unanimous decision was that future trip leaders should bring the jug full and corked and share it with the group. New stories could be told.

It took us 2.5 hours to paddle from Milford Lake to the confluence of the Kansas River on such a beautiful day.

Editor's note: It will be interesting to see what Robert & Erlene put into the mystery jug for our collective libation.

END

COMPLETE WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS

- Tents
- Sleeping Bags
- Hiking Boots
- Backpacks
- Climbing
- Caving
- Canoeing
- Kayaking



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KCA Photo-Actions n' Captions



[Below: Kid's Chapter flotilla on the Courtois River trip]



[Above: 2002 Yampa River Expedition, Front Row, L-R: Dave Reid, T.J. Hittle, John Cullen; 2nd Row, L-R: Brian McCroskey, Brenda Ross, Mysterious Bucket Head Rafters, Kathy Hedges-Sell, Doug Sell, Spencer McCroskey; 3rd Row, L-R: Scott McCroskey, Neal Cullen, Jean Cullen, Bo Cullen, Pat Cullen; Back Row, L-R: John Summerfield, Jim Johnson, Lynn Lyon, Dan the man]

[Jim Johnson and T. J. Hittle - on the way to the Yampa. See.....there was too snow on the mountains in late May]



[Above, L-R: T.J. Hittle and Neal Cullen on the Yampa River - Dinosaur National Monument, UT]



[Right: Sara & Bill Sedlick, Dave Smith - relaxing on a Kansas River sandbar]



KCA River Trip

Equipment - Check List

[reprinted by popular demand & available off the KANSAS PADDLER Home Page - Trips & Events page]

"never let it be said that all was beautiful.....before I came"

compiled by Jim Nighswonger & Les Davis - 1983; revised by T.J. Hittle - 2002

PADDING EQUIPMENT

- _____ Canoe/Kayak/Raft w/flotation- (first things first)
- _____ Spray Skirt (kayaks)
- _____ Paddle/Oars (always include one extra paddle; breakdown paddles especially good for kayaks; rafts need one full set of extra oars)
- _____ P.F.D. (Life jackets for each person, (1) extra may be required to meet Western Permit river regulations)
- _____ Rescue bag (65' length minimum) and/or rope (one 50' length for tie down; longer ropes may be needed for Western rivers)
- _____ Personal water bottle(plastic) & Lunch - for day trips; keep food in a water proof bag; Anti-septic hand cleaner is recommended before eating on most rivers to keep bacterial sickness at bay
- _____ Bailer and/or pump (a half-gallon plastic jug with bottom cut out and a large sponge - especially good for kayaks)
- _____ Paddling tops & bottoms or Dry-tops w/dry-bibs, or complete Dry-suits are VERY useful for cold water paddling trips
- _____ Waterproof bags and containers - army ammo boxes work well too; Forget garbage bags - virtually useless for waterproofing

WHITEWATER EQUIPMENT

- _____ Helmet (should cover ears too; helmet liners are great preventative measures against hypothermia)
- _____ Rescue gear - carabiners, pulley, saw, knowledge
- _____ Water (minimum 1 gallon per day)
- _____ Good First Aid kit, high energy snacks, emergency space blanket, saw - a single waterproof bag
- _____ P.F.D. - w/ tow line is very handy for kayakers with proper skills and rescue knowledge
- _____ 2-way radio w/waterproof housings - very handy in long scouts and group separation issues

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

- _____ Tent, poles and stakes (as lightweight and compact as possible)
- _____ Ground cloth (for the *inside* of a tent if you want to stay water-resistant); Air Mattress or Thermarest - very comfortable
- _____ Water (1 gallon/day/person plus 3-5 gallons extra for washing); pumps are very handy for multiday trips; water purification systems also very useful)
- _____ Sleeping bags - water proofing is critical here
- _____ Flashlight (extra batteries); Headlamps have really become the thing to use.
- _____ Portable table, folding chair, folding saw; charcoal & lighter
- _____ Porta-Potti system - for Western multiday trips

CLOTHING

- _____ Tennis or canvas shoes, neoprene booties or sandals - essential for river use, save the tennies for camp
- _____ Boots (if you plan to do some hiking)
- _____ Rain Wear (tops and bottoms; trash bags for raingear are almost worthless)
- _____ Hat (wide brim type preferred)
- _____ Socks - wool or two sets of
- _____ Long sleeve shirt & paddling jackets - polypropylene and nylon pile are the best fabrics; wool is OK - AVOID wearing cotton on the river to help prevent hypothermia

- _____ Long pants & paddling pants - polypropylene and nylon pile are the best fabrics; wool is OK - AVOID wearing cotton jeans on the river to help prevent hypothermia
- _____ Short sleeve shirt - save the cotton T-shirts for camp
- _____ Shorts or cut-offs
- _____ Swim suit
- _____ Extra "undies"
- _____ Sweatshirt or windbreaker
- _____ Gloves (cool weather and protects tender hands)

PERSONAL

- _____ Toilet paper !!! (several small zip locks, double bag, spread among rafts for multi-day trips)
- _____ Toothbrush and paste
- _____ Biodegradable soap
- _____ Wash cloth and towel
- _____ Hand lotion
- _____ Knife (sheath knives longer than 6" are not practical; a leatherman tool can be very handy)
- _____ Personal toiletries, Personal Medications (Rx items); Spare glasses, copy of glasses & medical prescriptions
- _____ Money/Credit card (you'll need this to buy those items on this list you forgot)

FOOD AND COOKING EQUIPMENT

- _____ Camp stove and fuel - propane systems are very handy for multi-day trips
- _____ Cook kit, spatula, coffee pot
- _____ Coffee/tea, cocoa, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, grease or Crisco
- _____ Paper towels and dish sponge
- _____ Food (plan your menu for each meal, including some high energy snacks for mid-afternoon, try to go fairly lightweight)
- _____ Drink mix (no glass, bring plastic, paper or cans only)
- _____ Trash sacks (for your own trash and what you pick up along the way)

Note: Avoid metal cups when hot fluids (coffee, cocoa, soups) are used, to prevent burned lips.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- _____ Extra fuel for stove or lantern, spare lantern mantels
- _____ Camera & film - waterproof & disposable cameras and handy
- _____ Sunblock (SPF12 or greater), Lip-balm, Bag-balm, Insect repellent, Sunglasses
- _____ Caving Gear, Compass, Binoculars, Extra matches, GPS, Guide book, river maps, a good book

LEAVE AT HOME

(portable CD player, radio, bad attitude, glass containers, dogs that bark a lot, all whiners)

"A wise old river runner always has a complete change of clothes, including shoes, in the car for a dry return home."

John Leonard is Gae

by Joe Hyde

I'm sure some of you have already heard, but John Leonard died from cancer Sunday, August 11, 2002. For those who didn't know him or never met him personally, John is the guy who owned the private concrete boat ramp that so many of us use at Perry, KS, the ramp that sits there by the old US 24 highway bridge, that runs over the Delaware River in Perry, KS

The first float trip I ever did down the Kaw, a Perry/Lawrence Bald Eagle Float 15 years ago with Sam Segraves and Mark Bhudler, we put in at Leonard's ramp. Since then, I've used John's ramp as my put-in or take-out point for at least 300 canoe trips, maybe more than that because for the first 3 years I didn't keep a trip log, like I do now.

John was always agreeable to anybody using his ramp, anytime day or night, just so long as you were quiet and didn't act a fool. His was an incredibly generous outlook for a streamside landowner, especially when compared to the sometimes pathological paranoia and overt hostility so many Kansas

landowners exhibit in matters involving river recreation. Were it not for John's generosity and faith that us river bums would not abuse his property, a lot of us might never have gotten involved in the marvelous sport of downriver tripping and canoe camping.

[Editor's note: I know that a great many Kansas area paddlers owe a debt to Mr. Leonard. I spoke to him just a few times and really appreciated his tolerance to paddlers and use of his access on the Delaware that we called Leonard's Landing. I know that vehicle parking issues were always a concern to Mr. Leonard and for that matter, most landowners. Most of us tried to park away from his front yard. We'll all miss that kind of landowner and attitude towards serious paddlers for sure.]



STOP & Check Your

Directory List- ing



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:

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we were trying. Unfortunately, we don't have the same rights on the Wakarusa as we have on the Kaw and Blue. Landowners in Kansas have the right to control access to the river. The City of Lawrence does have the right to restrict use according to their own ordinances.

Several ideas have been kicked around to help establish our presence at the wave, including everything from a clean up day, an organized rodeo, a club picnic, to requesting a specific release and demonstration day for the local folks to come out and watch. Whatever happens at the Wakarusa Hole is sure to be fun and judging from the bystanders questions is bound to generate a recruit or two.

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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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News from Kansas River Outfitters

Fellow Paddlers:

We are proud to announce that Kansas River Outfitters has been accepted as a **Liquid Logic Authorized Dealer**.

To introduce this fine new line, our Liquid Logic Representative has agreed to bring several Recreation, Touring and White Water boats to our location in Manhattan, KS at Tuttle Creek Reservoir River Pond.

You are invited to attend a **Liquid Logic In Water Demo Sunday Sept. 8th between 1 & 4 P.M.**. After the Demo, we will offer a **"Roll Clinic"** between 5 & 8 P.M.. First consideration goes to the KRO Paddle Group with 7 openings yet to be filled. The cost for the "Roll Clinic" will be \$20.00 per person. Please advise as soon as you can if you would like to attend the Demo or Clinic.

See Ya All Soon...

Charlie Burgess

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Editor's Column

This is the 4th and last newsletter of the year. Yahooooooooo. But first things first.....thank you so much to all the regular KCA newsletter contributors. KCA has been blessed over the years with a number of contributors that have held the test of time. From the early years of KCA with those many articles by charter members Jim Nighswonger and Jake Hartmetz through recent times with interesting articles by Cliff Long and Mike Calwell, the names change but the spirit never dies.

KCA really needs those article contributions and somehow we continue to get a number of fascinating articles submitted. Remember, we aren't really looking for Canoe & Kayak quality but rather something that our club members can relate too. Given KCA's broad spread from flatwater to whitewater, its not easy finding articles that are of interest to our well-rounded group.

There are a number of paddlers that really deserve a round of applause. Hats off to Joe Hyde and all of his interesting trips and articles on the Kaw. He never ceases to amaze me with his observations on trips, his volunteer efforts to help clean up rivers, and his efforts to improve the Lawrence River Park. This year, we have also seen a number of trips and articles from Erlene Slingsby. Erlene and husband Robert



[Above: The Editor out enjoying the local play spots at Rocky Ford (a KDWP area), Manhattan, KS]

have long been loyal KCAers that have continued to contribute to KCA. Of course, the organizers behind the Kids Chapter have really been great about getting their articles and photos in. Thanks so much to Bill McClave, Dave Smith, and Bill Cutler with the Kids Chapter contributions.

Beside the group above, here is a list of KCA members that have contributed this year with some very interesting articles. Without their input, we would have very little to read: Ron Brann, Jim Johnson, Kail Katzenmeier, Dave Murphy, Mick O'Shea, Jackie Rawlings, Rex & Renata Replogle, Larry Storer, and Charlie & Marcia Wood. Excluding myself, I hope I haven't missed too many people.

I know there have been some interesting trips this year, so drop me a line with your articles and/or photos. We'll see you next year in the Kansas Paddler newsletter. - TJ Hittle



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[KCA & Kayak Chapter logs by Rex Replogle]

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