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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

MARCH 25 GENERAL MEETING

Jim Gonski will discuss "Rivers of the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys"

A compilation of the common and not so common rivers and creeks of the two valleys. Come for video, still photos, and excellent eye witness narrative on class II to IV rivers that are ideal for packrafting, Inflatable kayaking, and hard shell kayaking.

The photos and video which will help members get a good feel for what these rivers look like and respond to questions you may have.

Andy Reynolds of Fairbanks Paddlers will discuss the implications of human waste in wilderness river corridors. He will do a "show and tell" presentation of the systems that are been used in the AWASTE project www.awaste.org Andy will demonstrate the set-up and take down of each system, and discuss what has been learned in the use of the systems in the field.

Dave Sanders Backcountry Ranger Program Coordinator from the Park Service will briefly discuss the volunteer opportunities to help harden campsites in PWS to improve the outdoor experience. Given the limited number of acceptable campsites currently available, your help could improve the situation.

2010 Calendar

MAR 2010

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

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

APR 2010

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

15 Safety Meeting, 5:30PM Class
Registrations, **6:30PM Safety Mtg
starts Loussac Library**

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

MAY 2010

??..... Board Mtg Location TBD

20..... General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

(NOTE : This is the **THIRD** Thursday in May)

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 3/4/2010 Board Meeting

- Board members present were Eric, Keith, Dan, Jim and Marv. Steve was out of town but called in for part of the meeting. Non Board member Richard also attended.
- Marv showed club T shirt designs done by his wife Karen. Up to \$1500 was approved to produce the T shirts. The higher quality, short sleeve T shirts will likely be sold for approximately \$10 to recoup a portion of the costs.
- The Board discussed the March presenters for the General Meeting as well as April and May presenters.
- The Board decided to have a Board meeting in May. Location and date TBD.
- Eric indicated he was contacted by an ACA instructor that may be interested in teaching the sea kayaking course. Eric will investigate and report back to the Board.
- The timing of the Safety Meeting and class signup procedures will be changed. Class signups will be from 5:30-6:20PM. The Safety Meeting will start at 6:30PM. Early, direct sign ups with the instructors will be allowed. Participants must be a KCK member and be at the Safety Meeting. Early class signups must sign in at the Safety Meeting.
- The agenda for the Safety Meeting was discussed with all but one presentation confirmed. Tom Pogson will present on sea and river kayaking hazards. Deb Ajanjo will discuss first aid preparedness for wilderness travel, Ben Harris will discuss safety gear and modeling. One additional presenter has to be confirmed.
- Dates for the raft class are 5/17 and 5/19. On 5/22-23 the Matanuska will be rafted. The class including gear, T shirt and book is \$110. The canoe class dates have yet to be confirmed by the instructor. The class will cost \$100. You MUST be a member to take classes.
- Keith mentioned Creek Cleanup Day is May 8. See http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup_about.php for details.
- The Board approved up to \$200 for Safety Meeting door prizes for 5-10 items.

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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

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_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

-Steve Shamburek

Program Coordinator:

Keith Hawkins(Info above)

Webmaster:

Marv Copley (Info above)

Non Board Contacts

Membership:

Charlene Carter

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Richard Sepersky

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BBQ Schedule

For those of you that like some advance notice and new members the club stops holding General Meetings at the Loussac after May. (by the way the May General Meeting at the library is the third Thursday in May (May 20) so we are not competing with Memorial week activities).

During the summer months we hold monthly BBQ Potlucks at the Jewel Lake Park Pavilion at 6:30 PM on:

- June 24
- July 22
- Aug 26

The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and utensils. Even napkins are thrown in. Members are asked to bring a side dish.

Directions to Jewel Lake:

- Diamond to Jewel Lake (North)
- Left on 88th into Park.

Safety Meeting: The Safety Meeting will be April 15 at 6:30PM. **NOTE NEW TIME!** Class registrations @ 5:30-6:20PM. Sign up volunteers etc also needed. You must attend the Safety Meeting if you are taking a class unless waived by the instructor. You can sign up early for classes.

Alaska Kayak School.com/calendar • Sea Kayaking skills Courses: Sea Skills@ Halibut Cove: Apr 30-May 2, May 7-9 & 21-23, ACA Day Trip Leader Assessment Course: May 12-16. 2010 (8th) Kachemak Bay Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills Symposium: May 28-June 1. 2nd Whittier Whiplash: June 5-6. 2nd ACA Level 3 Coastal Kayak Instructor Training, September, Homer • **Kayaking Skills Courses @ East High School** March 13-14, April 10-11, 24-25. Kayak Basics, Beyond Kayak Basics; Sculling, Bracing and Rolling, Sea Kayak Safety and Rescue April 11 & 25. (907) 235-2090, **10% instruction discount (5% credit/debit cards) to KCK members.** Great instruction, best gear! Kokatat clothing, Werner paddles, Valley & Nigel Dennis kayaks, info@alaskakayakschool.com, 907.235.2090 (Paid Advertisement)

Can you Teach or Cook or...?

The club is looking for volunteers to teach classes:

- Pac Raft
- Sea Kayaking
- IK

The club can help you with helpers and paperwork support.

The club also needs

- Grillmaster-Bring the grill, food and utensils to the BBQs. Need a freezer to store food.
- Insurance Expediter - See to the paperwork needed to file the insurance forms needed for club sponsored classes and trips.
- Sergeant at Arms, Door Prize Finder Conservation Advocate

Contact Eric (President)

Thanks!!!

We have volunteers to teach the following classes:

- Rafting: Eric Downey: 5/17, 5/19 classes. 5/22-23 Mat River trip.
- Canoe: Rich Crain

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 using federal equipment and transportation, natural materials and YOUR labor to harden site(s).

Thanks to Karen Copley for the fabulous designs for the club T shirts!!!

KCK INCOME STATEMENT

	2009	2008	Change
Income			
Classes	2250	3960	(1710)
Membership	2043	2380	(337)
Interest	313	603	(290)
Advertising	150	75	75
Total Income	4756	7018	(2262)
Expense			
Class Expense	459	1031	(572)
Rent (Meetings)	1878	1665	213
Meetings Expense	1359	1027	332
Newsletter	1723	995	728
Membership	225	225	0
Donation	350	1239	(889)
Website	190	208	(18)
Other Expense	312	156	156
Total Expense	6496	6546	(50)
Net Income/(Loss)	(1740)	472	(2212)
Balance Sheet	12/31/2009	12/31/2008	Change
Cash	3630	6878	(3248)
Cert of Deposit	17128	16815	313
Prepaid Rent	1365	0	1365
Total Current Assets	22123	23693	(1570)
Fixed Assets	0	170	(170)
Total Assets	22123	23863	(1740)
Liabilities & Equity			
Retained Earnings	23863	23391	472
Net Income	(1740)	472	(2212)
Total Liabilities & Equity	22123	23863	(1740)

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!!)
- Potential for money to help you take classes
- 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 to 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
- A chance to volunteer to help with other things
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

