

Editor's note: Because the editor will be paddling in Canada for June and not returning until mid-July, this is a two month issue – a little longer with more pictures, and more stories. Enjoy!

Women on Village Creek

By Carla McCabe

A beautiful Saturday, April 26th, dawned for the annual Women's Trip down Village Creek. We met at the cabin located in Village Creek State Park and unloaded our sleeping mats and food (with the exception of paddling gear) and immediately conveyed to the put in. There we made some new acquaintances and performed all the usual shuttle tasks.

The shuttle vehicle was an old beat up pick up, overflowing with paddles, dust and PFD's. There were a couple of chairs in the back and little did I know that when someone stated 'oldest get the chairs' that at 48 years *young*, I would get stuck sitting on the wheel well. As we bumped and jarred all the way back, we became familiar with various occupations, environmental issues and what we all brought for food, (the highlight of any good get together).

Sixteen women, solo and tandem set out for a day on the water. It's hard to say what happened at the front of the group since I was always in the rear, but we did all stop for lunch together. As with most women, I found it frustrating being on the edge between two different groups having conversations and not being able to hear it all. The topics of conversation were as varied as the women themselves sharing stories from birding to gardening, and engineering to medical practices. The easy flowing creek kept everyone on her toes as we wound around bend, took tight turns around logs that had found their final resting place across the river. Sometimes the paddlers had to maneuver the boat around a fallen tree, lower their heads to avoid the limb waiting to catch an upright canoeist, AND avoid dragging her boat. At one spot, Donna Grimes straddled herself across a tree trunk to help paddlers across the debris.



Candy, Donna, Marilyn, and Lolita unload the car for a ONE night camping trip

The creek was a bee hive of activity with many different groups camping and fishing on sand bars, others just drinking and playing, while others were there just to enjoy the day. Snakes appeared often at areas of log debris, and the sights and sounds of various birds kept my attention to the sky. A pleasant 80 degrees with a light breeze made for a wonderful day on the creek.

As evening turned from dusk to dark, we celebrated the day with a gourmet feast. Candy Donahue was the food feast specialist, having organized just who would bring what. We snacked on a veggie tray with dip, fruit platter and chips, and then came the meal. The table practically groaned under the weight of the food being served and left no doubt, these women can cook! The finale to the evening was Ann Derby



(For those of you who may not have heard Ann Derby's song about a Village Creek Paddle back in 1994 where the HCC Vivacious Vixens were rained out, here are the words to her song)

Vivacious Vixens of Village Creek

It rained in East Texas for most of the week
 But still we were headed for Village Creek.
 We weren't afraid of a flood or a freeze
 'Cause Vivacious Vixens do what they
 please
 So all of the sandbars were history,
 But we could still camp at the local state
 park
 And not have to set up our tents in the dark,
 But all of the campsites were flooded there
 too
 So we asked the ranger; what could he do.
 He said, "I've got something much better
 than this."
 And all you've got to do is just give me a
 check
 And if you care to take a hike,
 I'll show you something you'll really like
 So off we went marching back through the
 trees
 'Cause Vivacious Vixens do what they
 please.
 And, my, my, what a lovely sight!

stroking a few tunes on her guitar. What kind of evening would it be without a tribute to 'Puff the Tragic Catfish' and 'The Vivacious Vixens of Village Creek'?

Camaraderie abounds, stories told, photos commemorating a wonderful day with a group of women who just enjoyed each other's company and the beauty of Village Creek.

Front: Debbie Lockey, Lillian Tigard, Anne Olden, Tracy Caldwell

Standing: Rene Lockey, Marilyn Peery, Carla McCabe, Donna Grimes, Candy Donahue, Ann Derby, Peggy ?, Mary Carter, Lolita Stricker, Cathy, Misty Jone, Cindy Bartos

Oh boy; it was a delight!
 Never saw a finer - - group shelter.
 Can't wait to party here tonight.
 The creek was so flooded, so wide and so
 fast,
 It took half an hour to reach the middle at
 last.
 The current was cookin', if you know what I
 mean,
 A half hour later and we were five miles
 downstream
 There were no eddies, just strainers galore
 So it wasn't easy to reach the shore,
 But still we all made it, except for one boat
 And Vivacious Vixens know how to float.
 The River God saw us and he fell in love
 He said they've been sent from heaven up
 above
 With me is where they belong
 And so the waters kept rising all night long
 By morning the bridges were washing away.
 The ranger said EVACUATE without delay
 You've got thirty minutes to escape here
 ALIVE!
 And would you believe it? We made it in five
 Oh, the River God was crying as we drove
 away
 But we'll be back to tempt him another day
 'Cause we ain't wimpy and we ain't weak
 We're the Vivacious Vixens of Village Creek

Three Out of Four is Enough

By John and Anne Olden

Have you canoed northwest Arkansas or southern Missouri in the spring? It is a great time to go because there is usually water and there are few people in the campgrounds or on the rivers. Judging by the size of the campgrounds and canoe liveries, it could be very crowded in the summer. The hills are green, the people friendly. In early May we joined seven members of the Monocacy Canoe Club (Maryland area) on a trip organized by Bing Garthright. Bing did a superb job of research on camping, river access, etc. His group had spent the first week in Missouri; we joined them at Withrow State Park in northwest Arkansas for the second week. We enjoyed three of the four elements of a wonderful week – good weather, congenial companions, and beautiful scenery. The fourth element – water – was low, but the other three made up for it. Donna Grimes and Marilyn Peery were on the trip, too, and like us, paddled tandem. We had all taken solo boats, but were very glad to have the alternative.



Donna Grimes and Marilyn Peery explore a cave along the Current River in Missouri

Withrow is a small park with a well kept restroom and helpful staff who checked the weather and gauges for us on their computer. The King's River was an 11 mile paddle due to limited access. It is a narrow stream with scenic bluffs and lots of downed trees which would be hazardous at high water. The spectacular cliffs and clear water on the Buffalo River made up for the scrapey stretches. There were many fish,

turtles, birds – even an otter lunching on a crawfish. We hiked to Hemmed in Hollow, a waterfall about ½ a mile from the river. Only a small amount of water fell into the horseshoe-shaped canyon, but the hike was worth it.

Two days of very low water sent the group back to Alley Springs Campground near Eminence, Missouri, where they'd camped before moving to Arkansas. This is also a good campground, open and well laid out. The nearby spring is beautiful; it once ran a mill but is now in a small, scenic park. We paddled about 8 miles from the campground, which is on the Jack's Fork River, to the Shawnee Creek takeout. No need to walk even though the water was low; it is very clear. A second day started on the Jack's Fork at Shawnee Creek, which joins the Current River about half way to the takeout at Owl Bend. The Current becomes wider and slower after the Jack's Fork joins it.

On the final day we paddled the Spring River in northern Arkansas from below Dam 3 to Many Islands Campground. The river is fed by Mammoth Spring, which starts in a pleasant town and state park of the same name. A visit to the park and spring lake is interesting – mother wood ducks with at least 10 ducklings each, a muskrat, crawfish and a view of the old hydroelectric plant, no longer operating. Spring River is different from the others, clear but with lots of growth on the bottom and wading fishermen in spots. The only areas too shallow to cross easily were along the river-wide ledges. A few short rapids on river left near Sattler Falls were the whitewater for this week. We're looking forward to canoeing this area again, next time with a little more water.



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Submissions to the Newsletter are encouraged. The preferred method is a Word document. Pictures in jpeg or gif. Submit articles, sales items, pictures by general meeting OR by the 18th of the month.

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Mary Carter, John Olden, Martha Williams

Lewis Aulbach, Wes Simmons and Marilyn

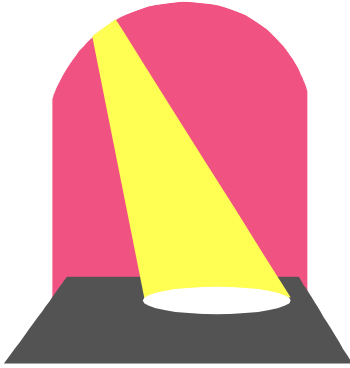
Peery (composed of 2 governors, 4 elected members, and permanent member, Martha Hulsebosch Williams)

Houston Canoe Club General Meeting May 9, 2001 by Candy Donahue

The meeting was called to order by the Commodore, Fraser Baker, at 7:05. He introduced the officers present: Lillian Tigard introduced the first speaker, Tom Goynes, president of the Texas River Protection Association. He told about the beginnings of the canoe club and his involvement, followed by a presentation about the acquisition of and future plans for Hidalgo Falls. The pictures and slides gave members who had never seen the area a better idea of the paddling possibilities. Tom said the TRPA was originally set up to pass legislation in protection of rivers, but has evolved and amended its bylaws to include acquisition of property where possible to preserve access to paddlers. They are also currently involved in a bridge closure issue on the Blanco near Wimberly. The second speaker, Bob Spain with Texas Parks and Wildlife, explained that TPWD is interested in protecting the cleanliness and availability of water and habitat and paddling access as well. He promoted a "Rivers 2001" up-coming clean-up event in Austin. He also said TPWD is trying to set up a "Texas Rivers" foundation, income from which could be used to protect Texas rivers.

Candy Donahue gave the purser's report, stating that the club had taken in \$2269, and spent \$9629, so far this year, including \$6500 in donations. We have \$ 17,515 in our non-Rendezvous accounts.

Candy Donahue described the REI booth which the club will man the weekend of May 19 and 20, and passed around a sign-up sheet. John Bartos, representing the conservation committee, discussed the upgrades in store at Sheldon Lake reservoir. Jim Null, Rendezvous chair, announced that the next Rendezvous meeting is May 22, and that they need possible T-shirt designs by then. A 4-day NOC clinic remaining from Rendezvous 2000 was auctioned off to Jim Null. Fraser Baker asked for volunteers to fill the vacated governor position through the remainder of the year. Bill Grimes volunteered.



Spotlight Cruise for June: Buffalo Bayou from Woodway to Sabine Street

by
Louis F. Aulbach

To get a good idea of what the western perimeter of the Houston area was like at the turn of the 19th century, stand on the east side of Loop 610 and peer into the forest-canopied streambed of Buffalo Bayou as it flows toward the historic heart of Houston at Allen's Landing.

At this place, approximately six miles due west of downtown, the Post Oak Road area north of the bayou was the site of farms that grew vegetables for shipment to the farmer's market on Preston Avenue. Because of the proximity of the farms to Houston, the produce was trucked to town in wagons and, later, trucks -- hence they were called 'truck farms.' Washington Road was the main road leading to the city markets. Memorial Drive was but a small country road extending west. It was not connected to the downtown area until the 1950's.

Memorial Park was the site of Camp Logan, a training camp for the U. S. Army during World War I. The heavily wooded site had been owned by the Reinermann family who did some logging in the area before 1900. In 1917, Camp Logan was hastily constructed in about four months. It served as a training facility throughout the war and was the site of a hospital for veterans for a short time after the war. Will Hogg purchased the property in the early 1920's at the same time that he was acquiring the land on the south side of the bayou which he ultimately developed as River Oaks. He sold the land to the city of Houston at cost with the stipulation that the area become a park dedicated to the veterans of the war.

The Houston Arboretum, in the southwest corner of Memorial Park, preserves the riparian woodland in a relatively-original natural state. Native trees and shrubs give you a sense of the extensive East Texas pine forests that grew thick and dense as far as the north side of Buffalo Bayou.



Footbridge at Bayou Bend

On the south side of Buffalo Bayou, opposite Memorial Park, is the River Oaks Country Club and the River Oaks neighborhood. Originally intended as the site of summer homes for wealthy Houstonians, Will Hogg and his associates purchased the land in the mid-1920's and created an up-scale, master-planned residential development in the wooded countryside beyond the city limits. The Hogg family, which included Will Hogg and siblings Mike Hogg and Ima Hogg, built their home on a bend in the bayou and called it Bayou Bend.

The beautifully landscaped grounds of Bayou Bend were willed to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts upon the death of Ima Hogg in the 1970's. They are an integral part of the annual Azalea Trail held each spring. Bayou Bend can be located from the bayou by the suspension footbridge across the bayou at the end of Westcott St. where there is a parking area for visitors to the place.



Diana Garden in Bayou Bend

Extensive commercial and residential development has occurred along the north bank of the bayou, just east of Memorial Park, in recent years. The Rainbow Lodge, a rustic restaurant in the motif of a hunting lodge, has been a favorite eating place for many years. The Left Bank, an exclusive condominium development, has recently been completed on a tract just before the last bend in the bayou before Shepherd Drive.

In the 1870's, Houston merchant and banker B. A. Shepherd began to build a sawmill and grist mill complex at the present location of the Shepherd Drive bridge. He had a dam built across the bayou, but financial difficulties caused the venture to fail and the mills were never completed. The dam, however, created a small lake on the bayou that was a popular swimming hole even until the 1920's. The road to B. A. Shepherd's dam came up from the south at San Felipe Road (now West Dallas Avenue) and was called Shepherd's Dam Road. It connected with Brunner Avenue on the north side. When the development of the area both north and south of the bayou called for a major thoroughfare, the combined roadway was named Shepherd Drive.

Access to the Woodway to Shepherd Drive section of Buffalo Bayou can be made at the Woodway bridge. A small parking area on the south side of Woodway (west of Loop 610) provides a place to park and a place to get down to the bayou. This used to be the parking area for the Memorial Park archery range until the range was closed in the 1980's due to the development of the Riverway complex across the bayou. It seems that stray arrows were landing in the front yard of the Four Seasons Hotel and customers complained.

Parking for a take out at Shepherd Drive is poor. The best place is the Spencer Clements Park near Sandman St., but there is no good place to load and unload boats. The best alternative is to continue on down to Eleanor Tinsley Park where parking and access are better.

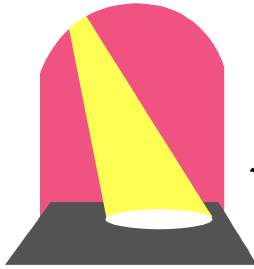
The author of this article will be the trip coordinator for the Buffalo Bayou Section that he has just described. Take advantage of not only seeing an interesting section on the bayou but also learning its history from this well-versed trip leader

Trip Date: Saturday June 9

Louis' phone: 713 683-8379

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SPOTLIGHT CRUISE FOR JULY



Armand Bayou during full moon

July is HOT – even on the water, a paddler can become hyperthermic, but the spotlight cruise coordinator for July has a solution: Paddle AFTER the sun sets and while there is a full moon. The full moon occurs on Thursday, July 5th, and Natalie Wiest will have her moonlight paddle on **Saturday, July 7th**. Contact her at 281-332-2730 or wiestn@tamug.tamu.edu

She'll let you know what time, where, and what to bring.

HCC TRIPS

6/2-3 Hill Country Paddle in conjunction with Kerrville Folk Festival. Come paddle the hill country with us while there's water and if you are so inclined, attend the folk festival. For details, contact Bill & Donna Grimes at (713) 728-1645 donna.grimes@mindspring.com Tickets to the folk festival can be ordered at their website <http://www.kerrville-music.com/>

6/2 Armand Bayou/Horsepen Bayou- guided canoe trip- GBF event-fee- 281-332-3381



SPOTLIGHT CRUISE 6/9

Buffalo Bayou from Woodway to Sabine St. Five miles of 'wilderness' bayou (log jams possible) and 3 miles through scenic and historic parkland. All day paddle. Class I to II moving water. Call Louis Aulbach 713-683-8379 or better: lfa@hal-pc.org

6/13 HCC Monthly meeting- 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 2700 SW Frwy. west of Kirby- Speaker – Jamie Butler on “On the Water First Aid and Accident Prevention”.

6/16-17 Colorado River Cleanup and Guinness World Record paddlecraft raft attempt in Austin. More details will be on the webpage as they come available

6/23 Greens Bayou – This is a joint trip with the Houston Sierra Club as part of a program to view some of our local bayous. HCC coordinator: Bob Arthur 713-895-7278 or boba100@aol.com

SPOTLIGHT CRUISE 7/07



Armand Bayou Moonlight paddle

Trip opened to all levels of paddling experience. See the bayou by the moonlight – an evening of enjoyment Contact

Natalie Wiest 281-332-2730 or wiestn@tamug.tamu.edu

7/11 HCC Monthly meeting- 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 2700 SW Frwy. west of Kirby. Dr. James Wood speaking on “A Paddler’s Guide on Avoiding of Being Eaten by Giant Killer Mutant Octopus”

7/27 KID'S DAY ON THE RIVER - Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor urchins and spend Saturday paddling, swimming, and jumping from a rope swing on the **San Marcos River**. Contact Donna & Bill Grimes at (713) 728-1645 donna.grimes@mindspring.com

10/12-15 The 13th Annual Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous- including the ACA National Interpretive Freestyle Canoeing Championship- watch this space for details. Note the new dates.

Roll Sessions *Come and practice kayak and canoe rolls, braces and wet exits. Roll sessions are held at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Westside YMCA pool in Houston located on the Katy Freeway (I-10) at 1006 Voss Road. On the 4th Monday, an instructor is available to teach. For insurance purposes, the YMCA requires all participants to wear a helmet. Fees are \$5 for members of the Bayou City Whitewater Club and Houston Canoe Club and \$7 for non-ACA members.*

Who Be These People?

Cheryl Cleary – present Fleet Captain of HCC.

1. Where were you born and raised?

Born in NYC and raised on the south shore of Long Island. I've always been around boats and the water, but never canoed until I moved to Tx. After college (the first time) in 1979

2. Are you married, have children, Nope, came close but never quite settled down

3. Where educated and degree?

The first one was in commercial art from F.I.T in New York City. The next one was in Occupational Therapy from Texas Woman's University in Denton and Houston

4. Previous occupations? Worked 13 years for various ad agencies doing paste-up, design and layout, before it turned into desktop publishing. Realized I couldn't sit still in front of a computer all day and I needed to change careers.

5. Present occupation - how long?

Occupational Therapist. Graduated in August 1998, and have been working for the Harris County Hospital District at Quentin Mease Hospital in the geriatrics inpatient unit

6. Other places lived, how long in Houston.

First N.Y, then Houston (13 yrs.), a year in Maui before I started school, Denton, Norman OK and now back in Houston

7. How did you become involved with HCC? I don't remember, but I remember the reason: I was so disappointed with my first visit to the beaches in Galveston that I knew I had to find a way play on the water somehow, somewhere. So either through Leisure Learning and/or the Red Cross I found out about the paddle clubs here in town



8. What is your favorite type and place to paddle? Not real particular, any excuse to be outside. I have both a whitewater solo canoe and a flatwater, touring kayak. I enjoy daytrips, playing in easy white water like the San Marcos or the Mulberry. I like canoe-camping in wilderness areas. I like messing around in flatwater, just for the exercise or to be outside looking for birds.

9. Do you have any other hobbies or outside activities? I'm an avid contra-dancer. A form of traditional American folk dancing loosely based on the traditions of Great Britain/Ireland/Scotland that predates our own square dancing. I also play music, old-time southern Appalachian and Irish music on flute and pennywhistle. Also enjoy bird watching, especially now during spring migration.

10. Any other comments?

We always need people to lead trips. Feel free to contact me Cheryl Cleary at 713 521-1642 or clcleary@excite.com



Remember that Being Kind is More Important than Being Right

Louis Aulbach: treasure for Rendezvous, past HCC Purser

1. Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Houston in 1948 and grew up in the Heights area where my grandparents were among the early residents of the Houston Heights. My grandmother lived in her home there from 1910 until her death at 100 years of age in 1991.

2. Are you married, have children

I have three children (from a former marriage), Rachel, Stephen and Matthew, all of whom are accomplished solo paddlers and outdoorsmen. They are in their teenage years now (their ages are 16, 14 and 13 respectively) and they have put more wilderness expedition miles behind them than most people do in a lifetime (I think I had something to do with that), including two trips down the Pecos River, a run through the Colorado Canyon of the Rio Grande and a trip down the Rio Grande from Dryden to the Pecos.

3. Where educated and degree?

I attended St. Thomas High School here in Houston and received a BA from Rice University. After a brief tour of active duty in the US Army, I attended the University of Chicago, receiving an MA in 1973 and an MBA in 1973.

4. Previous and Present occupations?

Prior to joining the City of Houston, I worked in records management in the oil and gas industry for 17 years of “boom and bust” with Ashland Exploration, Phillips Petroleum, and finally, Mark Producing, a German-owned oil and gas exploration company. After too many layoffs, I went to work as the Records Manager for the City of Houston in 1991, a position I still hold.

5. How did you become involved with HCC?

My good friend and bowling partner Hank Moller called me one day to say he had bought a canoe at a garage sale. Since neither of us had

ever paddled a canoe, we set out on a trip over the Fourth of July and paddled from Bastrop to



LaGrange (the town in which my grandmother's family settled in the 1850's). The two of us then felt we knew how to do this paddling thing and put in one fall day below the dam on the Guadalupe River. After crashing and dumping five times on the rapids, we pulled out, hiked up to the road and hitchhiked back to the car. A week or so after this humbling experience, Hank called me about a trip to the Big Bend, a place where I had backpacked and hiked, but never canoed. Hank told me that the Houston Canoe Club was canoeing Boquillas Canyon over the Thanksgiving holidays. We joined that trip and joined the HCC at that time (which I think was 1979). Things have not been the same since.

6. What is your favorite type and place to paddle? From the beginning above) West Texas has been my favorite place. Wilderness expedition canoeing complements backpacking perfectly. There is no experience comparable to that of the rivers of West Texas. The enchantment found in these experiences has led me to share them with you in the guidebooks I have written (check out my web site: <http://www.hal-pc.org/~lfa/>).

7. Do you have any other hobbies or outside activities? One would think that three kids, a full time job and a part time book writing /publishing business is enough. But, I (cont).

like to read, too. The past few years have been consumed with trying to understand quantum physics and superstrings. After some 15 books on the subject, I still do not think I have a handle on it.

Natalie Weist – trip coordinator and describer of paddling locals on the webpage

1. Where were you born and raised? Born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

2. Are you married, have children, Been there, done that. Blessedly single with two wonderful daughters, ages 17 and 11.

3. Where educated and degree?
Penn State, BA in Arts and Sciences Drexel University, MS, Library Science University of Tennessee, MS, Animal Science

4. Previous and Present occupations?
I've been a librarian all my professional life; Juniata College, University of Tennessee, and for past 19 years, Texas A&M University at Galveston

5. Other places lived, how long in Houston.
1st 25 years in Pennsylvania; 5 years in Tennessee; 20 years in Texas (Houston area)

6. How did you become involved with HCC?
Longtime friends John and James Diehl introduced me to the club. Yes, I have paddled with the fabled Leonard Hulsebosch.

7. What is your favorite type and place to paddle?

I'm happy about any place that will float a boat. Heavy doses of wilderness preferred, hot or cold. Kayak preferred, but canoe where that's optimal. At my house there are 3 canoes, 1 sea kayak, and 4 whitewater kayaks.

7. Do you have any other hobbies or outside activities?

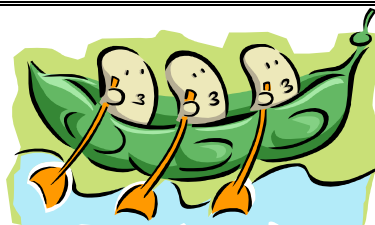
Too many to keep up with them all. Gardening, sewing, playing the violin (Galveston Symphony). Have trained and exhibited horses and dogs in my younger days. I enjoy about anything that gets me out of doors. I hang out with several birders and that's rubbing off too.



Memorable Moment: I paddled Adams Bayou with "Blue Canoe 2", otherwise known as John LeBlanc, in December 2000. Kayak too tipsy to bring all the bottles back from the vineyard we visited and have been hassled about it ever since...

When you come to a fork in the (river), take it! Yogi Berra

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless – dead!



Hidalgo Falls Opening

Mark Andrus

I went to the opening of Hidalgo Falls on May 5. Soon after I got there, a group of paddlers mostly from the College Station area and I left on a trip going down to Washington on the Brazos. That part of the Brazos is sort of like the part around Sealy but is narrower and less populated. The only rapid on the trip is the tail end of Hidalgo Falls after the put-in at the Texas River Protection river portion. I was able to see where the Navasota River came into the Brazos.

In the afternoon, I went to College Station to eat and look at the George Bush library. It was raining heavily in College Station. I came back before 5 P.M. and there were many people using their playboats in the rapids. I used the time to walk around the property and I looked it over. Some limestone had been put down and cars did not get stuck as long as they stayed on the road. If we get more donations, then we can buy more limestone to add to the road and make a parking lot.

There had been quite a bit of rain that day, so there was mud elsewhere. Later, we had had our shared dinner and our check out on using the property. I received the combination to the gate after the presentation. Now, I can check out other people at Hidalgo Falls for receiving the combination. Someone else or I will have to meet them at Hidalgo Falls for the first time to check them out. We have the restrictions because we want to be careful about who uses the property and how they use it. The sellers of the property wanted to sell to paddlers because we were more likely to be good neighbors than others who would have bought the ten acres. I am a member of the Hidalgo Falls advisory committee, so contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about Hidalgo Falls.

About the Leonard Hulsebosch Memorial Fund

(resently there has was a motion on the floor to donate a substantial amount of the Rendezvous profit into this LHMF. Many of our members were uncertain about the history, purpose, and organization of the committee. Mary Carter has submitted the following explanation)

The Leonard Hulsebosch Committee was established by the Houston Canoe Club in

1992 in memory of Leonard Hulsebosch, a long time member of HCC. Leonard was extremely active in the club, both in promoting paddling and in fund raising for various worthy activities.

The committee is composed of seven members: Martha Williams (permanent member); 4 HCC members elected for staggered 2-year terms; and 2 senior governors. The committee currently consists of Paula Ditricks, Louis Aulbach, Wes Simmons, Marilyn Peery, Martha Williams, John Olden and Mary Carter. The committee solicits proposals by letters and through the internet and evaluates the proposals received based on criteria that the proposal generally supports water related conservation and education.

Over the past several years, on behalf of HCC, the committee has donated over \$50,000 to worthy causes emphasizing water related conservation and education. Last year, HCC donated a total of \$5,410. The Texas River Protection Association received \$1000 to buy a meter to obtain accurate river flow readings on the San Marcos River; YMCA - \$710 to replace Camp Pine Tree canoes; Monarch School - \$500 to help defray expenses for students attending the School for Environmental Education; Bayou Preservation Association - \$1000 to help construction of canoe launches ;



Armand Bayou Nature Center - \$1440

Picture from Armand Bayou Nature Center with purchases from LHMF.

for their canoe classes;

Bayou City Whitewater Club - \$760 for roll instructors at the bi-monthly pool sessions at the YMCA.

Kids' Paddle on the San Marcos

Last year, 55 parents, HCC helpers, and kids showed up for a hot summer day of fun on the San Marcos River. There were many stops to body float with the current, jump from a cypress tree into the water, maneuver through the rapids at Cotton Seed and SPLASH WATER ON EVERYONE! That evening was a group meal, music, and a movie of Bill Mason shown on the shower room side wall at Pecan Park. Thanks to popular demand, a similar trip will take place again this year on **Saturday, July 28th** at Pecan Park on the San Marcos River. Like last year, this is **NOT just a Kids' trip** - it is a trip for the family and for HCC members who are young at heart. Because of the high number of new and inexperienced paddlers who may come, I will need LOTS of HCC helpers. Contact Bill Grimes (Donna'll be out of town until mid July) at 713-728-1645 or donna.grimes@mindspring.com



Kids paddling on the San Marcos

Cotton Seed covered with HCC helpers as new paddlers make the trick turns. While adults work, the kids play in the water.



Bring you children, grandchildren, or borrow some from the neighbors!

Welcome to the HCC

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The Board-Things for Sale

Want to Buy:

a couple of used bent-shaft paddles and back rests for cane seats. Jan Karwowski 281-578-0759 karwowski@ev1.net

For Sale:

Cane seats, good condition, one is 29 inches wide. the other is 23.5 inches wide. \$5 each.

Nylon web seats, like new, two at 26.5 inches wide. \$5 each. Contact Louis Aulbach, 713-683-8379 or lfa@hal-pc.org

Kayak for Sale: Current Designs Speedster Surf Ski, 19' 11" by 18 1/4", 32 lbs., made of Kevlar laminate, yellow hull and deck, sub-stern rudder with fully adjustable cockpit controls. Boat is brand new and has only been used twice. Boat retails for \$1995+tax+shipping (\$2260 total). Asking \$1850 or best offer. Shipping not included. Will consider trade for right touring kayak. Boat is located in Houston. (281) 878-3827 or twilker@br-inc.com

dagger magellan - \$850
dagger edisto - \$600
dagger callisto - \$600
dagger cypress - \$550
dagger sojourn - \$650
dagger zydeco - \$350

These are closeouts from a retail store. Some have slight demo use. Write or call 281 217 9209 for more information. Tom Maloney
k1slalom@yahoo.com

Chinook solo touring kayak with rutter and sprayskirt. Used but good condition. \$575

Encore whitewater solo playboat. Well used but structurally sound. Foam saddle, knee pads, thigh straps, airbags. \$400 Rheda Boardman boardman@hal-pc.org or 713-665-5375 (after 4pm)

1999 Dagger RPM WW Kayak, Retail: ~\$1300 Werner Ocoee WW Paddle (200cm) Asking: \$900 Dagger Sprayskirt (Large) Dagger Stern Flotation , Cockpit Cover Harmony Foam Outfitting Kit (brand new - not used) E-Mail: kerryo@pdq.net
Phone: 713-466-1366

Aquaterra "Chinook": Classic expeAquaterra "Chinook": expedition kayak - shallow-vee hull is stable and maneuverable. Hatches, deck rigging. Yellow polyethylene. Length: 16' Width: 24" Weight: 53lbs. Includes spray skirt and travel cover \$500 Cindy Bartos 713-957-3809 email: cbartos@ix.netcom.com

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Jamie Butler on “First Aid, Accident Prevention” Jamie is a certified River Rescue instructor who offers clinics in the hill country

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Dr. John Wood on “A Paddler's Guide to Avoiding Being Eaten by Giant Mutant Octopus” John is a new member to our club and recently kayaked on the Easter trip to the hill country. He has a Ph.D in Biology researching the life of deep-sea octopus. His title is tongue and cheek But should be interesting!