

Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico

The Flipline

A Summer 2017 Newsletter

Hello AWC Members! Welcome to the Summer 2017 edition of The Flipline, an AWC Newsletter. Inside you will find information on what the club has been doing this spring and early summer. From events and clinics that we have helped host to the rivers our members have traveled. We have also included the news from New Mexico's ACA State Director, Robert Levin. If you have a river story or trip you would like to share in an upcoming edition of The Flipline, please email it and include some cool photos to: Corey Spoores (cspoores@gmail.com). Thanks.

President's Letter:

Hello desert paddlers!

I hope you have been enjoying the great water year we've been having. Its been such a great start to the season and I've enjoyed immensely seeing your pictures etc. on facebook and even more importantly paddling with you.

The AWC club has been hosted many different activities and the turnout has been wonderful. The kayak clinics were a success, with kayaking, canoes, and rafting classes as well as swiftwater rescue classes. The Thursday pool sessions at the JCC have been fun and paddlers are learning to roll and fine tuning their roll.

The water is dropping and warming and now is the time for beginners to get out on the water. The AWC is a great place to meet other paddlers to go with. More experienced paddlers, take advantage of lower water to show some newbies around. Nothing gets the stoke up like taking someone for their first time. In addition Kayak New Mexico has need for volunteers to help with their adaptive paddling programs. Get out and volunteer, it's one of the highlights of my paddling season.

See you on the river soon. For the love of rivers,

Russ

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Club Meetings: Past and Upcoming

July 11, 2017-Jane Bales, Executive Director of Kayak New Mexico, presented information on what KNM is up too.

August, 8, 2017-Looking for a presenter, would you like to share you trip stories? If so contact Russ Cooper @ cooprussj@gmail.com

Looking for some new gear? Did you know as an AWC Member we get a discount at NRS? For more info on placing an order contact: Chad Morris at: riversnmountains@gmail.com

Name that River!



We will take guesses on the AWC Chat FB page on what river is this. Today's Hint, it is in New Mexico!

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Conservation/ Advocacy News

After a short email from Norm Gaume, he advised that at the current time he has no new news. But wished to share an article he penned for the Paddler Magazine published by the ACA. This article is entitled "[The Gila River, A Threatened National Treasure](#)", you can read it by clicking on the title above.

ACA News:

The New Mexico state ACA stickers are in! If you are a state ACA member look for Robert at the next AWC meeting to get your sticker.

New Mexico ACA and Kayak New Mexico will be conducting a trash cleanup at Cochiti Lake!

KNM, ACA and USACE (corps of engineers) are planning a lake/river sweep that will include camping and a possible potluck on August 12th. We are inviting a somewhat large community and would like to get a good turnout. The Army Corps of Engineers will be providing the group campsite, a support/safety boat and of course haul the trash away. Plans are in the making in coordination with Jane Bales, KNM and Chris Dohmen, Ranger USACE and of course the ACA. For more information on how you can help contact Jane Bales at: jane@kayaknewmexico.org or Robert Levin at: nmdatatec@msn.com

Pool Session Information:

Every Thursday AWC host roll session at the JCC, located on Wyoming between Academy Road and Osuna, from 8 pm to 9:30pm. The door open at 7:45 to bring in your boats and gear.

Cost: Free to AWC Members who are also ACA Members (if you're not a current ACA member it is \$5) Please bring your valid membership info for both organizations to streamline the entry process.

There are currently 3 roll sessions left for this season. They will be held on July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2017.

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Mother's Day Race Weekend Recap:

This seasons Mother's Day Race was hosted by the ACA, AWC and New Mexico River Adventures. We had higher water than we did last season and the day was a real blast. For a pictorial recap of the event follow this [link](#).

June Clinic Recap, provided by Donna Kochner.

We had a great clinic this year! There were 20 participants in kayaking clinics ranging in level from beginner to advanced intermediate. The raft and canoe clinics had 7 people each, for a grand total of 34 participants in this year's clinic. Twenty one awesome people volunteered their time and expertise to make this happen - fourteen instructors and seven assistants and safety boaters! THANK YOU!

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The potluck was fun (as usual) - delicious food and great company (plus free beer from Ninkasi Brewing compliments of Marcel). The only unwelcome guests were the no-see-ums and a few mosquitos.

The ACA Swiftwater Rescue Skills course and instructor certification workshop the following week in Pagosa Springs couldn't have been better - hot weather and cold, fast water. Seventeen people attended the SWR skills course and two completed the instructor certification. We now

have two new Level 4 ACA swiftwater rescue instructors in the region - Jackson Buscher and Scott Holmberg!!! A big thanks to Tommy Gram and Marcel Bieg from the ACA for teaching these courses.

River Trip Reports: Present

This trip report provided by Scott Carpenter, he and his crew recently paddle in Colorado on the Arkansas River over the July 4th holiday.

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We ended up with 13 people camped on private land with 9 rafts and occasional kayaks and paddle boats that joined us.

Five trucks with trailers and even dedicated shuttle drivers for a couple days/runs.

Flows were 1150 for Browns and Numbers and 1500 for the Royal Gorge (down from 4500 peak two weeks prior).

Technical runs with clear water and lots of smooth granite boulders and tight lines.

High commercial activity so start early and be polite and quick at ramps.

Roughly 800 highway/shuttle miles for 53 miles of class III+ through V- over four days.

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| 7/1 | Browns Canyon (x2) | 10 miles from Ruby RAP rl to Hecla Junction rr. |
| 7/2 | Numbers (x2) | 6 miles |
| 7/3 | Royal Gorge | 10.5 miles from Parkdale rr to Canon City Park rr. |
| 7/1 | Browns Canyon | 10 miles from Ruby RAP rl to Hecla Junction rr. |

See link for river descriptions.

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/state-summary/state/CO/>

Thanks,

Scott Carpenter



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River Trip Report: Past

THE GRAND IN 1983. PART 1: RISING EXPECTATIONS'

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Upcoming Club Trips:

Are you looking to put a trip together in the coming weeks? Drop me a line to include it in the Club trip schedule.

Other members Trips:

Robert Levin:

I will likely be going to Lumpywaters Sea kayaking symposium in October and will have room for at least 2 people Oct 6th through the 8th. Plenty of boats and gear to try out not to mention the training opportunities from ACA BCU and Paddle Canada. <http://www.lumpywaters.com/>

New Years. I only bring this up now because some club member have expressed interest and reservations for this kind of trip must be months in advance. It will likely be a 7-9 day quasi self support camping and resort hopping and limited to 6-8 people.

Last But Not Least:

Our club is one of the oldest clubs west of the Mississippi River, that being said, as our founding membership ages we would like to collect a history of the club, via written stories that we can

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share. If anyone has any old issues of The Flipline, or wants to share your stories, please contact Tom Fort at, tffort@gmail.com.