

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline



Greetings

Hello readers and welcome to the **Winter 2020 edition of the Flipline**. You may have noticed that the Flipline took a vacation during 2019. Yup, sorry about that, life caught up with me. If you have a trip report, want to lead a club trip, or provide a photo for name that river, have news you think our members would like to know about, *or would like to present a trip or topic at any meeting*, please submit it to cspoores@gmail.com. Our next Flipline will be the **Spring/Summer Edition**, and should come out in June. Thanks for Reading!

Club Officers

Club Officers can always be reached by emailing: board@adobewhitewater.org email.

On behalf of the AWC Members I would like to say THANK YOU and a JOB WELL DONE, to **Theresa Watson** and **Donna Koechner** for your time serving the Club as board members. It is a thankless job and one that we all greatly appreciate. SYOTR!

President: Scott Carpenter

Vice President: Steve Mathis

Treasurer: Chad Morris

Secretary: Adam Hill

Member and Webmaster: Tom Fort

Member: Travis Burkhard

Member: Dave Patterson

Member: Michael Carney

Member: Jamie Phillips

Member: Corey Spoores

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

AWC Leadership Roles:

President – Scott Carpenter

Vice President – Steve Mathias

Secretary – Adam Hill

Treasurer – Chad Morris

Education coordinator – Jamie Phillips

MDR Coordinator – Michael Carney

Pool Session Coordinator – Scott Carpenter

Membership Database - Donna Koechner

Web backing and technical – Travis Burkhard

Social Media Manager – Travis Burkhard will establish and then reach out to club

Flipline editor – Corey Spoores

Merchandise – Steve Mathias

Club History – Tom Fort

Rentals

Library

President's Letter

Hello to all,

The 2020 run-off is still stacking up in the form of mountain snow and most are still consumed with thoughts of skiing, then warmer weather. And many are focused on the current Stream Access issues, with more details to be shared soon.

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Our records indicate that you have attended AWC events in the past, and we'd like to invite you to become a member! Membership is only \$15 and includes access to monthly programs, clinics, newsletters, club activities, retailer discounts and much more. We have implemented a new renewal date policy so that everyone is due to renew in January, per a previous letter. You can securely join online at www.adobewhitewater.org.

Here is just a glimpse of a few of the events to look forward to this year with the Adobe Whitewater Club. We invite you to come to our monthly meetings (second Tuesdays) and checkout our media sites for more/current details.

- March 21 Verde River Races.
- 12 Pool Sessions: May/June/July Jewish Community Center Wednesdays 8:00-9:30pm.
- 63rd annual Mother's Day Whitewater Races May 9th in Pilar, NM on the Rio G. <https://www.mothersdaywhitewater.com>
- Bosque River Cleanups:
- AWC Clinics – taught by ACA certified instructors:
 - o June 13-14 Inaugural 4CRS Weekend of Rivers
 - o June 27-28 Annual Potluck and clinics (kayak, raft, SUP, canoe)
 - o July 11-12 Swift Water Rescue
 - o July 18-19 Women of Whitewater
- Paddle trips, Community Service events, and fun times!

As a long time AWC club member, I have always enjoyed meeting new folks and sharing trips and stories with everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all, hopefully on the river.

Boat Up!

Scott Carpenter

AWC President

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Treasurer Report

[Treasurer Report for FY2017](#)

Membership numbers for 2019

At the time the Flipline went to press we have **171 paid members**.

New Changes for the Club Membership

The club has moved to a calendar year renewal date for club membership in an effort to simplify the membership tabulation and renewal notices. So, If you have not purchased a membership since January 1, 2020 you need to renew. This is super easy now that our new website is up and running. **[Please Renew Here](#)** our membership is still only \$15.00.

Club Meetings: Past and Upcoming

Past:

January 2020

Our first meeting of 2020 was held at Papa Felipe's in ABQ. This was our traditional Permit Party, which was presented by Travis. We also announced our new board members and our current roll sessions (see below). If you missed the meeting and would like to learn more about the permit process you can view the presentation at the following link. **[Permit Presentation](#)**

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Members in Passing

It is with a heavy heart that we announced the passing of club member, Randy Soderquist. He passed away during a recent trip to Chile. He was paddling, trekking, and fly fishing. Randy could often be found at the roll session in Santa Fe, and paddling the Rio Grande and Chama. He will be sorely missed.



Upcoming:

February 11 will be the next Club Meeting at Papa Felipe's, come at 6 pm for socialization and 6:30 for the meeting.

Clinics, Mother's Day Race and Swift Water Rescue

Please add the following dates to your calendar:

Mother's Day Races	May 9
4CRNS Weekend of Rivers	June 13 / 14
AWC Clinics Weekend	June 27 / 28
Swift Water Rescue Weekend	July 11 / 12
Women of Whitewater Weekend	July 18 / 19

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Changes are coming to increase skills clinics for our beginner paddlers starting in the spring of 2020. A separate email will announce the start dates and format.

Name that Rapid....Please submit your answers to the Facebook AWC Chat Group



State ACA News

By Robert Levin, State Director for New Mexico, American Canoe Association

ACA Member Survey, Please take this survey. The ACA has been under a major reorganization and is looking for input. www.americancanoe.org/membersurvey **The survey will close on Monday, February 17th.**

Stream Privatization, Non-Navigable Rule

The ACA, AWC, AW, BCHA, NMWF and others are in an informal coalition to have our voices heard with the State Game Commission. Norm Guame is providing leadership to the group. This has been a fast moving issue with long pauses between activities. All are encouraged to make your voices heard with the Commission. The comment period on the rule is still open if you want to have your comments entered into the record. Comments can be provided by mail: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Attn: Non-Navigable Rule Development, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504; or by email, dgf-Non-NavigableRule@state.nm.us. Only those emails sent to this address will be considered as part of the official record.

Course Management System (CMS)

The big news from the ACA is the new Course Management System (CMS). The “go live” target date is February 1, 2020. This will be a much-improved course reporting system, which automates the process. There are going to be some growing pains, as there is with any new

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

system, but I believe once you work with it a couple of times you will find it to be a huge improvement. The discipline committees have designated trainers within their discipline. These discipline specific trainers will be providing training to all instructors, trainers and educators within their discipline. The CMS is not an optional program, all courses will need to be reported through it. Before you can report a course, it will need to be “registered”, posting to the ACA website calendar will still be optional.

For you to register a course you need to upload your CPR and First Aid credentials, as well as a signature. This will only need to be done once, and then updated as necessary. It is suggested that you scan your CPR and First Aid credentials in one file, and your signature in a separate file, save them, and have ready for upload when the system is available to you. If your dues are not current, or CPR and first aid credentials are not current you will not be able to register your course, which means you will not be able to report it. There will be a lot more on the CMS in the weeks ahead.

There have been a number of changes during the last SEIC and Discipline committee meetings that may affect your courses. Be encouraged to read the January issue of eZine Paddle for more information on these changes and the CMS system.

Kayak New Mexico

Eleven Adobe Whitewater Club members volunteered at Kayak New Mexico's annual Christmas/Holiday party on December 14, 2020 at the Rio Rancho Aquatic Center. Santa came with stockings for the kids. Over the course of 2019, volunteers, many of whom are AWC members, donated 388 hours of their valuable time to Kayak New Mexico.

February 8, 2020 is our next Adaptive Kayaking Open House. Come on out and join us.

The Adobe Whitewater Club Flipline



Also - we received a bunch of [stuff as a donation that we're trying to sell](#) (about 50% off MSRP). All in basically brand new condition.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please contact Jane Bales, who is the President of the Board at KNM. She can be reached at the following email address jane@kayaknewmexico.org

Pool Sessions

Wednesday's: 6-8pm at the Geoveva Chavez Community Center, Cost is \$10.00

Saturday's: 10-11:45am at the [Rio Rancho Aquatic Center](#), Cost is \$5.00

River Trip Reports/ Stories

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Last But not Least

The Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico is working at building a more active club. Do you have any ideas that you would like to voice? Stories of how it was better “back in the day”? Please share these ideas with us, we are constantly striving to make the AWC a great Club. Or if you would like to present a topic or be a guest speaker at any of the club meeting please let us know.

Club Trips

Upcoming Trips: Please see the AWC Chat group on FaceBook for upcoming trips.

Past Club Trips

Turkey Bash: No Organizer

New Year's Day Paddle: No Organizer

Would you like to Organize a Club trip? It's simple, just read the information below. Organization will take place via email and the AWC Chat message board on Facebook.

Below is a lot of information on Club Trips, don't be intimidated, read the below info and remember you're just an organizer.

Why Club Trips?

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

What is the purpose of the kayaking club if the club does not hold club related activities. Do you know someone who wants to come? Great bring them along and then send them to the website to join the club.

What are the responsibilities of the trip organizers?

Organizers who are unable to fulfill their trip commitments should obtain a substitute organizer and notify AWC via email, or the AWC Chat Board on Facebook.

MONTHS BEFORE THE TRIP

Determine put-in and take-out points.

Determine rendezvous time.

Select an alternate trip in case of high or low water, where possible.

Select camping arrangements, if required.

List the expected level of difficulty, wet/dry suits? Closed boats?

Mail/E-Mail this information to the newsletter editor and Webmaster in time to be published just before the trip.

Organizers who are unable to fulfill their trip commitments should obtain a substitute organizer and notify AWC via email, or the AWC Chat Board on Facebook.

WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP

If conditions change choose an alternate paddling location for the trip. Maintain a roster of persons signed-up for the trip with names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and experience in order to notify them in case of a change before the trip. Do not just cancel the trip and then paddle somewhere else.

DAY BEFORE THE TRIP

Find out the water level, make sure it is suitable for the trip as planned. If you cannot go on the trip please find another organizer.

Guests may join us on our trips. However, please encourage them to join our club for their own safety and enjoyment. If the participant is an active member of another club like Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, they are welcome on any of our scheduled trips. **Club members enjoy**

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

the camaraderie, the mutual liability waiver and the satisfaction knowing that their dues are supporting the club services that they are enjoying.

Read the [American Whitewater Safety Code](#).

DURING THE TRIP

Please note that “Trip Organizers” are just that, organizers..

All on-the-river “responsibilities” are those of the individual or the group as a whole. In fact, the “trip organizer” does not have to go on the trip. They’re simply the main contact that coordinates the meeting time and place, and puts interested participants in contact with each other. That is as far as their responsibility goes.

AFTER THE TRIP

Ensure that a trip report is written and sent it to the newsletter editor as soon as possible.

Trip Participant's Responsibilities

MONTHS BEFORE THE TRIP

Pick a trip to match your skills and ability. Rate yourself with the * [Keel-Haulers Self-Rating System](#). Do not pick trips that are rated more than 3 points beyond you or your partner's ability.

*Currently this list is not all encompassing to our local rivers but it does have several listed in the west. Know your score. If you are in doubt of your skills and abilities please communicate with the trip organizers to help make a determination, for your safety and the group's safety. Remember there will always be other trips within your skill set in the future.

WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP

Notify the trip organizer by phone or e-mail of your intent to join the trip. No one's paddling ability or knowledge of the river exempts them from this common courtesy. Plan your food, transportation and rendezvous. Please become a club member, guests are welcome but encouraged to join.

Read the [American Whitewater Safety Code](#).

Double up, help conserve fuel. Try to take as many boats and people with you as possible. Let the trip organizer know if you need transportation or if you can bring someone else with you. If

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

you have to cancel out of the trip, let the organizer know as soon as possible, so that the other paddlers won't waste time waiting for you to arrive.

DAY OF THE TRIP

Meet promptly at the appointed time. Check to see that you have all equipment with your boat before starting on the shuttle. Plan to participate in the auto shuttle, and let the group know when you are ready. If you have a physical disability, are under a doctor's care, or may need medicine, let the group know.

DURING THE TRIP

Know and practice the [American Whitewater Safety Code](#).

AFTER THE TRIP

Leave the river and its surroundings cleaner than you found them. Drive home carefully; you will be tired.

DISCLAIMER

Remember that water sports are a potentially dangerous activity. Each participant is responsible for assessing his or her own ability and from refraining from activities that are beyond their limits. The club, its officers and members simply cannot and do not take responsibility for anyone when they are participating in a planned or spontaneous club activity.

Only YOU are responsible for your actions and safety. Read the [American Whitewater Safety Code](#). It's purpose is to serve as a guideline for river trips.

As stated in the code,

“A river trip should be regarded as a common adventure by ALL participants.... Participants share the responsibility for the conduct of the trip and each participant is individually responsible for judging his or her own capabilities and for his or her own safety as the trip progresses. Participants are encouraged (but are not obligated) to offer advice and guidance for independent consideration and judgment of others.”

The Adobe Whitewater Club

Flipline

Remember, water sports are a potentially dangerous activity. Members assume any and all risk when choosing to participate in an activity and the Adobe Whitewater Club, its officers and members are not responsible for any damages resulting from such participation.