



# FLIP LINE

MARCH 2000

## Notes From the Prez -

As the newly elected board president, I look forward to serving the club and its members for the next year. I believe that we have made an encouraging start. We've defined 4 focus areas in which the board feels the club should grow and further improve. These are:

Activities

Communications

Membership coordination

Conservation/community service

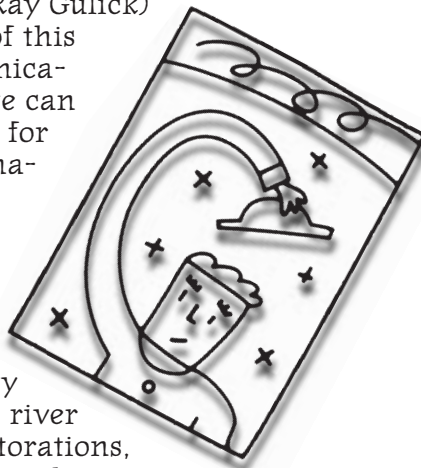
Activities include Trips (Cindy Terry), Clinics (Cathy Ratcliff), MDR (Wlad Senutovich), and Picnic (tbd). In addition to Trip and Clinics, Cindy and Cathy will also coordinate on events and provide input to a calendar in the Flip Line.

Communications (Ted Krings) will include not only the Flip Line (Coordinator: Ted Krings), but also managing the AWC WEB page (Ray Gulick) and a List Server service (Tom Robey). The focus of this group is improving communications and communication methods to and about the club. The WEB page can be found at: [www.adobeww.org](http://www.adobeww.org). The list server is for electronic distribution of club and boating information in the most timely fashion. (Sign-up at [www.adobeww.org/Subscribe.html](http://www.adobeww.org/Subscribe.html))

Membership Coordination (Carol Morgan) will consolidate and improve services to our membership.

And last, but not least Conservation/community services (Glen Banks) will focus on efforts such as river environmental/conservation issues, cleanups, restorations, and access to name a few. Over the past year tremendous progress has been made in coordinating with other river clubs and groups through as an example, the San Juan cleanup. This year, we hope to expand this through working with the GCPBA on Grand Canyon access issues and additional river cleanups.

With everyone's participation, I'm hoping the club will be very successful this next year and beyond!



- Peter Cocha



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 Videos related to boating are available @ \$1/week plus postage.

AWC rescue kit  
 Tim Scofield (ABQ) 265-4853

Water filter  
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 Expedition water filter  
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## Flip Line

The *Flip Line* is the official publication of the Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of whitewater sports and the conservation of rivers. To join, send \$15 to the Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico, Inc., P.O.Box 3835, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3835. All AWC members are invited to submit articles that pertain to the club or its activities.

This months *Flip Line* was edited by Merlin Wheeler 662-5413 or [nmrrivers@aol.com](mailto:nmrrivers@aol.com) and designed by Bob Widdicombe, 920-4001 or [rwiddicombe@netscape.net](mailto:rwiddicombe@netscape.net). Next months editor Tim and Mary Scofield, 265-4853 or [timscofi@rt66.com](mailto:timscofi@rt66.com). The deadline to submit materials for next months *Flip Line* is the 12th of March.



# Calendar

## March

- 11 Rio Grande trip-  
 Bernalillo to Corrales  
 Contact Sondra Diepen, 898-7461
- 14 Albuquerque Chapter Meeting  
 Topic: 40 Years of Running Wild  
 Rivers by Vern Huser

## April

- 10 AWC Chapter meeting  
 Wilderness Adventures on the  
 Tatenshini by Ben Connor.

## AWC Trip

Rio Grande from  
 Bernalillo to Corrales

Contact Sondra Diepen, 898-7461

## Banff Mountain Film Festival

March 9th,  
 Thursday, 7 pm  
 Lobo Theater

All proceeds to benefit the  
 Continental Divide Trail  
 Alliance.

Tickets may be purchased at  
 Mountains and Rivers. \$8 in  
 advance, \$7 w/student ID, \$10 at  
 the door.

For more info call 268-4876.

# Colorado River Restoration Celebration and Rendezvous

Glen Canyon Dam, March 14, 2000.

Dave Brower (Former Sierra Club Honcho) and others concerned with the present state of the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon (under Lake Powell) have organized a get-to-gather to "celebrate the new century and a new look at our rivers and watersheds, joining the other rallies around the world on the Third Annual International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water, and Life.

Former Poet Laureate Robert Hass will join us for what he calls this "Century of River Restoration." We come together at Glen to correct the most egregious errors of the last century and bring joy back to rivers."

The Glen Canyon Action Network is cooperating with International Rivers Network, the Center for Biological Diversity, Colorado Plateau River Guides, Earth Island Institute, Friends of the Earth, Friends of the River, and many other

groups who in turn have been reawakened by Rich Ingebretsen's Glen Canyon Institute. See our website at [www.drainit.org](http://www.drainit.org) for a complete list of organizations sponsoring this historic rally at Glen Canyon Dam.

■ Pioneering Glen Canyon explorer and folksinger/musician Katie Lee will be making her first visit to the dam—which does not delight her, but she will delight you;

■ Veteran dam-fighter and Glen Canyon river guide Ken Sleight will be on hand to tell us about the historic struggle to protect Rainbow Bridge;

■ Writers, musicians, scientists, recreationists, artists and activists will converge on Page, Arizona, in support of The Big Drain of "Lake" Powell Reservoir.

For further information contact: Glen Canyon Action Network, P.O. Box 466, Moab, UT 84532 phone: (435) 259-1063

## Grand Canyon Quiet?

gcpba NEWSWIRE - October 7, 1999

Remarkably, Senator John McCain, long-time champion of natural quiet at the Grand Canyon, has authored and gotten passed special provisions that actually rolls back existing protections from noisy air tours at the park.

In an amendment to a large FAA authorization bill, S. 82, McCain attached an amendment which would:

■ Deem all Grand Canyon tour aircraft as "quiet" if the FAA doesn't say otherwise in 9 months,

■ Open up flight-free areas to "quiet" aircraft routes,

■ Remove the proposed caps on air tour numbers for "quiet" aircraft, and

■ Jettison the existing curfews, letting "quiet" aircraft fly from 7 AM to 7 PM — virtually dawn until dusk.

This is being done, we're told by McCain's office, to encourage the transition to quieter aircraft. However, it obviously goes way beyond that to destroy any progress made so far on restoring natural quiet to the Grand Canyon. Our two most effective tools, moving routes and limiting numbers, are thrown out. Even the modest promise of quieter air-

craft is a joke if all planes are allowed in simply through inaction by the FAA (a high probability, if memory serves). McCain's amendment has a final paragraph which repeats the natural quiet goal, but there's clearly no way to achieve natural quiet if any of these specific provisions are implemented.

SO...

Please call McCain's office ASAP to ask him to pull this amendment back in conference committee with the House (the House FAA bill has no such provision). Call McCain at 202-224-2235 or call his committee staff, Ann Choiniere at 202-224-4852. Please call soon, because Congress is moving quickly to wrap up this and other legislation. This blurb courtesy Rob Smith, Grand Canyon Chapter Sierra Club.

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# RUNNING (AND JUMPING) THE HUITZILAPAN; A FIRST, AND PROBABLY LAST, DESCENT

by Scott Collins of Kayak Mexico ([WWW.KayakMexico.com](http://WWW.KayakMexico.com)).

Edited by Rip Harwood and Merlin Wheeler.

**F**or those of you out there with a thirst for gnarl, I thought I'd tell you about the run we explored today above the Barranca Grande called the Huitzilapan. The run is about 15 km long. It goes from Patlanalan to the town of Barranca Grande, and as far as we know no one has ever done it before. Therefore, all we knew about the run was from the topo maps, which suggested that there would be almost the entire amount of water that is at Barranca Grande and that the gradient is about 180 fpm. Because we were unfamiliar with the run, we brought a tent, food and sleeping bags for a possible overnight, and rappelling gear in case we encountered waterfalls (this turned out to be a good thought!)

The put-in at Patlanalan is next to a beautiful lake (an alpine lake if you will) full of lily pads, and with an incredible view of the Pico de Orizaba, an active volcano nearly 19,000 feet high. We arrived at Patlanalan at about 9am, only to find that the river had only about half the water as it did downstream. At that point, we were still hopeful because we could see on the topos that two creeks came in very soon which, we were hopeful would provide the missing water. We also figured that for a first descent it's better to have too little water than too much. So, we told our shuttle driver to wait at the take out until dark, and go home if we didn't show up by dark. We would take the bus home the next day.

So off we went, in search of more water. To our dismay, the two creeks that came in added very little water, and the run was still really scrapey. It was continuous like the first day of the Barranca Grande, but steeper and sketchier because the water was so low, and it was full of

nasty strainers and footbridges. We were getting stuck on so many rocks that I would say to Dave, "You can follow me, but you might want to give me a minute to get myself un-pinned at the bottom." We went through several tedious kilometers of this, having to get out frequently to scout. At this point we were wondering if we would be able to make it off in one day at the current pace. We were also thinking that we would never bring any clients here!

One of the times that Dave hopped out to scout, he came back with the announcement: "The rapid is clear, but it looks like it goes into a lake!" As it turned out, in the last flood there was a landslide that created a natural dam and a lake. There were a bunch of coffee plants, sweet lemon trees, and orange trees sticking up out of the water that you could paddle right up to and pick; sort of a third-world fast food stop for ravenous kayakers, courtesy of mother nature! Because we were the first to circumnavigate this new lake, Dave decided to name it Lake Petzl Nixon. Nixon because of Dave's famous Nixon impersonation and we had just seen the movie "Nixon" the night before. Petzl because I tease Dave that he can never finish a river without having to use his Petzl head lamp. It was fun to imagine what rapids were hidden below us under the lake. On the other side of the lake there was a steep channel where the water flowed out. It was full of trees, and was really quite impressive. There was even a cactus that was growing right out of the river now that the riverbed had been moved.

Another few kilometers down, we noticed the riverbed change from boulder fields to lava flow bedrock. This change created some challenging rapids that were really

steep and constricted. We were happy that the pace had picked up, and we were now feeling like we could probably get off the river in one day. Around 12:30, we stopped for lunch at the next town by some really fun rapids. One was a six-foot drop over which Dave had the biggest boof I've ever seen in my life. I just kinda floated over it in some really ugly way while thinking about something else. The kids in this town told us that it wasn't too far to Barranca Grande, but that there were a couple of big waterfalls before you get there. Now saying that Barranca Grande is *cerca* (close), is a relative term for someone who has a five-hour walk to the nearest grocery store, so who knows what they think a "big waterfall" is either. This thought was circulating in our brains as we set out again after lunch. We made sure we were extra careful not to bomb through any rapids where we could not see to the bottom, and we treated each horizon line with total respect. Sure enough, after another kilometer of fun rapids we get to what I would really call a "Barranca Grande (a grand canyon). I'm talking steep, narrow, jungle-clad, primordial, and gorgeous.

Then came the waterfalls. The first waterfall we came to looked about 20 ft high and went between two boulders and under a third. After seeing it from the bottom, I think it's runnable, but from the top it just looks kind of like a lot of water going into a cave. The problem was that we were now between steep canyon walls and there was no way to walk around the drop. It looked like you might be able to walk around from the right side, but to get over there you have to swim across the river because there's no eddy access. So I swim across and find that it is not possible to walk around, but it is possible to rappel

down, so we bring Dave and all the gear over as well. The problem now is that we will have to leave some gear at the top after we rappel down, and even worse, 50m downstream we can see the lip of the next waterfall! So our problem is this: we want to have enough gear for other rappels, and we don't want to get stuck between two waterfalls without being able to get down the next one or back up the first one! Keep going or turn back now? Being the optimist that I am, I confidently predict that we will be able to rappel the next waterfall too, so I convince Dave to keep going. For an anchor we used two cam straps which we had brought to tie boats on a bus in case of an overnight. I wasn't too excited about being a test dummy for NRS cam straps, so Dave volunteered to go first and, being the optimist that I am, I let him! NRS came through for us, and I lowered the boats down to him, and followed. We left the rope hanging at the first drop while we scouted out the second in case we had to ascend it and hike out.

So, we make our way down to second drop and I look over the edge only to see that now we are really in trouble. The second drop is at least 30 ft; a true piece of gnarl, worthy of the "twitch" video! There wasn't anywhere to rappel from either. So now our options are: 1) ascend to the top of the first drop with all of our gear and hike up, and out of the canon, 2) try to hike out up the shear canyon walls where we are now, 3) throw the boats over and jump off the waterfall, or 4) wait for the beer commercial girls to show up (which would also be a first!).

I hate jumping. But, that seemed like the best option, so like the optimist (idiot??) I am, I offer to jump first. And Dave, proving once again that he is one of the sharper tools in the shed, says, "Really! Well okay!" I'm a little worried that the water isn't deep enough at the bottom. We're both worried that there will be another waterfall around the corner that we won't be able to portage, rappel, run, or jump. So, now we're saying things

like, "What are you going to do if I don't surface at the bottom of this jump?" and, "I think they'll come looking for us after 3 days, don't you?" So we're both really kinda stressing, and after peeing about seven times and standing at the top I finally jump off before Dave pushes me off from anxiety. As usual, the jump was totally fine, and as usual, my video camera stopped working when I wanted to tape Dave pushing our boats over and jumping off the waterfall. Dave says to me that he will buy me a beer if we get off the river today, as if I didn't really want to get off the river already. We kept saying how stressful it was not knowing what's around the corner, and how it was one of the most intense days we've ever spent on the river.

The section below the second drop is absolutely gorgeous, and we went another 1/2 km through really fun rapids before we arrived at the next big drop. And, of course this one you can't walk, you can't rappel, and you can't jump. Oops, just what we needed. Dave is really not happy about the situation at this point, but the rapid looks to me kind of like a small version of Gorilla on the Green Narrows, only that if you get hurt you are really in the middle of the nowhere of nowhere. So, I tell Dave that I'm going to run this thing, and he says, "Really! okay, I'll watch", again proving his superior intelligence. So I get myself all warmed up and mentally prepared. I take my first two strokes to peel-out, and I hear, "Scott, wait, I think we can rappel down in our boats." I told Dave that I didn't really think that would work, and that I really did feel confident running the thing,

so now I get to try running it again only this time I am twice as nervous. But, fortunately I had a smooth run, and Dave followed with the same.

The run seemed to open up below the third drop, which we were so happy about that we gave each other a hug the next time we got out to scout. We knew that we were really out of the canyon when we started to see some vegetation in the distance, and I told Dave that I had never been so happy to see a banana tree without bananas on it in my life. Just a little ways below the canyon there is a fantastic waterfall that comes in off the side similar to the one near the beginning of the Actopan. So that's where the extra water comes in, but it must be from a spring because you don't cross it on the drive in. At any rate, we decided that we didn't really need any more water in the ol' Huitzilapan, anyway! Below the waterfall the run is like the more difficult stretches of the Barranca Grande, which is kind of what we had expected the whole thing to be like, but that just goes to show you what expectations about Mexican rivers can lead to. The next few kilometers were fast and fun, and we delighted at the signs of civilization, hoping once again that we would make it off the river in one day. Sure enough, about 5:30 we saw some houses in the distance that we recognized, and we sprinted for the take-out. I hopped out of my boat saying, "We're alive!" Being the optimist that I am, and a pretty sharp tool myself, mind you, I wasted no time going straight for that beer Dave had promised. Negra Modelo never tasted better!



# THEY JUST DON'T MAKE CUSTOMERS LIKE THEY USED TO

## A Perspective on Private vs Commercial Use of the Colorado River Through the Grand Canyon

attributed to Geogrio White.

The other night I had a discussion with Dave Yeamans about how we got where we are regarding river use of the Grand Canyon. Dave began running rivers commercially in 1966, and of course has been a leading advocate of both commercial and non-commercial river use. What follows is a composite of his thoughts, mine, and those gleaned from some published articles he shared with me. Your Editor

The popularization of river running began in the post-World War II era, with a ready source of inflatable items that were, or could be turned into, rafts. Up to that time nearly all river running was in wooden boats that required substantial investments of time, money, and experience to safely navigate major western rivers; the Colorado through the Grand Canyon in particular.

Certainly, prior to the ready availability of inflatable craft, nearly all river running was of a "commercial" nature. River Guides of various sorts (and skills) took passengers and supplies down the river for recreation and sustenance. On northwestern rivers such as the Salmon, these commercial river trips were (and still are) a primary source for supplies and customers for the many lodges spaced along the river corridor. And on these early trips the "passengers" were far more than just customers. They were active participants in the trip. Sharing the rigors and dangers of wilderness, or at least wild, river running. They expected, and received, courteous service. But things often didn't go as planned, and that was part of the adventure.

In the Grand Canyon, the

National Park Service embraced commercial outfitters as a safe and effective means of providing river access for the public, and for protecting a fragile river environment. In the 1960's, river use on the Grand was something over 95% commercial.

In the Canyon, as elsewhere in the west, the numbers, interest, skills, and equipage of non-commercial river runners has sky rocketed. And yet the allocation system does not reflect that change. Depending on how you calculate it, the present allocation is somewhere between 70 and 90% commercial. On nearly all other major western rivers the management agencies (US Forest Service, BLM, or NPS) have managed to achieve a balance of something near a 50/50 split. And with relatively little hostility between commercial and non-commercial users. It's worth noting that overall usage of public lands is more like 30% commercial and 70% non-commercial.

However, in the Grand, river use is still dominated by commercial customers. Customers who demand increasing levels of comfort and service. Customers with little time and good incomes. Customers who can afford to pay large sums for a "safe", comfortable, and fast trip down the Grand. Commercial gross revenues rose from nearly \$21M in 1994 to over \$26 M in 1998. (Source: Grand Canyon Nat. Park). And with those revenues comes political clout. Clout to maintain the status quo, and continue to serve the number and type of customers the outfitters elect to attract.

In the 1980's the NPS made a feeble attempt, after significant public input to the Colorado River

Management Plan, to ban motors on the Grand. That lasted just as long as it took Orin Hatch (senator, UT) to draft and pass the Hatch Amendment, imposing a one-year moratorium on such actions. And the NPS has elected to honor that moratorium ever since, with the exception that motors are not permitted from September 15 to December 31 each year.

Further, the NPS has not issued another CRMP for public comment. Not in 80's and not in the 90's. Oh, they have their excuses. For example, after public input on the wilderness aspects of the Grand Canyon, they decided to combine Wilderness Planning and the CRMP. A process that conveniently delays any decision about the future. Many feel that the NPS wishes, privately, that non-commercial river use would just quietly go away, letting them get on with the business of running their river the way it ought to be run.

Over and above the disparity in the percentage of commercial vs private users, what are some of the main in-equities of the current allocation system?

The NPS, it would seem, has relinquished a significant portion of their responsibility to the commercial operators. Whatever kind of river experience the operators wish to market, and stay within their allocation, appears acceptable. It would seem that with the available variety of interests within the public who may wish to run the Grand, about any kind of trip could be sold. But that might reduce the profits some, and we certainly wouldn't want the NPS to interfere in the "free market". There is little to no control on the costs of a

trip (presently around \$200 per day per person), and the NPS appears to have accepted the concept that there's a greater market for commercial use in the summer months.

This leads directly to one inequality in the current system; the ratio of commercial to non-commercial user days in the summer far exceeds the average annual ratio. Private boaters are much more likely to get their launch date requests in the "off-season". Now for many that may not seem unfair, and to some extent it may result from reduced commercial interest (outfitters and/or public) during the non-motorized months. But a responsible management plan would present a genuine evaluation of the "market", and allocate accordingly.

Another gross in-equity relates to the substitution of trip leaders. If a commercial guide scheduled for a trip cannot participate for personal reasons (sickness, family emergency, etc.) the operator simply substitutes another guide. If a private trip leader cannot participate for similar reasons, the trip is scrubbed. There may have been some justification for that in a time where the trip leader was the most experienced person, and trip integrity depended on their presence. But that is not the case for most trips today. And that can be easily handled in the pre-trip permit by designating one or more qualified alternate leaders. Again, a revised CRMP issue, or perhaps simply and administrative change.

A major and well recognized in-equity of the present system is the difference in the wait required by commercial and private users. The projected wait to obtain a non-commercial launch permit, under the present system, is on the order of 20 years, according to the NPS.

Now that may be a little high, depending on what assumptions are made about people dropping of the list, but most people I know who have obtained private permits in the last year or two were on the waiting list for 6 to 8 years. But a commercial passenger doesn't have to go on any NPS waiting list. They simply contact a commercial operator, pay their money, and they're off. Now admittedly, this author hasn't researched how far in advance I would need to book a trip with a commercial operator. At the same time, everyone I know who has been on a commercial trip in the last several years booked the trip within a year of the launch. Many of us believe that the playing field should be level; that is, comparable waits for commercial and non-commercial users of the river. This might require an innovative approach to river management, but that need not be a deterrent.

But what's needed is public input. Input to define the full range of potential users of the Grand, and how those users can best be accommodated. I am told you can connect with the planning process through Grand Canyon Planning Team, attn. Laurie Dolmen, USG, Building 3, 2255 N. Gemini Dr., Flagstaff AZ 86001. Or contact the NPS directly at the Grand Canyon. Push for a CRMP that aims at equity among all potential users, that doesn't pit one kind of commercial customer (today's) against all other users (rich and poor, commercial and non-commercial). That achieves a reasonable balance as illustrated by numerous other management agencies throughout the west.

For more information, and to stay current, Contact Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association, Box 2133, Flagstaff, AZ. 86003-2133. (520) 214-8676 or [www.gcpba.org](http://www.gcpba.org).

## BOATYARD

**PADDLES:** One new black graphite Lettmann kayak paddle from Germany, was \$200, will sell for \$75. One new wooden Kober paddle, was \$100, will sell for \$50. One very little used, extra long, single-blade Norse paddle for rafting, \$20. Call Rita Tessmann, (505) 881-4696.

**THULE:** Low gutter foot attachments for a Thule rack. It has locks. Price new is \$130+, will sell for \$60 (OBO). Bicycle attachments also available. In great condition. Jennifer Schuetz, (505) 255-4351.

**WANTED: ABS/ROYALEX TANDEM CANOE,** 16-17 ft, for beginning intermediate boaters. Call Steve Goodman at 986-9933.

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## Help...

*Contribute to FLIP LINE by sending us stories, articles, pictures, trip plans, gossip, news or anything else you feel might be of interest to AWC members.*

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# Mother's Day Race Announcement

This years MDR will take place May 13th and 14th. We're planning on the Down River and Raft on Saturday. In addition, new this year, were making plans for a rodeo on Saturday afternoon. A potluck get together will be held Saturday evening. On Sunday, the slalom race will be run. Wlad Senutovich has generously accepted the offer to chair the MDR again this year. If you're interested in volunteering to help organize or run an event/activity, please call Wlad (455-2089) or Peter Coha (898-3746). Thanks

## Help Wanted - Flip Line Editors

We have made progress in our search for some new blood in some key club positions. Tom Robey (old blood?) has agreed to take over the Treasurer and Membership Database Coordinator jobs and Ted Krings has picked up the Flip Line Coordinator role. We still are in search of people to help with the monthly editing chores. The editors job is to plan and organize content for an issue and work with our Flip Line designer, Bob Widdicombe to get the newsletter generated and delivered to the printer. Members interested in signing up to edit an issue in 2000 can call Ted Krings at 892-4852.



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