



# FLIP LINE

FALL 1999

## Notes From the Prez -

### Canoe Clinic

Commendations to Russ Gregory and Frank Walsh for leading a well-attended two day clinic at Cochiti lake for canoeists, both solo and tandem. Paddlers had an opportunity not only to work on technique and strokes, but also to try various boats and challenge the Cochiti winds.

### Annual AWC Picnic.

Thanks to Kristin Gunckel for organizing a terrific picnic on August 21st at Taos Junction Bridge. An estimated 35 persons participated, many of them new to AWC. And congratulations to Chef Southwick and company who won the cook-off, and the appreciation of some hungry boaters.

### AWC-BLM Chama Cleanup.

On August 27-29, AWC members joined with Taos BLM staff to become better acquainted and to pick up trash and debris from the put-in at Coopers down to Big Eddy. Camp sites were checked and fire rings dispersed or at least cleaned out. Measurements were taken by BLM of current bare areas caused by camper use, and erosion problems noted. The status of the young cottonwoods planted over the past two or three years was logged - with most doing very well, particularly with the addition of more rugged protective fencing. The most heartening news was the generally excellent condition of the campsites in the upper wilderness, with very little trash or fire debris. Perhaps the years of educational efforts are paying off, at least among the boating groups. In some contrast, however, the styrofoam bait containers and drink cans were conspicuous for a mile or so downstream from the put-in at Coopers. And it was in the lower "monastery" section that a keeper tire was retrieved, plus the prize-winning oil drum. Participants from AWC included Dan and Jessica Behles (new AWC members), Kristin Gunckel, Richard Stoops, Paul Terry, and Richard Trout; and from BLM, Mark Sundin, John Bailey, and Alden Sievers. There was discussion of future cooperative efforts in education programs in the "classrooms" of the Chama and Rio Grande, which might include attention not only to river and safety issues, but also to geology and human history in the regions. Stay tuned, and give us your input!

### Board Elections.

Half of the ten-person AWC Board is elected (or re-elected) each year. A proposed slate of nominees will be published soon, with opportunity for nominations from the membership. Here is YOUR chance to serve. And, at the very least, VOTE!

Richard Stoops





# AWC

## OFFICERS

- President**  
 Richard Stoops.....265-8358
- Vice-President**  
 Peter Coha.....898-3746
- Treasurer**  
 Gayle Smart .....296-6586
- Secretary**  
 Kristin Gunckel .....244-1532
- Alb. Chapter Pres.**  
 Ted Krings .....892-4852
- Northern Chapter Pres.**  
 Merlin Wheeler.....662-5413

## COMMITTEES

- Clinics**  
 Cathy Ratcliff.....332-0701
- Conservation**  
 Wlad Senutovich .....455-2089
- Flip Line Coordinator**  
 Open position
- Flip Line Designer**  
 Bob Widdicombe .....920-4001
- Mailing List**  
 Mary McArthur .....836-0928
- Trips**  
 Cindy Terry.....262-0334

## BOARD MEMBERS

- Glen Banks.....867-5089
- Peter Coha.....898-3746
- Bob Coltharp .....526-2668
- Kristin Gunckel .....244-1532
- Ted Krings .....892-4852
- Cathy Ratcliff.....332-0701
- Tom Robey.....255-8280
- Wlad Senutovich .....455-2089
- Richard Stoops.....265-8358
- Laura Ulibarri.....892-5012

Visit the AWC website at  
[www.thuntek.net/~trobey/awc.html](http://www.thuntek.net/~trobey/awc.html)  
 (Webmaster Tom Robey)

## Club Services

**Hot Line recording**  
 Flows & trips (ABQ) 281-1798

**To place information on the Hot Line:**  
 Joe Butler (ABQ) 281-9882

**Video library**  
 Jerry Hesch  
 (H)299-1844 or (W)242-4440  
 Videos related to boating are available @ \$1/week plus postage.

**AWC rescue kit**  
 Tim Scofield (ABQ) 265-4853

**Water filter**  
 Joe Butler (ABQ) 281-9882 or  
 Bill Zwick (LA) 661-0115  
 Expedition water filter available @ \$30/week.

**River potty**  
 Michael Lombardi (ABQ) 877-9502  
 River toilet system available @ \$10/week.

**Ground to Air Radio**  
 Ted Krings 892-4852  
 Radio available @ \$15 / week.

## Pool Sessions

**ABQ Highland Pool**  
 Wed. 8:30-10 p.m.  
 Robert Southwick, 266-8518 or pool, 256-2096

**LA Walkup Pool**  
 Tues. 8-10 p.m.  
 Merlin Wheeler, 662-5413

**SF Tino Griego Pool**  
 Sun. 10 a.m. to noon  
 pool, 473-7270 \$2.50/person limit 12 boats

## 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 and designed by Bob Widdicombe, 920-4001 or [rwiddicombe@netscape.net](mailto:rwiddicombe@netscape.net). Next months editor TBA. The deadline to submit materials for next months *Flip Line* is the 1st of December.



# Calendar

## November

9 ABQ AWC Chapter meeting  
 7 pm @ ABQ Press Club  
 201 Highland Park Circle

The topic for the Nov. 9 meeting will be Glen Canyon and what was lost from the construction and subsequent filling of the reservoir. I will give a brief introduction to Glen Canyon Institute followed by two videos of river trips through glen canyon before lake Powell.

The Glen Canyon Insatiate is an organization dedicated to Restoration of Southern Utah's Glen Canyon, which was inundated by the waters of the Colorado River by the formation of Lake Powell following completion of Glen Canyon Dam in 1963. Many consider this the most tragic of environmental losses. The Glen Canyon Institute was founded to provide leadership toward reestablishment of a free-flowing Colorado River through a restored Glen Canyon. In November of 1996 the National Sierra Club Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of our proposal to drain the reservoir. In the movement to restore this wondrous place, Glen Canyon Institute will conduct a Citizen's Environmental Assessment to offer evidence supporting the proposal to decommission Glen Canyon Dam.

You can check out their web site at <http://www.glencanyon.org/>  
 Thanks  
 Jim Brainard

# AWC board member election news

According to the by-laws of the Adobe Whitewater Club, the board announces its nominations for the Board of Directors in Flip Line. Members may nominate additional members by petition. (A petition form is provided on the back cover of this Flip Line). The petition must be delivered to the secretary no later than November 15. Petitions must be signed by ten voting members of the club. Ballots are planned to be sent out at the beginning of December.

We will have 6 openings on the board. Kristen Gunckel, Cathy Ratcliff, Tom

Robey, Richard Stoops, Laura Ulibarri terms are ending. Wlad Senutovich is resigning. I'd like to thank the above folks for the input and energy they've supplied to the club.

The current nominees for the upcoming board positions are:

Cathy Ratcliff  
Tom Robey  
Richard Stoops  
Russ Gregory  
Carol Morgan  
Dave Yeamans

## Cochiti canoe clinic



Photo: Richard Stoops

Frank Walsh demonstrating one method of dealing with an overturned canoe: Walk on water.

## HELP WANTED

### Flip Line Coordinator and Membership Database Coordinator

The Flip Line Coordinator is responsible for selecting the "editor/compiler" of information and overseeing the logistics of the newsletter. An important job in communicating with and providing coordination to our club membership! We are currently planning to publish 4 quarterly Flip Lines (12 pages) and a short monthly announcement in the other months. This is then supplied to our Flip Line designer, Bob Widdicombe, who lays out the issue. Being the Flip Line coordinator promotes additional contacts with

others interested in water sports and conservation! Contact Richard Stoops, at 256-7521 for more information.

Mary McArthur will be leaving her position of maintaining the membership database, membership reporting, printing labels and sending directories. And is ready to share the opportunity with others. One person shouldn't be allowed to have all the fun, should they? Please contact Mary McArthur at 836-0928, if interested.

## New members over the last few months:

- Behles, Dan  
Albuquerque, NM  
Craft: raft
- Belknap, Ty, Barb & Evan  
Placitas, NM  
Craft: kayak, canoe, raft
- Bryant, Nolina  
Albuquerque, NM
- Dicharry, Guy, Lisa & Will  
Los Lunas, NM  
Craft: kayak  
Level: beginner
- Prudhomme, Sherry  
Albuquerque, NM  
Craft: kayak  
Level: beginner
- Seale, Richard & Patsy Seale  
Angel Fire, NM  
Craft: kayak  
Level: beginner/intermediate  
I am interested in group trips and activities, Class I-III water. Need paddling partners or support.
- Shulman, Len  
Tesuque, NM
- Steimle, Veronica  
Tijeras, NM
- Stone, Aaron  
Albuquerque, NM  
Craft: kayak  
Level: beginner
- Taos Mtn Outfitters, Salloway, Jonah  
Taos, NM  
Craft: kayak  
Level: intermediate
- Ydens, Larry & Carol  
Santa Fe, NM  
Craft: kayak, raft  
Level: intermediate/expert

## AWC Membership

Send \$15 to:  
Adobe  
Whitewater Club  
P.O. Box 3835  
Albuquerque, NM  
87190-3835

## September board meeting summary

The meeting was lightly attended... Which was a good thing, since most of the folks not there, were off doing what the club is all about, running rivers. Richard Stoops and Tom Robey were on the San Juan River Cleanup, providing both a cleaner environment and club coordination with the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association and the Colorado Whitewater Association. Ted Krings was running Cataract Canyon. Bob Coltharp was on his way to Oregon to run rivers!

With the quorum at the meeting, we made the following progress:

Approved a new club web site. The URL will be [www.adobeww.org](http://www.adobeww.org) and a list server to distribute newsletters/announcements. The board will be developing list server usage policies in upcoming meetings. Look for the site soon on a web portal near you! The estimate is approx a month before it all gets set up. Tom Robey has done a tremendous job in providing a location for and setting up the previous AWC home page, doing the research for the new location and getting this approved. Ray Gulick has volunteered to get the site set up. Thanks!

We reviewed our current board vacancies and nominations. See the announcement elsewhere in this issue! Nominee statements and ballots will be sent out in the Nov Issue. Vote!

I put together a rough draft of a 1999 Mother's Day Race Summary. We reviewed this and got some great input. The purpose of this document is to consolidate what it takes to run the race and provide templates for future races.

The board approved to send a letter in support of the Keep NM Enchanting and usage of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. More info can be obtained on this organization, their areas of concern and guiding principles at their web site: [www.keepnmenchanting.org](http://www.keepnmenchanting.org)

I hope you all have and are taking advantage of the uncharacteristically long NM boating season that we've had this year and have been enjoying the water!

Peter Coha



# AWC - BLM Chama River cleanup

August 27 - 29, 1999



Top to bottom:

Mark Sundin, (foreground) BLM ranger, and Kristin Gunckel.

Sign on cottonwood in Monastery section.

Cleaning ashes and remains from fire pit.

Richard Trout with the oil drum booty (or perhaps the prototype for a propane powered raft?).

All photos:  
Richard Stoops



# Floating lawyers

gcpba NEWSWIRE

Jul 7, 1998

The Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association (GCPBA) has positioned itself as one of the foremost defenders of the rights of private boaters in the Grand Canyon Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP). We have already made the National Park Service aware that the GCPBA is willing to work with the CRMP Planning Team to identify solutions to the projected 20 year long wait and inequitable use allocations that the majority of the non-commercial recreational boaters currently must endure before accessing the Canyon. However, if the Park Service does not respond with true resolutions to these inequities, recreational boaters must be determined to go beyond the administrative process as a means to obtain equity on the Colorado River.

The GCPBA believes there are members of the legal profession who are also recreational boaters who share our passions for developing equitable access for all users of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River.

The GCPBA is requesting the assistance of recreational boaters with legal backgrounds and experience in the field of administrative law and the judicial process that are willing to provide volunteer legal assistance in the pursuit of the available legal options necessary to achieve equity for all river users. It is our belief that the combination of competent legal expertise combined with the passions of GCPBA, AW, NWRA and ACA members will bring about a realization of equity in obtaining access to the Colorado River in Grand Canyon.

In the long haul, it may be your

legal contribution that will make the critical difference. Any and all legal assistance is to be greatly appreciated. If you feel you have something to offer; if you can file actions, if you have procedural talents, if you have knowledge of administrative law, the judicial process, research abilities... whatever legal assistance you feel you can offer, we urge you to contact us as soon as possible.

It is our belief your participation is crucial to the developmental planning process to be finalized and officially documented as the Colorado River Management Plan.

If you are willing to help, please, contact us at  
*Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association*  
P.O. Box 2133, Flagstaff, AZ 86003 (520)  
214-8676 [gcpba@gcpba.org](mailto:gcpba@gcpba.org)  
<http://www.gcpba.org>

# Keep your pants on

gcpba NEWSWIRE

The confluence of the Green River and the Yampa brought together another kind of confluence, that of law enforcement and naked river runners. Two river runners from San Francisco were fined \$50 each for playing in the mud au-natural.

The officer issuing the tickets, who, while during the process, ran the permittees names through the Colorado State Police computers via sat phone, informed the errant boaters that the reason they were issued citations was because their unsightly activities occurred in area where children were present.

Nearby, a family from Denmark, including the only two children in the area, observed the police action. When informed as to the nature of the police activity, the patriarch of the family responded "We're from Denmark, we go to the beach in the nude, we're not offended."

The story takes another turn. The citing officer had, several hundred feet upriver, previously encountered a group sans clothing, but out of the sight of the Danish children, preparing lunch. The trip leader, thinking the blue cataraft approaching, to be another friendly trip offered the ranger, and his female companion lunch. The ranger identified himself, declined the lunch offer and told the naked eaters to put their clothes on. Then he delivered a lecture to the group including comments such as, "I prefer the all over tan

my self... but.... we have many commercial groups and children who might be offended.... we get letters complaining strongly about nude encounters all the time..." The busy ranger then told the group that he wasn't going to cite them this time, because there are no children present "... but keep your pants on." Which, it has been reported, they attempted to do.

Regulations concerning nudity seem to vary from state to state and National Park to National Park. At this writing it is unclear if it is legal or illegal to sleep in the nude, bathe in the river nude... or just, plain, get naked.

Ricardo Martin



# AWC-GCPBA San Juan River cleanup

September 13-20, 1999

In September, Adobe Whitewater Club collaborated with the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association (GCPBA) to do an eight-day "clean-up" trip down the San Juan in southeastern Utah Four Corners. To our knowledge, this was the first such joint project by private boater organizations. The 12-15 participants were from New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, California, and even Germany.

AWC boaters included Rich Besser, Gail Ryba, Tom Robey, Richard Stoops, Nick Tobey, and Richard Trout (who made food arrangements for the entire group!)

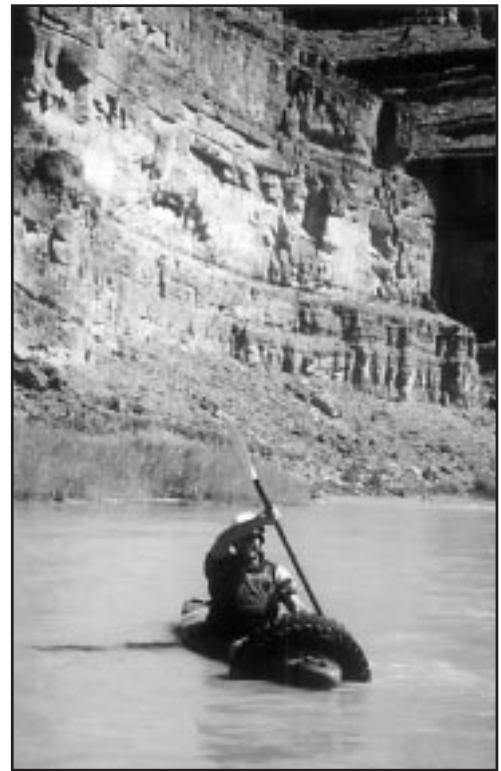
As requested by Monticello BLM, we began our efforts below the highway bridge downstream from Bluff, and then proceeded throughout the 84 mile trip to collect raftloads of trash, bottles, cans, oil containers, and tires. Styrofoam was

everywhere, including chunks now rounded in their own synthetic emulation of river cobbles. Mounds of collected debris were dropped off for collection in Mexican Hat and Clay Hills.

Discussions for future collaboration among the Four Corners states addressed ways to preserve and enhance non-motorized access to rivers; allocation between private and commercial boaters; Web links; and establishing connections with agencies and elected public representatives..

We plan on doing a similar trip next year, which will hopefully include reps from BLM and national river organizations, together with a possible conclave in Durango on river access and conservation issues. I trust that AWC will continue to take an active role in such events.

Richard Stoops



All photos: Richard Stoops  
Top: Tom Robey demonstrating kayaker's spare tire.  
Above: Richard Stoops, AWC and Tom Martin, GCPBA.  
Below: Deposit #3 at Clay Hills



# Group cleans up San Juan

from the gcpba NEWSWIRE

September 23, 1999

The Flagstaff based Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association, along with the New Mexico group Adobe Whitewater Club and the Colorado based Colorado Whitewater Association, have just completed a river clean-up on the San Juan River. "There was so much garbage piled on my boat I had to stand up to see over it" noted Scott Thomas, a boater who participated with 15 others on the clean-up. The group of 12 boaters started the clean-up at the Sand Island launch ramp on Monday, September 13. They then moved downstream 1/4 mile to a site identified by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Recreation Planner Phil Gezon just below the Highway 191 Bridge. "We pulled our boats to shore and gathered up about 600 pounds of junk after lunch on the very first day" noted Nick Tobey, another participant. The group left the bagged trash by the bridge where it was later collected by BLM employee Mark Meloy and BLM volunteer Carl Beal. These two followed the group to Mexican Hat, where the boaters arrived Thursday, September 16. "I knew there would be trouble when Tom Robey, board member of the Adobe Whitewater Club, motioned me to shore with a big grin" said Tom Martin, with the

Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association. Between the two of them, they somehow managed to load a 6 foot diameter front loader tire onto the back of Martin's raft. The group was joined by 4 more volunteers at Mexican Hat, where they left an estimated 1,300 pounds of refuse they had collected upriver, including the front loader tire. Richard StoopS, president of the New Mexico based Adobe Whitewater Club, was very encouraged by the clean-up event. "We did more than just pick up trash. This trip has allowed us to share our common issues, become acquainted with each groups local issues, and plan possible future cooperation." By the time the group reached the trip's end point on Monday, September 20, at Clay Hills, Meloy and Beal had arrived with a pick-up truck to meet the rafters. "To see these boaters doing this is great" said Meloy, who went on to note that a freight car load of tires had spilled into the river more than a hundred miles upriver earlier in the year. As the group deposited another 2,000 pounds of refuse at the take-out, the "trash tally" went something like this: 125 bags (50 gallon size) of refuse, 32 tires including one front loader tire, 1 automobile battery, a child car seat, 2 coolers, 4 large

pieces of Styrofoam, and 1 8ft. by 4ft. road closed sign, for a grand total of approximately 2 tons of refuse removed from the river. "We are already discussing getting together next spring for another clean-up" said Liz Sutphin, with the Colorado Whitewater Association. Liz, a kayaker in her 60's, went on to note "We had a lot of fun, did some hiking and even a little mud wrestling, so it wasn't all work." Except for the toilet system which was donated by Canyon REO in Flagstaff, the group paid for their own shuttle, food and user fee costs. The GCPBA has pictures of the clean-up on their website photo gallery at <http://www.gcpba.org/gallery/san-juan.php3>

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## THANKS FROM MONTICELLO BLM OFFICE

Dear Tom:

We want to sincerely thank you and your group for their time and effort in cleaning up garbage along the San Juan River. We have been informed by our river rangers that there were well over 100 bags of garbage and nearly 40 tires gathered for disposal.

We are a small office with lim-

ited funds and personnel and are heavily dependent on the help of volunteer groups to aid us in managing the public lands. Your efforts were extraordinary and went well beyond what had been discussed. Again, please convey our sincere thanks to all who helped with this project.

If you have any interest in

doing projects in the future, feel free to call either Kay Wilson at (435) 587-1504 or Phil Gezon (435) 587-1519.

Sincerely,

Kent E. Walter

Field Manager

BLM

Monticello Office



# Y2K River Permit Information

RIVER/AGENCY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	COMMENTS
Bruneau, Jarbridge, Upper Owyhee BLM	BLM Boise District 3948 Development Dr. Boise, ID 83705	(208) 334-1582 (208) 384-3300	Spring and early summer run
Colorado River Cataract Canyon National Park Service	Canyonlands National Park 2282 SW Resource Blvd Moab, UT 84532	(435) 259-7164 (435) 259-2911 ext 2120	Contact NPS for details
Colorado River Grand Canyon National Park Service	Grand Canyon NP River Permits Office PO Box 129 Grand Canyon, AZ 86023	(602) 638-7843  cancellations (800) 959-9164 ext. 4	Waiting list application, w/ \$100, must be postmarked in Feb.; yearly waiting list fee, \$25; permit fee varies w/ size of group (\$50 - \$200); other fees outlined in appli- cation materials
Colorado River Westwater Canyon BLM	BLM, Moab Field Office 82 East Dogwood Moab, UT 84532	(435) 259-7012	Apply 12/1 - 1/31. Lottery in Feb. Permits required all year; fee season runs 3/1 - 10/31
Dolores River BLM	BLM Montrose District Office 2505 S. Townsend Montrose, CO 81401	(303) 249-7791	Permit required for Gateway to Dewey Bridge.
Gila River U.S. Forest Service	Gila National Forest Rt 11, Box 100 Silver City, NM 88061	(505) 536-9461	No permit required.
Green River Desolation/Gray BLM	BLM, Price Field Office 125 South 600 West Price, UT 84501	(435) 636-3622	Apply 12/1 - 1/31. Lottery in Feb. Call-ins allowed w/ permit on file. Permits required all year; fee season runs 3/1 - 10/31
Green River Lodore/Yampa/ Split Mountain National Park Service	Dinosaur National Park River Office PO Box 210 Dinosaur, CO 81610	(970) 374-2468 (970) 374-3000	Apply 12/1 - 1/31. Lottery in Feb. Call-ins allowed w/ permit on file. Permits required all year.
Rio Chama BLM	BLM Taos Resource Area River Permits 226 Cruz Alta Rd Taos, NM 87571	(505) 751-4731	Permits required at El Vado put-in. Early season (May 1 thru first week in June) and release season (mid-July thru end of August) permit by lot- tery; apply by 1/31. *(note)
Rio Grande Big Bend & Lower Canyons National Park Service	Big Bend National Park River Permits Big Bend National Park, TX 79834	(915) 477-2251 (915) 477-2393	Permits required all year, available upon request.

RIVER/AGENCY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	COMMENTS
Rio Grande Lower Taos Box BLM	BLM Taos Resource Area River Permits 224 Cruz Alta Rd Taos, NM 87571	(505) 758-8851	Private permits issued at put-in. Contact BLM for more info.
Rogue River US Forest Service & BLM	US Forest Service 14335 Galice Rd Merlin, OR 87532	(503) 479-3735	Permits required 5/15 - 10/15. Apply 1/1 - 2/15. Lottery in March. Call-ins allowed w/ permit on file.
Salmon River Main Fork US Forest Service	Main Fork of the Salmon River North Fork Ranger District PO Box 180 North Fork, ID 83466	(208) 865-2725	See Salmon River/Middle Fork comments.
Salmon River Middle Fork US Forest Service	Middle Fork of the Salmon River Middle Fork Ranger District PO Box 750 Challis, ID 83226	(208) 879-4112	Four River Lottery. Apply 12/1 - 1/31 (fee). Lottery in Feb. Call-ins allowed w/ permit on file. Permits required all year. Info and applications available on-line: <a href="http://www.idoc.state.id.us/irti/Rivers">www.idoc.state.id.us/irti/Rivers</a>
Salt River US Forest Service	Tonto National Forest 2324 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85006	(602) 225-5235  Ft. Apache Res. (520) 338-4385	Forest Service permit for wilderness stretch required 3/1 - 1/15; apply 12/1 - 1/31. Permit from White Mountain Game & Fish required for boating through Ft. Apache Reservation year-round; permit available at store near put-in
San Juan River Bluff to Clay Hills BLM/National Park Service	San Juan Field Office PO Box 7 Monticello, Ut 84535	(435) 587-1544	Apply 12/1 - 1/31. Lottery in Feb. Call-ins allowed with permit on file. Permits required all year; fee season runs 3/1 - 10/31.
Selway River US Forest Service	US Forest Service West Fork Ranger District 6735 West Fork Road Darby, MT 59829	(406) 821-3269	See Salmon River/Middle Fork comments.
Snake River Hells Canyon US Forest Service	Hells Canyon National Rec Area PO Box 699 Clarkston, WA 99403	(509) 758-1957	See Salmon River/Middle Fork comments.

\*(note on Rio Chama): Boaters are asked to get self serve permits at the put-in 6/9 - 7/17. BLM also requests that boaters wanting to put on during that time to call BLM regarding their plans.

This information was gathered from previous Flip Lines and the editor's personal knowledge. Please call Bob Widdicombe at (505) 920-4001 if you notice outdated information or would like a particular river run added.



# Kayak ocean surfing

by Rip Harwood

*Author's note: This article was originally written for inclusion in the second edition of Tom Robey's book, A Gringo's Guide to Mexican Whitewater, thus the references to Tom and to Mexico's east coast. Maybe some day Tom will actually get that long-awaited second edition out! In the meantime, the principles in here are universally applicable. Hope you get the chance to use 'em soon!*

Rip Harwood  
February, 1998

If you've never done it, there are certain things you should know about ocean surfing before you put the boat in the water. I don't pretend to be an expert at this emerging subspecialty of our sport, but I was an expert board surfer, and a former surf lifesaver (it's no Baywatch, believe me!). I lived on various beaches for years, and I know something about the ocean and her waves. Surf kayaking is significantly different from downriver paddling. Most people, including expert river kayakers, don't necessarily realize this. Tom though the subject worthy of honorable mention in his Mexico guide. I heartily agreed, since we've ocean surfed there on every trip, and I accepted the assignment to work something up for the Gringo's Guide.

Most of the ocean surfing you'll be doing if you run the rivers in Tom's book will be on Mexico's east coast in the Gulf of Mexico. Except for hurricane season, the waves in the Gulf of Mexico are relatively small compared to their Pacific Ocean counterparts. If you want to know why, check out the term "fetch" in any basic oceanography or sailing text.

Seated in your kayak at water level and paddling out through them for the first time, the waves will still seem BIG to you! If you've never paddled through surf before, you can expect to feel like the waves are about twice as large as they appear to be from the safety of the beach!

And although they might look small from the shore, bear in mind that they can still pound and trash you thoroughly. Before you venture out into the surf in your kayak, you would do well to honestly assess your swimming skills, fitness and stamina. If they come up short, don't necessarily stay out of the water, but do stay close to shore until you gain experience and confidence, and wear your life jacket.

## Wind and waves

Aside from the size of the waves, there are certain other things about the water itself, that you need to assess before venturing out. Most of the coastal beaches along Mexico's gulf coast in this area are long, open stretches. This means that if the wind is blowing down the beach in either direction, there will be a corresponding current along the shore, called a "wash". The longer and stronger the wind blows along shore in the same direction, the stronger the wash will be. A wash is significant to you because if you paddle out in one place and disregard this along-shore current, you will be paddling in somewhere else. Washes can sweep you into breakwaters and other undesirable places such as rocky points as well. On long stretches of open beach (which is what you are looking for as a novice surf kayaker), you can expect to encounter a wash whenever the wind is blowing along the shoreline. This doesn't mean stay out, but you must pick a landmark onshore when you first paddle out, even if it's your towel and pile of clothes on the beach. Then form the habit of checking it out often enough after you first paddle out to determine the direction and speed of the wash. Paddle up current accordingly to compensate.

You should also know the basics about the effects of other winds on surf. Rule number one: good surf is helped by a) no wind at all, preferably for a long time, and; b) by offshore winds or breezes. In other-

wise settled weather conditions, offshore winds typically develop overnight, especially on clear nights, as the land cools faster than the sea. They are a localized phenomenon. They last until the land warms in the morning, or until other, overriding weather conditions obliterate them. This is why the surf is usually best in the morning. Surfers call it the dawn patrol. Offshore winds make waves better for surfing by "holding them up"; delaying them from breaking, and by sculpting them into hollow, even-breaking surfable shapes that peel off regularly left and right of the breaking crest. The sight and feel of these is what the dawn patrol live and breathe for. When pelicans soar effortlessly along the crests of the breaking swells, and the spray trails back in a gentle rain from the crests of the breaking waves, you have good, offshore conditions.

By contrast, onshore winds are the anathema of good surf. Within minutes of the onset of an onshore wind, the waves begin to deteriorate and "mush out". For the novice not concerned with wave shape, this is less of a disaster. If you're riding the "foamies" inside, don't even worry about it! A strong onshore wind usually means less wash to worry about, though it may enhance the development of rip tides, described below, especially along long beaches, and especially if the surf is big. In some areas, onshore winds can also bring in undesirable stinging things like Portuguese Men of War. Yikes!

## Basic techniques

This also differs somewhat from river kayaking technique. First of all, at a warm water beach break, you probably don't need anything else but a spray skirt, although a life jacket is a good idea if the surf intimidates you at all. Helmets are optional, but for the most part unnecessary where you're surfing over a smooth, sand bottom, as is the case for most of Mexico's east coast.

The first-time ocean kayaker will find even getting into the kayak and securing the spray skirt a different experience. Orient the kayak into the surf, shallow enough to anchor it against terra firma, but deep enough so that you're not embarrassingly left high and dry once in the boat. I've found that spray skirts with anti-blowout bars are especially useful for ocean surfing.

Once in the boat and afloat, paddle aggressively to move out through the lines of breaking waves. In the typical "beach break", there is an area where waves break right up against the beach (the shore break), followed by a trenched out area of unbreaking waves in the middle, followed by an area of stronger "foamies" from the outermost breaking waves, followed finally by the last line of breaking waves. For obvious reasons, surfers call the area beyond the last line of breaking waves, the "outside". If you're a novice, don't bother to go outside except in small surf. You're likely to just scare yourself. Getting outside can be a sketch move. The last line of breaking waves requires timing and some paddling judgment to avoid getting pounded. If you go outside, plan to get trashed a few times even if you're a bomber downriver boater. One other tip before I leave you to the lessons only experience can teach: if and when your spray skirt blows out (and it will!), you are, like in the river, usually much better off in your boat, though the reasons are different. You personally should have less of a problem getting to shore in the ocean than you might on some rivers. Unless you bit off more than you can chew, you can probably wade ashore. If nothing else, you can float in the buoyant salt water and swim ashore with the waves. What you will not be able to do without dangerously tiring yourself is drag your swamped boat with you, even with floatation, and even if you can touch bottom. If you come out of your boat, by all means get back in it, even if it means holding your breath and sliding back into it underwater. Try not to lose your paddle, but if you do, you still want to be back in the boat. You can hand pad-

dle it to shore. Otherwise, you'll just have to wait for it to wash ashore, which can take awhile.

Actual ocean kayak surfing techniques are beyond the scope of this article. Besides, I don't have them down myself yet. One thing you want to remember though when you get sideways in a big wave and it breaks on you is to lean into the foam just like you would lean into a big breaking wave on the river. Otherwise a flip is inevitable, though just like in a big hole you can use the momentum to come on around and roll up. Remember also that bracing towards shore is the equivalent of bracing upstream and can have the same rapid consequence of divorcing your arm from your body at the shoulder. Go with the flow!

### Myths (Dangers and other sharks)

Questions inevitably come up regarding sharks and other "dangers of the deep". Sharks evoke two very primitive fears in people: the fear of being out of their natural element and the fear of being devoured by a monster. When you put those two things together, it is pretty scary, but it's almost completely irrational. The likelihood of a shark attack is extremely remote. You are at much greater risk on the road in Mexico, or even in the US. Think about it. If sharks had to count on surfers for dinner every day, they'd all starve. They have hunting and eating habits, and you are not part of those. Unless you are in the habit of trailing large, bloody chunks of fish behind your kayak, you should really be thinking about other things out there, like how not to get trashed when you venture outside and the next bigger-than-average set of waves catches you too close inshore trying to sneak in on a little one! I happily misspent my wayward youth surfing an average of four days a week for almost eight years in Africa and in Brazil. Both places had lots of big sharks. I never saw a single shark at any time while I was in the water over that entire period. Of course it doesn't mean they weren't there, but it's at least some evidence that the risk isn't quite as serious as

portrayed in Jaws (which, I admit, memorialized in print and film the worst nightmares of every surfer)!

The other popular ocean myth is the so-called "undertow". This myth is so well established that I know I will draw criticism and guffaws of incredulity from my readers for even calling the undertow a myth. Fact is, 'tho, there is no such thing as an undertow. There is a phenomenon known as a rip current or rip tide (yes, of course it was named after me, silly!). Rip currents develop when larger than average sets of waves pile into and break in the surf zone, causing a disproportionate buildup of water near the shore. To keep the ocean "level", that water has to find its way back out through the surf break. It picks a path of least resistance along a deeper section of bottom, flattening out waves that try to break towards shore in this area. Two things you may have figured out from this: first, rip currents are a temporary thing (at small wave beach breaks), and second, they die out just beyond the last line of waves, where the water equalizes. In small surf you are unlikely to even see one of these, much less be caught in one. If you should be so lucky, consider it a free ride to the outside! Many experienced surfers look for these currents to speed up their paddling out. If you should be caught up in one, just go with it. You can't fight it. You can ferry gradually across it and get out that way though, if you are so inclined.

I hope none of this has scared any of Tom's readers away from this fun pastime. It is meant as a primer to save you the embarrassment of the worst mistakes and to tell you what to avoid and how to avoid it. The ocean is a fun place to be in your kayak. Discovering ocean surfing will add a whole new dimension to your paddling experience and water enjoyment. I hope to see you outside some day in the pink of dawn, when the sweet land breeze sculpts the waves into crisp, clean tubes; where the pelicans skim the breaking crests, and where the dolphins are your playmates!



# Trip report: White Rock Canyon

by David Yeamans

August 21, 1999

Our friend at the Department of Energy got us permission from the San Ildefonso Pueblo Governor to launch boats at Otowi Bridge. The permission is needed to launch on their land. The laws of New Mexico allow people to float down the river regardless of the bank ownership, but I cannot speak regarding the laws of the Pueblo. Perhaps you could rappel off the highway bridge without trespassing, and certainly you could launch at a friend's house in La Mesilla.

About 30 of us launched at 9:45 in four rafts and two inflatable kayaks while the support team shuttled vehicles for us. The river was flowing "a fair amount" that I would guess to be about 2,000 cfs. I don't really care. It was enough for *Barcofelis elegans*, my rowed 20' cataraft with 30" tubes. We floated uneventfully to approximately Pajarito spring and ate lunch on the National Forest land on the left. Once again I saw the glazed stare of people who had their lunch packed for them, who had the shuttle arranged for them, who had the boats rowed for them, and who were forced into the observer role rather than the participant role. Oh, well, next time I will organize the trip and get people participating.

A few yards down from lunch, on the right, there was a rock painted in the color "Gross White." It seemed to signify the landing for a visit to Pajarito Spring. I wonder who had the urgency to notify following trips about the attraction. Who wanted to spend the money and the time painting a rock? Who went down there before and planned to paint the rock on their next trip? What advantage would it bring to anybody? Perhaps it was money. Perhaps it was a commercial rafting company. Perhaps not.

Clouds rolled up to the edge of the canyon and stopped, gathering

energy from the Jemez mountains. They began to spit rain and distant lightning as we reached Ancho Rapid. At this point, I wish I had remembered all the learning I had done in 38 years as a boater, guide, trip leader, and rider because I forgot about how little the novice knows and how direct the instructions have to be. Several times I had told the entire party we were going to stop at Ancho for a look at the rapid. What I didn't say was that when I tell them, "we are pulling over right here and now to land and look over Ancho rapid," and I pull over and get out and look fretfully at the river ahead, that they should stop, too. I should have stopped a quarter mile above Ancho and delivered the sermon and then drifted down and stopped for the scout. But enough about me.

Steve and his young son and a young friend didn't make the landing in the *Sea Eagle*. I saw them dump it at the top of the rapid so I ran back to *B. elegans* shouting that I was leaving now, getting on my boat now, going now, get on the boat now. Thankfully the trained individuals, including my bride of 26 years, Marilyn, my fundamentalist Christian preacher friend, Tim, and a few other heroes snapped into action right away. We were in the tongue of the rapid when Jimmy called out from shore that he saw three heads. We watched Nikita standing on shore (what a turbo swim for that 11-year-old) with Tim nearly at her side already. Steve and Joshua were standing on a narrow ledge in the micro eddy above the terminal right cliff. I bagged the eddy, calling out to the crew to hurry, I couldn't hold it for long, and we dragged them aboard. It could have been really bad, but nobody was hurt and people got a notice that things can be bad.

We waited in a convenient lower eddy for the rest of the boats while the rain gathered and broke on us. I offered out my two spare rain jack-

ets and rain pants for those on my boat and I smiled inwardly, knowing that the underprepared watchers with glazed eyes were getting a non-fatal wake-up call from nature. Their eyes were already open a bit from having seen the emergency.

The party reunited without incident, and after twenty minutes of cackling time, we launched in heavy rain. The backwater aggradation from the reservoir affected the river above Frijoles, so we were just idling along in what used to be a real river channel but was now braided mud and gravel. Owing to the high water in the river, the going was swift; the sun came out again, though we could still see blackness over the mountains.

About the time we got to Capulin Canyon, lightning started hitting within a mile of us. Then it was closer. With rainfall imminent, a late hour, cotton-clad teenagers, and a lake ahead, I decided to crank up *La Ebonita* and motor for safety. I pulled over to the right (no- it wasn't the RIVER RIGHT - what other right is there? The right side of the boat? The wrong right? Of course it was the right. The right is the right, even though it looks like the left when you are looking up stream. If I need modifiers I apply them to less foundational items than the river. For example, the right hand, the right oar, the right side of the boat. But the River deserves to be known as the reference from which all else radiates. River right? Not hardly. THE right.) to shelter us from lightning. My bow lady and I must have been communicating because I told her there wasn't any hurry to get out of the boat and she acted like there wasn't a hurry. It's a good thing, too, because the only place to stand was filled with a rattle snake coiled as big as a dinner plate and as thick as your arm. We drifted down to the next place and found another snake.

After we dodged lightning and

snakes for about ten minutes, the rain began falling in buckets, which eased the threat of lightning. I took the opportunity to gather up the novices, who were out there in the middle of the wide open spaces, and tie them to B. capacious (the boat name changes with its form and function). As we motored out to Tetilla Peak boat launch I had to shut down and tell the novices to move to the rear of their boat so I could steer better. I had to shut down again to tell them, "If you are on a part of the boat that seems to be sinking more and more as I try to go faster, please get off that part of the boat." People scrambled around and we were all happy, getting off the reservoir about 5:00.

The canyon was beautiful. The rain was warm. The accidents were learning experiences. It was a great day, though I could have a great day without quite so much adventure.

There are a few things to remember when taking novices down the river.

1. When you tell them to bring a rain jacket or umbrella, they don't hear you or don't believe you and won't bring one. Bring your own plus spares.
2. Teenage novices cloak themselves with invisibility like a Klingon Warbird so that you can't see them. They see your jaw moving but they don't hear you. "Here, put on this jacket. It will make you warm," is met with the silent thought, "if I sit motionless he won't spot me." This trait can be suppressed by having them make their own lunch.
3. They cannot land their boats within half a mile of where you land your boat. If they try, they will smash into your boat and expect you to hold them to shore.
4. They don't care if they are lightning rods.
5. When you take control and save them from danger, they appreciate it.
6. They learn from the river whether they want to or not.
7. They will have had one of the best experiences on Earth.

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# Grand Canyon quiet?

from the 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 aircraft 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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## Desert solitude



Photo: Richard Stoops

Cliff dwellings along the San Juan River were a pleasant diversion during the AWC/GCPBA cleanup trip.

# The Way You Always Are

by Ernest Hemingway\*

In the spring the river was always there, but we did not go to it any more. It was cold in the spring in Pilar and the dark came very early. But the apple trees blossomed then, and it was pleasant along the road looking at the ristras on the portals. There were many ristras on the portals, and the wind rattled them and blew the pods. It was a cold spring, and the water came down slowly from the mountains.

We drank our coffee every morning sitting on the flagstones of the Plum Tree Cafe pretending that nothing had happened. You know how it is there early in the morning in Pilar with the dogs still asleep against the walls of the buildings; before even the tourists arrive in vans for their raft trips? Well, we came across the road to get coffee and there was only one dog awake in the yard and he was getting a drink out of a puddle. But when we got to the Cafe and sat down, there was the old man waiting for us. He was an old man who boated alone in a raft on the Lower Box and he had gone eighty-four days now without a flip.

When he saw us come through the door the old man looked up and then reached over and put his hat over the two doughnuts on the plate in front of him.

My friend said, "I wish he would go home."

"He stays here because he likes it," I said.

"I wouldn't want to be that old. An old boater is a nasty thing."

"Not always. This old boater is clean. He drinks without spilling. Even now, early. Look at him."

"I don't want to look at him. I wish he would go home. He has no regard for those who have lost their cojones."

The old man looked from his cup across the room and raised his hat. He took a doughnut and then placed his hat just where it had been before.

"You have not found them," the old man said.

"What do you know, old man?" my friend said.

"I know that you have found what you lost two weeks ago. I know that you lost something. *Cojones*."

"I'd like it better if you didn't use words like that," my friend said.

"There's no necessity to use a word like that."

"What do you want me to call it?"

"You don't have to call it. You don't have to put any name to it."

"That's the name for it."

"You don't have to say that again."

"Listen. I know the name for it. I have cojones. I do not fear the Falls of the Powerline or the Rapids of the Dead Car. I fear only the Garden of the Rocks, for they can *rasgar you una cosa nueva*."

"Be careful, old man," my friend said, "or you will fear even the Eddy of El Muerto or the County Line of Taos."

My friend was once middleweight

boxing champion of Harvard. Do not think that I am very much impressed by that as a boxing title, but it meant a lot to my friend. He cared nothing for boxing, in fact he disliked it as much as he disliked rafting the Lower Box, but he learned them both painfully and thoroughly to counteract his fear. Now he just wanted to stand beside the river with dignity. What did he fear? It was all a nothing and a man was nothing too. It was all *nada y pues nada y nada y pues nada*. To himself he muttered: Duke, duke, duke, duke of *nada, nada, nada*; *nada* can stop me, for I'm the *nada* of *nada* ... But what my friend said to me was, "We should walk to the river and sit in the shade and drink the beer of the country."

In the bed of the river there were pebbles and boulders, wet and dark in the shade, and the water was clear and swiftly moving and green in the channels. We sat under the big cottonwood tree and listened to the noises the river made.

"It isn't that, you know," my friend said.

"I know."

"Really, it isn't that."

"Yes."

"The marvellous thing is that it's painless," he said. "That's how you know when it starts."

"Yes. Isn't it pretty to think so."

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*\*This story was sent to us by Rick Smith of the Elwood P. Dowd Foundation. Mr. Smith previously submitted a selection of quotes which you may remember from past editions of the Flip Line. Now, far be it from me to question the authenticity of either the quotes or this short story but you should be aware that Elwood P Dowd was well known for his propensity for seeing large rabbits which were invisible to all others. If you would care to contact Rick Smith at The Elwood P. Dowd Foundation his address is Suite 12, 624 East Alameda, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The slogan on the letterhead of the foundation reads Wrestling with Reality for Over Half a Century.*

*This is the cover letter which accompanied this article:*

Dear Mr. Widdicombe

I'm a little bit late with the first part of this note: that's the part thanking you for your very kind willingness to use the material I sent, and particularly for the effort and thought you gave to layout and introduction. I sent a copy of both issues to MHM's father---who's in his 80's---and he was moved beyond words.

The next part's not so serious. As you may know, this week (*the letter is dated 23 July 1999*) sometime is the hundredth anniversary of Ernest Hemingway's birth. Not very many people know that in addition to bullfighting, fishing, and drinking, Hem also knew something about river-running, and spent some time in New Mexico on the Lower Box and Racecourse. Some of his best ideas seem to have started here, too, as the attached little-known piece will demonstrate...

Cheers...

Rick Smith

## Cleanup on the Chama River



Photo: Richard Stoops

Jessica Behles shows her dad, Dan, how to put some muscle behind those oars.

## PWC's BANNED IN GRAND CANYON

gcpba NEWSWIRE -

Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Robert Arnberger announced today that effective immediately the possession or use of personal watercraft (PWC), including jet skis will be prohibited throughout Grand Canyon National Park.

Arnberger's announcement follows an interim management policy announced by the National Park Service on June 22, 1998 which directed superintendents to use the procedures set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations to prevent the introduction of PWC use in units of the National Park System where use has not been significant prior to 1998. The interim policy states that prior to allowing a new recreational activity, individual parks must determine that the activity is consistent with the National Park Service (NPS) Organic Act of 1916, the park's enabling legislation, the park's natural, cultural, scenic and aesthetic values, environmental compliance, safety considerations, documented park management objectives, will not disturb wildlife or the visitor experience of other park users and will not damage park resources.

The NPS has stated that while PWC use may be appropriate in some

units within the system, there are many units where PWC use is not consistent with park values.

Although personal watercraft use has always been prohibited in Grand Canyon National Park from Lees Ferry (river mile 1) to Separation Canyon (river mile 239.5), PWC use below Separation Canyon to the Lake Mead Boundary had not been regulated. Until recently there had been little PWC use below Separation Canyon. However, following the publication of several articles highlighting PWC use in Grand Canyon, park rangers saw an increase in their use within the park. It is now not unusual for park rangers to observe 80 to 100 PWCs in the Lower Gorge every weekend during the summer months.

## 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.

Contact: Bob Widdicombe, [rwiddicombe@netscape.net](mailto:rwiddicombe@netscape.net) or AWC, P.O. Box 3835, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3835.

## BOATYARD

DAGGER ATOM C-1, almost new with spray skirt, \$550

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MAD RIVER COURIER solo tripping canoe, \$250

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KID'S FIBERGLASS KAYAK, \$25

Call Bruce Matthews at 505-662-2679

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.

*Free postings in the Boatyard. Please contact Flip Line editor if you wish to place or renew your ad. Ads will only run for two issues unless renewed.*

*Please specify whether the item you are selling is a canoe, kayak, inflatable or whatever. (It is not always obvious). Contact: Bob Widdicombe: Tel. @ 920-4001 or [rwiddicombe@netscape.net](mailto:rwiddicombe@netscape.net) or AWC, P.O. Box 3835, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3835)*

## FOUND

Small clear drybag containing important item, on river bank at Souse Hole takeout, Wednesday September 8, around 7:00 pm. Contact Merlin Wheeler (662-5413, [nmrivers@aol.com](mailto:nmrivers@aol.com)) and identify item if its yours.

## TRIP

Mexico trip (Ciudad Valles and Veracruz areas), Christmas to New Years or thereabouts. Class III & IV. Contact Tom Robey by email at [trobey@thuntek.net](mailto:trobey@thuntek.net) or at 255-8280.

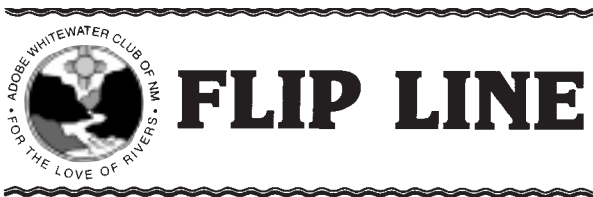
# Board Elections:

According to the by-laws of Abode Whitewater members may nominate additional members by petition. The petition must be delivered to the Secretary no later than November 15. Petitions must be signed by ten voting members of the club. Mail to: Gayle Smart, c/o AWC, P.O. Box 3835, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3835.

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