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MAY 2014



Right: It was lunch time on Friday just above Mackey Bar.

Left: A Big Foot spotting just above Buck Skin Bills.



The Might Salmon River Run 2014

Well another good run on the Salmon River. The morning weather was a little cool, but make for a good brisk morning on the river. On Thursday we had around 20 boats and roughly 60 people. The flows were around 16,500 cfs. Everyone made the trip to Buckskin Bills. Tom Max brought a 29' twin with a joy stick steering, it was smooth and responsive. Thanks for letting me drive it Tom!

Friday was a wetter, with a little rain in the morning. There was a little morning Mechanical work to be done to get Chad Colton's boat put back together so he could go play in the water. There were a couple more boats over Thursday totaling 25 and around 75 people. Everyone made it to Buckskin Bills, but there was one mishap on the way down. We had to use the pump that the club purchased last year to take on club runs. The pump was able to keep up with the water coming in and all boats made it back to their trailers at Spring Bar. I would like to thank everyone that led boats up the river, Jim, Bruce, John and I. I also thank everyone that showed up to the run.

-Tee Fisher



The look out tower on the side of the hill above Buck Skin Bill's place on the Salmon River. If you have not been there make sure you put in on your bucket list. It is a beautiful trip up the Salmon River to get there and then a ton of history when you get there. You can hike around the cabin or tour the museum they have on site.

This Edition

- Skill Day
- Salmon River run
- Jet Boat races

The Jet Boat races on the Salmon River have come and gone. It was another great year. Clyde had the safety boats dialed in with a years experience and the course was well covered. There was a couple boats on the first leg that ran a shore but once they had the track dialed in, the rest of the races went of with out an incident. One of the boats made a pass on the 8 miles averaging 105 miles an hour. They are fun to watch! We even had the entertainment of a back country pilot making landings over the course just below Shorts Bar. This is a must go to event!




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Skills Day Run

The 2014 Skills Day Run will be held on the Snake River below Brownlee Dam on June 7, 2014. We will plan to launch at 9:00 AM the morning of the run and there will be some knot tying tests, trailer backing tests, and live water towing of a disabled boat test. To get to that launch site travel below Brownlee Dam and before crossing the bridge into Oregon continue downriver on the Idaho side on a dirt road to the launch site. It is about 500 yards from the end of the pavement and McCormick Park is just a little further down that same road.

Some are planning to stay at McCormick Park although Idaho Power does not take reservations for campsites so depending on crowds, available space is just that. The Park above the dam is Woodhead and will accommodate several campers however, there are no showers at Woodhead until mid-July. Also if one is inclined, the Gateway Store has some rooms they rent for \$40.00 per night and the rooms are two twin beds with a shower and cable TV. Those rooms can be reserved by calling 208-257-3531.

After a Skills day exhibition and a little fishing on the River or the Reservoir, The Gateway Store is the place to be for dinner that night. They are serving hamburgers and drinks and the group can order from the menu. Dinner will be at Six PM for the Western Whitewater Association and one can order off the menu.

So come share your skills or sharpen your skills and take in the upper end of Hells Canyon.

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- To develop a fraternal spirit among all recreational water users.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.
- To own or lease property for the Association users.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests.

CODE OF ETHICS

- I will maintain and enhance the quality of the water upon which I operate.
- I will at all times, drive at speeds as to keep the boat under control.
- I will always respect the rights of other water users.
- I will at all times give down-river traffic the right of way.
- I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out litter.
- I will get permission and have respect for private property.
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Western Whitewater Association

Calendar of Events

June 7th Skills Day

September 13th-14th Confluence Run

October 25th– Hammer Creek Fishing days

General Meetings

are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa, ID