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19th Annual Salida, Colorado Arkansas River INTERNATIONAL Boat Races JUNE 16, 17, 18

International Slalom - - - International Downriver

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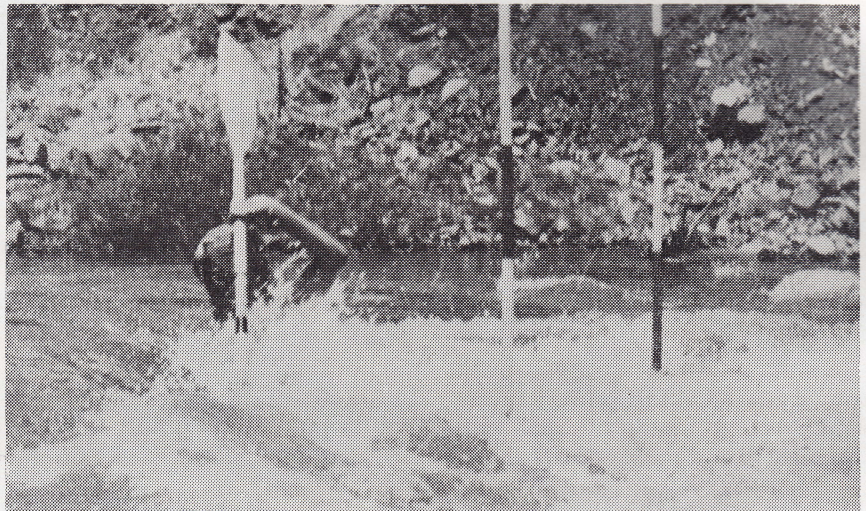
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SLALOM—Like ski slalom competition, running a kayak through a slalom course demands the “most” in skill and technique, and, from a spectator’s standpoint, is both exciting and interesting. Just as the white water downriver race on the Arkansas was a “first” in the United States, so was the kayak slalom which was introduced here in 1953. Other “firsts” which have been introduced on the program of the Boat Race include a skin divers’ downriver swim and skin divers’ slalom events. Pictured here is a kayaker who looks like he might be swamped, but he made it fine.



A Joke Resulted in a Race Known Around the World

A group of men sitting around a coffee cup gave life to one of the most talked about events in boating. Each June boatmen from over the world gather in Salida, Colorado to fight the 25.7 miles of white water hell on the Arkansas River.

Boatsmen from France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Austria, Canada, United States and even iron-curtain country Czechoslovakia, all the world’s finest boaters, have pitted their skills against the roaring, boulder-strewn river.

Eighteen years ago, the race was conceived. It came about in an unpublicized, undramatic fashion. Two merchants, drinking coffee (because it was too cold that February day to do anything else) challenged each other to a canoe race from Salida to Canon City through the famous Royal Gorge. The race would cover 56 miles. Word of the challenge spread and more people became interested. A parade and festival were organized. Two Swiss boys heard of the race while in this country running other rivers. Their boats were small folding boats. They announced they wanted to enter the competition. Of the 23 entrants in the race that year only the Swiss boys reached the finish

line. (The coffee drinkers didn’t run).

The Swiss winners suggested the race course be shortened. The second year the race ended at the mouth of the Gorge. It was suicide to take small boats into the Gorge between towering thousand foot cliffs and the 56 mile course was an exhibition of endurance only.

With the race in its third year the course was shortened to its present length which still makes it the longest amateur white water race in the United States. As it is today, entirely void of portages, it is rated as one of the sport spectaculars of the nation.

During the first years every conceivable boat, from bomber belly tanks to cataract boats, were seen in the race. Although these crafts were safer, the canoes and folding kayaks were turning in the best time.

Also changing the complexion was the appearance of the foreign boatsmen. The slalom is a good example of this. Slalom racing is very popular in Europe so it was only natural that the first slalom race held in America should develop in Salida in 1953.

It also follows, that when boating is the subject for discussion, the “Boat Race Capitol of the World,” Salida, Colorado, comes into the conversation.

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GOLFING

Every month of the year there is good golfing on Salida's grass greens golf course overlooked by towering peaks of the Continental Divide. Visitors are welcome to play and to enjoy the facilities of the clubhouse of the city-owned Salida Golf Club.

GHOST TOWNS

No reconstructed ghost towns here. This area of Colorado has several genuine remains within a 30 mile radius.

FISHING

High mountain lakes and rushing streams beckon the fisherman to this area to try his hand at out-smarting Colorado's fighting Mountain Trout. Try your luck for the thrill of a lifetime. If there is a shutterbug or rock hound in the family there is exciting adventure for them too.

HUNTING

Hundreds of hunters return each year for the sport and thrill of big game hunting. Deer and Elk hunting are the most popular, but if you are so inclined, you may match your skill against bear, mountain lion, big horn sheep or antelope. Here in the "HEART OF THE ROCKIES" you will find hunting at its best.

SWIMMING

After the day's outing head for the waters of Salida's HOT SPRINGS pool for the BIG SPLASH of the day. Here you may swim in the large and beautiful indoor pool or, if you desire, enjoy a HOT MINERAL BATH. An interesting Frontier Museum in the same building is a top attraction to many.

SKIING

MONARCH SKI COUNTRY, U. S. A.—A ski resort only 21 miles West of Salida rates high with thousands of enthusiasts. Snow conditions are considered exceptional and facilities include a beautiful new lodge, a 3,200-foot double chairlift, a 1,500-foot T-Bar and a 400-foot Pomalift. Combined uphill capacity is 2,100 skiers per hour. Large parking area is just off of Highway 50—visit the area, summer or winter.

DEDICATION

To

Theodore (Ted) M. Jacobs

who has been active in helping organize and run the boat races in each of the 19 years they have existed.

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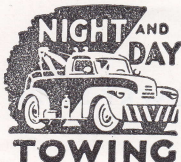
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HISTORICAL PAGEANT

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The Chavaneaux Interpretive Indian Dancers—



HISTORICAL PAGEANT — The exciting history of the Arkansas Valley and Salida will be offered again this year as an important part of the Boat Race Celebration. This year's Production is all-new. It features the Boy Scout Interpretive Indian Dancers shown above. Probably it will also have the drinking and gambling, shootings and hangings, Indian raids and gold discoveries, and the coming of the railroad. It's entertaining and a worthwhile production by the Heart of the Rockies Rodeo Association.

AVENUE OF FLAGS — To add international flavor to an event which attracts attention in much of Europe, Salida's Main street is colorfully decorated with flags of many nations and has become known as "INTERNATIONAL AVENUE."



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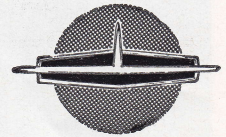
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1967

- 11:45 A.M.—**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY** — Boy Scouts of America — PLACE: Riverside Park
12:00 P.M.—***JUNIOR SLALOM** — First Heat PLACE: F Street Bridge
1:00 P.M.—***INTERNATIONAL SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP**—First Heat PLACE: F Street Bridge
7:30 P.M.—***INTERNATIONAL WATER POLO GAME** — Played in Kayaks, (Also Skin Diver Competition)
Competition between European and American Boaters, and Colorado Divers Council Members
PLACE: Salida Hot Springs Swimming Pool — Highway 50
ALL DAY & EVENING — CARNIVAL — Thrilling rides and concessions PLACE: Riverside Park
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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1967

- 10:00 A.M.—***INTERNATIONAL BOAT RACE PARADE**
PLACE: Starts at 7th and F Streets, down to First; East on First to B; B to Fifth; West to Alpine Park
10:30 A.M.—***SKINDIVERS (MEN AND WOMEN) DOWNRIVER RACE** — Sanctioned by Colorado Divers Council and
The American Underwater Society — Finish at F Street Bridge
11:00 A.M.—***BAND CONCERT BY MILE-HI MARCHING BAND OF DENVER**
PLACE: Second Street, Between E and F Streets
11:00 A.M.—***MERCHANTS' SIDEWALK BAZAAR**
PLACE: Downtown Business Section
11:00 A.M.—***CHILDREN'S FISHING CONTEST** — Open to all children up to 12 years of age.
Trout furnished by Mt. Shavano Rearing Unit, Salida Lions Club in charge.
PLACE: Fish Pond at Third and F Streets
11:45 A.M.—***FLAG RAISING** — Ent Honor Guard with Ft. Carson Band PLACE: Riverside Park
12:00 P.M.—***JUNIOR SLALOM** — Second Heat PLACE: F Street Bridge
1:00 P.M.—***INTERNATIONAL SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP** — Second Heat PLACE: F Street Bridge
8:30 P.M.—***HISTORICAL PAGEANT** — By Heart of the Rockies Rodeo Association
Reenactment of the settlement of Chaffee County during the gold rush days as written by local historians
and by local citizens — actors.
PLACE: Salida High School Football Field

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10:00 P.M.—BOAT RACE DANCE — By FibArk

PLACE: V. F. W. Hall, Sand Park, Music by Stardusters

ALL DAY & EVENING — CARNIVAL — Thrilling rides and concessions PLACE: Riverside Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1967

7:00 - 11:00 A.M.—*FLY-IN BREAKFAST — Harriet Alexander Field, west of Salida

8:00 A.M.—BOAT RACE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT — 18 Holes, Prizes for Winners

PLACE: Salida Golf and Country Club

Tee Off: 8 a.m. men; 8:30 a.m. women

11:00 A.M.—REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES — Attend the Church of your choice.

12:00 NOON—FLAG RAISING — Boy Scouts of America

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PLACE: Riverside Park

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12:30 P.M.—ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL BOAT RACE TRAIN

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12:45 P.M.—*HOOLIGAN RACE — Anything that floats, except a boat

PLACE: Upper end of D&RGW freight yard to F Street Bridge

1:15 P.M.—*JUNIOR DOWNRIVER — Place, Salida to Bear Creek

1:45 P.M.—*19th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DOWNRIVER BOAT RACE — 26 miles of White Water Racing

PLACE: From F Street bridge to Cotopaxi, Colorado

2:00 P.M.—DEPARTURE OF BOAT RACE TRAIN

Follows Boat Race over entire course

8:00 P.M.—*PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND AWARDS — Starts with Flag Day Ceremony by Salida Elks Officers

Presentation of trophies by Boat Race Queen, Charlotte Carpenter and by Denver Bronco Bill Keating

PLACE: Elks Club

ALL DAY & EVENING — CARNIVAL — Thrilling rides and concessions

PLACE: Riverside Park

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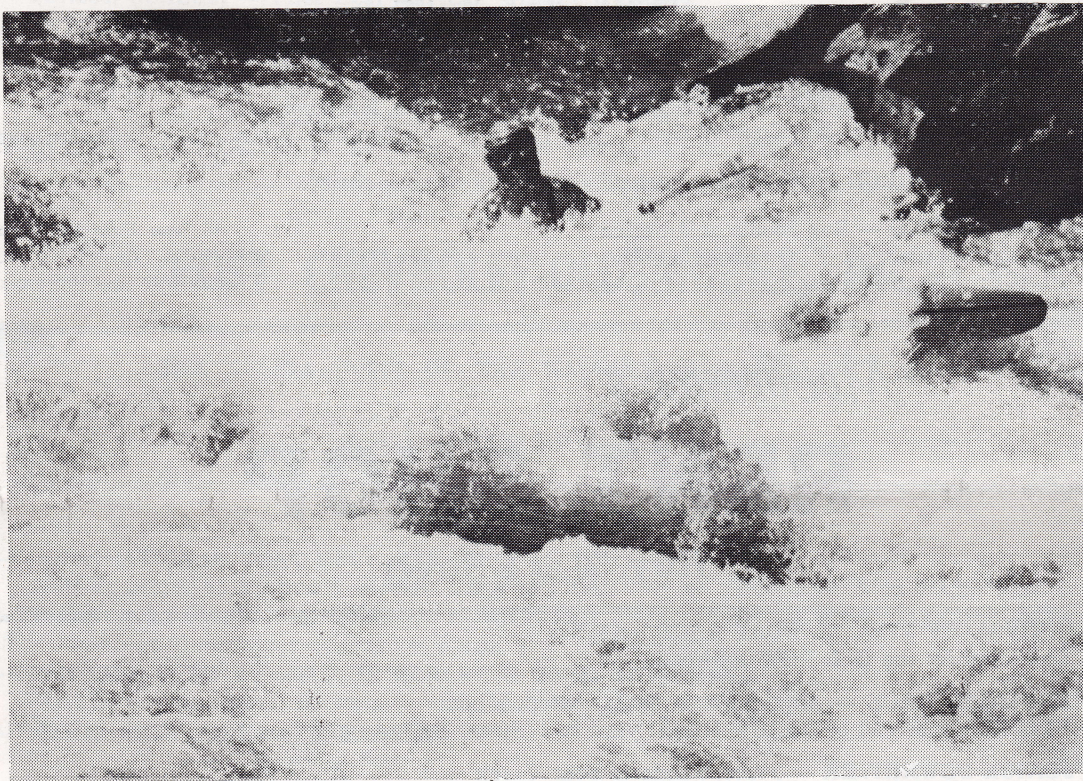


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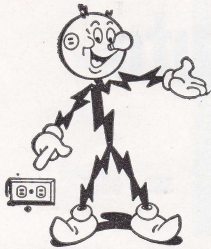
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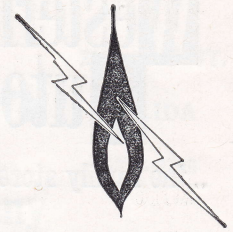
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SKINDIVERS — Here a group of skindivers are gathered around getting instructions and assignments. Not only do these men make the Salida race one of the safest races in the world, but they put on their own show with an 8-mile downriver race that, in truth, pits man against the river. Check the time of their race in the schedule of events in this program. As an added attraction, this year will see the first women's downriver skindiver race.

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1949—Robert Ris and Max R. Romer, Basle, Switzerland (only team to finish)	7:18:13
1950—Clyde Jones, Denver, Colo. (only man to finish)	10:50:40
1951—Bob Ehrman, Cloverdale, Calif. Clyde Jones, Denver, Colo.	2:56:22 3:04:30
1952—Bob Ehrman, Cloverdale, Calif. Andre Pean and Jacques Musson, Orleans, France	3:10:52 3:11:21
1953—Erich Seidel, Munich, Germany Theo Bock, Munich, Germany	3:04:32 3:06:10
1954—Roger Paris, Orleans, France Erich Seidel, Munich, Germany	2:54:41 2:56:41
1955—Rudy Pillwein, Austria W. Kirschbaum, Munich, Germany Xaver Wuerfmannsdobler, Munich, Germany	2:38:44 2:39:38 2:41:33
1956—Roger Paris, Orleans, France Sigi Holzbauer, Rosenheim, Germany Laurence Campton, Salida, Colo.	2:24:01 2:25:18 2:26:24
1957—Rudolph Klepp, Vienna, Austria Helmuth Burggraf, Munich, Germany Laurence Campton, Salida, Colo.	2:05:20 2:10:55 2:12:11
1958—Roger Paris, Orleans, France Dr. Marcel Beaugean, Leige, Belgium Rudolf Lubinger, Steyr, Austria	2:26:35 2:28:01 2:28:04
1959—Laurence Campton, Salida, Colo. Paul Bruhin, Schwyz, Switzerland Jim Burk, Salida, Colo.	2:23:59 2:25:04 2:25:15
1960—Eduard Kahl, Vienna, Austria Paul Bruhin, Schwyz, Switzerland Laurence Campton, Salida, Colo.	2:19:40 2:21:55 2:23:57
1961—Ted Makris, Salida, Colo. (F-1 Class) Claud Burk, Salida, Colo. (R-1 Class)	2:19:33 2:28:13
1962—Rudi Gruenberg, Munich, Germany (R-1 Class) Kurt Preslmair, Austria (F-1 Class)	2:12:32 2:15:30
1963—Dan Makris, Salida, Colo. Ulrich Martins, Erlangen, Germany Ted Makris, Salida, Colo.	2:42:14 2:43:46 2:44:38
1964—Siegfried Gunzenberger, Rosenheim, Germany (R-1 Class) Dr. Marcel Beaujean, Liege, Belgium (F-1 Class) Michael Neudecker, Vienna, Austria	2:20:35 2:23:46 2:24:21
1965—Franz Hiebler, Leoben, Austria Ted Makris, Salida, Colorado Dan Makris, Salida, Colorado	2:03:38 2:04:12 2:05:09
1966—Marc Moens, Ghent, Belgium Robert Fabian, Schwaz, Austria Dan Makris, Salida, Colorado	2:26:45 2:27:04 2:31:17

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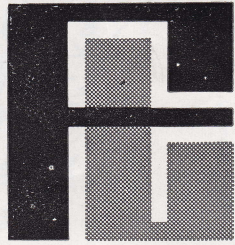
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BOAT RACE ROYALTY — Charlotte Carpenter, Salida, in a contest as competitive as the classic she represents, was named Queen of the 1967 International Boat Races. Her attendants are Loretta Krieg, Buena Vista, and Georgia Margos of Salida. Cheryl Clark of Salida, is alternate attendant. These beautiful young ladies will reign over all the official Boat Race functions, appearing on nationwide television and other shows. The Queen and her attendants were selected in open competition which included 14 finalists from Chaffee County. The contest is sponsored and directed by the Salida Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority.

THANK YOU

From all the residents of Salida, a great big "Thank You" for coming to our city and for your continued interest in the Salida-Arkansas River Boat Races. Won't you please accept our sincere invitation to come again soon?

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