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The FIBArk Board of Directors dedicates the 30th annual running of the Boat Races to the memory of two men who helped build FIBArk to the fine event it is today,

Theo M. "Ted" Jacobs was a "father figure" to the races for many years after serving as the Commodore in 1956.

In 1957, Ted Riley served as

the race Commodore. He too was instrumental in building the races into the events we know today.

We are proud to have known these fine gentlemen over the years and to have worked with them on FIBArk. At the boat races the memory of these men will live on.

Runners: To Tenderfoot Top

The annual Tenderfoot Marathon, held in conjunction with the FIBArk boat race weekend, is as exhausting for competitors as the 26-mile downriver race.

Runners start at the intersection of First and F Streets in downtown Salida and race down F Street, across the Arkansas River bridge, and up the steep side of Tenderfoot Mountain.

Contestants must get to the white observation building at the top of the mountain and then scamper

back down to the finish line at the intersection downtown.

There is competition for individuals and for relay teams as well.

The record in the event belongs to Harold Bristol of nearby Nathrop, who won the race last year in 11:59, cutting almost two minutes off the old mark.

The race begins this year at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, and is one of the first of the FIBArk weekend events.

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The 30th Annual FIBArk Boat Races and the many residents of Salida and Chaffee County who continue to make this weekend an exciting event in the Heart of the Rockies.

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Kayaking is the fastest growing sport in the United States today, however, as the natural white-water rivers are fast becoming polluted, drained, and dammed, our beloved upper Arkansas River courses through the same canyons and meadows it has since before man trod this earth. Scarcity of untamed rivers plagues the white-water enthusiast.


This year FIB-Ark is countering this trend by co-hosting the North American Cup Races, North of Buena Vista, July 1st and 2nd and by sponsoring another weekend of sanctioned races at this same site August 5th and 6th. An outdoor sport that proves exciting to both on-lookers and participants alike,


Kayaking is being made available to all through our student kayak program.

Our organization is on the move as fast as our water and the sport of boating to newer and better ways to serve the sport and our communities. Keep your eye on us.—Jeanne Foster



Jeanne Foster, 1978 Commodore

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The Governor's A Kayaker

Colorado Governor Dick Lamm will be making his second appearance in four years at the 30th Annual running of the 1978 FIBArk Boat Races.

Gov. Lamm appeared here in 1975, his first year as the state's chief executive.

Most politicians are content to ride an open car in a parade. Few would dare get themselves squeezed into a frail "boat" of nothing sturdier than fibreglass and attempt to navigate a river with a two-bladed paddle.

Think of the political embarrassment, if nothing else, if the governor should prove to be not such an apt kayaker and suffer the ignominy of being dunked in the Arkansas.

To his credit, Gov. Lamm is a sportsman, willing to "take his chances," especially so if he may enjoy that chance at the same time.

The governor is seeking reelection to his second term of office this year and will undoubtedly do a little politiking while in Salida.



Former Astronaut To Participate

Former astronaut Wally Shirra will be appearing at the FIBArk Boat Races this year.

He is to be a special guest of the FIBArk Board of Directors and will be named an honorary commodore, just as Governor Dick Lamm was honored in 1975.

Schirra will be appearing in the annual parade on Saturday, June 17, and will be available later that day to sign autographs at Riverside Park.

An avid sportsman, some are wondering if Schirra will test out the differences between piloting a space capsule and paddling a kayak.

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Kayakers Fight Both Clock And Raging Arkansas

What is that kayaker doing trying to paddle upstream?

Answer: probably just trying to properly negotiate a slalom gate.

In slalom competition, kayakers must pass through the course marked by poles in different water conditions and do certain things which the color and position of the gates themselves dictate.

Each slalom gate has a judge who makes sure that the gate is properly negotiated by each competitor. If the kayaker does not, in the opinion of the judge, correctly pass through the gate then he or she will assess points against the kayaker.

Kayakers compete against a clock and against the river with penalty points added to their time for improperly passing through a gate.

To better understand slalom kayaking, we've presented some—by no means all—of the rules of the sport.

The Slalom event is held in two heats. The best score is the one that counts. Scores are figured by adding the total time elapsed from start to finish, plus the total penalty points.

The color of the poles and the sign on the cross bar indicates how a gate is to be negotiated. The green pole is always to the competitors right and the red pole is always to the left.

A gate hung with the green to the left and red to the right is a forward gate and the competitor must be facing forward (downriver) when his body passes the gate to negotiate it properly.

On a reverse gate the poles are hung opposite of the forward gate. There is an R next to the number. This gate must be negotiated with the competitors back going through first. A gate whose poles are hung as for a reverse gate, but the number on the backside with an arrow next to it indicates an upstream gate. The competitor must paddle forward upstream through it, to negotiate it properly.

In the team event, there is a team gate where all three competitors must make it through the gate within 15 seconds or they will incur a 50 point penalty. This gate is marked with a "T" on the crossbar next to the number.



Program Credits

The artwork on page one of this year's program was designed by Mike Castellucci, a senior at Salida High School.

The Volkswagen with the kayak on top was done by Jacky Herral of Buena Vista High School.

RIVER'S NO FRIEND—The Arkansas, rated one of the top wildwater rivers in North America, can be quite a challenge to kayakers. While the water in Salida is rated at intermediate, the expanse of river north of Buena Vista in a stretch from Pine Creek down through Rapids 1 through 6 is rated expert.

How To Judge Slalom Racing

Negotiations of the gates

In order that negotiations of a gate is judged as CORRECT the following conditions must be observed:

1. A pole must not be touched from outside.
2. The gate must be negotiated in accordance with the colors and if applicable—the "R" sign.
3. The body (in C2 the bodies) of the competitor must pass through between the poles.
4. The competitor must not intentionally push aside a pole in order to pass through the gate.
5. The boats of a team must negotiate the team gate within 15 seconds.
6. Faultless negotiation occurs if boat and body have passed through between the poles (gate line) in the direction indicated by the colors and neither pole has been touched by boat, body or paddle.

20 seconds penalty:

Both poles touched from inside

50 seconds penalty:

Intentional pushing aside of a pole in order to pass through the gate

50 seconds penalty:

Exceeding 15 seconds in negotiation the "T" gate

50 seconds penalty:

Eskimo Roll within the gate irrespective of whether or not the body has crossed the gate line

50 seconds penalty:

Negotiation of a gate contrary to the color indications according to Art. 22A2.

50 seconds penalty:

Gate missed out—(omitted). The boat passes outside the gate without touching. A gate is only regarded as definitely missed out when the competitor continues down the course or touches the next following gate in the numerical order.

50 seconds penalty:

Repeated attempt at a gate after the body of the competitor has crossed the gate line (that means once the competitor has crossed the gate line he must continue in the indicated direction of travel).

Judging slalom competition

Here are some of the things judges look for during slalom competition:

No Penalty

Negotiation of a gate without touching

10 seconds penalty:

One pole touched from inside

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One segment of the 1978 North American Cup will be held on the Arkansas River north of Buena Vista later this summer.

July 1 and 2, the first segment of the cup races are scheduled.

The cup races will be held at one of two locations: either at Pine Creek or at Number One Rapids.

The Arkansas is considered one of the most challenging and one of the finest stretches of natural wildwater on the North American continent.

In fact, the Pine Creek stretch of river would be one of the most awesome kayak courses ever laid out, with rapids that would be the supreme test of paddlers' abilities.

(Some others have said that a Pine Creek slalom would be next to suicidal.)

Six competitors in each class will be competing in each class from the four divisions in American kayak racing.

The other segments of the North American Cup are now set for a river in the State of Washington and on another river in British Columbia, Canada. These races will be held on the two weekends following the cup

race north of Buena Vista the first weekend in July.

This is the big race of the year. Many of the racers who have participated in the FibArk events in past years will be among the boaters. Tom Ruwitch, the national kayaking champion, and Nat Cooper, another highly ranked paddler, will be in Buena Vista for the races.

Two-time winner of the 26-mile Salida to Cotopaxi downriver race, Gary Lacy of Silverthorne, Colorado, is also competing.

Vying for a position on the team is Pete Makris of Buena Vista. The Makris name is synonymous with kayaking in Chaffee County with Ted and Dan Makris, uncles of Pete's, having won the downriver race in the early 1960s.

Makris will be attempting a land a spot in the K-1 wildwater event.

The classes in the cup will be: K-1, mens and womens wildwater, K-1, mens and womens slalom, C-1, mens and womens wildwater, C-1, mens and womens slalom, C-2, (2-man) wildwater, C-2 (2-man) slalom, C-2 (mixed) wildwater, C-2 (mixed) slalom.

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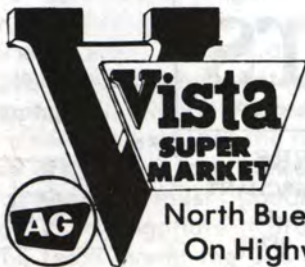
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Colorful pageantry and hard-riding action will once again be the highlights here on the weekend of July 8 and 9, as the 56th annual Collegiate Peaks Stampede rodeo gets underway.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Buena Vista Lions Club, has been a mainstay of the Colorado and Rocky Mountain region rodeo circuit since 1922, and Jerry Nicks, this year's rodeo chairman, expects cowboys from over ten states to participate.

Along with bull riding, the Stampede will also feature such professional events as bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, bulldogging, women's barrel racing and team roping. In junior events, there will be a 440-yard open and a 220-yard open horse race held both Saturday and Sunday, plus musical chairs, a paraphenalia race, a kids' race, a range relay and pony express.

Numerous other town events are scheduled in conjunction with the rodeo. On Friday and Saturday evenings at approximately 9:00 p.m., dances will be held at McGinnis Gym in Buena Vista, located on East Main and Court Streets, just behind the old cour-

thouse. Entertainment will be supplied by The Buckskins.

Saturday, July 8, will be the biggest day for overall celebrations in town, starting off with a six-mile foot race at 9:15 a.m., the runners reaching the finish line on Main Street.

There will also be a breakfast in the town park, just north of the Chamber of Commerce building, put on by womens' organizations connected with the rodeo.

Then, at 10:00 a.m., the Collegiate Peaks Stampede Rodeo Parade will start down Main Street, heading east from Sangre De Cristo Avenue to Court Street, where it will turn south for the return loop on Cedar Street.

Art Show Planned

Local artists, sculptors, photographers and specialists in various forms of handcrafts will be exhibiting their work on Rodeo Weekend, Saturday, July 8, in the 19th annual Buena Vista Art Fair, and the public is invited to come and browse.

The Fair, sponsored by the Buena Vista Art Club, is due to be located in the park.

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'The Best' June Fest Is The 10th

BUENA VISTA—This community's fourth annual June Fest, sponsored by the Chamber Of Commerce, bodes well for being the finest so far, according to chairman Dick Couch.

This year, the June Fest is set to take place June 10th, on Main Street. The street will be blocked off between Highway 24 and Court Street, on the east side of town.

Booths on Main Street will be operated by such organizations as the Optimists, the Lions Club, the Chamber Of Commerce, the Booster Club, Delphi, the Buena Vista Art Club and the Buena Vista Garden Club, among others.

This year's celebration will hold much in store for the kids, Couch explained. "There'll be a coin scramble, a bicycle-decorating contest, and a pet show early Saturday morning," he said, "held near the elementary school." Young contestants will be able to parade their entries up and down Main Street before the judging. The coin scramble, in which youngsters can plow through a sand pile to find money, was held

last year in the lot adjoining the west side of Old Webb Antique, on East Main Street. The same site is being discussed for this year's scramble.

Also near the Old Webb, the highly-successful beer garden will be back again, under the management of Don Watts and Jack Manley.

An outdoor melodrama is planned, and the June Fest Committee is negotiating with Chaffee County artist-in-residence Ken Klein to put together the entertainment. Also scheduled are a pony ride for the children, a childrens' carousel, a dunking tank, and bingo.

"Weather permitting," said Couch, "we'd like to have a bikini contest, with the prettiest local girls participating." Cameras would be welcomed at this event.

"Additionally," he said, "we'll be having a raffle, with a series of drawings for \$10 and \$15-dollar prizes."

Wrapping up the June Fest will be the street dance, held beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The Season's Last Race

In August 1975, the FibArk organization sponsored a slalom race on the Arkansas River north of Buena Vista.

Although the lack of water from last year's drought prevented the running of the race in 1977, an August race is scheduled this year. It is to be run August 5 and 6, a slalom race set for Saturday and the downriver (wildwater) race to follow on Sunday.

This is Colorado's last major kayaking race of the season.

Water is not expected to be a problem this year

with the above normal snowpack having accumulated in the mountains over the past winter.

Most of the competitors will come from the Rocky Mountain Division—states including and surrounding Colorado.

The slalom race on Saturday will be held on a section of river known as No.5 Rapids. The wildwater race will be run from Rapids 5 to the Harvard Estates Bridge.

This will be the third running of the race.

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A History Of Kayaking

The native Northern Americans developed three types of boats: the dugout canoe, the birchbark canoe, and the skin covered boat used in the barren Arctic. These skinned boats became known as kayaks and were originally used as hunting crafts. The closed decks and sealed cockpits kept the hunter warm and dry.

Kayaking for sport developed in southern Germany around the turn of the century. Lured to the whitewater rivers rising in the Alps, people began experimenting with wood framed, fabric covered boats. These boats became known as "foldboats" because at the end of a trip one could disassemble the boat and carry it in a relatively small set of bags.

By the end of World War II whitewater competition was well developed throughout Europe. The first world

championship slalom was held in Switzerland in 1949 and the first championship downriver races was added in 1955.

In 1972, whitewater kayak events were added to the Munich Olympics.

Nearly 40,000 people watched the slalom event alone...and Kayaking had become a sport in which boats made of fiberglass, weighing as little as 17 pounds were used.


Salida became the center of whitewater sports in the United States. In 1949 the first American downriver race was held in Salida. Salida can also boast of having the first whitewater slalom event on the North American continent in 1953.

The first boats used in Salida races were foldboats weighing up to 80 pounds.

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Thursday, June 15th

7:00 a.m.—The Salida Sertoma Club's Annual Kick-Off Street Breakfast will be served outdoors from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the 100 Block of F Street in Downtown Salida.
 9:00 a.m.—Bicycle Races on 100 Block of F Street.
 5 p.m.—Booth Space erection party begins at Riverside Park.
 5:30 p.m.—The Fifth Annual Tenderfoot Marathon, individual and team relay foot races up Tenderfoot Mountain. The races begin at the intersection of First and F Streets in Downtown Salida.
 6:00 to 8 p.m.—Entertainment On Stage at Riverside Park: The "Sapphire." Free to the public.

Friday, June 16th

1:00 p.m.—Slalom practice will be held through 4 p.m. on the Arkansas River in the area around the F Street Bridge.
 5:45 p.m.—The Annual Hooligan Race will be held in the area around the F Street Bridge.
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.—Entertainment on stage at Riverside Park: "Soular Energy."
 6:00 p.m.—Food and Fun Booths open at Riverside Park.

Saturday, June 17th

9:30 a.m.—The Arkansas River Boat Race Parade will be held with units marching from Alpine Park to First Street on F Street and then East on First to B Street; on B back to Fifth Street and from there to Alpine Park.
 10:55 a.m.—Flag-raising ceremonies at Riverside Park.
 11 a.m.—Astronaut Wally Schirra will be appointed an honorary FIBArk Commodore. He will be available thereafter to sign autographs and answer questions.
 11:00 a.m.—Slalom events for juniors, women, men and teams will begin in the Arkansas River in the area around the F Street Bridge. The second heat of the Slalom Races will begin immediately after the first heat is finished.
 6:30 p.m.—Awards presentations for slalom races will be held at the stage in Riverside Park.
 7:00 p.m.—Melodrama ("Blazing Guns") by the Chaffee County Community Theatre under the direction of Kenn Klein at the stage in Riverside Park.

Sunday, June 18th

7:00 a.m.—Competition begins in the annual Boat Race Open Golf Tournament held at the Salida Municipal Golf Club.
 11 a.m.—The Third Annual FIBArk Raft Race will start at the F Street Bridge area and finish at Cotopaxi.
 1:15 p.m.—The Downriver Race for women and junior contestants will begin at the F Street Bridge with the finish line at Bear Creek.
 2:00 p.m.—The 30th Annual Arkansas River Championship Wildwater Race starts at the F Street Bridge with the finish at Cotopaxi.
 3:30 p.m.—Melodrama "Blazing Guns" to be presented by the Chaffee County Community Theatre under the direction of Kenn Klein at the Stage in Riverside Park.
 6:00 p.m.—Awards presentations for the wildwater race events will be held at the Riverside Park stage.
 7 p.m.—Booth space tear-down party at Riverside Park.

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The annual FibArk boat races in Salida every June had humble beginnings as a challenge issued by one city merchant to another in the winter of 1949.

The two were boating enthusiasts and had been proudly telling their own exploits, each trying to outdo the other. A 56-mile race down the Arkansas River from Salida to Canon City was the result.

Word of the contest spread rapidly, and others were caught up in the hubbub.

Canon City and Salida groups agreed on a date of Sunday, June 19, for the first race down the Arkansas, through the Royal Gorge.

The first race came off on schedule, but the only boat to finish the demanding jaunt was piloted by the winners, Robert Ris and Max Romer.

Box Wildgen and Jim Pickerell of Canon City took on so much water that their boat sank in the Royal Gorge. They were pulled from the currents by Red Cross volunteers. Two Salida amateurs, Bill Anderson and Paul Pasquale, set off downstream in an all-metal craft made from an airplane belly gas tank and two pontoons. But they had to abandon their boat when they couldn't get it to shore as it approached the first portage. It smashed on the rocks.

John A. Wells of Thermopolis, Wyo., made it 21 miles before his metal canoe got so battered that it leaked too much for him to continue. He was scheduled to race with Robert W. Noble, but Noble withdrew after one look at the rain-swollen river. An inexperienced Salidan, Joe Scales, filled in for Noble.

J. Kessner of Long Island, N.Y., participated but did not actually compete. He was the national amateur whitewater champion and did not want to endanger his ranking by participating in a cash prize event. Kessner also ran into trouble, however, and had to be pulled from the white water after his Floboat struck a submerged log and capsized.

Another entry was Preston Walker, then the general manager of the Daily Sentinel in Grand Junction. He was

also forced to withdraw when his canoe crashed.

Ris and Romer, exhausted from their ordeal, suggested immediately after that initial race that the course was more a test of endurance than of skill and recommended that the length of the trip be cut back, eliminating the Royal Gorge section.

Race sponsors settled on a 49-mile course in 1950, when Clyde Jones of Denver was the only man to finish. They cut down to 30 miles for 1951, 1952 and 1953, and the following year mapped out the present 25.7 mile course.

There have been other changes, too. The first races were "wildcat", publicity-motivated affairs with cash prizes for the winners and circus-type side attractions. But in 1953 when a German contestant refused the \$1,000 first prize to retain his amateur standing the sponsors began to look at the event in a more respectful light.

The following year marked the end of the last professional class and the event was given full approval by the American and International Canoe Associations. That same year, boat slalom, long hailed by the Europeans as the event requiring the greatest amount of skill, was formally instituted as a part of the boating festival. The first United States Slalom championship race was run in Salida that year.



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Kelly Murphy and Prissy Witty. Top row, left to right, are Mary Hatrick, Kathy Hollenbeck, Rochelle Beauchamp, Penny Smith and Cindy Martellaro. Sponsoring the hostesses are the following merchants: The First National Bank, Chaffee County Bank, Salida Building and Loan, Salida Finance, Monarch Motors, Mountain Mail, U.S. Soil, Safeway and Tenderfoot Mountain Cyclery.

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1959	Steve Frazee	1972	Phil Noll
1960	John Peeples	1973	John Stokes
1961	Ralph King	1974	Tom Bainbridge
1962	Lawrence Campton	1975	Leland Leak
1963	Tony Kolbeck	1976	Al Sulzenfuss
1964	George Oyler	1977	Stu Nadler
1965	Ken Teter	1978	Jeanne Foster
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'Little Britches' Offers Rodeo Fun

Those hungering for a taste of the Old West need look no further than Salida on June 16, 17 and 18.

Those are the dates of the Seventh annual Heart of the Rockies Little Britches Rodeo.

The event, sponsored by the Heart of the Rockies Recreation Association, is held at the club's arena three miles west of Salida, off U.S. 50.

Some 50 sanctioned Little Britches rodeos are held in the U.S. every summer. Last year, Salida's was the sixth largest, and almost 275 youngsters from Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and other western states were entered last year.

Four separate rodeo performances are planned, with the initial one at 8 p.m. Friday, June 16.

A 2 p.m. show and an 8 p.m. show are planned for Saturday, June 17, there will be a final show at 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 18.

All four performances are complete. A full schedule of events is planned for each.

Among the events are bull riding, goat tying, bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, trail course, pole bending, flag racing and barrel racing.

Some events—such as calf roping—will be offered in all four divisions: senior boys, senior girls, junior girls and junior boys.

Other events, such as saddle bronc riding or goat tying, are limited to contestants from one or two age divisions.

Hundreds of awards are presented each year. The top six finishers in each event will receive awards, as will the top three in all-around competition.



TRANSPORTATION'S SHAPE—We were talking about the modern shape of kayaking...could this be the modern shape of kayak transportation? Possibly, for when the kayak is out of the water, at any rate. This pen and ink drawing was done by Jacky Herrald, a Buena Vista High School student.

'The Shape' Of Modern Kayaking

This year the FIBArk Weekend will feature a new event to add to the fun: bicycle racing.

There will be bicycle drag races following the Sertoma Breakfast on Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m.

Also scheduled is a morning bicycle ride on Sunday, June 18 at 9 a.m. at Alpine Park.

The bicycle events are sponsored by Tenderfoot Mountain Cyclery.

A bicycle drag race is a short distance, straight-line race to the finish.

Races will be held in the following divisions:

I—Preschool racing on anything with wheels

II—Girls and Boys grades 1-3

III—Girls and Boys grades 4-6

IV—Junior and Senior High students

V—Ladies

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VII—Seniors 50 years and older.

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Winners will be based on single eliminations and prizes will be awarded.



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'Blazing Guns' Melodrama

As a special entertainment feature during the Boat Race Weekend, the Chaffee County Community Theatre Group, under the direction of Kenn Klein, will be presenting a melodrama.

"Blazing Guns At Roaring Gulch" is the title of this play.

Performances have been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17 and again at 3:30 Sunday, June 18.

The melodramas will be held at Riverside Park, weather permitting.

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Parade Is One Of The Best



The traditional Arkansas River Boat Race Parade will be staged in conjunction with the FIBArk weekend again this year on Saturday, June 17.

The annual Salida parade is considered one of the best "small town" parades in the State of Colorado

Every year, there are dozens of entries including the always popular Al Kaly Shriners which are usually represented in force during the June extravaganza.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and will follow the usual route through downtown Salida.

Units will march some 12 blocks down F Street from Seventh Street into the downtown section, passing Alpine Park. The parade route will then turn east onto First Street before following B Street back to Fifth and then to Alpine.

Prizes will be awarded this year for the best three floats, the best marching units and the best equestrian units.

A special prize will also be awarded to the unit which most closely pertains to the theme of this year's parade: "Interplanetary Travel." Directing the parade will be Darth Vader, and that's no foolin'.

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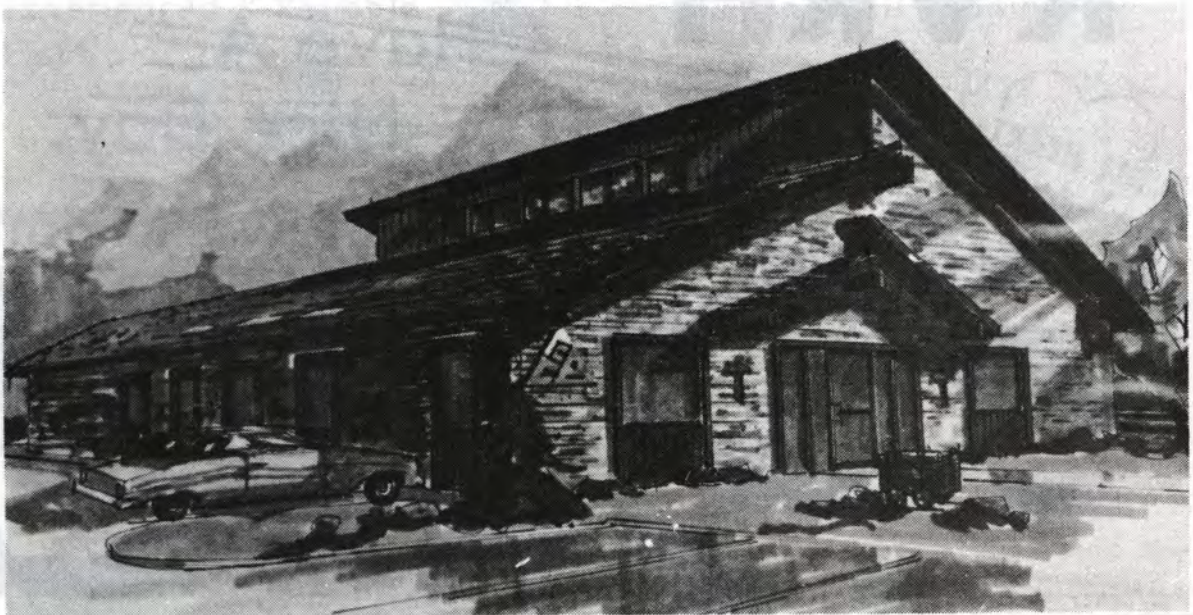
BAND TO PLAY—The Sapphire will be entertaining during the FIBark weekend. The band members are, left to right, Jeff Weins, Ric Berninger and Martin Epp. Sapphire will be playing

following the Tendertoot Marathon from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15 on the stage at Riverside Park. The concert is free.

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FIBARK ENTERTAINERS—The FIBArk weekend, Salida's main summer festival, is filled with entertainment throughout the weekend. There's the carnival, the races themselves, a parade, a melodrama, booths and crafts and the fun of being with people out to have a good time and

enjoy themselves. An added plus to the weekend will be a concert this year by Soular Energy, a local band of regional renown. "Energy" will be providing the music following the Hooligan Race Friday, June 16, at the Riverside Park stage at 6 p.m.

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1949—Robert Ris and Max R. Romer, Basle, Switzerland (only team to finish)	7:18:13	1963—Dan Makris, Salida, Colorado	2:42:14
1950—Clyde Jones, Denver, Colo. (only man to finish)	10:50:40	1964—Siegi Gunzenberger, Rosenheim, Germany (R-1 Class)	2:20:35
1951—Bob Ehrman, Cloverdale, Calif.	2:56:22	1965—Franz Hiebler, Leoben, Austria	2:03:38
1952—Bob Ehrman, Cloverdale, Calif.	3:10:52	1966—Marc Moens, Ghent, Belgium	2:26:45
1953—Erich Seidel, Munich, Germany	3:04:32	1967—Jean-Pierre Burny, Brussels, Belgium	2:25:07.8
1954—Roger Paris, Orleans, France	2:54:41	1968—Franz Baier, Braunau, Austria	2:18:02.0
1955—Rudy Pillwein, Austria	2:38:44	1969—Manfred Pock, Klagenfurt, Austria	2:15:36.6
1956—Roger Paris, Orleans, France	2:24:01	1970—Berndt Kast, Ulm, Germany	1:58:41
1957—Rudolph Klepp, Vienna, Austria	2:05:20	1971—Art Viteralli, Newport Beach, Calif.	2:07:28
1958—Roger Paris, Orleans France	2:26:35	1972—Art Viteralli, Newport Beach, Calif.	2:12:40
1959—Laurence Campton, Salida, Colorado	2:23:59	1973—Klaus Nenninger, Munich, Germany	2:14:55
1960—Eduard Kahl, Vienna, Austria	2:19:40	1974—Gunter Hammersbach, California	2:18:58
1961—Ted Makris, Salida, Colorado (F-1 Class)	2:19:33	1975—Art Viteralli, Newport Beach, Calif.	2:17:10
1962—Rudi Gruenberg, Munich, Germany (R-1 Class)	2:12:32	1976—Gary Lacy, Silverthorne, Colo.	2:29:08
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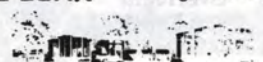
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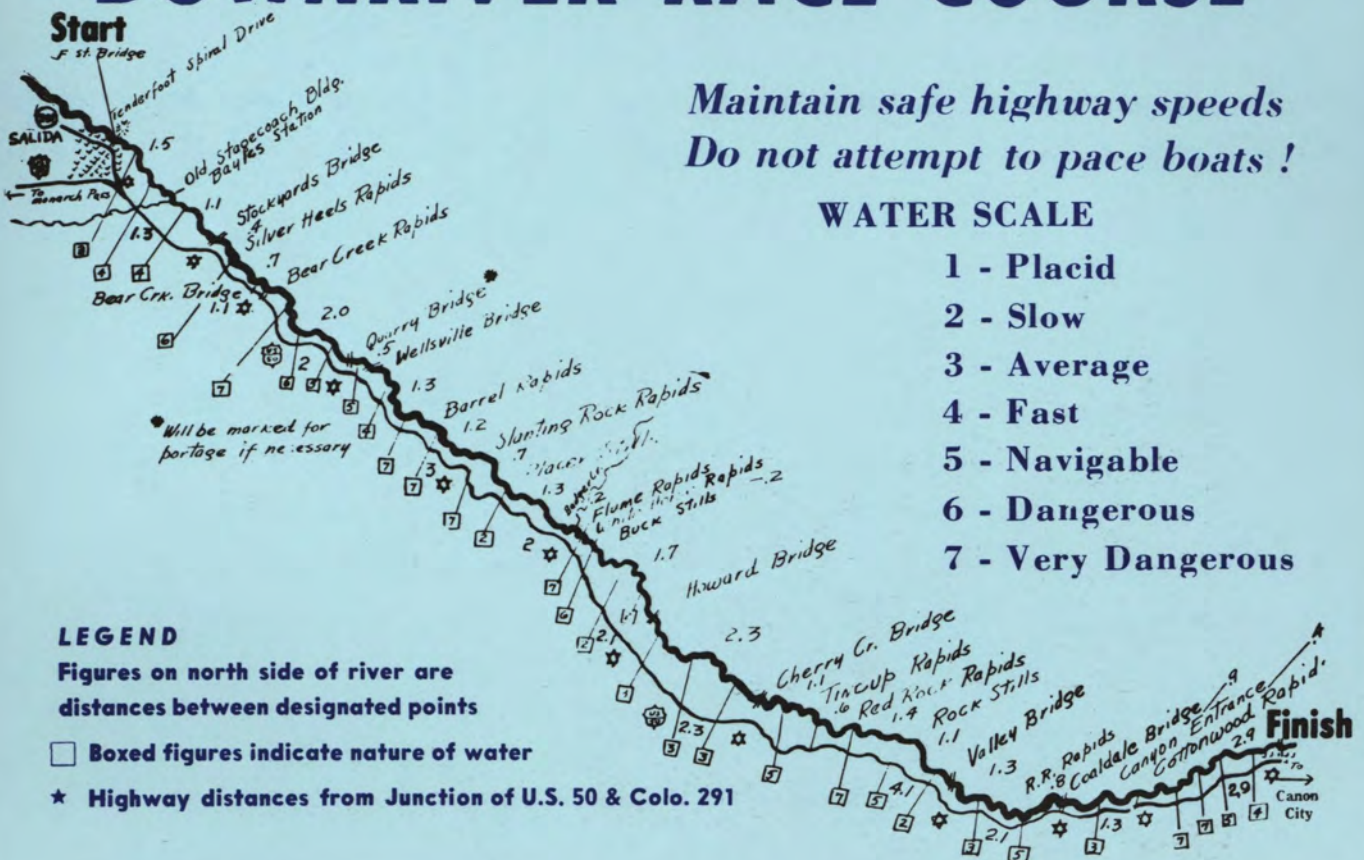
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