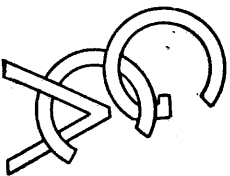


# THE GEORGIA



# CANOEING LETTER

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**CHESTATEE RIVER—MAY 3.** The trip will be on exciting class 2 and 3 white water unless dry weather causes the river to be low. The river is small and shallow. It is best run solo, though it can be run tandem if the water is up. We will meet at 9:00 A.M. at the stone house on State route 52, two miles northwest from the square in Dahlonega. The stone house is at the point where the Cavender Creek Road forks off to the left (North) at Route 52.

The trip will be only about 6 miles and requires about four hours of paddling. If time permits those canoeist who wish can practice in a good rapid that appears to be class 4 or possibly class 5, further down the river. We were unable to try it on the Scouting trip because of a log caught in the channel. We will take a saw so that we can clear the channel if high water hasn't already done so. A road runs along the river at this point making it convenient to try several runs. A fabulous meal at the Smith House should complete the day. Make reservations with Payson Kennedy, Trip Leader 457-1362 or Claude Terry 874-7494.

**TOJAWAY TRIP—MAY 17TH.** We will meet at 9 A.M. at junction of U.S. 178, where state route joins it from east in church yard. Go I-85 from Atlanta then north on U.S. 178 at Anderson, S.C., it is about 3 to 3½ hours from Atlanta.

Randy Carter classifies this river as 2 to 4 with excellent scenery. The club members who went on this trip from last October remember it as one of the best. There is a dam being built which will probably destroy the entire section we will be running. So this may be our last chance to visit the beautiful river. For information phone Clyde Woolsey, Trip Leader at 766-8771 or 261-4561.

**ETOWAH RIVER AND BLACKBURN STATE PARK—MAY 24TH AND 25TH.** Something for everyone is the objective on this outing. Activities include: An 8-mile Class II white-water trip on the Etowah, excellent for an introduction to white water canoeing... An 18-mile Class II white-water trip for the experts of considerable endurance... For spouses and children who do not desire to canoe, panning for gold at Blackburn State Park, exploring old gold mines, swimming in Lake Lanier at Lumpkin Park, a few miles away... For those especially interested in the history of Georgia gold mining, a program put on by the Georgia Conservancy, meeting the same day, which will include lectures by local historians, visiting points of interest, concluded by panning for gold at Blackburn State Park... For all, camping, beginning Saturday or earlier as you desire... For all, a program in the Blackburn State Park Museum on the Cherokees and their relation to Dahlonega and Auraria, gold mining days, by Dr. Henry T. Malone, historian and foremost authority on the history of the Cherokees... For all, following Dr. Malone's talk, group singing. Bring your musical instruments and your voice and enthusiasm.

**DIRECTIONS:** We are to assemble at 9:00 A.M. at the refreshment stand, Blackburn State Park. We will leave immediately thereafter and put in the Etowah River at Federal Highway 19, near Dahlonega. The group planning to make 18 miles will push ahead and get out at Georgia Highway 136, near Highway 9-E. Those going only 8 miles will get out at Castleberry Bridge near Auraria.

After having launched their canoeing spouses, the non-canoeing persons desiring the benefit of the program provided by the Georgia Conservancy will bring a picnic lunch and drive about 5 miles to the gymnasium at North Georgia College in Dahlonega arriving there at 10:00 A.M. Those desiring to spend the time at Blackburn State Park, will return. Persons not canoeing will plan to meet those who do at Castleberry Bridge about 3:00 P.M. or at Highway 136 about 6:00 P.M. Dr. Malone's talk will begin about 7:30 P.M. Saturday at the museum at Blackburn State Park. Sunday will be an as-you-desire day, perhaps the second section of the Etowah canoe trip for those who desire it.

**DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:** Blackburn State Park is about 60 miles from Atlanta. Go to Cumming by Roswell Road, or if on the Northeast Expressway, go out it to the Norcross-Tucker Road. Then take Route 141 to Cumming. At Cumming take Route 19 to the north, but about 6 miles out, take Route 9-E. Blackburn State Park is on Route 9-E 15.3 miles from this point, that is 21.3 miles from Cumming. Please make reservations by Thursday, May 22nd with trip leader Ross Wilson or co-leader Elizabeth Wilson at 875-1565.

**JONES BRIDGE TO CAMP CHATTAHOOCHEE**—APRIL 19. Charlie Smith reporting. The weather man, at 7:00 A.M. said it would be an ideal day for picnicking. It never rained, but the sun did not shine at all, so the temperature was chilly. Four canoes left Jones Bridge at 10:00 A.M. and the canoeist ate lunch enroute to join the white water enthusiasts for a training session near Roswell Bridge. At 2:00 P.M. the Jones Bridge canoeist met seven additional canoes led by Claude Terry whose teeth chattered from the cold temperature after being dumped during an earlier scouting trip. The w training session was cut short due to high water over the shoals, which reduced the rapids from class 3 to class 2. The canoeist shot the rapids very slowly and paddled onward toward Horace Holdens' Camp Chattahoochee building a hearty appetite for the covered dish supper. A head count revealed about forty people which was about full capacity for the dining room. A business session covered the discussion of the interest sheet, an outline of the July 4th race, and the remaining activities of the year.

**LARCENY ON THE RIVER (OR SOME PEOPLE DON'T PAY FOR A CANOE).** Lin McKnight was scouting for a GCA trip from Jones Bridge to Roswell Bridge on the Chattahoochee several weeks ago, his father was with him and one car was left at Roswell Bridge to shuttle back for the canoe carrier. Their canoe was left near a fisherman while they went for the other car. Forty minutes later they returned to find the canoe atop a car with no pads, carrier, or any other hauling equipment. The man and woman had used the canoe painters for bumper tie down straps and would have been gone in another two minutes.

Aurelia and Payson Kennedy left their canoe at E. Paces Ferry Bridge several years ago while they went for the other car. Forty five minutes later their canoe was gone and has never been recovered.

**Moral:** Leave some guards with your equipment or carry a chain and lock so the characters will have to work a little harder to get your canoe.

**CARRYING CANOES ON CARS.** Some states have laws against carrying boats on cars. Other states may follow suit if boats or canoes keep blowing off. If canoes are not tied on securely, some fellow following us will suddenly have a canoe wrapped around a windshield. The man losing his canoe will also have the other fellow's wreck and hospital bills to pay... and somebody will introduce a law in another State to stop canoes from being carried on cars.

There are many ways of tying boats on cars. Here it is suggested that they be tied fore and aft to the bumpers, each by separate ropes, giving lateral bracing. Also ropes should be passed over the canoes and tied securely to the racks. Clamp-on racks are preferred to straps.

Adapted from Randy Carter's "Canoeing White Water."

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Charles Johnson Family for being nominated by the Sandy Springs Junior Woman's Club as family of the year. The Johnsons were chosen for this honor on the basis of activities, hobbies and other achievements. The Johnsons have been members of the Sandy Springs Canoeing Association for the past two years.

**JANION W. McKNIGHT, III** recently returned from a recent trip to the board of directors of Underground Atlanta Merchants Association. He is also operating a jewelry shop Gems From Underground in Underground Atlanta. Lin's address is 806 9th St., N.E., Apt. 3, Atlanta, Ga. GCA decals are available from Lin by mail \$1.10 each.

**I WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS** on beginning a series of personality sketches to better acquaint us with our fellow members. I have met and found very interesting many people in the GCA, and would like to have your opinions on this project. Please mail all trip write ups and newsletter information to P.O. Box 7, Tucker, Georgia 30084. **THE GCA WAS EXTREMELY FORTUNATE** to be featured in the article "Go Ride A Wild River", by Anna Belle Close, featured in The Atlanta Journal Magazine, April 20th.

Congratulations Anna Belle on the wonderful article.

**AN HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** has been extended to two canoeist who have contributed much to the canoeing fraternity in general, and to the GCA in particular. They are Professor Hugh Caldwell, Department of Philosophy, University of the South, Seawane, Tenn., and Ray Eaton V.P. National Red Cross.