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NEWSLETTER

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MAY TRIP SCHEDULE

(Refer to GCA Directory or Trip Leaders for Details)

- Sat., May 3 Nantahala, Class III. Jim Fletcher 875-2423.
- Sun., May 4 Upper Chattahoochee, II-III. Herb Henry.
(Register with Allen Lewis 363-3538)
- Sat., May 3 and Sun., May 4 Oconee Camp-out Float. (Children welcome)
John Krickel 633-3311, Ext. 3232, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 7 General Membership Meeting, Fernbank Science Center,
7:30 p.m.
- Sat., May 10 Chattooga, III. Falma Moye 872-6398. (Limited Regist.)
- Sun., May 11 Flint, III (Yellow Jacket Shoals). Allen Lewis 363-3538.
(Optional for canoe campers.)
- Sat., May 10 and Sun., May 11 Flint River camp-out, I-II. (Hwy. 18 to Sprewell Bluff
on Sat., and on to SR 36 on Sunday.) A. Lewis 363-3538.
- Sun., May 11 Chattooga, Sec. II. Maureen Maloney 427-1049 eves.
- Sun., May 11 Chattooga, Sec. IV. Trip Leader needed; Volunteers
call Allen Lewis.
- Sat., May 17 Alcovy Float. Eileen Lange 633-1855.
- Sat., May 17 Cartecay, III. Carlton Shuford 262-7750.
- Sun., May 18 Etowah, I-II. (Two Trips).
Early Birds: (9:30 a.m.) Dale Bergen 377-2970.
Tortoises: (12:00 noon) Hale Sanders 255-2881.
- Sun., May 25 Broad, II. Gary DeBacher 288-1773.
- Sat., May 24 Green River Races
Sun., May 25 Falma Moye for Information 872-6398.
- Sat., May 31 and Intermediate Training Session for Tandem and Solo
Canoes. See Details this newsletter.
- Sat., May 31 and Sun., June 1 Call Dee Nickerson at 427-2331 if you desire to
lead or join an impromptu trip.

TRIP REPORTS

Nantahala, Sat., March 22

This trip began as a disaster in a pouring rain, but ended in beautiful sunshine and became a very nice day after all. Several die-hard paddlers put in at the powerhouse about noon in the rain and as the weather improved other paddlers joined the group at Patton's run and Delabar's rock. The water level was quite high (4.1 gauge reading) which made it difficult for the open boats due to the large waves and holes. They all did well, however, with only one upset.

The decked boaters really had a great day surfing and playing in the many rapids. Nantahala Falls offered a great ride on the left-of-center chute, over a 5 ft. wave and angling towards center to avoid the huge hole at the left bottom. The normally easy slot on the right side was unrunnable due to a very large and strong hydraulic.

The beautiful afternoon weather enticed several members to make a second run. Those participating were: John Helmlinger, George Croach and Earl Metzger in K-1; Carlton Shuford and Jack Weems in C-1; Mike Weems and David Nunn, and John and Frank Glover in C-2 open; and Tom Carter and Shade Croach in C-1 open.
Jack Weems

Obed System, March 27-29

This 4-day outing with Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association at their annual whitewater camp was cut one day short by Mother Nature. Braving ominous weather reports, five souls appeared at Potter's Ford Thursday morning and with some 25 TSRA folks proceeded to run the "Gould's Bend" section of the upper Obed near Crossville. It was a dandy continuous Class II-III run with a "Five Fall" area compressed into a 50 yard section, featuring a Class V portage! A few miles farther down, we all had anxious moments when Michael Rainey was almost sucked under a rock - oh, those undercut rocks!

That night Dale Bergen, arrived (and then there were 6) and Friday, some 30+ boats embarked on an 11 mile journey down White's Creek-Clear Creek, mostly Class II, but winding up with 2½ miles of continuous Class III, featuring the infamous "Grunch" and culminating in the 75 yard "Lilly Rapid Scream Stream." Water quality was superb.

Friday night, Tom Green and Jack Weems came...and brought the rain...and rain... and rain... It did quit raining Saturday morning long enough to eat breakfast and organize (loosely) a decked boat trip which was subsequently washed out, and an easy open boat trip on which we found two 100+ yard long sections of 3 ft.+ waves...and more rain.

And then it really started raining...and Tom and Jack retired to Wartburg for lasagna and beer...and when they got back to camp their gear had floated away!.. Not quite, but Falma Moye, Dale and Gwen Bergen and myself called it a weekend, and Mike Rainey and Don Norton had moved to higher ground. We didn't get to make the two best runs on the Obed but plan to have another go at it May 17-18. If interested, call Murray. Those who did get on the water noticed two things-- more rocks up there, require more maneuvering, and "They sure do have some portages!" And, oh yes, those undercut rocks! I regret that Jack and Tom drove all the way up and didn't get on the water...next month for sure. Many thanks to Michael Rainey for contributing so generously to the shuttles.

Murray Johnson

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*IMPORTANT! NANTAHALA SOUTHEASTERN RACERS *
AND OBSERVERS!!! *

* An error was made in printing the dates in *
*the Nantahala Race application brochure. *
CORRECT DATES ARE JUNE 28-29. *

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FURTHERMORE...TVA IS ASSURING WATER FOR *
*BOTH RACE DAYS. REPEAT: WATER HAS BEEN *
*GUARANTEED BY TVA FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN *
*CHAMPIONSHIP RACES. *

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Chattooga, Sec. III, Saturday, April 5

We met at Highway 76 Bridge at 10 o'clock. This is too late; nine o'clock or earlier is recommended. We were off the river by 7 o'clock (still daylight) but it was dark by the time we ran shuttle and loaded up. Those who camp overnight prefer a couple of hours daylight to set up camp.

Due to the crowd, we split up: Kayaks went ahead. David Garrity did an excellent job leading the open canoes; his advice and demonstration runs of the major rapids were encouraging. There was at least one wipe-out in all the significant rapids and a few in those not-so-significant ones. The coveted Black Feather goes to Michael Rainey who made the only successful run of Bull Sluice just to the left of Decapitation Rock. One canoeist jumped out on the rocks on the left at the last moment and two others swam through it.

Paddlers: David Garrity, Gandy Glover, Byron Griffith, Sterling Holbrook, Ben Jackson and Allen Lewis in C-1 open; Michael and Andrea Rainey, Mary and Hoppy Eager, and Ed and Dee Nickerson in C-2 open. There was a whole slew of kayakers but I only remember Steve Bowles, Don Norton and Jim Cole.

There was a trip on the Chauga on Sunday. I heard it was kind of draggy. They recommended a gauge reading of at least 2.6 (at 76 Bridge) for a good Chauga run.
Allen Lewis

Hiawasse-Conasauga, Saturday, April 12

A small group of polar bears met on this cold, brilliant Saturday morning for an early Hiawasse run. The river was extremely high, and so was the wind, making it a fast and easy but thoroughly chilling paddle. One kayaker abandoned her K-1 for a Co-2, and another Co-1 took out altogether. In Co-2 were: Bill Edson and David Beattie, Steve Cantrell and Maureen Maloney, Cathy and Glenn Rauschenberg; in Co-1, Roger Nott, Allen Lewis; and Eric Reed and Billy Crigar in K-1.

After a scattered lunch the group moved on to the Conasauga where the cold, crystal green waters were "2 inches below the hole in the rock at the take-out point", i.e., low. However, most of the group, lured by the beauty of the day and the perfectly clear water, set upon it at once and made one of the fastest runs on record, even with some difficulty with a couple of Co-1s. In fact, a sizeable TSRA group who had put in nearly 4 hours earlier arrived only minutes ahead of GCA. Polar bear group #2 were: Steve Cantrell, Glenn Rauschenberg, Roger Nott, Roger Lozier in co-1; David Beattie and Bill Edson in co-2; and Billy Crigar and Eric Reed in K-1.
Maureen Maloney

Conasauga, Sunday, April 13

The Conasauga was again crystalline and again low, deterring not one of a large group of intrepid GCAers who basked in the late morning sun. The trip started slowly with a few predictable hangups in Baptism Rock rapid, the first significant set just after the put-in. Everyone then spread out loosely and paddled without mishap to the Maze, a rocky Class III ending in a deep souse hole. Here several boaters unexpectedly experienced the icy taste of water, so shortly thereafter a lunch stop was made on a warm, sandy sunny beach. And then on to the last major rapid, Left Elbow, another rocky jumble requiring some quick maneuvering. Everyone did very nicely. Paddling time, including lunch, 4½ hrs. Participants: In Co-2 were Jim & Barbara Lawler, Robin & Mike Oscar, Ruth Skaggs & Tom Lundquist, Larry & Elaine Howard, Cathy & Glenn Rauschenberg, Bill Edson & David Beattie; In Co-1 were: Steve Cantrell, Roger Lozier, Hoppy Eager, Allen Lewis; In Cd-1 were: Carlton Shuford, Falma Moye, Mary Eager, Murray Johnson; and in K-1 were: Jim Barrows, Earl Metzger, Eric Reed, Billy Crigar and Maureen Maloney.
Steve Cantrell and Maureen M.

NOTE TO TRIP LEADERS!

Your duties as a trip leader are listed in the GCA Guide Book & Directory. Except for No. 1, under "Before Trip" (now handled by Cruisemaster), each of these duties should be carried out thoroughly. Remember, please, to keep safety in mind at all times. Don't forget to write your trip report immediately after trip and send it to the newsletter editor. --Cruisemaster.

LIMITED CANOE TRIP REGISTRATION

Occasionally it may be necessary to close trip registration after a certain number have registered to prevent over-crowding. Any trip leader or "turned down" registrant with these problems should report to Cruisemaster.

A. Lewis

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Other than membership dues, the heaviest GCA mail this year has concerned conservation. The rival interest is the "Developers"--real estate enterprises, the lumber industry, the dams-to-dikes builders. Conservationists are learning that they must support each other. Frantic appeals are coming in from all sectors of the country in such quantity and sometimes with such short notice that we have not always been able to respond to their pleas. One in this category which we would like to recognize here is the American Rivers Conservation Council, 324 C Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

You will undoubtedly be hearing more and more about Amicolola Creek, a fisherman's paradise. May it remain an unsullied wilderness! The GCA at the Georgia Conservancy Convention at Calloway Gardens collected many pages of names on a petition to preserve this area. At the April 6 business meeting of the Georgia Wildlife Federation we gained another resolution in support of raising this area to a higher position on the Heritage Trust list. At an April 8 meeting of the Audubon Society, we attended a meeting where our new member, Col. Frank Tiller, gained more enthusiasts by a 5-minute slide presentation of the Amicolola. Governor George Busbee has written us to say that he has forwarded our Resolution and Petition to the Department of Natural Resources. Another petition bearing many names was garnered at the Atlanta Ski Club's Outdoor Activities Exhibit.

At the Audubon Society's meeting, members of the U.S. Conservation Service presented their flimsy case for the "dikes-and-ditches" honeycomb they would construct in MacIntosh County. This is the colorfully named, "Big Mortar-Snuff Box Swamp Watershed Project," ostensibly for the region's citizens, but, as we see it, in actuality for the lumber interests.

The GCA is especially fortunate to have the Conservancy entering the race to prevent the USC from installing a "flood control" dam (Project #37) on our beloved Etowah. We must ply our paddles vigorously with the Conservancy in this race against Time and Washington. Put down your paddle long enough to pick up your pen and write your State and U.S. Congressmen, giving them your views on these and the Corps of Engineers projected dam at Trotter's Shoals on the Savannah River.

A very limited number of copies of the DNR's Georgia Highlands Study Review has come into our hands. These copies are being offered to the membership by the President on a first-asked-for, first-to-receive basis to read and pass on to other acquaintances to apprise them of the area's problems and suggested ways of attacking the problems.

Other pleas flooding in from groups in sister states and the West and North have been forwarded to our very busy Conservation Chairman. If you are asked to aid this Committee, there is only one answer you can give: "Yes, of course; and thanks for the opportunity to pull toward the "goal line." Anna Belle Close

...MORE ON RIVER CONSERVATION...

It has just been learned that the Chauga (near the Chattooga in S.C.) has been nominated for National Wild and Scenic River protection. This bill (HR 4973) was just introduced by S.C. Representative Mann on March 14. Waste no time, please, in writing to your State Representatives and Senators to suggest full support and even co-sponsorship of this nomination. It could be an important stride toward saving another precious river.

REGISTRATION ON THE CHATTOOGA

The U.S. Forest Service will begin a mandatory registration procedure this spring on the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River. Information gathered in this registration will be used to analyze current river use, and it will also bear on determining future use, including allocation of use between commercial rafting services and private individuals/parties. Here's where we come in.

The Forest Service already has, and will continue to have, good reliable use figures on the commercial rafting services through provisions in the special use permits issued to the out-fitters. Not to mention that failing to register could result in a citation and subsequent fine. Failing to register will be one less private river user officially counted. That means that whenever a limitation may be set on the Chattooga, the private users may come up short because some people thought it was too much of a hassle to register. Booths for registering will be available at all major access points on the Chattooga, and we should all pass the word to everyone using the river, particularly to people who are not affiliated with a club or group. Trip leaders will probably be able to register everyone in their party; this can be one way of simplifying the process. Let's all cooperate and encourage everyone to "step up and be counted", because now it really counts!

Murray Johnson

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The membership is invited to the May 7 Board meeting in Classroom 1 at Fernbank Science Center at 7:30 p.m. Please be prompt. If twelve people are kept waiting 5 minutes, a total of an hour's time is lost before proceedings have even begun. The 1975 Nantahala Race plans, problems and their solutions will be the main order of business. Your active participation at this time will be of great benefit to Vice President, Jack Weems, who is Race Chairman this year. (In fact, gate judges are needed for the Nantahala Slalom races. Interested volunteers call Jack Weems at 873-3176 days, or 938-5263 evenings.)

We did not have a quorum present at the April 2nd meeting, so no official business was transacted. Numerous other matters were discussed, however, and the tentative trip schedule for the remainder of the year was established.

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* ALL MEMBERS-- REMEMBER!! General Membership *
* meeting will be held on FRIDAY, APRIL 25, at *
* 8:00 P.M., at the First Presbyterian Church, *
* Peachtree at 16th. Be sure to attend and *
* enjoy an Amazonian canoe trip adventure. *
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GCA BOOTH AT ATLANTA SKI CLUB EXHIBIT

On a two-day notice we put together a booth in the Riviera-Hyatt Motel at the Atlanta Ski Club's annual exhibit of outdoor sports on April 9. Jack Weems prepared a board with a 1975 Nantahala Race poster, bordered by color prints of our members in action. Tom Lines furnished a projector for Col. Tiller's slides of the Amicolola. Betty Terry "manned" the booth with Col. Tiller, which also sported one of the Terry's boats. Race brochures and club information pamphlets provided hand-out material. Our thanks to each who assisted.

This experience has demonstrated the need for a club banner and permanent GCA signs which should be available at a moment's notice. Artists among the membership, please contact the President concerning your ideas on display material. Let's have it ready and waiting for the next invitation. We can expect to be called on for at least two to three more this year. Anna Belle Close

SCHEDULE OF RACING EVENTS

- April 19 - 20 Helen Jaycees, Upper Chattahoochee, Downriver & Slalom, plus a poling event. The Wildwood Shop, Box 119, River Street, Helen, Ga. 30545. For applications call Falma Moye, 872-6398. (See Feb. newsletter for additional details.)
- May 24-25 Green River Slalom and Wildwater (North Carolina). Falma Moye for information.
- May 31 Tentative. Chattooga Race, sponsored by Rabun County Mountain Festival. Sec. II - opens; Sec. III - decked. For more information, write: Tom Lines, 1185 Paces Forest Dr., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30327.
- June 28-29 Southeastern Races, Nantahala River, N.C. Jack Weems or Falma Moye for information.

INTERMEDIATE CANOE TRAINING SESSION - Saturday, March 31.

This training session will be held for solo and tandem open canoes. Registration will be unlimited as long as a 1:3 instructor-student ratio is kept. Instruction will include review of basic strokes and maneuvers, and practical river experience on the Upper Chattahoochee or Hiawassee. Students will be grouped by experience level.

Fee: \$5.00 for tandem teams; \$3 for solo.

See reverse for registration slip.

For further information call Clyde Woosley, 766-8771.

FIRST AID KIT

As the canoe season approaches, many of us are patching gear, making new boats and, in general, preparing for a great boating season. One item that should be on every trip is a First Aid Kit. The following is a list of essential items that should handle most emergencies on a river:

- . Aspirin (5 gr. tablets) to relieve mild pain or headache; to reduce fever, ease shock. 24 tablets suggested.
- . Salt/dextrose tablets for prevention and treatment of dehydration and heat exhaustion. 24 tablets suggested.
- . Snake bite and insect bite kits.
- . Band-aids, large assortment for small wounds and burns.
- . Butterfly strips, for closing cuts.
- . Sterile gauze squares (2"x 2" and 3"x 3") for small wounds and to control bleeding. Pack minimum of 12.
- . Sterile gauze squares (4"x4") as combination dressing and bandage for large wounds. Pack minimum of 12.
- . Gauze roller bandages (1", 2" and 3" rolls) for bandaging wounds, holding compresses in place to stop bleeding.
- . Triangular Bandage for bandage of fractures and dislocations; slings.
- . Needles, safety pins and high-quality scissors for securing bandages, removing splinters, cutting bandages, cutting away clothing from around wounds, etc.
- . Inflatable arm and leg splints for immobilizing fractures of arm or leg.
- . Matches, for sterilizing or emergency fire building.
- . Space blanket for warmth; protection from wind.

Note: Ammo boxes or Tupperware containers provide good strong waterproof items.

All of these items are available at a local drug store with the possible exception of the inflatable splints. These can be purchased at Estes Surgical Supply on West Peachtree, or at several sporting goods stores in town. This should not be left out!

FALMA MOYE

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GEORGIA BEATS THE YANKS!

GCA'S Dave Jones, now a resident of Washington, D.C., "really shocked the Yankees when he walked off with first in K-1 at the Esopus Wildwater Race" reports immediate Past President, Cleve Tedford. "You should have heard all the whispering, 'who is this Jones guy?' Not only did he win the race, he beat the nearest competitor by over 40 seconds--quite a margin for a 4½ mile race." But there is more. Cleve himself came in with a no mean second in the Esopus Race, as well as second in the ACA Atlantic Division Wildwater Championships, giving the GCA three prized trophies. Good going!

TRAINING SESSION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ Age: _____ Partner: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____ Partner
Address: _____

Fee: \$5 for tandem teams; \$3 for solo. Phone: _____

Mail to: Clyde Woolsey, 4725 Silverdale Road, College Park, Ga. 30337
Phone: 766-8771

Experience (if any): _____

(See reverse side for details)

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Phoenix Appalachian Kayak.
The most versatile kayak in the
Phoenix line. Good condition; \$140.00.
Call Jim Barrows after 7:30 p.m.
255-8263.

For Sale: Save sales tax on a
Yellow/Grey Blue Hole ABS plastic
canoe never in water. Length, 16 ft
weight 75 lbs; total price \$445.
Also, one 63" never used Iliad
T-grip paddle, and one 60" used
wood paddle; \$30 for both.
Call Pat Steward at 355-7444 or
351-6419.

For Sale: New "low volume" Hahn C-1s.
\$245.00. Call Bill Crowley 921-8353.

Wanted: One good canoe paddle, Norse
or Iliad, 64" - 66". Call Roger
Losier 451-5133.

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