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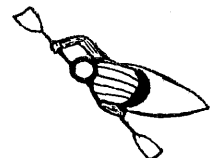
JUNE TRIP SCHEDULE

(Refer to GCA Directory or trip leaders for details)

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| Sat., May 24 | Upper Chattahoochee, Class III.
Hank Klausman, 255-7420. |
| Sat., May 31 | Intermediate Canoe Training Session.
Clyde Woolsey, 766-8771. |
| Sat., June 7 | Talking Rock Creek, Class I-II. 20 boat limit.
Gary DeBacher, 288-1773, evenings.
(Because of the length (15½ miles) and the extra
work low water may entail, this is not a good trip
for families or beginners.) |
| Sat., June 7 | Chattooga, Sec. III. Phillip Kenny, 262-2747. |
| Sun., June 8 | Chauga, Class III. Bill Crowley, 921-8353.
(If water is too low, alternate river may be run.) |
| Sat., June 14 | Nantahala, Class III. Edward Nickerson, 427-2331. |
| Sat., June 14 | Flint, Class II-III. Allen Lewis, 363-3538. |
| Sun., June 15 | Broad, Class II-III. Herb Henry, 404/742-8396.
(You may also register with Cruisemaster, A. Lewis) |
| Sat., June 21 | Toccoa, Class I-II. Carlton Shuford, 262-7750. |
| Sun., June 22 | Upper Chattahoochee, Class III.
Carter Fowlkes, 255-4110. |
| Sat., June 28 | Nantahala Races - Slaloms |
| Sun., June 29 | Nantahala Races - Downriver |

NOTE:

Please register for trips early in
the week...no later than Friday!



TRIP REPORTSToccoa, Sunday, April 20

Eight boats put in at Deep Hole in fine spring weather. The very clear water appeared shallow, but we floated comfortably over everything. The hemlock having washed more to the side, the "hard" section was easy to read and produced no major incidents, although one tandem ran the last drop sideways. Too soon we left the forest behind Toonowee Mountain, and a rather strong headwind blowing over the fields seconded our decision to take out at Dail Bridge. John Johnson and I paddled CD-1s; Stacey Lange was in the only kayak. Paddling CO-2 were: Peggy Mill and Tom Clark; Diane Martin and Hale Sanders; Barbara and Jim Lawler; Virginia and Bill Leonard; and Eileen Lange and Steve Zareka.

Gary DeBacher

Nantahala, Saturday, May 3

Where was everybody? It was an almost perfect day for canoeing: The air temperature was a spine-chilling 58° F., the water temperature was a sinus-clearing 42° F., and the day was dark and overcast with occasional rain, like pouring tea out of a boot. There was a nice thick fog that cut visibility to about 50 ft. in some places. The water level was 3.35 and if we had only had a 30 mph crosswind, the day would have been perfect.

At 10 o'clock, the assigned meeting time, I stood there wondering where everyone was. How do you know if you are at the right place if you have never been there before? Suddenly, the Budweiser Special (Allen Lewis) sprang into view and I was greatly relieved. After waiting another 15 minutes on our fearless leader (Jim Fletcher) we decided to tackle the river. It was comforting to discover that neither of us had been down it before. Then two more happy people arrived --Chris Quinn and Steve Finnerty. Our comfort grew as we found that neither of them had been on the river before, either. So we decided to tag along behind the Nantahala Outdoor Center rafting group. With the exception of Allen Lewis who discovered a crack in his boat and had to take out, we sailed on down the river with good success until we reached the falls. After scouting them we decided to take a shot at it. I was the first to go, and was delighted to find that when I opened my eyes I had made it through successfully. Chris was next to try but he got caught in the hole and it flipped him. Then came Steve. The same hole caught him with the same result. As Steve emerged from the deep, he was minus his glasses and left shoe. Our fearless leader did arrive and was a welcome sight; he had been stuck in the mud. As Jim carried us to our cars, Allen repaired his boat, joined another group and made a successful run through the falls.

Considering everything, we had a good run and all of us are ready to do it again when the sun is shining. Paddlers were Steve Finnerty and Chris Quinn in K-1s, and Allen Lewis and myself in Co-1s.

Steve Cantrell

Oconee River Campout, May 3-4

Our campout turned out to be a "washout": 21 hardy (foolhardy?) campers assembled at the Watkinsville Courthouse in a pouring rain on Saturday morning. Georgia Power had agreed to let us launch at the Barnett Shoals dam and had the gates unlocked. We got our cars several hundred yards down the steep jeep trail to the launching point when the rains really began. Three families decided to drop out at this point, and it took the combined efforts of all of us to push the cars up the now flooded clay road. Undaunted (actually, I think we were pretty much daunted but hated to admit it), the remaining cars made their shuttle to the half-way point where it was obvious that the river was up 2-3 feet and still rising. We decided then to make the trip a one-day float since pleasurable family camping was impossible under the circumstances.

The run down the river was strange: In the heavy rain and storm, numerous large trees had fallen into the water (and were still falling); the current was carrying some of these huge trees downstream with us. The kids had a ball, even in the rain. We stopped at the old ruins of Scull Shoals which was to have been our overnight camp, but there were huge puddles and mini-lakes everywhere. Everyone agreed that the Oconee was probably the prettiest camping river (flatwater) they had seen. Late in the afternoon we reached our cars--soaked and disappointed at missing the camping, but having had fun. 21 people signed up and everyone showed up! 12 people made the flooded run on Saturday.

Two important points: 1) There is a real need for the club to sponsor scenic, flatwater canoe-camping trips. There are numerous families with children who are enthusiastic. 2) If you canoe the Oconee, be sure to launch below Barnett Shoals Dam.

John Krickel

Flint River

Saturday, May 10

We paddled from Hwy. 18 bridge to Sprewell Bluff in about five hours including lunch. We passed the cave on Rockhouse Mountain which we had planned to look for before we realized it; maybe next year. This section of the river is really beautiful this time of year with the blooming mountain laurel and wildflowers. Saturday paddlers were: Allen Lewis, Marion Barker and Malcolm Lewis in Co-1s; Nancy Barker, Naomi Borck in Co-2; Eileen Lange and friend in Co-2; Stacey Lange in K-1.

This was supposed to be an overnight camping trip but my brother and I were the only ones who remained for the Sunday trip. Sprewell Bluff is a very good place to camp.

Sunday, May 11

We paddled from Sprewell Bluff to PoBiddy Road. Dick Dumbleton and his son in Co-2 joined us at Sprewell Bluff and Ike Maxwell in Co-1 joined us at Hwy. 36. The gauge had dropped from 8.80 to 8.65 during the night, but there was still plenty of water to make Yellow Jacket Shoals a very exciting run. We noticed two more aluminum canoes had wrapped around the green ABS canoe which was wrapped around the rock below Yellow Jacket Sluice. We had a nice day.

Allen Lewis

Chattooga, Sec. II, Sun., May 11

A terrific electrical and hail storm on Saturday afternoon swept the skies clean for a hot, blue, beautiful Sunday. With the exception of five no-shows, everyone met close to schedule and we wasted no time dropping a couple of cars and putting in at 28 bridge. Although the water was very low (1.5-7 according to which gauge was read at 76 bridge), everyone performed beautifully and there was only one minor mishap. A considerable amount of time was spent at Big Shoals where a number of the party couldn't get enough of its several interesting chutes, and they carried back up again and again. Steve Cantrell must have run it four different ways 6 or 7 times. Earlier, Tom Green provided some entertainment by borrowing a Blue Hole and climbing a few ledges--upstream. Jim Barrows and Ricky Califf made a 15 mile paddle out of this 9 mi. trip by continual and rigorous practicing. They must be getting ready to race. Many thanks to Marvin Albitz for leading the trip, and to Steve Cantrell for bringing his first aid kit and throw rope.

Everyone had a good time despite a few sunburns. In CD-2 were Bronwyn Fowlkes and Tom Green; In CO-2: Jim Barrows and Ricky Califf; Steve Cantrell and Connie Chapman; Polly Heywood and Judy Brannon; Glenn & Cathy Rauschenberg; Marvin Albitz and daughter Marla. In K-1: Michelle Murphy, Mark Albitz, Jan Albitz, Mary Rose Goodson and Dot Stephenson. In CO-1: Maureen Maloney.

Maureen Maloney

Chattooga, Sec. IV, Sun., May 11

No trip for lack of trip leader.

Upper Chattahoochee, Sunday, May 4

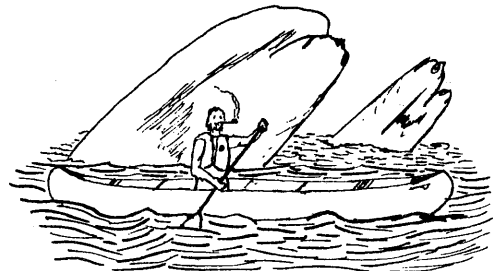
No Report. Trip Leader: Herb Henry.

Chattooga, Sec. III, Sat., May 10

No Report. Trip Leader: Falma Moye.

...NOTE TO TRIP LEADERS...

Beginning with this issue, river trip reports not received by Newsletter deadline will result in the trip and the trip leader being listed without further comment.



HIKES AND CAMPSITES

It has been suggested that many of our river trips are in areas which have excellent hiking paths in the area and that family members not taking to the river might be interested in spending the day along these trails. If you have knowledge along these lines, contact the Newsletter Editor or the Cruisemaster. Hikes could be organized in conjunction with river trips, and this information could be included in next year's Guide Book.

Incidentally, a beautiful primitive camping and fishing area has been discovered near the Toccoa River. Take 60 north of Dahlonega. Shortly after crossing the Union/Fannin County line, turn left at the sign to the Chattahoochee Forest State Fishery. After crossing the Toccoa, the road follows Rock Creek which is lined with campsites, happily not well known to the public as yet.

Anna Belle Close

LETTERS NEEDED TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND STATE LEGISLATORS

Richard Vaughan of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the second largest outdoor club in the U.S., phoned long distance from West Newton, Massachusetts, begging that we contact our Georgia Congressman Flynt, who is on the House Public Works Appropriations Committee as soon as possible, and ask him to vote against the dam being planned on the St. John. This beautiful river rises in Maine, flows across New Brunswick, Canada, and empties into the Bay of Fundy. The Corps of Engineers purports to generate more energy and jobs by constructing this dam above the confluence with the Allegash. Since it is for peaking power and would release a great deal of water at one time, a second dam would be needed as well as dikes to keep the water from going up into the Allegash. The matter is scheduled to come up in the House in early June. Your voice from Georgia against this project could carry great weight.

Regarding the Amicolola River, Linda Billingsley, Chairman of the Georgia Heritage Trust Committee, writes: "We have been waiting to see what kind of funding the GHT would get for FY76 and what would happen to the State Properties Commission in the Legislature.

"From the amount of money set aside for GHT, it looks like all our pet sites on the priority list are going to be in trouble...

"Please let us work together on our Legislators and the Governor and try to get a bigger budget next year for GHT. We will lose some very valuable areas if we do not.

"Would you be interested in a delegation of representatives from many of our groups calling on the Governor to discuss better financing of GHT?"

If you would be available as a delegate, contact Anna Belle Close. If you cannot attend meetings, do spend a few moments and a postage stamp or two on letters.

Anna Belle Close

OUR ID NUMBER STILL PENDING--INFORMATION IS NEEDED

Our Application for Exemption from Federal Income Tax is under consideration by the IRS. They have asked the questions repeated below. As ours has been a light-hearted, social organization, we have not given enough concern to keeping records and have not been able to answer all of these questions specifically. If you can shed any light on the matter, please contact the Treasurer, Bill Heath, so that he can forward the information.

"Are the beginner and intermediate training sessions open to members only? If not, how much of the \$731 received to date was from non-members? What are the fees for members and for non-members? How are these fees determined?"

"You show \$7306.79 of receipts to date from the Southeastern Championship Race and the National Open Canoe race. How much of this was from members of your local club only? How much from members of organizations affiliated with the American Canoe Association and from the American Whitewater Affiliation? How much from the general public? What are the prices for each of these three groups? How are these prices determined? Do you advertise these events as being open to the general public? Are non-members attending these affairs guests of members only? If not, explain."

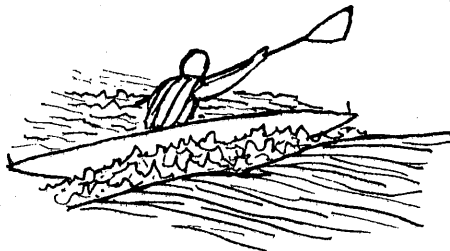
These questions have been answered to the best of our ability, which is not in their entirety. Any information our readers may shed may be just the information needed. Please respond to the GCA Treasurer immediately.

Anna Belle Close

Nantahala Races, June 28 & 28

RACY ITEMS!

1. Baby Sitting Service: This year we will try to provide babysitting, provided we can get enough babysitters. Anyone interested in making a few extra bucks at the races by doing some babysitting, notify Jean Garrity at 634-1847.
2. Awards Banquet: The Bryson City Civitan Club will prepare a meal for us at the Swain County High School on Saturday, June 28. Prices: \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. Please plan to attend.
3. Help Needed: We need people to judge slalom gates, work as scorers, safety personnel and other duties. Call Jack Weems at 938-5263.
4. Handy Persons who could like to build a slalom gate call Jack Weems. (Material and instructions free.)



NEW RIVERS

...not new rivers, exactly, but new to the GCA. River exploration Chairman, Gary DeBacher, along with a couple of GCA friends, explored the East Fork of the Little River in Alabama early in April and submits the following:

We joined TVCC to explore this section which few GCA members have every run before. The weather was ideal, the water clear blue-green but slightly low for the rather technical Class I and II rapids of the first five miles. Tight channels past large rocks and through brushy islands produced some pinned boats and one smashed kayak. By mile 8 the river and the land around smoothed out. A welcome tailwind helped us down long deep green pools punctuated just occasionally by small rapids. A few rocky bluffs reappeared from mile 12 to 15; the river dropped faster and the rapids increased enough in strength and frequency to pep up some tired and sunburned boaters. We reached Hwy. 35 after 6½ hours. A little long for one day, this would be great for a late April overnight.

More good news: the even more scenic West Fork drops at up to 50 ft/mile, and may be runnable in spring water. Call me for more information on either section.

Gary DeBacher

...and John Krickel reports:

Ever since we lost access rights to the Nacoochee section of the extreme Upper Chattahoochee, there has been no suitable "first" whitewater river for beginners. Well, I've found one better than the Chattahoochee! The Hudson River, one of the tributaries into the Broad River, is a perfect Class I river. It is about 7 miles (4 hours) in length. Begin the trip at State Hwy. 106, where there is a good put-in on the Northeast side (a little road to pull your car onto) and go down river to Hwy. 29, taking out on the Southeast side which is steep, but not bad.

The river, after a dull first 2 miles, has a whole series of little 1-ft. ledges for the first-time beginner. Warning: There is a Class II or possibly Class III about 2/3 down the river at the site of an old mill (watch out for a line of steel spikes across the river!). This is easily scouted on the left side and portaged on a dirt road on the left side. This rapid is run on the right side. Most beginners can make it, but it's a thrill for a first-timer.

The river has the best display of wild azalea of any river in Georgia, including some very rare pure white. It is only 1½ hours north off I-85, and an easy shuttle on roads which are on all road maps. Also, just off 106 is the Nail's Creek covered bridge, which is worth seeing. John Krickel

RACE RESULTS...by Falma Moyer

GCA paddlers have been putting on quite a show on the race circuit this season.

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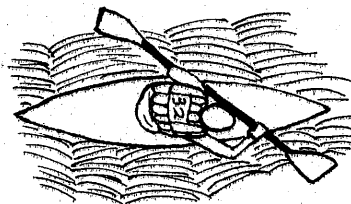
Slalom K-1 Jr. Mike Terry - 3rd
 C-1 Bill Baily - 3rd
 C-2 Bill Baily/James Steward - 3rd

Downriver

K-1 Championship - Dave Jones - 2nd
 K-1 Cruising - Ray Stang - 1st
 - Joe Stubbs - 2nd
 - Jim Hobbs - 3rd

Locust Fork

Slalom K-1 Jr. Mike Terry - 1st
 John Kennedy, Jr. - 3rd
 K-1/W Lisa Herron - 2nd
 Tracy Chapple - 3rd
 C-1 Bill Baily - 1st
 C-2/M Falma Moyer/Mark Warren - 2nd



Downriver

K-1 Championship - Ken Strickland - 3rd
 K-1 Jr. - Dave Gale, Jr. - 2nd
 K-1/W - Lisa Herron - 2nd
 K-1 Cruising - Ray Stang - 1st
 - Jim Hobbs - 2nd
 - Mike Hurd - 3rd
 - Claude Grizzard - 4th (in a kayak???)
 C-1 Cruising - Tom Green - 1st
 - Falma Moyer - 2nd
 C-2/M Cruising - Tom Green/Falma Moyer - 3rd
 C-1 Open - John Helmlinger - 2nd
 C-2 Open - Roger Losier/S. Haskover - 3rd

Nantahala Spring Races

Downriver

K-1 Championship - Ken Strickland - 3rd
 K-1 Cruising - Jim Hobbs - 1st
 C-1 Cruising - Bill Baily - 3rd
 C-1 Open - Herb Henry - 3rd
 C-2 Cruising - Judy Chandler/Ray Stang - 2nd
 C-2/M Cruising - Cleve Tedford/Falma Moyer - 2nd

Helen-Chattahoochee Race

Slalom K-1 Mark Warren - 3rd
 K-1/W Lisa Herron - 2nd
 Falma Moyer - 3rd
 C-1 Dk'd. Bill Baily - 1st
 Mark Warren - 3rd
 C-2 Dk'd. Mark Warren/Mark Chandler - 2nd
 C-2/M " Falma Moyer/Reid Gryder - 1st
 C-1 Open Falma Moyer - 1st
 Mark Warren - 2nd
 C-2 Open Tom Green/Murray Johnson - 1st
 C-2/M " Falma Moyer/Clyde Woolsey - 2nd

Downriver

K-1 Championship - Ken Strickland - 1st
 - Joe Stubbs - 2nd

At the U.S. Wildwater Team trials and National Championships on the Youghiogheny River in Pennsylvania, Georgia paddlers did amazingly well, although at last sight none had placed. Representing GCA were: Dave Jones, Ken Strickland, Jim Hobbs, Cleve Tedford, Falma Moyer, Michael Terry and Fritz Orr. Georgia paddlers are nonetheless making names for themselves on the national circuits. Maybe next year!

* THE AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER...

* ...is for GCA members to fill in as a testament to the amount of use the
* North Georgia rivers are getting and the need for the Attorney General to
* declare them open for public use. We have given the Department of Natural
* Resources attorney's office a large amount of research on river rights,
* but this needs to be followed up by the weight of public demand for open
* streams and documented use figures.

* Please take this affidavit, make copies, and fill out one form for each
* stream that you habitually use and have your signature notarized. The
* information which should be provided in the Affidavit consists of:

* all pertinent facts regarding use of the particular river,
* stating the river in question. Be as specific as possible,
* going back as far as possible. State all the facts in simple
* language concerning the individual's use of the river,
* including lack of interference with and/or by landowners.

* Send the completed Affidavits to the Georgia Canoeing Association,
* P. O. Box 7023, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

* Persuade your friends and neighbors who canoe to complete Affidavits for
* the streams they use. This means a lot to the river rights defense effort.
* Please help!

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C L A S S I F I E D
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WANTED!

Experienced canoeist would like to borrow canoe for Nantahala races June 29 (Also for Green River Race May 25th) Prefer 17' Grumman in really good condition, or 17' Old Town or similar. Mine has seen too many rocky rivers to be very fast. I promise to at least give you a picture of the trophy. Clyde Woolsey, 766-8771 or 432-8571.

FOR SALE:

Decked C-2, good river running boat. \$175; need money!
Palma Moye 872-6398 or 656-3214.

FOR SALE:

Save sales tax on a yellow/grey Blue Hole ABS canoe never in water. Length 16', weight 75 lbs; total price \$445. Also, one 63" Iliad T-grip paddle, new; and one 60" used wooden paddle: \$30 for both. Call Pat Stewart at 355-7444 or 351-6419.

FOR SALE:

Your choice \$175; One nearly new Mark V slalom kayak, glass & poly 4-4 layup, strong. Gold color.
One Marlex

"River Chaser" slalom kayak, used once, no leaks.
Margaret or Skip Tucker 355-6207 morning or evening.

FOR SALE:

Yellow Holloform "River Chaser" never used with flotation. \$140.
Jim Cole, 634-1762

FOR SALE:

Selection of kayaks.
Call Paul W. Wiens, 961-9348,
Morrow, Ga.

LOST!

Uncolored plastic bow flotation bag for C-2 during Chattahoochee Races, either at Hidden Valley Parking Lot or along shuttle route to Duncan Bridge. Craig Pendergrast (404) 355-0927

FOR SALE:

One 64" Blue Hole Paddle and one 60" Nona (aluminum shaft, fiberglass blade). Good condition; \$40.00 for both or individual. Hoppy Eager, (404) 546-9918, Athens.

FOR SALE:

Blue Hole, black & grey; good condition. \$400. Solo thwart.
Jeff Viehmeyer, 427-9989

WANTED TO TRADE:

K-1 plus flotation, skirt and paddle for used C-1 decked in comparable condition. Or will sell K-1 with all gear for \$200.
Bronwyn Fowlkes, 255-4110

FOR SALE:

C-1, Hipp design, 80 cm, large volume super maneuverability, yet stable. Flotation bags included. \$130.
Murray Johnson, Gainesville 536-0991.

FOR SALE:

Prijon Kayak, small volume, very strong, undamaged, with flotation and spray skirt. \$140.
Maureen Maloney 659-0000 or 427-1049.

FOR SALE:

One block of styrofoam flotation, enough for one large or two small open canoes: 75" x 24" x 19". \$15.00
Dan Langston, 296-9665 evenings.

