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NOTE: MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE!

Dues must be paid by January 31, 1976, and for your name to be listed in the 1976 Directory. If you have joined the GCA near the end of the 1974-1975 season, please check your status with the new Treasurer, Carter Fowlkes, 4682 Dudley Lane, NW, 255-4110.

NOVEMBER TRIP SCHEDULE

(Refer to GCA Directory or trip leaders for details)

- Sat., November 1. Nantahala, III. Bronwyn Fowlkes, 255-4110.
Sun., November 2. Broad II-III. Dale Bergen 377-2970.
Sun., November 9. Upper Chattahoochee II-III. David Garrity 634-1847
between 6:30 and 9:00 pm.
Sun., November 9. Flint, I-III. Allen Lewis 363-3538.
Sat., November 15. Hudson, I-II. Gary Debacher, 288-1773.
Sun., November 16. Toccoa or alternate. Allen Lewis, 363-3538.
Sat., November 22. Chattooga III. Bill Crowley, 921-8583.

NOTE:

All trips in November are subject to cancellation or change to alternate rivers due to low water levels.

Note: Nancy Barker has volunteered to serve as an impromptu trip clearinghouse for those who would enjoy canoeing on weekdays. Call Nancy at 874-8897 any time from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm.

TRIP REPORTS

Chattooga, III

Magnificent day!. Fair sky, 65 degrees, and the water was hitting the gauge at 2.25. It was the Day of the Wipeouts. Even at the First Rapid, several of our party left their canoes for a swim. Those weird currents which the Narrows have at this level produced a variety of submarines, wipeouts, and rescue efforts. There was at least one demonstration of "how not to run Second Ledge" -- I remember that very well. Several pinned canoes later, including the totalled one, we arrived at Bull Sluice where Jim Fletcher became the Hero of the Day. He was the only one among us who had the courage (or whatever it takes) to ride the Bull at this level.

Co-1: Dick Rekau, Tom Carter, Ralph Sikes, Allen Lewis, Jim Fletcher;
Co-2: Glen and Kathy Rauschenberg; Cd-1: Bill Crowley; K-1: Stuart Alston, Carter Fowlkes; Explorer Post 601 (all tandem): Tom Pope, David Brackman, Kay Pope Claire Pamplin, Bob Tabb, Brent Burdette, Haley Stephens, Richard Trimble. -- Allen Lewis.

Nantahala, October 11.

David Garrity, no report.

Upper Chattahoochee, October 12

Would you believe two trips? Herb Henry led a group at 9:30 on a fine day with water at 2.2. The afternoon group, lead by yours truly departed 115 bridge at 4:00 after many delays. (However, since yours truly was sooo late, Carter Fowlkes and Gary Debacher ran an in-between trip.) It was a pleasant and cool trip accompanied by a golden horizon as we took out at Duncan Bridge.

In the morning group were: Jan Albitz, George Creel, Eileen Lange, Larry Gale, Bill Roberts, ken McAmis, Bill Crowley, George Stephenson, David Schwab, Herb Henry. In the evening were Carter Fowlkes (again), Earl Metzger III, Anne Coons, and Carlton and Kathy Shuford.

-- Carlton Shuford.

Broad River, October 18.

Gary Debacher, no report.

Flint River, October 19.

Since last spring I've been hoping to find the Flint at high water again. Now in October, usually the dryest month, I got my high water--but a little more than I really wanted. The gauge read 9.5. Remembering how heavy it was last March when the gauge read 8.8, I suggested that we (Bronwyn Fowlkes, ken McAmis, and I) not run Yellow Jacket Shoals. We decided to take a look at the shoals before making a final decision.

You have to drive 3 miles and walk another through the woods to see Yellow Jacket Shoals. The only other way to see this rapid, which drops about 30 feet in a quarter of a mile, is to look back up after you've run it. It's kind of difficult to get to the main drop on land, but we did get within 100 yards above and below it. I still couldn't tell much about it except that just about all the rocks were covered up and it looked extremely powerful. We decided to leave it alone. We checked the time for running the Middle Section - 5½ miles in one hour and five minutes. Everything was washed out. All the rocks were covered up -- even the large midriver outcropping

near the end. A small hydraulic had formed behind the ledge at Seven Islands, but Ken and I both ran it with no difficulty. (Bronwyn went around.) With a few more strong paddlers, we could have run Yellow Jacket Shoals. After giving up this trip, the three of us are anxious to make up for it. If you'd like to join us, please call me at 363-3538.
-- Allen Lewis

EDITOR'S COMMENT

As the new editor, now is my turn to sound off about a subject I now appreciate as one who finds it extremely hard to write trip reports and send them in on time. I can sympathize with those who dislike this aspect of being a trip leader. Perhaps that is the reason leaders are hard to find. However, if we are honest with ourselves, we will remember the feeling of accomplishment that each of us felt at seeing our name on a trip report for a river that we had not previously run or that was a step up in difficulty. In addition to that, I'm power hungry and in order to have something to do, I need trip reports. Please try to accommodate me. Hopefully, the next Newsletter will be longer and more fun to read.

-- Carlton Shuford

Items of Interest from the October 4, 1975 General Meeting

National Geographic Magazine has requested the names of three Georgia rivers on which they might do an article. A committee has been formed with Gary Debacher as chairman, and Allen Lewis, Falma Moye and Eileen Lange who will make a recommendation to the Executive Board for transmittal to National Geographic. Please contact one of these persons with your recommendations.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a tentative proposal to build dams on the Upper Chattahoochee and Chestatee Rivers to control water levels at Lake Lanier. Opposition letters should be sent to: Colonel Edward J. Keiser, Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah, Georgia.

French Broad River Take-out.

Mr. Fletcher L. Erwin, who owns the property and lives in the house at the take-out at the old bridge near Bridgeport, is having problems with people littering and trespassing on his property. He has requested that he be notified in advance if any canoe club wants to use his property as a take-out point. Address: Mr. Fletcher L. Erwin, Rt. 4, Newport, TN. Phone 623-2168(home), 623-1389(office).

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