

# GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION



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NEWSLETTER

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## AUGUST 1977 TRIP SCHEDULE

PLEASE TRY TO REGISTER FOR TRIPS BY THURSDAY, SINCE THE LEADER MAY LEAVE ON FRIDAY. WE ALL NEED TO DO SOME RAIN DANCING OR PRAY TO THE RAIN GOD OR SOMETHING!

AUGUST 6	UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, CLASS III	DON SIMMONS, 292-9369
AUGUST 7	*BROAD - BOYS' CLUB TRIP, CLASS II	BRONWYN FOWLKES, 233-1383
AUGUST 13	CHATTOOGA III, CLASS III	WAYNE DRUMMOND, 622-2519
AUGUST 14	CHATTOOGA IV, CLASS IV	HANK KLAUSMAN, 255-7420
AUGUST 14	ETOWAH, CLASS II	LARRY GALE, 992-5233
AUGUST 20	NANTAHALA WEEKEND, CLASS III	JIM BARROWS, 373-0260
AUGUST 21	NANTAHALA WEEKEND, CLASS III	J. BLANCHFIELD, 284-7615
AUGUST 27	HIAWASSEE, CLASS II	BUDDY HOLMES, 252-6154
AUGUST 28	UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, CLASS III	DICK REKAU, 451-4598
AUGUST 28	OCOOEE, CLASS V (DECKED BOATS ONLY)	DAVID GARRITY, 634-1847

\*THIS TRIP WILL BE MAINLY TO REPAY THE DEBT THE GCA OWES TO THE SAMUEL JONES BOYS' CLUB IN DACATUR FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR POOL IN THE WINTER TO PRACTICE ROLLING. WE NEED 20 OR SO PEOPLE TO TAKE BOYS DOWN THE RIVER. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE CALL BRONWYN FOWLKES AT 233-1383 TO VOLUNTEER. WE NEED YOUR FRIENDS ALSO. THIS IS NOT ONLY A CHANCE TO REPAY A DEBT LONG PAST DUE, BUT A CHANCE TO SHOW SOMEONE A GOOD TIME AND AN UNUSUAL TIME. MOST OF THESE BOYS WILL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO DO THIS, AND IT WILL BE AN EXPERIENCE FOR THEM. PLEASE VOLUNTEER, EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE A DECKED BOAT. EVERYONE NEEDS TO DO A GOOD DEED ONCE IN A WHILE!

## CANOE-CAMPING WITH THE OGEECHEE CANOE CLUB

JOHN BITTNER, LONG TIME SAVANNAH GCA MEMBER IS CRUISEMASTER FOR THE OGEECHEE CANOEING CLUB. AND HE WRITES THAT HIS CLUB'S OUTINGS ARE MOSTLY CANOE-CAMPING TRIPS. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THIS TYPE OF TRIP IS URGED TO CALL OR WRITE HIM FOR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLY SOME SPECIFIC DATES - JOHN BITTNER, 213 SAN FERNANDO BLVD., SAVANNAH, GA 31406; PHONE: 912-925-9527.

## NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

Every year at the Nantahala River is held the Southeastern Canoe Championships. Even though this race is under the auspice of The American Canoe Association, the Georgia Canoeing Association actually sponsors the race, in other words does all the work.

The GCA Executive Committee at the last Executive Board meeting debated whether or not to return the sponsorship of the race to the American Canoe Association.

The main thing that was decided was a paramount need for input by the General Membership.

All interested Club members are urged to make their wishes known to the Club officers so they can better decide a course of action. In order to make this as convenient as possible to everyone please call Tom Carter with your opinions and comments and we can run a tally from this information. Please phone soon, Days, 522-8811, Nights, 262-3396.

## SPECIAL NOTE

Our Club now has a new Membership Chairperson, Ms Eileen Lange, 2276 LaVista Rd. NE, Apt. 8, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Phone, 633-1855. Please call or write Eileen for any membership information you need.

NANTAHALA RACES - JUNE 25 & 26, 1977

AS IT INEVITABLY DOES, RACE WEEK-END ARRIVED BEFORE WE WERE READY FOR IT, BUT A LOT OF LAST-MINUTE SCRAMBLING GOT US STARTED - ONLY 28 MINUTES LATE. FROM THERE EVERYTHING WENT PRETTY SMOOTHLY TILL THE FLOOD CAME LATE SATURDAY. OVERALL, HOWEVER, THE RACE WAS A ROARING SUCCESS. THERE WERE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS AND VERY FEW MINOR ONES. THE CLUB RECEIVED MANY, MANY COMPLIMENTS FOR A WELL-RUN RACE

I AS RACE CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS RACE A SUCCESS. UNTIL YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AN EVENT OF THIS SIZE, YOU CAN'T REALIZE THE AMOUNT OF WORK REQUIRED. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF A LOT OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHERS WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THE FIRST BOAT IN THE WATER. ONCE AGAIN, MY HEART FELT THANKS.

KEM MCAMIS

OUR CLUB WAS WELL-REPRESENTED IN THE RACE, AND OUR MEMBERS RECEIVED A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE OF THE AWARDS. THEY ARE LISTED BELOW:

SLALOM WINNERS

K-1W CHAMP	3RD - FRANCES STRICKLAND
K-1 JR. CHAMP	1ST - MIKE TERRY
C-2 CHAMP	2ND - MIKE TERRY/DOUGLAS MARTIN
	3RD - STEVE FINNERTY/CHRIS QUINN
C-2M CHAMP	2ND - HOPPY EAGER/MARY EAGER
C-1 OPEN	1ST - MARK WARREN
C-2M OPEN	3RD - BRONWYN FOWLKES/KEN MCAMIS
C-1 NOVICE	1ST - JACK WEEMS
	2ND - KEN MCAMIS
C-1W NOVICE	1ST - MARY EAGER
	2ND - BRONWYN FOWLKES

WILDWATER WINNERS

K-1 CHAMP	1ST - DAVID JONES
	2ND - KEN STRICKLAND
K-1 JR. CHAMP	1ST - BRIAN JACOBSON
K-1W CHAMP	3RD - FRANCES STRICKLAND
C-1 CRUISING	3RD - KEN MCAMIS
C-2 CRUISING	3RD - JOE BLANCHFIELD/MIKE BLANCHFIELD
C-2M CRUISING	1ST - DAVID JONES/FRANCES STRICKLAND
C-2M OPEN CRUISING	2ND - HOPPY EAGER/MARY EAGER
C-2 JR/SR	1ST - RODGER LOSIER/RANDALL KINNAMAN

TRIP REPORTS

CHATTOOGA, SECTION III, JULY 2, 1977

EVEN THOUGH THE NEWSLETTER FAILED TO ARRIVE BEFORE FRIDAY, WORD GOT AROUND ABOUT THE SECTION III TRIP. SEVENTEEN PADDLERS AND 13 BOATS PUT IN ON A BEAUTIFUL RIVER ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY. THE GAUGE READ 1.45. THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY VEHICLES AT THE PUT-IN, BUT I LATER LEARNED THAT WE WERE ON OF THE FIRST OF 140 WHO PADDLED THAT SECTION THAT DAY. WE PASSED A LARGE GROUP FROM OHIO AND ACQUIRED TOO TANDEM TEAMS FROM OHIO WHO HAD PADDLED WITH ME ON A WEEK OF RIVERS TRIP EARLIER IN THE SPRING. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD DAY, WITH ONLY A FEW PORTAGING DICK'S CREEK AND THE BULL. NEARLY EVERYONE TRIED THE BULL, AND ALLEN LEWIS AND I WERE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR FIRST ATTEMPTS IN C-1'S. OTHER PADDLERS WERE: K-1 BILL ROBERTS, BILL GRUBBS, IAN BROWER, LARRY BRETT; C-1D KEN MCAMIS, GARY DEBACHER; C-1O TOM DALLINGER; C-2O RAY & TOMMY KEEL, LES DAVENPORT & TOMMY THOMPSON, JOHN & TEE BROWER, ANDREA O'CONNOR & BILL TIMPONE (GUESTS), AND THE TWO TEAMS FROM OHIO - GREG & MARY KALMBACH AND CYNTHIA COOK AND RICK RHODE.

BRONWYN FOWLKES

CHATTOOGA, SECTION IV, JULY 3, 1977

SUNDAY DAWNED BRIGHT AND CLEAR - AND DRY AS HAD BEEN MOST OF THE PRECEDING DAYS. THE RIVER WAS STILL RUNNING 1.45, BUT WE SET OFF DOWNSTREAM PREPARED TO HIKE IF NECESSARY. THE GCA CONTINGENT WAS SMALL: JOHN & TEE BROWER IN A TANDEM OPEN, IAN BROWER & LARRY BRETT IN KAYAKS, AND BRONWYN FOWLKES AND MYSELF IN C-1S. WE ALSO HAD 5 KAYAKS AND A C-1 FROM OHIO, ACQUAINTANCES OF MINE, WHO WANTED TO RUN WITH US. WE THEN PICKED UP JOHN HOUSER IN AN OPEN BOAT AT RAVEN ROCK AND ADDED HIM TO OUR TRIP, HIS PARTNER HAVING GIVEN UP SOMEWHERE UPSTREAM. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD RUN WITH VERY FEW SPILLS AND NO PROBLEMS - WELL, JUST ONE - THE PADDLE ACROSS THE LAKE AT THE END. WE ALL TRAILED ALONG IN THE BROWERS' WAKE AND FINALLY OVERCAME THAT ALSO.

KEM MCAMIS

Trip Reports Contd...

Talking Rock Creek -- Saturday, June 4

At 1.5, Talking Rock was just barely runnable. We got quite close to two deer grazing on the beds of blue-flowered water willow in midstream. Even if the rapids were gutless, the scenery was great. Our six boats included some Sierra Club members recently trained by Barbara Osgood and Tom Dallinger. They did quite well on the class II rapids below Cedar Bluffs, although Zigzag, a very technical almost III, claimed its usual quota of victims. The trip took 7 hours; the reregulation reservoir was "up" but swamped no worthwhile rapids and helped by covering the mud at the takeout. Paddling tandem were Barbara Osgood and Tom Dallinger; the Wisenbakers; and Dick Turner and Barbara Hart. In solo opens were Polly Heyward and myself.

Unfortunately Talking Rock is about to experience some second home construction. Thus we have lost the chance to preserve it as a wilderness run. -- Gary DeBacher

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THE CARTECAY  
June 12, 1977

*The day was hot, humid and a perfect excuse for running the clear cool waters of the Cartecay. We put in at the little bridge around twelve-thirty and were soon on our way. Due to a long dry spell, we had expected to encounter a lot of shallows, but instead were pleasantly surprised by a good water level. All three ledges were no match for this heroic group. The trip terminated in a soothing swim at the end of the run. Participants in the odyssey included Charles Orr in his open C-2, and Steve Hall and Linda Winterboer, both tandem in an open C-2.*

Steve Hall

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Upper Chattahoochee July 2nd

The day was hot and the water level was 2.0 ft. We chose to run only the lower section from 115 Bridge to Duncan Bridge, which we did leisurly, pleaurably and without incident.

We ate lunch below Horseshoe by ourselves to avoid crowding in on the many local sunworshippers back up river.

It was such a nice trip I won't even mention my side-tour through Gwinnett County's new jailhouse on the drive up that morning and I certainly won't mention the hit and run accident involving one of our member's cars and the ensuing car chase.

Those paddeling, chasing and getting arrested were: Dick Turner and Barbara Hart - C-2o, Bob and Gus Elliot - C-2o, Mark Heilweil-C2o, Rufus Carswell - C-1o, Hugh and David Stubbs in Kayaks and Tom Carter-C1d.

Tom Carter

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Middle Chestatec- Saturday, July 9

This section abounds in swimming spots, and I think we tried most of them. With the gauge at 1.15 we put in below Coppermine; the other rapids were all runnable somewhere with fore-sight and paddle scratching. Rock formations were frequent and often unusual: long, low fences and ridges running lengthwise for many yards down the river. We lunched on a sandbar next to which the kayakers found a small surfing wave. Several rapids, two more swims, and one dumped boat later, we reached Blasted Rocks Rapid (a III) where many boats had pretty good runs down the center. (Some lined the sneak to save repairs.) Then all twelve boats scrambled the fifth mile to the takeout at the 52 bridge. None but me had seen this section before, and all seemed quite pleased by it. In k-1s were Tom Keel, Bill Grubbs, Pat Janus, and Bill Roberts. Bob Troxler, Jim Atkins, and Gary Lachmund paddled solo open canoes. In tandems were Nancy Coates and Robert Stevenson; Kathy Keel and her father Ray; Yvonne and Earl Moore; Ellie, Paul and Gary DeBacher; and Jean, Kevin and Carlton Lynn who came from Rockledge Florida. -- Gary DeBacher

Trip Reports Contd...

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE

July 17, 1977

On this bright sunny Sunday, 10 opens and 4 decked boats met at the take out for a walk down the Chattahoochee. Allen Lewis arrived ahead of schedule, 25 minutes late with the good news of a 1.7' water level. We waxed our boats, put in and started walking. At this level, it is extremely technical. There was just enough water in Smith Island for Pat Blanchfield to body surf it. Some of the canoes and paddlers started out new, but all finished experienced and scarred. Speaking of new canoes, Dick Turner, of New South Canoe Co. was paddling one of the new fiber glass canoes he builds. It sure was good looking and had excellent workmanship. Craig Lyerla brought horse shoe to its knees on his third run. Enjoying the day in decked boats were Nancy Blanchfield, Allen Lewis, Pete Paterson, and Bonnie Wolf. Solo open were Jerry Holladay, Jim Atkins, Noel Turner, Bob Landham. Tandem; Ken Barnes and Phil Lakey, Jeanette and Craig Lyerla, Dick Turner and Barbara Hunt, John and Carol Yount, Pat and Joe Blanchfield, Norm Reynolds and Chuck Walton.

Many thanks to Bob Landham for the excellent job on Sweep and Running Shuttle.

Joe Blanchfield

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FOR SALE: 16' Fiberglas canoes -- NEW SOUTH whitewater models for \$350. Like-new demos also available. Call 449-1673 or 448-7526 nights

FOR SALE: Two kayaks, fiberglas, in excellent condition. \$150 each with spray skirt. Call Parker Whedon, days at 704-376-3657.

FOR SALE. Famous Shadow 11 kayak by Rapid South. Large volume boat in excellent shape, \$175. Also paddle and other gear available. Hank Klausman, 255-7420.

WANTED: Used kayak paddle, spray skirt and rear split flotation bags. Please call Bobby Hinson at 926-7846.

FOR SALE: HIGH VOLUME HAHN C-1 COMPLETE WITH FLOAT BAGS AND GCA DECAL AND RACE STICKERS. WHITE HULL, FOREST GREEN DECK WITH GOLD STRIPES AND ONLY A FEW SCRATCHES. BOAT IS TWO YEARS OLD AND WAS ONLY USED ON SUNDAYS WITH AN OCCASIONAL SATURDAY AND HOLIDAY. THE BOAT IS IN GOOD CONDITION AND HAS VERY FEW BAD HABITS. IT IS WELL-TRAINED, HAS A REASONABLY GOOD ROLL AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH MOST OF THE RIVERS IN THE SOUTHEAST. \$175 AND A PHONE CALL TO KEN MCAMIS (H:233-1383; O:391-2237) CAN MAKE YOU THE PROUD OWNER OF THIS EXPERIENCED, RIVER-WISE BEAUTY.

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ATTENTION CHATTOOGA PADDLERS

Southeastern Expeditions, Inc. now has a whitewater shop which is open for business. Located less than a mile West of the Hiway 76 bridge we have a complete line of quality whitewater accessories at good prices. We also have a new shipment of Hollowform Kayaks for sale. Come by and look over our selection.

GCA T-Shirts For Sale

I want \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirts:

\_\_\_\_\_ Tandem Canoe logo - small, medium, large (circle)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tandem Canoe Crest logo - small, medium, large, X-large (circle)

\_\_\_\_\_ Kayak logo - small, medium, large, X-large (circle)

\_\_\_\_\_ C-1 logo - small, medium, large, X-large (circle)

Please mail to me at \_\_\_\_\_

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I'll pick up at your house (4682 Dudley Lane, N. W.) or office (C&S Bank at Five Points downtown). (circle)

Cost is \$4.00 if mailed; \$2.25 if picked up. Send this form and check payable to GCA, Post Office Box 7023, Atlanta, Georgia 30357.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Carter Fowlkes  
Treasurer

