

# GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION, INC.



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JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WILL BE MAY 15, 1978. PLEASE SEND TYPED TRIP REPORTS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO MS. BRONWYN FOWLKES, 2870 TWIN BROOKS DR. NE #3, ATLANTA, GA 30319.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP, ADDRESS CHANGES, AND MAILING TO WANDA GUNTER, P.O. BOX 299, KENNESAW, GA 30144, OR CALL HER AT 424-0850.

## MAY TRIP SCHEDULE

MAY 6 & 7 - BEGINNERS' TRAINING SESSION - DETAILS BELOW.  
MAY 6 - BROAD, CLASS II - POLLY HEYWARD - 237-4503  
MAY 6 - OCOEE, CLASS IV - JACK WEEMS - 938-5263  
MAY 7 - MIDDLE CHESTATEE, CLASS II - LARRY MASHBURN - 284-0360

MAY 13 - NANTAHALA, CLASS III - JIM ATKINS - 688-6586 LIMIT: 10  
MAY 13 - ETOWAH, CLASS II - BONNIE WOLF - 237-1346  
MAY 14 - NANTAHALA, CLASS III - NORM REYNOLDS - 455-3498

MAY 20 - UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, CLASS III - BUDDY HOLMES - 252-6154  
MAY 20 - TALKING ROCK CREEK, CLASS II - GARY DEBACHER - 288-1773  
MAY 21 - TOCCOA, CLASS II - DOUGLAS PAYNE - 436-8950

MAY 27 - CHATTOOGA III, CLASS III - STUART ALSTON - 355-0591  
MAY 28 - CHATTOOGA IV, CLASS IV - KEN MCAMIS - 321-5003, EXT. 340

## 1978 BEGINNERS TRAINING SESSION - MAY 6 & 7, 1978

SATURDAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO INDOOR FILMS AND LAKE INSTRUCTION FROM 9:30 AM TO 3:00. ALL CLASS OF PADDLERS WILL BE ACCOMODATED BY A VARIETY OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTORS. SUNDAY WILL BE A RIVER TRIP IN THE MOUNTAINS. ALL PADDLERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT (BOAT, PADDLE, LIFE JACKET). BRING A LUNCH EACH DAY. SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION TO MARK WARREN, 64 GOULDING PL. ROSWELL, GA. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL MARK AT 262-1967 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIM TO CALL YOU. DIRECTIONS TO LAKE FOR SATURDAY: GO NORTH ON ROSWELL RD. CROSS RIVER. TURN LEFT ON WILLEO RD. GO LESS THAN A MILE. SEE ATLANTA RAQUET CLUB SIGN ON RIGHT. GO PAST SIGN, TURN RIGHT ON NEXT DRIVEWAY UP TO LAKE. PARK AT TOP OF HILL. COST OF THE TRAINING SESSION IS \$5.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$7.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

THE JUNE TRAINING SESSION, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10 & 11 HAS BEEN CANCELLED, AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE. THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THE MAY TRAINING SESSION.

## CLUB THROW ROPES AND FIRST AID KITS

AT LONG LAST THE SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS PREPARED THREE THROW ROPES AND FIRST-AID KITS TO BE USED ON GCA SPONSORED TRIPS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO BRONWYN FOWLKES AND KEN MCAMIS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE FIRST-AID KITS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRIP LEADER TO PICK UP A FIRST-AID KIT AND ROPE AND TO RETURN THEM WHEN THE TRIP IS OVER. WHEN ITEMS ARE USED FROM THE FIRST-AID KITS, PLEASE NOTIFY DAVID GARRITY (872-4841) SO THEY CAN BE REPLACED.

ROPES AND FIRST-AID KITS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

1. DAVID GARRITY, 1049 ROSEWOOD DR., NE (OFF N. HIGHLAND). PHONE: 872-4841.
2. STUART ALSTON, 3059 RHODENHAVEN DR., NW (OFF NORTHSIDE DR.) PHONE: 355-0591.
3. JACK WEEMS, 4374 BRIARCLIFF RD., NE. (NEAR NORTHLAKE) PHONE: 938-5263.

PLEASE CONSULT CITY MAPS RATHER THAN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS.

PLEASE TRY TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM WORK SO OUR TRIPS CAN BE SAFER.

AMICALOLA CONSERVATION

THE GEORGIA HERITAGE TRUST COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED A TRIP ON AMICALOLA CREEK FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20 & 21 (THE EXACT DAY HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED). SINCE THIS TRIP COULD BE VITAL TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE AMICALOLA, THE GCA HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN GETTING DOWN THE RIVER BY CANOE. WE WILL PROBABLY NEED 15 - 20 OF OUR BEST OPEN BOATERS. PLEASE CALL WAYNE DRUMMOND AT 622-2519 TO VOLUNTEER.

RACES! RACES! RACES!

NATIONAL WILDWATER CHAMPIONSHIPS - OCOEE RIVER, MAY 29, 1978. PLEASE CALL DAVID JONES AT 355-4061 (H) OR 261-6793 (O) TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP.

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. CANOE AND KAYAK CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNE 17 & 18, 1978. CALL ALLEN LEWIS FOR INFORMATION. HE NEEDS LOTS OF HELP!

TRIP REPORTS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CARTECAY RIVER - MARCH 11, 1978.

AFTER A SLIGHT DELAY DUE TO FOG IN THE ATLANTA AREA, FOUR KAYAKS, FOUR OPEN CANOES SOLO AND TWO TANDEM OPEN CANOES MADE A BEAUTIFUL RUN DOWN A BEAUTIFUL RIVER ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY. WATER LEVEL AT THE GAUGE WAS 2.8, ELIMINATING ALL OF THE BOTHERSOME BOAT-GRABBING SHALLOW SPOTS AND PUTTING SOME CURRENT IN THE FLAT WATER STRETCH. BEST OF ALL WAS THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF THE FUNNY LITTLE DECKED CANOES. (NEVERTHELESS, THE C-1S ARE REALLY TAKING OVER THE WORLD! ED.) PADDLERS WERE: KAYAKS: MARY ANN HARRISON, CLYDE WOOLSEY, STUART ALSTON & DON DOWNING. C-1OPEN: GARY DEBACHER, JACKIE HUDSON, JAY SANDERS & ROBIN OSCAR ; C-2OPEN: EARL AND YVONNE MOORE, AND LARRY AND ELAINE HOWARD.

HELEN TO ATLANTA RACES - MARCH 17 - 19, 1978.

I RECEIVED TWO REPORTS OF THIS RACE, ONE FROM ROBIN OSCAR AND ONE FROM NORM REYNOLDS. THE RACE WAS APPARENTLY A FIASCO, WHAT WITH 28° TEMPERATURES AND WINDS UP TO 35 MPH. WHEN THE BOATS REACHED LAKE LANIER, THE RACE WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO THE WHITECAPS IN THE LAKE IN ADDITION TO SNOW AND SLEET. PAYSON KENNEDY AND ROBIN OSCAR, LEADERS BY ROUGHLY ONE HOUR AT THAT POINT WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS.

CHAUGA RIVER - MARCH 19, 1978

I ASKED MY PSYCHIATRIST JUST THE OTHER DAY IF PERHAPS THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT ME THAT ATTRACTS UNUSUAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS. AFTER BEING ASSURED OF MY SANITY, I PROCEEDED TO PACK THE BOATS AND EQUIPMENT FOR A TRIP ON THE CHAUGA. THE DAY BLOOMED BRIGHT AND WARM (70°+) AND THE WATER WAS CLEAR AND BARELY HIGH ENOUGH. I WAS NOT DISCOURAGED THAT MY TRIP CONSISTED OF ONLY THREE REGISTERED PADDLERS, THE CRUISEMISTRESS, HER FATHER, A CRAZY ROCKCLIMBER TURNED CANOEIST AND MYSELF, DISGUISED AS A MILD-MANNERED TRIP LEADER. AS REPORT READERS MAY REMEMBER, ON THE LAST OCCASION THAT I LED A TRIP ON THIS RIVER, WE WITNESSED THE FIRST AND AT THAT TIME WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO RUN THE NOW SO-NAMED "BERGEN FALLS" WHICH LIES ADJACENT TO PUMPHOUSE RAPID. THE WATER BEING SOMEWHAT LOWER ON THIS TRIP, I FELT IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THIS FEAT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. HA! HA! MURPHY'S LAW STRIKES AGAIN. THE PADDLER, HEREAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS "WILD DALE" ONCE MORE PERFORMS HIS FEAT OF DARING DO, REQUIRING ONLY ONE RUN AND NO SPILLS. EVEN AFTER THIS, I HAD VISIONS IN MY MIND OF A TRIP WITH NO TURNOVERS, NO RESCUES, AND NO COLD PEOPLE. ALAS, "WILD DALE" WAS NOT SATISFIED. BEING MUCH TOO DRY, HE HAULS HIS BOAT UP THE SLOPING ROCK NEXT TO THE PUMPHOUSE PIPEWAY. AFTER TYING HIS BOAT TO A TREE WITH A SLIP KNOT, HE TAKES HIS POSITION, PADDLE IN HAND, PULLS THE ROPE LOOSE AND PROCEEDS TO SLIDE DOWN THE ROCK IN THE GREATEST OF FORM AND TRADITION. FOLLOWING THIS EXCELLENT PIECE OF DARING DO IN WHICH MR. BERGEN ENTERED THE WATER IN THE INVERTED POSITION MUCH TO EVERYONE'S AMUSEMENT, ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE TRIP WENT NORMALLY. SHARING THE SPECTACLE OF THE GREATEST SHOW ON WATER WERE: C-2 OPEN: LARRY AND CASEY MASHBURN, GWEN & "WILD DALE" BERGEN; K-1: BUFORD AND BOB ORDNER, AND C-1: CARLTON SHUFORD

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UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE - APRIL 9, 1978

WE GATHERED AT THE RIVER THIS PARTICULAR SUNDAY AT 10 AM NEAR DUNCAN BRIDGE. THE GAUGE READING AT THE ROUTE 115 BRIDGE WAS A SURPRISING 2.2 CONSIDERING THE LACK OF RAIN. THE DUNCAN BRIDGE GAUGE WAS 1.68. WE HAD A FAIRLY LARGE GROUP WITH PEOPLE COMING FROM AS FAR AWAY AS ALABAMA AND SOUTH CAROLINA. WE PUT IN AT 115, AND HAD A GOOD TRIP WITH NO SPILLS. TWO COPPERHEADS SUNNING ON THE BANK LET US KNOW THAT SUMMER IS HERE. THANKS TO TOM CARTER AND PHIL SMALLWOOD AND HAL HERNDON FOR RUNNING LEAD AND SWEEP. PADDLERS WERE: KAYAKS: PHIL SMALLWOOD, NOLAN FULTON, LEE ANN LYERLA, RUFUS CARSWELL; C1 - TOM CARTER; C1OPEN:NOEL TURNER, DON FORD, DICK REKAU; C2OPEN: IKE MAXWELL AND PATT WEEP, DICK AND CAROL BUTTERWORTH, MARY AND DAVID SCHWAB, CRAIG AND DAVID LYERLA, DON AND BETTINA GEORGE, AND HAL HERDON AND FRIEND ANN.

DICK REKAU

## BROAD RIVER - APRIL 2, 1978

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY DAY AS OUR GROUP OF NINE CANOES AND SIX KAYAKS SET OUT ON THE WILD TREK DOWN THE RATHER LOW, BUT NAVIGABLE BROAD RIVER. IN THE ROAR OF THE FIRST RAPID, TWO KAYAKERS AND A TANDEM OPEN TEAM, BEING SERIOUS PADDLERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE THE FIRST HALF OF THEIR WHITE WATER ROLLS. SATISFIED WITH THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THIS DELICATE MANEUVER, WE CONTINUED TO THE LUNCH AREA WHERE THE GROUP ORGANIZED INTO SPECTATORS AND SURFERS. CONSIDERING THE LOW WATER LEVEL, THE SURFERS PERFORMED WELL WITH ONLY ONE BEING CARRIED OFF BY THE SAVAGE RIVER; YELLING AND SCREAMING LOUDLY UNTIL A RESCUE BOAT WAS DISPATCHED. ARRIVING AT THE TAKE OUT, THE GROUP HAD MET THE CHALLENGE OF THE RIVER AND CONQUERED IT WITH ONLY ONE KAYAKER SUFFERING THE AGONY OF DEFEAT AS SHE ABANDONED HER KAYAK TO HITCH A RIDE IN AN OPEN CANOE. IN ATTENDANCE WERE: BRITT HARRIS, ROSE MARY GOODSON, DAVID SCHWAB, CRAIG AND DAVID LYERLA, PETE AND PHYLLIS PETERSON, GWEN BERGEN AND REIKO KINOSHITA, GENE WILKES, BARBARA AND CLIFFORD HART, DICK AND CHRISTINE TURNER, JERRY HOLLADAY, SABRA HANSON, WALTER BORDEN, JAN, MARVIN, MARK AND MARLA ALBITZ.

MARVIN ALBITZ

### TSRA Easter Whitewater Weekend

Four of GCA's finest (all C1 paddlers of course) joined the TSRA for a great weekend of whitewater over Easter at the Obed River. David Garrity and I arrived at Potter's Ford on Thursday night, and after checking out the lies being told about the various rivers in the area, decided to run Daddy's Creek on Friday.

Daddy's Creek Canyon-Friday, March 24: Having heard tales about this river, I was somewhat apprehensive as I turned my C1 downstream at Antioch Bridge. I was grateful to have Bill Mitchum from Nashville leading. Not only is he a very good paddler, but he was the only one of our group who knew the river.

The water was a bit low (1500 cfs on Oakdale gage; 3 ft. at DBT gage), but clear and fast. We had a great run, a very technical, tight river that reminds me of the upper Chauga without the waterfalls. The trip was eventful with one broken boat at a ledge I will call "Three Cracks", one C1 river roll, one short swim, and one brutal portage around "Three Cracks". The 1.5 to 2 miles below is super whitewater, with long twisting and dropping rapids, with good drops at the bottom. It was FANTASTIC!

That evening Ken and Bronwyn arrived and had to put up with David and I telling lies about the "hair" we had run that day. Funny thing about rapids, waves, and holes; they tend to grow as they are described around a camp fire at night.

Big South Fork of the Cumberland-Saturday, March 25: This river is in north-central Tennessee on the Kentucky line. It runs through a huge canyon that is almost impossible to describe. For those familiar with the Little River Canyon in Alabama, picture a canyon 2-3 times as big!! Hundreds of boulders the size of a house (big house) line the river bed. Weaving in and around of these rocks and looking up at the 400-500 foot high cliffs makes one feel small. A canoe camping trip with camera and lots of film would be great on this river. It must be said that that this river is not for intermediate or less experienced paddlers because once you enter the canyon, there is only one way out. Guess which way.

The water is very powerful and some of the rapids are very tricky and big. All of the Georgia delegation swam Double Falls, but only 50% swam The "L". We're getting better! The C2 disappeared, along with its drivers, and popped to the surface almost upsidown, where a low brace failed. Alas! Another swim. The last rapid is a long shoal with one 10 foot wave near the bottom. The C2 stood straight up here. GREAT!

Daddy's Creek Revisited-Easter Sunday, March 26; After a long debate about the strength of our party, the water level (a foot higher than Friday), and the weather (cloudy and cold), we decided to run Daddy's Creek with David and Ken in C1, and Bronwyn and myself in C2.

This turned out to be a very exciting, although a bit tense day on the river. The increased water volume made the maneuvering easier, but the currents and holes were much stronger. We had a very tense moment at "Three Cracks", and we finally made the right decision to portage the approach as well as the main rapid. The portage is unbelievable.

With only one wipe-out, this was really a good trip, although the weather was not very good. Bronwyn and I missed the best ride on the river, but Ken and David had a great time chasing the C2 through some super rapids. I was disappointed that we did not get to run, but I was very glad not to swim through.

As we loaded boats and headed for home, a light rain turned to snow. It was a great weekend, and I highly recommend it.

Jack Weems

CANADIAN CANOE TRIP

A GROUP OF PADDLERS FROM COLUMBUS, GA IS PLANNING A TRIP TO THE WILDS OF CANADA IN JUNE AND I AM PUBLISHING DR. IKE MAXWELL'S PLAN. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT HIM IN COLUMBUS AT (404) 324-1784.

We plan to leave Columbus June 17 and drive to Mattice, Ontario, and paddle the lower Missinaibi River northward to Moosonee on James Bay. The river trip is planned to cover approximately 200 miles in nine days. We will return to Cochrane via the Polar Bear Express, a train, since there are no roads into the James Bay area. There are several portages around sections which cannot be safely run in an open, loaded boat. The qualification emphasis should probably be placed upon camping ability instead of canoeing ability. This is not a virgin trip. We expect to be back in Georgia ( if we come back at all ) by July 3.

ALASKA ALERT BY BILL MANKIN (255-9125)

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALASKA HAS THOUSANDS OF MILES OF VIRGIN RIVERS BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE A SINGLE WILD & SENIC MILE? WE NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE ALL THAT AND DOUBLE THE MILEAGE OF THE WILD AND SENIC RIVERS SYSTEM IN ONE FELL SWOOP. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WON'T COME AGAIN, AND WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

H39 IS A BILL WHICH IS ABOUT TO BE VOTED ON BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IT WOULD PRESERVE NOT ONLY WILD RIVERS BUT MILLIONS OF ACRES OF WILD AREAS ALL OVER ALASKA. AMONG GROUPS SUPPORTING THE BILL ARE THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, AMERICAN RIVERS CONSERVATION COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, RIVERS UNLIMITED, AMERICAN LEAGUE OF ANGLERS, THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY, AND TROUT UNLIMITED. NEVERTHELESS, THE FINAL DECISION IS UP TO YOU AND ME.

WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY AND LET HIM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ALASKA'S RIVERS AND WILDLANDS (HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_, HOUSE OFFICE BLDG., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515). KEEP IT SIMPLE AND SPEAK FROM YOUR HEART. REMEMBER, ALASKA'S PRICELESS WILDERNESS HERITAGE BELONGS TO ALL OF US (THESE ARE FEDERAL LANDS), BUT IF WE DON'T LET OUR CONGRESSMEN KNOW WE CARE, IT MAY BE LOST FOREVER.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE:

KAYAK - LETTMAN MARK IV DESIGN. TWO FLOAT BAGS INCLUDED. NEVER USED, \$225.00. BOBBY HINSON - 926-7846.

KAYAK - HYPERFORM ALPINE KAYAK. LARGE VOLUME, SLALOM TYPE BOAT. GOOD FOR HEAVY WATER, LARGE PADDLERS, OR CARRYING GEAR. RED & WHITE, SPECIAL HEAVY DUTY LAYUP. WITH 2 SPRAY SKIRTS. NO CRACKS OR PATCHES. \$175.00

CANOE - HIGH SIDE MOORE VENOM. 18'6" DOWNRIVER RACER, EXTREMELY FAST. 3" MAHOGANY RAILS, WHITE FIBERGLASS HULL, BUILT-IN FLOTATION. THIS BOAT WAS MADE BY HOWIE LABRANT ESPECIALLY FRO THE 1974 NATIONALS ON THE NANTAHALA. A VERY NICE BOAT FOR CRUISING OR DOWNRIVER. VERY GOOD CONDITION. \$250.00  
FOR INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE TWO BOATS CONTACT JEFF VIEHMEYER, P.O. BOX 3545, DALTON, GA. 30721. OR PHONE (404) 277-1633. (HE WILL DELIVER WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE.)