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The deadline for the next regular newsletter (Feb.) is Jan. 15. An additional newsletter for December/January may be published if there is enough material submitted. Send articles and pictures (no slides) to Gary DeBacher, 1191 Conway Rd., Decatur, GA 30030.

NO SCHEDULED TRIPS in November this year. Occasionally there is water running in the metro Chattahoochee, the Hiwassee, the Nantahala (not on Sundays!), and the Ocoee. Otherwise consider hiking the Jacks, upper Conasauga, Section I of the Chattooga, or Little River Canyon. Wear your orange hat and act as little like a deer as possible.

DUES must reach membership chairperson Wanda Gunter before Jan. 31 if your name is to appear in the 1979 directory. The amount is still \$7.50. If you paid your dues but still aren't getting newsletters, contact Wanda at 3015 Butler Creek Rd., Kennesaw, GA 30144. Or call her: 424-0850 (H) or 422 7083 (O).

Don't pull your skirt off and hold your breath because ROLLING PRACTICE may not start until JANUARY. Tentative plans call for the usual 6-8:30 Friday time at the Jones Boys Club in Decatur. Well, it may take you that long to clean out your boat. I'll know the finalized schedule in a couple of weeks and reluctantly give you permission to call me for details. G. DeBacher, 288-1773, 8-10 PM.

Some of the other clubs sure do have NICE NEWSLETTERS. Reason is that they are not one person productions. Members send in pictures, cartoons, how-to articles, conservation diatribes, exploration reports, guest editorials, etc. You can do that too. I'll probably type it for you, but it's easier if you type it edge-to-edge (no margins), single-spaced on 8½ wide paper. Then I can just paste it up and send it to the printers.

C-1s. Until recently, reconstituted Hahns were the only game in town. Phoenix and Noah now offer medium volume, low-ended designs which can sneak gates in races without submarining too badly in large holes. If that doesn't lure you open boat holdouts away from your "repair-free" Blue Holes, catch this. Perception Inc. may produce a polyethelene C-boat. Jack Weems has paddled a fiberglass prototype, and says it is medium + in volume, more maneuverable than Hahns, though less so than Noahs and Phoenixes. BUT Bill Masters of Perception has cold feet. He won't sink 30 grand into the final mold unless present or future C-1 paddlers express strong interest. If you want this boat to materialize, you'd better write to Perception Inc., P.O. Box 64, Liberty, SC 29657.

Ocoee- a trip report. Nursing an overheating car, we arrived late and no GCA paddlers were to be found. A TSRA group graciously allowed us to join them, I in my C-1 and Gwen and Dale Bergen running tandem (!) in their Blue Hole. Soon we were part of a cast of thousands enjoying the sun and perfect temperatures. The average skill level of decked boaters was rather high, and I felt like a marginal turkey as I watched people surf holes, flip, and roll up. Our TSRA trip leader's Blue Hole had no added flotation and, sure enough, the river trolls wrapped it firmly around a rock in midstream. Much to our surprise, tripleader peeled it loose, jumped up and down to pop the bottom into place, taped driftwood around the broken gunwhales, and ran many subsequent drops standing up to "keep the bottom from caving in again." Dale and Gwen were doing fine until Double Trouble where after flying over and then through the several enormous back-curlers, they filled and turned slowly over.

I managed to ram their boat into the streamside bushes about 100 ft. before the next rapid, grabbed a branch with one hand and the boat with the other and hung on until Dale came crashing down through the underbrush. When we reached the "Doldrums," a 1/3 mile genuine flatwater interlude, TSRA tripler's boat came floating down all by itself. Some kayakers did a very impressive canoe-over-kayak rescue, emptying the boat entirely. Scouting Spewing Rock, I fell hard on my thumb, proving again that walking in rivers is more dangerous than paddling, but I was able to continue. TSRA C-2 paddlers Libby and Juanita, very nice folks whom many of you know from regional races, flipped when they tried the right (wrong) approach to Spewing Rock (which TSRA calls Buzz-saw), lost a cockpit rim, and had to climb the bank and hit the road. About that time we ran into Clyde Woolsey and none other than CLEVE TEDFORD, former GCA president, still paddling his army camouflage C-1 and looking very competent. Good to see you again, Cleve. Just above the last rapid, under the powerhouse bridge, B. Fowlkes and K. McCamis appeared and blasted their way through the dread hole "Ernie" in their C-1's. They made it look easy, but I had heard of Ken's previous long surfs and numerous rolls in this hazard, so I took the chicken route past the bridge piling. At the takeout we found the Browers (C-2) and Bill Durrn (k-1) who had a good run on their own, and then some of us capped off a great day with a meal in the Inn by the lake.

---Gary DeBacher

#### WANT ADS

For Sale- 17' aluminum Del-craft canoe, good condition with flotation added. Experienced in whitewater- no break-in required. \$185. Steve Cantrell, Dalton GA 30720

16' Blue Hole, dark green, good condition with added solo thwart. \$375. Call Tim Homar, 532-8717 (Gainesville)

Mohawk canoe, Royalex ABS, with some accessories. Good condition; \$300. Call Steve Johnson, 876-0389.

C-1, Hahn-designed Winner by Easy Rider. One year old, very little use, good shape, unmodified. Knee straps, three float bags and spray skirt included. Comparably equipped boat (Edge, Sting) if new, \$510. Buy this one for \$325. Call or write Bill McGowan, 1117 Graylynn Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216. (205) 823-0388.

For Sale: Vivitar TX 100-300 Zoom Lens with close focus. Olympus adapter. brand new, used once. \$200. Bonnie Wolf, 237-1346 (h), 588-8565 (w).

For Sale: medium men's down jacket. \$40. Call Gwen Bergen, 894-6134, 894-4521 or 377-2970.

Kayak- Phoenix cascade in SUPERB condition, reinforced bottom and adjustable foot braces. Includes Hurka Kevlar paddle and float bags. \$249.00. Taffy Barr, w-881-1833/h-952-8483 or 424-6656.

Wet suit top and bottom, large men's; wet suit boots and gloves; nearly new Norse paddle (canoe) and Coffin paddle. Call Ross Wilson, B-255 -1012/h-256-9256