

TENNESSEE, ANYONE? I'm planning to attend two TSRA activities in March and April, and am interested in hearing from any other GCA/TSRA members who might want to share rides from the Metro Atlanta area. These trips are: White Oak Creek/Big South Fork (near Oneida, TN) on 19-20 March; and the TSRA Whitewater Camp (on the Obed-Emory) on 7-10 April. Call Marc Rucker, (h) 876-7970, (w) 221-6043.

INTERESTED IN BUYING a Sage C-1 or something equally durable. Call Marc Rucker, (h) 876-7970, (w) 221-6043.

1983—A Good Year for Rivers [From ARCC newsletter, Oct. 1982]

Our disappointment in our inability to extend protection on 12 Wild and Scenic study rivers (see story in this issue) should not obscure the numerous indications of support for rivers in the halls of Congress. We had two willing sponsors for our extension amendment in the Senate: Senator Mark Hatfield (R-OR) and Senator Paul Tsongas (D-MA). We received bipartisan backing from the Senators of eight states.

Action to extend protection for these rivers until Congress can give them a full hearing is likely during the lame duck session beginning November 29.

And the interest in rivers has gone well beyond the "holding-our-own" action of the extension fight. River bills were introduced throughout the last session: an omnibus bill by Rep. Philip Burton (D-CA), an Oregon bill by Rep. Jim Weaver (D-OR), a Colorado bill by Rep. Hank Brown (R-CO), and a bill to designate the Tuolumne River by Rep. Ron Dellums (D-CA). Rep. Ray Kogovsek

(D-CO) spent a great deal of time preparing legislation on the Gunnison; Senator Sam Hayakawa (R-CA) introduced a bill and pushed for an extension of protection for the Tuolumne.

On top of this activity, the Reagan Administration sent its long-awaited rivers bill to Capitol Hill in mid-September. Despite its drawbacks (which are detailed elsewhere in this issue), the bill demonstrates that interest in scenic rivers remains alive in the Reagan camp. A number of the bill's proposed policy changes are insightful attempts to correct weaknesses in the present Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Sponsors for the Administration bill are expected in both the House and the Senate by the end of the year.

While we are encouraged by the amount of interest, it would be short of the truth to say that ARCC is ecstatic over any of the proposed legislation. Each piece has significant shortcomings in terms of real forward steps in preserva-

tion of free-flowing streams.

But we can look at the broad interest in some type of river protection, and couple it with Senator Durenberger's (R-MN) interest in federal incentives for non-federal river preservation; with the release of the study on the Loxahatchee River (FL); and the probable recommendation for designation of the Red River (KY) to see the potential for major federal protection strides in 1983.

It is clear that the key to success in Congress is the local and statewide interest in rivers. Groups such as the Colorado Open Space Council and Tuolumne River Preservation Trust demonstrated over the past month just how much of a difference vocal support can make with the local congressman.

Working together, we can choose the optimal blend of federal action and local activity which will achieve our goal of stream protection. And we can make 1983—ARCC's 10th anniversary—a big year for rivers.



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Name The NEWS LETTER Contest

Deadline for material for the next newsletter is the 15th. Submit material to Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322.

PLEASE TYPE BORDER TO BORDER (ZERO MARGINS) WITH INDENTED PARAGRAPHS AND NO VERTICAL SPACING BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS. This format makes it much easier for me to lay out the newsletter. Good, high contrast photos are also welcome, as well as conservation clippings.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, AT THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY HEADQUARTERS, 3110 Maple Drive NE in Atlanta, near the intersection of Piedmont and Peachtree. Members and interested persons are welcome to attend. However, if you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, please call the president or vice president before the meeting so they can plan time on the agenda.

TRIP SCHEDULE: March trips may be changed or cancelled if conditions are unfavorable. The trip leader will decide based on weather and water levels. The trip leader has the right to insist that you wear a wet suit. Having dry clothes along is not enough.

March 5	Upper Hooch class 2-3	Oreon Mann	w:656-3810 h:522-3469
6	Upper Chestatee class 2-3	Richard Blews	w:658-9477 h:933-8468
12	Chattooga III class 3-4	Bob Stigrow	(404) 782-5014
12	Metro Hooch (afternoon)	Laura Jordan	h:322-7294 w:526-5101
13	Upper Tallulah class 1-2	Roger Nott	h:404-536-6923 w:404-532-5410
13	Lower Amicalola class 3-4	Steve Hunt	977-9650
18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING--- FRIDAY, 7 PM. See announcement below.		
19	Cartecay class 2-3	Wayne Gentry	h:296-5196 w: 321-8860
19	Oconaluftee class 2-3	Roger Nott	h:404-536-6923 w:404-532-5410
20	Raven Fork class 3-4	" "	(choice of rivers is subject to change if conditions require, but there will be a Smokey Mt. trip this weekend.)
20	Etowah class 1-2	Jerry Holladay	h:688-1842 w:522-0096
26	Ocoee class 3-4	Stan Landers	948-7437 11 AM-3PM
26	Practice on Metro Hooch	Laura Jordan	322-7294
27	Cartecay class 2-3	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683

April 1-3	St. Vincent's Island	Russ Koester	233-4093
2	Etowah class 1-2	Ben Fouts	404-532-3523

Our cruismaster is Hugh Stubbs, 952-4926. Pick your favorite river on which to lead a trip and call.

Peter Elkon is impromptu trip chairperson. Call him if you're trying to get a trip together for the weekend, or hoping to join one.

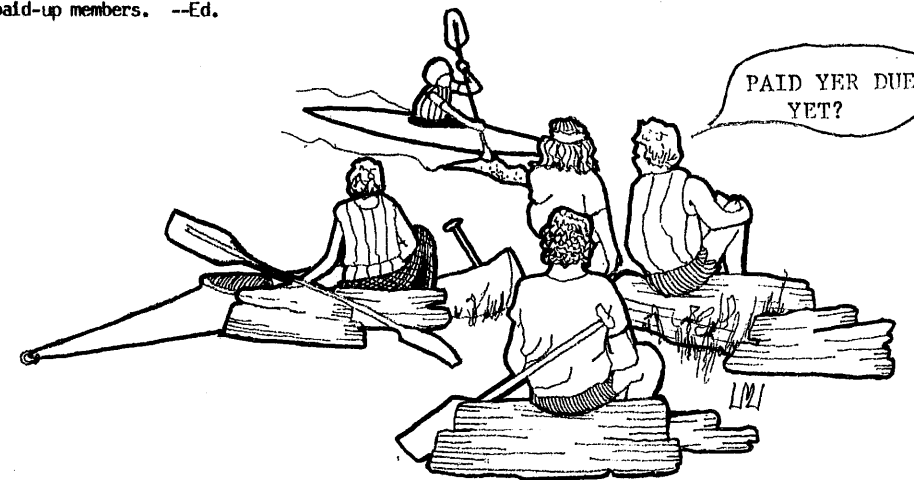
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 18 AT 7 PM. POT LUCK SUPPER. Bring a main dish and a salad or dessert, enough for yourself and to share. The club will supply paper plates, plastic ware, cups, beverages.

David Scott, Adventures International, will have slides and films of COSTA RICA white water trips, plus other surprises. Take Bishop off Northside drive or Howell Mill Rd., turn north onto reservoir. Lodge is straight ahead. Please don't park along residences on Green St. PAID YOUR DUES YET? This isn't one of my better newsletter issues, but it's better than nothing, which is what you'll receive next month if you don't send your dues in immediately. Most members have renewed, and we are about to make up an entirely new set of address plates, using only the names of paid-up members. --Ed.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

TIME LIMIT



RIVER RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March, 23.
Time: 7:30
Place: The Georgia Conservancy
3110 Maple Drive, Suite 407
Atlanta

The purpose of this meeting is to brief committee members on relevant research and developments, to exchange ideas, and to discuss committee goals. All interested G.C.A. members are invited to attend and participate on this committee. Please call me, Richard R. Blews, 658-9477 (office), 993-8468 (home).

Notice: Any G.C.A. member having first hand knowledge of landowner confrontations during the course of this paddling season should report the incident to me. I would like to maintain accurate and up-to-date records of such incidents.

CPR/FIRST AID CLINICS--For the past month or so, I have been meditating about holding GCA CPR and First Aid clinics. The purpose of this article is to elicit ideas from other club members. As to the CPR clinic it appears that this is not a situation where a date can be assigned and the clinic held. Both the Red Cross and an individual CPR instructor who is willing to assist us require advance registration and limit class size to a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12. The cost is approximately \$10.00, pre-paid, and the classes will be held in Cobb County. If there is interest, I will arrange one or more classes during the spring. With the private instructor, these classes will probably be held during the week, on two consecutive nights. With the Red Cross I may be able to arrange an all day Saturday class. Please call me if you have interest or recommendations. As to the first aid class, I need help. What I would like to do is hold a 4 to 8 hour class covering basic first aid; i. e., patching the injured paddler together enough to get him to the hospital. My only discussions of this class have been with the Red Cross. The Red Cross offers first aid classes, but they do not seem to be what I am looking for. Please call with advice as to your recommendations and suggestions. Jerry Holladay, 522-0096, 688-1842.

FOR SALE: C-1. High-volume Hahn, made by Bill Crowley, with air bags and spray skirt. \$250. Call Laura Jordon 526-5101 (work) or 233-7294 (home).

CANOE AND KAYAK RACES March 12-13 Mulberry Fork River, Alabama ("Cow Daddy Creek") ACA-sanctioned wildwater and slalom races. Contact Marsha Gunter, 2468 Cuchura Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35244.

EVENTS SPONSERED BY THE ATLANTA WHITEWATER CLUB

that GCA members might be interested in:

1. CPR Clinic, time/place undecided, \$8/person. Contact Ken Nichols 228-6433(H) or Ernie Mancill 955-0622 (H).
2. Six Flags Race will be held on Monday March 21. If you wish to help put on the race, contact David Jones 355-4061 (H).
3. Rolling practice every Sunday at Kennesaw Junior College. Contact Alice Farist 422-2643 (H).
4. High Country is having an ACA canoe instructor clinic on March 5-6 and 12-13 for \$60. (sorry, NOT sponsored by AWC)

NOTES FROM THE GCA BOARD MEETING Wednesday Feb 2

1. Anyone who is interested in a First Aid/CPR clinic and/or knows of a good instructor, please contact Jerry Holladay.
2. Mark Levine needs photos for the membership directory (otherwise, he says, it will be all pictures of him & Susan again)
3. Anyone interested in a C-1 clinic, call Don George.

CHATTOOGA RIVER, SECTION III, Saturday, 12 February. Or, the Saga of the Section III True Grit Swim Team.... Upon reflection, it had an inauspicious beginning. Bob Stigrow had scheduled this trip for mid-February, but had to cancel. Roger Nott agreed to pinch-hit as trip leader, and we all met at the fill-em-up station in Clayton. The weather ensured a gutsy (and, as events proved, rusty) group of hard-scrabble paddlers; an overnight low of 22 degrees and a mostly cloudy day, warming to only 48. As we were gathering, several other hard-water heroes dropped in on their way to Chauga Gorge. The decidedly curious composition of the latter group was not enhanced when our pinch-hitting trip leader decided to join them. Hence, the Section III True Grit Swim Team (STTGST) was stuck with the third-string trip leader, and a slightly dubious legend was in the making.

Alright, let's name names: The STTGST Kayaks to Hell contingent was Mike Wilson, Mark Rhodes, Yasko Chanoki, and Laurie (Roger's handwriting is illegible, but you know who you are!); in OC-1's were Bob "Mad Dawg" McDonough, Fred Thomas, and Marc Rucker.

The upstream gauge read 2.15 (downstream 2.25) and the hard dew was still on the Chattooga Valley as we shivered into our wetsuits and gritted our teeth a lot. And, yes, it's still a Class IV put-in at Sandy Ford, so we had warmed to the task a little by the time we hit the water. None of us had ever run Section III at quite this level, but the STTGST is a youthful and enthusiastic bunch so we set sail for The Narrows with myself running lead and Fred Thomas in sweep. We set up two throw ropes at The Narrows, but fortunately needed only one. Yasko broke the ice (almost literally!) near the foot of the entrance rapid and Fred got his home-made line to her almost instantly. But the die was cast. We had clean runs on Second Ledge, though I took on a metric ton; Mike enjoyed it so much he had a Second Helping. It was only a few minutes later that Bob nodded off momentarily, and paid the price. Laurie's K-1 threw off an older repair job just a few minutes later, so we had a cold lunch while she did her best Florence Nightingale patch job on it and Bob tried to warm up. The trip leader merely mused on events to this point, pondering the old Anglo expression, "snake-bit".

But, verily, hope springs eternal, and with loins shakily girded we passed Eye of the Needle and Roller Coaster without incident. Indeed, I was even impressed with the STTGST by this time, having noted with approval Fred's decisive low brace recovery at the top of Keyhole (for which he graciously credits Peter Elkton). But, alas, it was Mark's turn at Keyhole, and Fred's trusty home-grown was brought to the rescue again.

By the time we heard The Bull roar, some of us were giving voice to the possibility of portaging (specifically, those fortunate few of us who were still semi-dry). But Nooo... "Mad Dawg" McDonough would have none of it! "Real men don't portage!", he explained, dryly. Well.... The Skeptical Six stood with jaws agape and throw ropes at the ready as Mad Dawg buckled up and made his stern-eyed approach. The tension rose to a fever pitch as he eddied out above The Bull and majestically surveyed the domain that is Decapitation Rock. Quietly, quickly, the upstream ferry came to him, his eager paddle reached out, and there was no turning back! Suddenly, the unbelievable happened...an absolutely perfect run on The Bull! Well.....! Have you ever heard of Lemmings rushing headlong into the sea? Not knowing, not caring, that they will....swim? So it was. Only one cool head prevailed against the mad scramble for boats and paddles (no, not "boots and saddles"). One by one the Swim Team lined up, one by one they fell. "Real men don't portage", Mad Dawg again observed, dryly, surveying the wreckage. At the end of the Baptismal, only Fred Thomas was smoking the cigar and noting, dryly, "Real men don't have to portage". The rest of us commented, icily, that we should have portaged. So be it.

Reluctantly if respectfully submitted, Marc Rucker (Who'd love to paddle with this bunch again--in warm weather).

Beginning C-1 (decked canoe) Clinic

A C-1 clinic is scheduled for April. Clinic will consist of rolling practice Sat. morning, April 16 at Oxford College gym in Covington and a working session (possibly the Broad River) Sat., April 23. If enough interest, a second river will be run Sunday, possibly Cartecay or Upper Amicalola. Cost of clinic is \$5.00. For more information call Don George at 1-787-9548. (Covington). The number of boats will be limited.

Readers will note that along with regular Board meetings, membership in the Board in the form of additional chairmen was increasing. We affiliated that year with the Georgia Wildlife Federation. So great were our problem on the rivers becoming that Board minutes are full of legal rights' discussions, and committees were formed to counsel with attorneys. Another \$50, by vote of the Board, was contributed to the American Rivers Council. Newsletters are being peppered in this year with trips on the Little River, Ala.; Tuckasegee River, N.C.; Petersburg, W.Va., races; the Obed, Tenn.; Conasauga, Locust Fork, Ala., races; Coosawatee, Green River N.D., races; Nolichucky and French Broad, N.C., and the Chauga in S.C.

We were both saddened and sobered this summer with the loss of two of our foremost members: Vice President Bob Goeke and Julia Ann Wilson. Bob drowned on Section IV of the Chattooga; Julie Ann, on a Western river. We still grieve with their families.

In this year, after the successful reception of the 1973 bound Directory, the first GUIDE BOOK AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY was published. Presently the GUIDE BOOK has reached a fairly permanent status, following several revisions, and with the MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY being reprinted annually to reflect membership and address changes accurately.

The October 1974 Newsletter contained a letter written by President Cleve Tedford soliciting contributions for a River Rights Defense Fund. This was followed by a telephone campaign conducted by a number of Board members. This money was to be used to have an attorney research the legal questions raised as to the definition of navigability and other riparian issues.

1975 OFFICERS

President - Anna Belle Close	Cruise Master - Alan Lewis
Vice President - Jack Weems	Newsletter Editor - Maureen Maloney
Treasurer - Bill Heath	Directors - at-Large - Murray Johnson
Secretary - Nancy Barker	John Helmlinger
Training Chairman - Clyde Woolsey	Scout Post Representative - Tom Lines
Membership Chairman - Debbie Heath	River Explorations - Gary DeBacher
Impromptu Trips Chairman - Dee Nickerson	Conservation Chairman - Dave Garrity
Safety Chairman - Falma Moye	Canoeists' Rights Chairman -
Publicity Chairman - Margaret Tucker	Mark Warren

The increase in Board membership and the types of positions filled reflect the change that was fast coming over the Club. Now it was definitely not just a fun-and-games sporting club. That is, our fun was being taken so seriously that we were willing to fight for the use of the rivers and were putting much more stress on both training and safety--although both had always had a paramount place in the club's philosophy. Revising the By-Laws was also an uppermost topic at Board meetings, and the revision was adopted at the April 25 general meeting. The first audit of our books was conducted. Also in this year, we acquired our incorporation and were granted a 501-C4 classification by the Internal Revenue Service, a better classification than we had applied for due to our civic-minded and community educational activities, i.e., the training classes open to non-members as well as to members.

THE GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION, INC.,
ITS FIRST DECADE*

(Part III)

Anna Belle Close - Historian

The March 1972, Volume VI, No. 2, Newsletter records the biggest news of that year: "FLASH - FLASH - FLASH/Our Nantahala Race has been officially recognized by the American Canoeing Assoc. as the Southeastern United States Slalom and Wildwater Championship." What a feather in the GCA cap that has been!

1973 OFFICERS

President - Margaret Tucker	Newsletter Editor - Nancy Collins
Vice President - John Krickel	Directors-at-Large - Forrest Cole
Race Chairman - Doug Woodward	Tom Lines
Treasurer - Bill Crowley	Ex. Pres. - Claude Grizzard
Cruise Masters - Bill & Anna Belle Close	
Clyde Woolsey	

Rumblings on river rights were beginning in the 1973 Newsletters as "No Trespassing" signs were appearing on some of our favorite rivers. Canoeing and kayaking were becoming quite popular outside the GCA. We have always striven to be good citizens of our community and in the areas we visit, but "the masses" taking to the rivers were cutting across farmlands, pulling down fences, throwing rocks at cows and littering the banks as though they were in a Saturday matinee movie. Consequently, we all suffered.

Board meetings were infrequent until 1973, if memory serves correctly. Under President Margaret Tucker, the Board began to meet regularly in Agfa-Gevaert offices, Tommy Lines host. Three first-aid kits were assembled and placed in homes in scattered areas of the city for easy pick-up by leaders. It was voted at such a session that the money earned from that year's training sessions should go to Explorer Post 49 to help them finance their summer trip to Western rivers. We joined the Georgia Conservancy (in fact, some of our members were Charter Members of the Conservancy and worked staunchly with it for years), and contributed \$100 to the American Rivers Council, a Washington lobby group for river conservation.

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Vice President - Bob Goeke**	Race Chairman - Tom Lines
Treasurer - Bill Crowley	Membership Chairman - Margaret Tucker
Secretary - Maureen Maloney	Directors-at-Large - Anna Belle Close
Newsletter Editor - Mary Catherine Ahlberg	Ross Wilson

* This material has been researched, for the most part, from club Newsletters and Executive Board Minutes. Anyone remembering things differently is urged to contact the Historian for possible corrections in forthcoming Newsletters.

** The Vice President's position was filled by appointment of the Board with Dave Garrity when Bob Goeke was killed.