

TURKEY CHUTE! Another mystery photo. Answer in this issue or the next.

- a. A photo of the editor running Lesser Wesser backwards.
- b. A backwards photo of the editor running Lesser Wesser.
- c. An edited picture of Lesser Wesser running backwards.
- d. The editor has finally gone West from running off at the mouth.

START 1990 RIGHT at the CARTECAY RIVER CHILI RUN & COOK OFF!

Jan. 1 1990-- 11 AM at Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions, Ellijay. Bring a pot of your best chili for taste tests. Prizes for the best and the hottest. (To qualify for the "hottest" award, be prepared to eat a bowl of your own!) For info call 404-635-2524 days, or at night call 635-2726 or 635-7501. Call or visit to see a six boat trailer for sale. Chili today, hot tamale!

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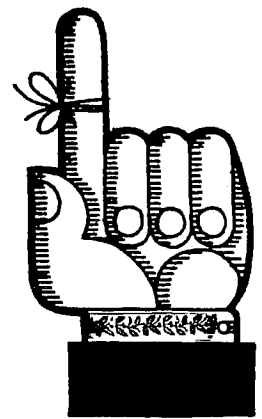
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ADDRESS CHANGE? SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM? Write to GCA Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357. The editor does not do these things. Deadline for the next newsletter is the 15th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 614 N. Superior, Decatur, GA 30033. Please use a decent ribbon and type border-to-border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs, and don't skip a line between paragraphs. This saves valuable space. Photos, cartoons, artwork, and clippings of interest to paddlers are also welcome. Ads are free for members selling used paddling equipment only. NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center at 1745 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, just north of Brookwood Station next to an Int. House of Pancakes. Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call President Allen Hedden, 252-6167, so he can plan time on the agenda. EDDYLINE LATE? If your Eddyline has not arrived by the 15th, call GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz, 266-3734, so he can mail a replacement copy. Please make full use of the extended trip list from the previous month before you hit the panic switch, but if the schedule runs out before you get the latest copy, you can call the editor Gary DeBacher, 634-4651, for interim info to tide you over. Or you can just plan to work on the yard....

Dec. 16	Wildcard	1-2, trained beginner	Hank Baudet	623-9230
	Cartecay	2-3, int.	Haynes Johnson	971-1542
	Tellico	3-4, advanced	Scott Wilhelm	449-3835
	17 Upper Hooch	2-3, int.	Berry Hahn	252-9538
30	Tellico	3-4, advanced	John Bell	W:422-1250 H:635-2726
Jan. 1	Cartecay Chili Run.	See ad for details.	J Szymanski	H*635-2524 W*635-2524
6	Lower Conasauga	1-2(3) easy intermediate	John Biasco	436-8920
	Upper Hooch	2-3, int.	David Tillis	393-1729
7	Nantahala	2-3, int.	Mike Collier	*967-2158
	Locust Fork AL	2-3, intermediate	Frank Crane	591-0268
	Sweetwater Cr.	3-4, advanced	Evelyn Hopkins	255-7018
13	Lower Conasauga	1-2(3) easy intermediate	Dave Richardson	431-9841
	Nantahala	2-3, int.	Bill Gay	482-8568
	Chattooga 4	3-5, expert	Allen Hedden	252-6167
14	Coopers Creek	2+, technical, intermediate	Grant Luckhardt	373-2293
	(alternate: Upper Toccoa)			
	Little River Canyon, 2 mile "upper" put in.			
		3-5, expert	Ted & Helen Sparks	205-236-4316
20	Nantahala	2-3, int.	Susan McGilvary	242-9484
	Exploratory wildcard	3-4, expert	Roger Nott	*536-6923
21	Upper Toccoa	1-2, trained beginner	Walter Howard	422-3091
	Cartecay	2-3, intermediate	Greg Hood	980-9703



**A Reminder —
Dues are Due!**

* NOTE! You now must dial 1-404 for all area code 404 numbers outside your local area! The numbers marked by asterisks are outside the Atlanta metro area, so most GCA members will have to dial (dash) 1-404 to reach these numbers.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST WINTER PADDLING SEASON? For winter trips you should have some "serious" cold weather gear, a wet suit, or a dry suit and suitable undergarments. On easier rivers and in milder weather you can perhaps get by with waterproof paddle pants and paddle jacket over wool or polypropylene, but don't show up in blue jeans with spare clothes in a bag. You should be dressed to withstand a cold swim, shake off, get back in the boat and paddle on without getting significantly hypothermic. Paddle rivers that are well within your ability, in weather that you know from experience you can tolerate successfully. ---Editor

To volunteer to lead —er—coordinate trips, call Cruisemaster Barry Hahn at 252-9538

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS. First off, don't miss the invitation to write to state legislators about Senate Bill 203, which affirms the right of paddlers to pass freely on Georgia rivers. Amongst the enclosed flyers is a sample letter which you can fill out and send, or you can write a letter adding your own thoughts on the issue. You can also contact House committee members by phone. **JUST DO IT!** This may be the only chance we have to get the legislature to give clear support to river rights. If this issue goes the wrong way, you and your paddling progeny may be real sorry later on.

Also note the ad for the ANNUAL CARTECAY CHILI RUN to take place New Years Day, and some appeals from Steve Thomas for help with the Atlanta Center of Excellence. Steve's articles saved you from another tiresome travelog by the editor, at least until next month. Keep those cards and letters coming; narrow margins please. ---Editor

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Over the years I guess I'm like a lot of people, what I considered fun and exciting changed. When I first started paddling I wasn't real sure that Nantahala Falls was going to be fun, then Pillow Rock on the Gauley, Lava Falls on the Colorado and to this day I haven't figured out how much fun I did have on Chickamauga Creek when it was flooded. All of these were entertaining and exciting to say the least. People just have different ideas of what is interesting and we all have seen people that have taken up our sport then decide to move on to something else.

When I first started I had no intention of doing any type of racing. I was only into cruising, then I slowly started doing some Slalom racing in my kayak to help my cruising skills, then got more involved in competition. I've tried almost everything looking for something fun that I could try to get good at; I hope that C-2 is it. I'm running out of types of boats.

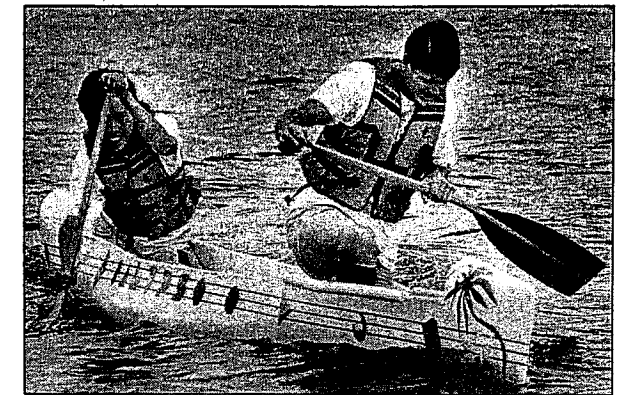
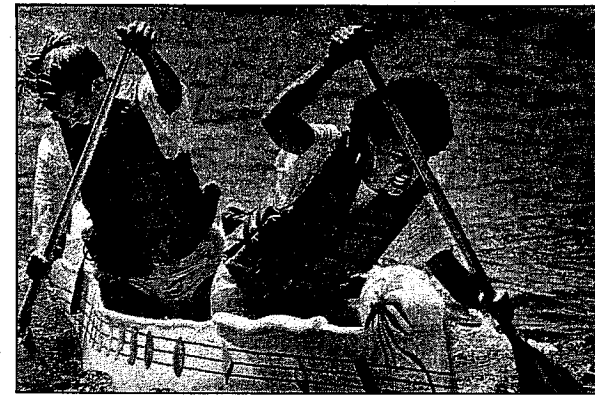
Earlier this year at the Mulberry Fork race I was leaving for Atlanta on Sunday morning and I passed Charles Brewer on the way out. We stopped and talked for a minute, and he asked me "do you ever take time to paddle for fun?" It sort of struck me funny because 10 years before I had asked the same question at the Ocoee race. I was going to be judging gates with this girl at the race. As I walked down to my judging station I had asked a couple of friends who she was and their reply was that they had heard of her and that she was a pretty good racer.

As the day progressed she really helped out in identifying who was coming down the course, she seemed to know a lot of the people from the D.C. area. I asked her how she did in the race; she had done very well. How long have you been paddling? Ten years; by now my fragile male ego was taking a beating. How much do you paddle? Twice a day was the reply. I thought, man, you had better change the subject; cruising rivers, yeah that's the ticket. I mentioned that I had had a terrific trip on the Colorado River the previous year, 1978. Then I ask the question "do you ever take time to paddle for fun?" "yes, but not so much as I would like to do."

AT that time I had only been racing a year or so and really had no idea on how much time it takes to race at a level like this lady was racing at. Your life is almost consumed by racing. I started racing to help my cruising; now I cruise to help my racing, and to have some fun too. My racing career has been full of some great times but also tempered with some times that weren't so good. I believe the friends that I have met along the way have been the best treasures I've found. They share in your happiness when things are going well and help you pick up the pieces when time are tough.

The one thing I have found so unique about our sport is that there are so many different things that you can do to have a good time, it might be a early morning paddle on a

lake, pushing your limits in whitewater or maybe even competition. A lot of people are under the misconception that racing is all work and not much fun. If there wasn't something there that I found fun and interesting, believe me Steve Thomas would have gotten out of racing a long time ago.



WINNERS AT WORK. Showing the style that placed them first for the second time in the national concrete canoe finals are members of the racing team from the University of California at Berkeley. In the women's sprint (left photo) Mindy Roberts, left, and Jennie Dolan dig in their oars while (in right photo) Wilson Fong, left, and Don Sandstrom paddle the 185-lb. Calypso to victory on Lubbock's Buffalo Spring Lake last June.

UC-Berkeley Triumphs (Again) in ASCE's National Concrete Canoe Contest

Proving once again that their oars were decidedly in the right place, a team of civil engineering students from the ASCE Student Chapter at the University of California-Berkeley finished first in this year's National Concrete Canoe Race Finals held last June in Lubbock, Tex.

The Californians — who claimed top honors for the second year in a row — bested 17 other teams in the ASCE competition, which is sponsored by Master Builders, Inc., a Cleveland-based manufacturer of concrete additives. Though engineering schools around the nation have competed in regional competitions since the early 1970s, it was only the second year that a national contest was held.

Almost 200 schools constructed and raced canoes at 20 regional competitions before the 18 winners headed to Texas Tech University to compete in the nationals. The two-day event began June 23 with academic judging of design papers and poster presentations. Races got under way the next day at Buffalo Springs Lake, where final placements were determined.

First-place Berkeley took home a \$5,000 scholarship and the national championship trophy for its CE department. In second place, winning a \$2,500 scholarship and a trophy, was Michigan State University. The University of New Hampshire came in third and was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and a trophy.

Each team consisted of two men, two women and a faculty adviser. Academic presentations accounted for 60% of the points needed to win while performance of canoes in the water (speed and maneuverability) was worth 40%.

"Building a good canoe is a real challenge,"

according to Donald Sandstrom, construction chairman for the Berkeley team, who graduated in June. "It's tough getting it thin enough without breaking — we're constantly trying to push that edge." (A concrete canoe floats for the same reason that a steel ship does: The air in its hull makes the average weight for its volume lighter than water.)

Mindy Roberts and Jennie Dolan, both seniors, and Wilson Fong, who just graduated, were the other members of the racing team. According to Roberts, who was president of the student chapter, paddlers on the Berkeley team were required to work out at the gym three days per week to prepare for the competition. And practice races were held on a nearby lake almost every day. Roberts emphasized that this year's and last year's wins, however, were the result of hard work by many students, not just the abilities of those who paddled the canoe. It took more than 40 students working a total of 3,000 hours to design and build the 18-ft, 185-lb. canoe, *Calypso*, at a cost of \$1,500. The 1/8 in. thick canoe, with its Coke-bottle shape, completed the 200-m men's sprint course in 1 min. 24 sec. averaging just under 5 mph. Men's and women's distance races and women's and co-ed sprints were also held.

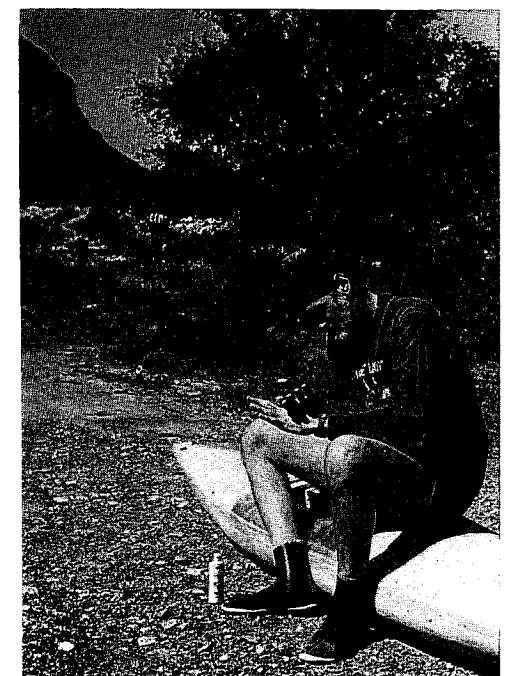
Berkeley students devised a mix that was 20% lighter than typical concrete, but four times its strength. The students prestressed the concrete by applying it to stretched wiring that was relaxed once the mix hardened. While that gave added strength, Sandstrom said, it also helped to make the canoe as light as possible.

There was more to the contest than getting concrete to float and winning scholarship money, said Raymond Seed, assistant professor of civil engineering at Berkeley and the

team's adviser. "They get a lesson in leadership and planning in managing a large engineering project," he said. "It's the kind of experience they can't get in a classroom."

The ranked placements of the competing schools, after the three aforementioned top teams, are as follows: 4) Washington State University, 5) University of Houston, 6) University of Alabama-Huntsville, 7) Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 8) University of Minnesota, 9) Ohio State University, 10) University of Maryland, 11) Northern Arizona University, 12) University of New Orleans, 13) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 14) University of Pennsylvania, 15) Oklahoma State University, 16) University of Utah, 17) City College of New York, and 18) University of South Carolina.

Master Builders, which began its sponsorship of the national competition in 1988, is a leading innovator in development, manufacturing and marketing of construction chemicals. Founded in 1909, the company's objective early on was to improve concrete worldwide through its admixtures, grouts and floor products businesses.



TURKEY CHUTE ANSWER: Pork, the other white meat. I had some commercial photo jockey take this to document my run through Smelter Rapid on the Animas below Durango, CO, and it came out looking like a reverse print of Lesser Wesser. Here I am keeping my untrusty boat Phlipper from sneaking off while putting on sunscreen along the banks of the Rio.

days of racing on the Ocoee which should really help as he tries to get as much experience as possible for his bid for next years Junior Team in C-1.

One of the highlights of the weekend was Eric Giddens race on Saturday. Eric has been working hard this fall and it paid off with a Pearl Harboring of US Team Member Eric Jackson, 11th on this years World Cup. Gidden beat Jackson by 4 seconds, a heck of a performance.

On Sunday, the course was changed and everyone had another chance to prove their worth. Giddens had another good race, this time 4 seconds behind Jackson - folks that's still in the hunt! The rest of us put more of the pieces together and were able to smooth out some moves and try to get as much racing experience as possible on next year's Trials site.

There was, as always, a lot of work done by the volunteers, and in some cases their parents. A special thanks to Fred Borchuck, Pat Hawkins and Dwayne Hardin for coming up and helping out with the race. Also a big thank you to Dwayne Hardin and Interwire for their donation of wire for the race and Mike Brnger and Premium Beverage for their ongoing support. Premium Beverage donated the prizes for the races. Steve Thomas

HELP WANTED

As you well could imagine hosting something like the US Team Trials is going to take alot of work by alot of people and right now we are looking at putting an organization together that we feel will be the best Trials this country has ever had. We will be tapping into the paddling community to find key responsible people to head committees such as course construction, safety, boat inspection and judging.

But what we need right now are some volunteers for a couple of jobs that can be done over the winter. We are going to need a program for the Trials as well as sponsors. This will take some time to do but right now we need to be looking ahead and start putting this committee together. If you feel you can lend a hand please give me a call at 921-2942 between 7-9 pm.

Also the Center of Excellence is needing sketches for a T-shirt and a logo for A.C.E. If you have any suggestions give me a call or drop them to me by mail - 183 Concorde Way, Lilburn, GA, 30247.

Thank You, Steve Thomas

COSTA RICA TRIP - NOVEMBER 2-12

Consider this a travel ad for this beautiful country. It has just about everything except snow. Ken Yount and I went down to do some paddling on Rio Sarapiquí and Rio Pacarre. Rio Tropicales was our outfitter. We brought all our own equipment except for the kayaks. It was some of the best whitewater I've ever been on. The Tico guides were superb and managed to mix fun and safety. We met up with some great paddlers from Tennessee and Washington. The Pacarre will be dammed in ten years, so I definitely plan to return to this beautiful river of waterfalls, toucans, otters, orchids and Jaquars.

We spent three days at the beach @ Manuel Antonio, a National Park. A walk in the jungle there can mean seeing monkeys, iquanas, toucans, sloths, and parrotts. The Costa Ricans believe in conservation and are trying to buy up the land so that the rapid development won't destroy it all. They also believe strongly in democracy and freedom in an area known for chaos.

We also visited an active volcano at Paos, about a ore and a half hour drive from San Jose, the capital. There is easy transportation on the bus, train or airplane and it is very inexpensive.

I would definitely consider visiting this country again, because there is never enough time to see it all.

Adios amigos, Maria Bips

That lady that I met at the Ocoee Races in 1979 has turned out to be a good friend over these last 10 years. And the person that told me she was pretty good was right; 2 months later she won 3 gold metals at the 79 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, won a bronze metal at the 89 WORLDS, and is the current womens National Champion Cathy Hearn. I feel that as she was going thru the course on the Savage it was very serious but when she stepped up on the awards stand it seemed like she was "Just paddling for fun."

Steve Thomas

RIVER RIGHTS

The Georgia Canoeing Association River Rights Committee, headed by Carol Mercer, would like to work to influence passage of Senate Bill 203 and any other related river bills. This bill reaffirms our right of passage on state rivers. Toward this end we are encouraging letters in support of this bill be sent to all members of the House Committee on Natural Resources as well as telephone calls. Write your own letter or feel free to use the enclosed form letter. On all letters put the committee members name, your name, address, county of residence, date and signature on the letter and mail it to the committee members. For phone calls, please state your name, county and that you are in favor of Senate Bill 203. See below for name, addresses and telephone numbers of committee members.

We would also like to work with not only the GCA, but others who are interested and are in favor of this bill. We are planning to organize a "telephone tree" to distribute information on the bill when the legislature is in session and as information becomes available. If any of you would like to work with us and be a part of the "telephone tree" please call me or the other committee members.

Chairperson: Carol Mercer 373-6683
Member: James Biasco 436-8920
Member: Rhett Smith 493-6472

Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources (For city use: Atlanta, GA 30334)

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APALACHEE RIVER EXPLORATORY TRIP - Sunday, November 19, 1989. We diverted the scheduled Towaliga trip when advanced scouting found it dryer than a James Bond martini. The shame of this river is that it has one of the most interesting and challenging class III rapids that any of us had encountered but that the quarter mile of whitewater is all there is for miles in either direction.

We put in at hwy 441 just North of Madison, Ga, and set the shuttle at the abandoned Trimble's Bridge 6 1/2 miles downstream by car on river right. The river had good flow throughout the entire run and appeared to be at a high normal level. After almost a mile that included a couple of class I riffles, we came to a railroad bridge that marked the beginning of an extensive class II rock garden. Our resident expert for this river performed the first boat inversion of the day, setting us up to make our first mistake of the day. The rest of the party proceeded down into the next section of the rock garden and stopped on a rock to scout a section that was obviously going to be more difficult than the last.

At last, when our expert finally rejoined us, he informed us that the only runnable route began above an island on river left about 25 yards and two ledges above the rest of us and we had to ferry four boats back up river to make the entrance. The flow into the entrance was swift with no useful eddies on river left and scouting meant tying up and scaling a 3 ft. vertical bank from a floating canoe.

What we found was one of the most interesting and challenging class III rapids that any of us had seen, with the river dropping over 15 feet in the next 75 yards. The first drop is a 2 ft. ledge with either an immediate eddy left or a right turn around a pillow that could deboat you at the top of a very undesirable swim. Immediately below the pillow, the river drops about 4 ft. at a 45 degree angle and enters a 25-30 yard chute with a rolling current that moves to river right and no convenient eddies. The standing wave at the bottom of the chute conceals a boat inverting rock on the right that succeeded in working its magic on two of our party. There are nice eddies on both sides below the wave for regrouping. 15 yards below the wave is a 4 ft. ledge with 3 options: a double drop with strong cross currents on the intermediate ledge; a 4 ft. vertical into a pool guarded by a too-close rock on the right; and another 30 yard chute with a 90 degree left turn at the bottom. The rock along the left side of the rapid is big enough to hold a UGA fraternity party and has numerous paignoglyphs, evidence of many such uses. It also offers an easy recycle of all of the main rapid except the first drop.

By this time we had been on the river 2 1/2 hours and had only covered 1 of the 6 1/2 miles that the BOOK promised us. Below the rapid the river was clear and fast moving for about 2 miles. Then we encountered the first of two swamps on the trip. We noticed small streams exiting the river to the left and after several of these we began to encounter deadfalls. Due to the reduced volume, the river was now less than one tree wide. After crossing half a dozen of them we scouted to the left and found that the side streams had gathered into a clear channel about as large as the one we were in. We split up with half the party taking each channel and regrouped about a quarter mile downstream. If anyone attempts this trip using these notes, I suggest scouting to the left at the first deadfall and portaging at the first opportunity. The banks were about two feet high in this section and the deadfall crossings were difficult.

About a mile or so below the first swamp the river started dividing again with small streams exiting on both sides this time. The high ground was much lower this time averaging only about 6 inches above water level. The current was still flowing fast, but then so was the daylight and we began to get nervous about the prospect of having to cross deadfalls in the dark. About 10 minutes before dark we spotted a farmhouse on river right and climbed the hill to get directions. We learned that the takeout was only about a 1/4 mile downstream but by that time it was completely dark. We elected to carry about 200 yards up a steep hill rather than risk running the river without even moonlight.

It took us almost 2 hours after we got off the river to carry out and load up. Our tired and considerably less intrepid paddlers were Peggy Miller, Jeff Engel, Havis Johnson, Ed Shuster and myself, Jim Patsios, all in OC-1. As my tired muscles begin to return to normal, I am considering the possibility of doing it again, but then there are still a lot of rivers that I haven't seen. A word of warning about scouting from a book; it is obvious that the authors had not run this stretch of river, or the book would have contained some comment about the complexities of crossing these swamps.

C-BOATS FOR SALE. Noah Jape, almost unbreakable glass/CAP layup, red, bags and skirt, \$150 or best offer. C-2, needs work, air bags, \$150 or best offer. Call Ken or Bronwyn after 6 at 233-1383. [Note corrected phone number.]

FOR SALE: Blue 1987 Perception Mirage kayak, excellent condition. \$390 with bags. Rick Bannister, 404-737-3174.

FOR SALE: PERCEPTION HARMONY CANOE PADDLE 52", GOOD CONDITION, only \$25: Mike Bridges at 924-0006 after 6pm

For Sale: Perception Blazer kayak. Easy to paddle, medium volume boat, good for larger paddler or beginner. \$325. Steve Cramer. 633-7707.

A reminder: WANT ADS ARE FREE TO PAID-UP GCA MEMBERS SELLING USED PADDLING-RELATED EQUIPMENT ONLY. Ads for "new" equipment or things like cabins, lots, rentals, bikes, sailboats, cars etc., must include \$5 for up to 2 lines, \$10 for up to 5 lines. If you're not in the membership directory, call me or clip and send your newsletter address. Type your ad if possible. Keep it short, single-spaced, across the full width of the page. Please include all that you're selling in a single ad. Mail your ad before the 15th to: Gary DeBacher, 614 N. Superior Avenue, Decatur, GA 30033. Sorry, no ads taken on the phone. FREE ADS THAT DON'T FIT THIS FORMAT (5 lines or 7/8 inch vertically) WILL NOT BE RUN.

OCOEE DOUBLE HEADER COMBINED RACE RESULTS

K1

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	COMBINED
Eric Giddens	164.3	152.5	316.8
Eric Jackson	172.1	149.8	321.9
Craig Denton	188.0	160.7	348.7
David Watson	187.9	165.1	353.0
Dudley Ottley	278.8	190.3	469.1
Charles Brewer	507.0	---	---

K1W

Kirsten Brown	255.7	198.8	454.5
Jennifer Wiger	915.8	---	---

C2

Larimer/Thomas	238.0	199.0	437.0
Griffiths/Tolnas	846.7	---	---

C1

Barry Lang	325.0	203.6	528.6
Alan Braswell	573.3	243.4	816.7
Albert Mitchum	---	222.5	---
John Forester	663.6	---	---

The Atlanta Center of Excellence and the Georgia Canoeing Association Fall Ocoee Race didn't seem like it was ever going to happen. We first attempted putting the race on Sept. 30 - October 1, but due to high water we were unable to hold the race. The weekend was not all bad, however, Mike Larimer and I were able to get a look at the potential Olympic site on the upper Ocoee, although I will have to admit we weren't able to get a real idea of what the course would look like since it had about 5 times the level we would like - this upper section was really smoking!

But we didn't let this weekend go to waste, as a lot of people were able to cruise the river at levels anywhere between 3,000 and 10,000 cfs. If you want an idea of what the Ocoee would look like at 10,000 - at the end of the ramp there was a hole that would have kept you till your hair turned gray - come to think of it, your hair would have turned gray just before you got in it! Also the big rock above Grumpy on the right had water coming over it. Yes, things were happening up on the Ocoee.

We rescheduled the race for Oct. 21 - 22 knowing that we would not have quite the turnout we had originally but it would give us a chance to try out some new equipment and another opportunity to race on next year's Trials site. But Mother Nature was not through casting her vote on the race. On the way up Friday, it started snowing and all I could think of was the Ocoee Spring Race a couple of years ago when we had a foot of snow (now that really slows down raft traffic). But Mother Nature smiled on us by Sunday and t-shirts were back in style.

This race was a bit different than our usual Ocoee races in that they started at the ramp and the courses were designed by Coach Mike Watson. So, we were doing a few moves and combinations that we haven't seen before.

There were good performances by Barry Long, David Watson, Craig Denton, and Allan Braswell. Allan, a newcomer to slalom racing, had two good