

GCA Spring Extravaganza

The Annual GCA Spring Extravaganza is scheduled for April 24, 25 & 26 at Diamond Lure Campground near Ellijay. The agenda this year will include camping Friday and Saturday night with exclusive GCA use of the campground, club river trips on your favorite rivers on Saturday & Sunday, a catered dinner, bingo with PRIZES, and bonfire on Saturday night. Home-made sausage & biscuits will be available Sunday morning. See the flyer in this issue of *The Eddy Line* for registration and additional information. For questions, or to volunteer to lead trips on Saturday or Sunday, call Jim or Maggie Griffin at 770-498-3695.



What's Inside...

May GCA Meeting

Always wanted to paddle down an exotic river, but couldn't figure out how to get your boat to Nepal? Paddle vicariously at the GCA meeting on Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center!! NOC's Travel Coordinator Bob Powell has promised us an exciting presentation of white water adventure on foreign soil (or foreign river??). Learn about the local culture, trip logistics and the best river runs during this fun-packed evening. We'll announce more information about our exact adventure destination in the May issue of *The Eddy Line*.

To find Garden Hills Community Center: From Peachtree Street, go east on East Wesley Road (8/10 mile south of the intersection of Peachtree and Roswell Road). Turn left on Rumson Road. Go about 100 yards to the first intersection and you will see the Community Center on the right.

We'll provide the refreshments, NOC will furnish the excitement, and you can bring the oohs and aahs!

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Okefenokee Swamp Flooded — Trip Canceled

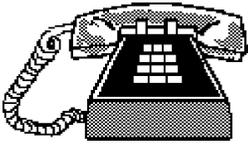
by Brookie Gallagher

Because of all the recent rainfall, the Okefenokee Swamp was closed to all overnight trips for the month of March. At least one platform was under water in the last week of February, and more were expected to be covered soon. Some of the directional signs were under water as well.

So, obviously, the March GCA trip had to be canceled. Once we were notified of the closure, all of the permits for April had already been issued. We'll try again in the fall.



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Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone number, 770-421-9729, and leave

a message. Someone will get back to you.

To volunteer to help with club activities - Call President David Martin at 404-351-8208 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

For information on payment of dues or membership status - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734.

To sign up for a club trip - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the activity list.

To sign up to lead a club trip - Call Cruisemaster Jason Schnurr at 770-422-9962.

For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription information - Call Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734 .

If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line* - Call Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734.

For information on GCA clinics - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Steve Cramer at 706-208-8382.

For information on roll practice - Call Revel Freeman at 404-261-8572.

For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line* - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

For information on commercial ads - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770-321-9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318.

For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library - Call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770-662-0058. ✂

Board of Directors Meetings

Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (Feb., Apr., etc.). All members are encouraged to attend. The location is the Atlanta Jewish Community Center on Peachtree Street, beginning at 7:30 PM. Ask at the front desk for the room location, as it varies from month to month. If you have an item for discussion, please call President David Martin at 404-351-8208 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. ✂

GCA Executive Committee

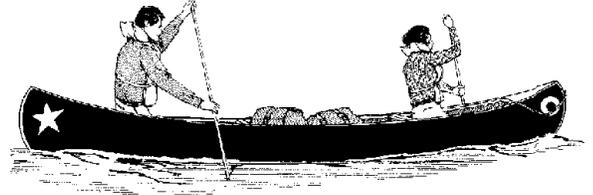
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Training Chair	Steve Cramer

Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. If you have access to a computer, please submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks will be returned only if specifically requested). We can also accept Word Perfect version 5.0, 5.1, and 5.2, and Microsoft Word for Windows files in IBM/DOS format, as well as some other word processing program files. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318** for specifics. TO SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA MODEM, Call **Allen at 770-426-4318** for instructions. Our modem supports most transmission speeds and protocols. TO SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA EMAIL, sent to **gacanoe@mindspring.com**. All want ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Send all material to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30066**. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



April

1 Cahoolawassee (Note 6)	Class 5-6+ Foolhardy	Burt Reynolds	800-555-6666
2 Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Jewish Community Center	David Martin	404-351-8208
4 Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770-498-3695
4 Lower Tellico	Class 2-3+ Intermediate	Sandra & Phil Serrano	706-858-8956
4 Ohoopsee (Note 3)	Smooth Water	Tom Martin	770-662-0058
5 Ohoopsee (Note 3)	Smooth Water	Glenn Williamson	912-538-1623
5 Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charles Clark	770-998-9544
11 Upper Hooch Amazon Trip (Note 4)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Debra Berry	404-320-6148
17-19 Sea Kayaking Instruction (Note 2)	Basic - Advanced	Don Bailey	770-830-0365
18 Etowah Tunnel Section	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin	770-662-0058
18 Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dan Macintyre	404-252-9513
18 Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Fred Stokes	770-922-3893
19 Little River Canyon Upper 2	Class 3-4+ Advanced+	Carol Meyhoefer	770-479-9478
19 Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dickie Tillman	770-466-1197
24-26 GCA Spring Extravaganza - Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay		Jim or Maggie Griffin	770-498-3695

May

2-3 Races, Southeastern Championships -- Nantahala River, NC -- Slalom, Wild Water & Down River -- Volunteers and racers needed -- Call David Bowman at 770-923-0954 to volunteer.

9 Middle Tellico	Class 2-3+ Intermediate	Jason Schnurr	770-422-9962
9 N. Tyger (SC)	Class 2+ Easy Intermediate	David Bookstaver	803-278-0971
10 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Pat Macleod	205-231-2279
10 Paddle With The Prez (Note 1)	Class 2-4 Intermediate-Advanced	David Martin	404-351-8208
16 Lower Chestatee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770-998-0350
16 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Chuck Creekmore	770-995-5788
16 Chattooga Section 4	Class 3-4+ Advanced	Dirk Bertrand	770-978-1964
17 Etowah Cleanup Trip (Note 5)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Brannen Procter	770-664-7384
17 Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Peter Chau	770-594-9078
17 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Roger Toebben	770-804-9416
17 Leader's Choice	Class 3-4 Advanced	Duncan Cottrell	770-720-6269
21 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!!	Garden Hills Community Center	Marvine Cole	770-475-3022
23 Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Toebben	770-804-9416
23 Chestatee Cleanup Trip (Note 5)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim & Maggie Griffin	770-498-3695

Note 1: Paddle With the Prez monthly trip will be Class 2-3 or 3-4 depending on season and availability. Call David Martin for details.

Note 2: Charleston, S.C.

Note 3: Saturday day trip with optional 2nd day primitive camping.

Note 4: Women Only.

Note 5: Coordinators For Other Cleanup Trips Are Needed. Call Jason Schnurr At 770-422-9962 To Sign Up.

Note 6: Happy April Fools' Day!!

Signing Up - Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Call early in the week to ensure you get a spot on the trip, and in consideration for the coordinators, PLEASE avoid calling late in the evening.

Training Trips are a combination of recreation and training designed to attract those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what you learned in the clinic and expanding your skill level.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruisemaster, Jason Schnurr, at 770-422-9962. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

Chattooga Trips are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

GCA Library Items Available

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770-662-0058 to find out what is available. The cost is \$3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

Any / all donations or loans to the library are welcome. Send them to:

Tom Martin
6339 Danbury Lane
Norcross, GA 30093

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

A Second Helping - A Review of Kayak Basics
Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth - Bio Bio in Chile
Faultline
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure
Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes

Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quietwater
Path of the Paddle: Whitewater
Plunge!
Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport
River Rescue-The Video
Solo Playboating!
Southeast Whitewater
Southern Fried Creek
Take the Wild Ride
The C-1 Challenge
The Kayaker's Edge
Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers)
Waterwalker
Whitewater Bloopers
Whitewater Groove
Books:
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida, Vols I and II
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee, Vol I
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed
A White Water Handbook for Canoe and Kayak

Brown's Guide to the Georgia Outdoors
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoeing & Kayaking
Canoe Trails of the Deep South
Idaho Whitewater
Path of the Paddle
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
People Protecting Rivers: A Collection of Lessons from Successful Grassroots Activists
Mountain Get-Aways in GA, NC & TN
Northern Georgia Canoeing
River Rescue
River's End - A Collection of Bedtime Stories for Paddlers By Bill Sedivy
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
The Chattooga Wild and Scenic River
The Digest Book of Canoeing
Whitewater Home Companion: Southeastern Rivers
The Georgia Conservancy's Guide to the North Georgia Mountains
They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?
Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge
White Water Handbook for Canoe and Kayak

Announcements

Weekday Paddlers

There has been good response to the request to develop a list of paddlers available to paddle during the week.

We now have 70+ listings on the registry, including members who are retired persons, those with variable or non-standard work schedules, those available to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up to date copy of the registry. The registry will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the registry more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the April update is out). There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up to date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770-421-9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the registry. ✂



GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacanoe>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Charles Clark: cbclark@mindspring.com.

Thanks to **Mindspring Enterprises** for furnishing GCA with web space for our page. ✂

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 140 subscribers, and the number is rapidly growing. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.

Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gacanoe@kapcom.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Anyone can use the address — it's just another email address — and all subscribers will get the email. The list is an "open list", i.e., anyone can subscribe to it mechanically by sending an email to "majordomo@kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoe

You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how

to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacano@kapcom.com. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe to the list using the above instructions. Also, don't be shy about using the list to send out or to request information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

By the way, should you change or lose your email ID, please take a minute to "unsubscribe" your old ID and/or to "subscribe" your new one. ✂

New Improved Electronic *Eddy Line*

Beginning with the November issue of the *On-Line Eddy Line*, we started sending a .pdf (portable document format) file in addition to the .txt (text only) file to our email subscribers. This format allows subscribers to view formatted text, graphics, page layout — virtually the entire *Eddy Line* — just as it appears in printed form. Plus you can see it several weeks before the printed copy arrives via snail mail.

The .pdf version requires only Adobe Acrobat (or some equivalent) software in order to view it. Acrobat can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at <http://www.adobe.com>, or if you don't have web access, you can contact the editor, Allen Hedden, at gacano@mindspring.com and he can (legally) email you a copy of the software, that is if your email program supports attachments. The .pdf file also prints out to look just like the paper copy (except the logo on the front page is not in green, but most of the photos are in living color).

To subscribe to the On-Line version of *The Eddy Line*, send a request via snail mail to (& enclose a check for \$5.00 made out to GCA):

GCA
c/o Ed Schultz, Treasurer
3060 Pharr Court North #315
Atlanta, GA 30305

Or on your annual renewal form, just check the block for the *On-Line Eddy Line* and include the extra \$5.00 with your check for your annual dues.

In either case, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS so we can send *The Eddy Line* to you electronically. ✂

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Nantahala Usage Fee

The United States Forest Service, Wayah Ranger District Office, 90 Sloan Rd., Franklin, NC 28734, 704-524-6441, informs us that the USFS will now charge \$1.00 per day per person for use of the river. A season pass is available for \$5.00, according to the letter. The fee will be verified by a bracelet system. The old parking fee will be abolished.

The letter goes on to list several proposed improvements to the put-in and Ferebee areas as well as other improvements. There will be a modern rest room facility installed at Ferebee but not until after the 1998 season. The letter did not specify when the put-in rest rooms will be opened. Passes will be sold at the district office listed above and apparently at the river as the traffic increases.

This raises the issue of paying for river use. Those of you who subscribe to the GCA email list are aware of the considerable discussion that has taken place on this question. The issue is, in a few words, how can the USFS sell what it doesn't own? Paying for parking or for access at other improved and maintained sites has become a fact of life around the country, as have "permit application fees" for rivers which have controlled usage. But charging

admission to the Nantahala River, which is not totally in the jurisdiction of the USFS, is another question entirely. We hope this is merely a matter of inappropriate wording and not a matter of new government policy.

Questions? Call the district office at the number listed above. Strong feelings on the issue? Call and let them know that, too. Or better yet, write them at the above address, and maybe CC your Senator and/or Congressman. ✂

South Alabama "Smooth Water" Adventure — Abbie & Omussee Creeks

April 25 & 26, 1998. If you think South Alabama is just a 100 miles of flat, boring country between Atlanta and the Florida beaches, think again! From Eufaula to Dothan, high, rolling ridges spread westward from the Chattahoochee River with creeks and streamlets that cut deep ravines filled with miles of cascading water. Sheer walls are covered by fern falls and flowering trees and plants. Late April is the perfect time to catch the Appalachian spring as it heads north.

On Saturday, we will paddle on Abbie Creek, a 14 mile trip, 12 miles north of Columbia, Alabama. A pleasant gradient provides a lively current, and there will be twists, turns, small drops, and maybe a few dead falls. There will also be interesting rock formations and a number of rare and endangered plants.

Sunday's trip will be on nearby Omussee Creek, right outside Columbia. Watch for lots of small waterfalls and one, easy "rapid". Other points of interest are the relics of a pre-civil war cotton factory and the remains of a 1920s vintage power dam. We take out at a boat landing on the "lower-lower" Hooch.

We will camp at Kolomokee State Park, six miles north of Blakely, Georgia, off US 27. This park features

seven Indian mounds, with a temple mound that is one of the largest in the United States. Camping, with full facilities, is \$12.00 per night. (Call 912-723-5296 for reservations.) There is also a Day's Inn in Blakely. For dinner Saturday night, we will probably meet at Our Restaurant in Blakely. For more information, or to sign up for the trip, call Liz Carter at 770-967-0318, or Sheila Small at 770-772-7146. ✂

What Have You Done For Me Lately?

by Tom Martin

Those of you in sales have heard that question used to remind you that you must give continuous great service to your customers to keep them loyal. MEMBER SERVICES does plenty, and more is planned, but that depends on volunteers, and that means you! What have you done lately?!

We're trying to spread out the opportunities to serve the club as thinly as possible, so that no one has to do too much. This is supposed to be fun! Right?!

Two that come to mind that really do too much (their efforts seem to cross several committees) are Ed Schultz and Allen Hedden. Pat them on the back or give them a hug of appreciation the next time you see them. Other Member Services folks who work hard are Bronwyn Fowlkes, Tanda Druding, Jim Kautz, Walt Howard, Rachel Gates, and Mike & Chris Bilello. They give continuous (monthly) service to the club, but more paddlers are needed. With more we can do more.

NEW ITEMS that I want you to consider are these: (1) We are in the process of expanding our library (including books and VCR tapes). The plan is to have them available for borrowing at our monthly meetings. This has already had a good reception even without announcements. Remember, the \$3.00 fee is for the expense of mailing the books/tapes. With no expense to the club, there is NO fee.

(2) We have two lists available on request through the club phone line, "Weekday Paddlers" and "Library". Depending on interest, we can develop more. Ideas are "eateries" near your favorite river, "young paddlers" (5-25) with ages and class (water) qualifications, "outfitters" and services provided by each, "gauge location", "river ratings" (actually someone is working on this), "experts/references" on particular river runs. We need paddlers with PC's who are willing to research/develop/maintain these lists. Once established, they would not be hard to update. We don't want one person to do all of it.

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**CANOE & KAYAK ORIENTEERING RACE
APRIL 25, 1998, LAKE MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA**

SPONSOR: Bosch Outdoor Club.

WHEN & WHERE: April 25, 1998, Lake Marion, South Carolina. Start - 1.30 PM.

RACE DESCRIPTION: There will be 12 to 16 control points (CP) set up at the lake in the water and on the land. Each CP will have a point value assigned. Each team will have 2 hours to find as many CP as it can. For each minute being late to finish, a team will be heavily penalized. Each team will receive a map 2 min. before the start to study it, plan the route and transfer locations of CP from the master map to their map. Starts will be staggered - every 2 to 3 min. per team.

LAKE HAZARDS: Wind, stumps and cypress knees, snakes, poison ivy, lightning.

JUDGING: The team which collects the most points (after penalty, if applied) - WINS!!

CLASSES: There will be three classes: Canoe doubles (C-2 and OC-2); Kayak singles (K-1); Canoe singles (C-1 and OC-1)

AWARD CEREMONY: Approximately 5 PM at the landing. Some free food, fruits and drinks will be available to participants after the race. Minimum 3 boats in the class to receive an award.

EQUIPMENT: Every team is expected to have their own paddling equipment including approved PFD. Wearing PFD during the race is MANDATORY. Bosch Outdoor Club has 8 open double canoes for rent - \$20 per boat for participants who do not have their own boats.

FEES AND REGISTRATION: \$20 for a single boat and \$35 for a double if you register before April 18. After April 18th - \$25 for single and \$45 for double. Race day registration from 10 AM till 12 noon.

Event is sanctioned and approved by American Canoe Association (ACA). To participate you have to have proof of ACA membership or pay \$5 one time membership.

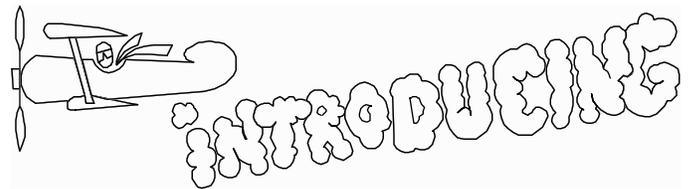
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Call Roman Marks - (803)766-3274 eve., or (803)760-7465 days for questions, or to get a race application.

(3) Outfitter discounts are something we've grown to appreciate, even expect in some cases. In order for businesses to continue these benefits, they often need identification. WE ONLY ISSUE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR NEW AND LIFETIME MEMBERS. Everyone else should be in the *GCA Membership Directory*. Anyone else welcome to call Ed Schultz or Allen Hedden for verification of membership of course (most of the outfitters don't want to go to the trouble & expense), but if we can promote the concept of them checking the *GCA Membership Directory*, everything should go smoother. Remember, when you represent the club (and we all do)... BE NICE. Another verification method (soon to be used by NOC, we understand) is to show a copy of your club's newsletter, with a mailing label affixed, showing your name. Don't know what they'll do about other family members.

Any questions, call Tom Martin (770-662-0058). ✂

"Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning."

- Rich Cook.



Welcome New Members

The GCA would like to welcome the following new (and nearly new) members. New members are the life blood and the future of the club. Thank you for joining us!!

November, 1997:

Lamb Arnold	Douglasville GA
Jeffery J. & Juli C. Brown	Silver Creek GA
Finley A. Bryan	Decatur GA
Phil & Beth Daly	Alpharetta GA
Deena C. Duckett	Woodstock GA
Mark Dumas	Atlanta GA
Edouard Feller	Atlanta GA
Fran Fitzpatrick	Longwood FL
Jon Forrester	Duluth GA
Chuck Garney	Warrenville SC
Brendan & Julie Geoghan	Cumming GA

Ward Hendon	Atlanta GA	James Ozaki	Marietta GA
Toby & Darleen Hopkins	Norcross GA	Roger F. Reinhardt	White GA
Phillip V. Jones & Ann Sehl	Jacksonville Beach FL	Marvin & Jason Spissman	Tucker GA
Kurt & Diana Kreuzberger	West Union SC	Mark J. Stenger	Snellville GA
Edward Murphy	Athens GA	Richard Williams	Perry GA
Charlie & Michael Pirtle	Tucker GA	Chris Woods & Sue Trzcinski	Atlanta GA
Tim & Katrina Riordan	Tallahassee FL	January, 1998:	
Andrew Jubal & Cina Smith	Tallahassee FL	Valerie S. Fields	McDonough GA
Don Stahle	Atlanta GA	Jim Anderson	Stone Mountain GA
Laura K. Tanner &		Barbara Barylska &	
Sharon T. Haire	Atlanta GA	David Walker	Peachtree City GA
Fred Thomas	Franklin GA	Brad & Sheri Baxter	Dallas GA
Stan & Sherrill Thomas	Atlanta GA	Caroline A. Bohi	Decatur GA
December, 1997:		Marghe & Carter Hunt	Marietta GA
Rick & Garrett Ashton	Tallahassee FL	Donald Chenevert, Jr.	Atlanta GA
Paul E. Bernard	Smyrna GA	Jim Crowley	Marietta GA
John & Roberta Brader	Alpharetta GA	Blair & Nathan Curtis	Atlanta GA
Logan & Bryan Cohen	Atlanta GA	John Davis & Sheryl Myers	Atlanta GA
Paul Davidson &		John Dixon	Decatur GA
Mary Hebblewhite	Atlanta GA	Tim & Kristin Garvey	Alpharetta GA
Bill Digby	Duluth GA	Joseph Giradot	Atlanta GA
Neil Falis	Atlanta GA	David John Harris	Roswell GA
Rob A. Followell	Lawrenceville GA	Terry D. Howell	Hueytown AL
Steven Freedman	Atlanta GA	Wayne & Bonnie Kitchens	Oxford GA
Susan Harris	Canton GA	J. Bon Lang & Jami Savas	Atlanta GA
Mary Cynthia Jordan	Atlanta GA	Barbara T. Littlefield	Macon GA
Jim Madeley	Stone Mountain GA	Edward Moreadith	Atlanta GA
Stephanie Maffett	Atlanta GA	Laurie Palmer	Canton GA
Pam & Jackie Murphey	Macon GA	Joe Pringle	Atlanta GA
Mark Nemeroff	Atlanta GA	Jean & Robert Sickels	Decatur GA

Wilderness First Aid Class Rescheduled

The Wilderness First Aid class originally scheduled for May has been rescheduled for September 11 through September 14, 1998.

The class will be taught by Lonny McBride, a Wilderness Medical Associates instructor and active GCA member.

If you paddle, ski, or hike in remote areas, this class is for you. Wilderness medical protocols are not always the same as those used in urban areas. Come learn the skills you need to make a difference when a medical emergency strikes in a wilderness environment.

Registration forms and additional information will be in *The Eddy Line* at a later date, but mark your calendar now. [Note: Current CPR certification is advised].



Kayaker Dies on the Rocky Broad

The following is the account of the physical events surrounding Pablo Perez' death as experienced by Scott Albright, Philip Curry, and Hugh Kelly. Recorded on February 20th by Bryan Jennings.

On Wednesday, February 18th, 1998, a group of longtime friends and paddling buddies, Scott Albright, Philip Curry, Hugh Kelly and Pablo Perez, went kayaking on the Upper Rocky Broad River near Bat Cave, North Carolina. Everyone in the group was an experienced paddler and Philip, Scott and Hugh paddled the section frequently. Although it had been overcast earlier in the day, the sun was out by the time the group arrived at the river.

After finding the water level to be 4.45 (4.5 inches on the old gauge), the group put on the upper section at about 4:00 PM. The group comfortably ran the top portion of the run, including a well-known rapid called Flight Simula-

tor, which they scouted to check for new logs.

Close to 5:00 PM. the group approached a short, previously unnamed rapid. Pablo watched Scott's run of the rapid while listening to a verbal description from Philip, then he entered the rapid. As Scott came off the bottom drop of the rapid, which is bordered on river left by an undercut rock parallel to the main flow, he felt his boat's hull hit a submerged log. Scott eddied out to warn the other paddlers and turned upstream just in time to see Pablo placing his final stroke into the drop.

At the bottom of the drop, Pablo's boat melted down, or disappeared, beneath the water, a not uncommon occurrence in this rapid. When Scott did not see Pablo emerge, he paddled immediately to shore, got out of his boat and ran upstream with a throw rope, noticing Pablo's paddle float downstream as he did so.

From upstream, Philip watched Pablo descend the rapid and disappear over the drop. After not seeing Pablo emerge and then seeing a change in Scott's demeanor, Philip pulled up on shore, got out of his boat and ran downstream as he conveyed to Hugh the seriousness of the moment.

Scott arrived at the base of the drop and could not see Pablo or his boat at all. He threw his rope bag hard into the river where Pablo disappeared. When the rope hit, Scott saw Pablo's hand reach out of the water. At this point Pablo had been under for about 15 seconds. Scott quickly recoiled the rope and threw it where he had last seen Pablo's hand. When this attempt was unsuccessful, Scott dove into the river for Pablo. Scott's hands landed on Pablo's body and he pulled twice before being washed downstream by the powerful current.

As Scott was making the first rope throw attempts, Hugh and Philip attached a rope to Philip's rescue harness and he entered the water, on belay by Hugh.

Philip made it to Pablo and, with the help of Scott, managed to get a hold of him, at which point they both realized the depth and solidness of the pin. This was 45 seconds into the pin. Scott and Philip, stabilizing each other and anchored to Hugh on shore, then began attempting to elevate Pablo's unresponsive body so that they could get his head above water. After two minutes of repeated hands-on rescue attempts it became clear that this would not be successful. Philip and Scott returned to shore where Hugh suggested using a snag line.

Hugh swam to river right and caught a rope from Philip. Scott looped the middle of the rope around the only reachable part of Pablo, his left arm. In this way they managed to lift Pablo's hand to the surface, although the rest of the body did not move and the rope soon slipped off. Continued attempts to get a line under Pablo's torso were

unsuccessful. The group was unable to reach any part of Pablo's boat or his body, aside from his left arm.

Scott, Philip and Hugh continued rescue attempts for over an hour, including but not limited to: various types of snag lines to elevate the torso, an attempt to move the submerged log, and an attempt to move the body using a large branch as a lever. At approximately 6:30, the group decided that impending darkness and the lapse of time since Pablo's submergence required that they send for additional help.

Local paddlers Trip Kinney, Kevin Colburn, Leland Davis, and Tom Visnius arrived to assist the original group. Local rescue squads, including the Black Mountain Swift Water Rescue Team, also came to help. At about 3:30 AM. on February 19th, the body of Pablo Perez was removed from the Rocky Broad. More of Pablo's friends, including Mark Lyle, Keith Liles, Rob Kelly, Walt Lynch, and Karen Mann arrived at dawn and spent the day recovering the boat.

Pablo's skirt was still on his boat after he was pulled out. While we know the pin involved at least one log and

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the undercut rock, the water is still too high to give an exact explanation of the pin itself. A more technical explanation of the pin will be forthcoming.

To those involved, this place will always be a place of peace, Pablo's Place. ✂

Drowning and Near-Drowning Prevention and Treatment

by **Lonny McBride**

What is the difference between drowning and "near-drowning"? In drowning you are dead. In near-drowning you are not dead — yet...

Prevention is by far the best treatment for both. Start with common sense. Good pre-trip screening for medical problems, equipment that is in good condition (proper clothing for the weather, participants that are at the skill level for the challenge of the day, and each participant wearing their PFD. All participants need to be sober, not hung over from the night before. The omission of any of the above can contribute to drowning.

Most drownings occur within a short distance of safety. So always be prepared to self rescue or to rescue someone else. Carry your throw bag with you when you scout rapids, not just when someone is running them.

When someone swims in white water, there is the potential for other injuries as well as drowning or near-drowning. While they are in that hole being worked, or on that rocky, bony swim, they could be injured. They could swallow water while attempting to get to the surface or to that eddy. And, if they are unresponsive when you get to them, their stomach could be full of water. But suppose "it" happens. What do you do?

The first thing you need to do is protect the airway, while remembering that the victim may also have a spinal injury from the swim. The best way to open the airway is the "jaw thrust" method. This method does not extend the neck. Therefore, it keeps the potential for spinal cord damage to a minimum. Remember, if the victim's stomach is full of water, they may vomit. Log roll them as a unit. DO NOT turn their head if there is any chance they have a spinal injury. Also, be sure to have your pocket mask and gloves available. This is messy business.

When someone drowns, they run out of oxygen and lose consciousness. How long can you hold your breath? Quite awhile? Your heart keeps on beating, even after you lose consciousness, until all of the oxygen is used. If you start rescue breathing QUICKLY, as soon as you safely can, you have a good chance of reviving the victim. You may catch the heart before it runs out of groceries (i.e., when all it needs is more oxygen).

This is one time when CPR and rescue breathing have a high chance of success. But, you must be QUICK in your rescue, and QUICK in your attempts to breathe for the victim. The brain can only go for about 4 minutes before brain cells begin to die. ACT QUICKLY, but safely.

The victim may not be in respiratory arrest. Instead, they may be coughing and sputtering. This person needs time to rest. Assess them to see if they have any injuries, and get them out of the water to a safe place. Here we are talking about the person who took a swim and is now not able to carry on as normal. They are short of breath at rest, or cannot catch their breath. This person needs to be taken off the river and to safety, with the minimum of exertion on their part.

Evacuate them as quickly and safely as possible. Carry them out; put them in a tandem canoe; build a cat-a-kayak. Do whatever it takes, but keep their exertion to a minimum. Do not let them walk out, as this may further stress the body and put them in respiratory distress or respiratory arrest. (If that happens, you may need to rescue breathe for the victim.)

If someone takes a hard swim, they can appear OK even if they have aspirated a small amount water into their lungs. Water will irritate and/or damage the lung tissue. This tissue will swell just like any injured tissue,

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and may leak fluid for up to 24 hours after the injury. This leaking fluid will build up in the alveoli of the lungs, and decrease the efficiency of the lungs as they try to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide. This can lead to respiratory distress or respiratory arrest (death).

After a near-drowning, the lungs can fill with fluid from the damaged tissue for up to 24 hours after the event. This is known as "parking lot drowning", and is why a person who has had a near-drowning needs to be seen at a medical facility for evaluation. You've probably taken a hard swim with no ill effects, but then had a cold or cough the next day. You may have had a mild case of "parking lot drowning", or pulmonary edema, and just didn't know it.

Points to take home:

- Prevention is the easiest treatment.
- Be prepared to self rescue or rescue someone else quickly.
- If someone is not breathing, QUICKLY do a jaw thrust

maneuver to open the airway but not damage the spinal cord. (This is taught in CPR and is part of being prepared).

- If someone is not breathing after the jaw thrust, QUICKLY breathe for them as soon as is safely possible
- These people will vomit, so wear your gloves and pocket mask.
- If necessary, log roll the victim as a unit. DO NOT roll their head to the side. You could damage the spinal cord if they have a spinal column injury.
- If someone has taken a serious swim and is short of breath at rest, evacuate them quickly, and with minimal exertion on their part.
- If someone takes a serious swim, they should be monitored or checked out by an MD, even if they appear to be OK. Fluid can build up in their lungs for the next 24 hours.
- Planning and prevention are the best treatment. ✂

Southeastern Championships on Nantahala River

The 30th Annual Southeastern United States Slalom and Wild Water Championships will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, 1998, on the Nantahala River near Bryson City, North Carolina. The races also include the ACA Dixie Division Decked Boat Championships. The event is sponsored by the Georgia Canoeing Association. Race headquarters will be at the Nantahala Outdoor Center.

The slalom course will take racers through the class III Nantahala Falls. The wild water runs are 8 miles and include class III rapids Patton's Run and Nantahala Falls. There is also a 5-mile Down River Fun Race, from Ferebee Park to above Nantahala Falls, which does not include any rapids above class II. Skill levels of competitors typically range from persons making their racing debut in the Fun Race to nationally ranked paddlers honing their techniques in the Slalom or Wild Water Races.

There are separate classes for: men, women and mixed (tandem); adults, juniors and masters; kayaks, C-1s and open canoes; and championship (racing) and cruising (recreational) designs.

Awards will be presented in ceremonies at the end of each day's races for the top three finishers in each class.



Race Watch

The Southeastern Cup will be awarded to the paddling club whose members accumulate the most race points.

In addition, there are three special awards in the Wild Water Race. The Charlie Patton Award is presented to the fastest canoe racer in the Wild Water Race. The Julie Wilson Award is presented to the fastest female competitor in the Wild Water Race. And the Ramone Eaton Award is presented to the tandem team turning in the fastest OC-2 time in the Wild Water Race.

The Southeastern Championships provide a week-end of fun and excitement for competitors, race workers and spectators alike against the backdrop of the Nantahala National Forest. All racers and race workers receive a race T-shirt. In addition, there will be a raffle with lots of paddling prizes.

You may register by mail, or in person on the afternoon before the race. There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE RACE. If you wish to register by mail, you must obtain a race registration package, which contains an entry form, description of fees, waivers and other race information. To request a race registration package, send your name and mailing address to David Martin, 108 Wakefield Drive, Atlanta, GA 30309 or e-mail your request to dsmartinsr@msn.com. To volunteer as a worker at the race (no experience required), contact David Bowman at 770-923-0954. ✂



Ocoee Double Header

The Atlanta Whitewater Club and the Atlanta Center of Excellence proudly present The 19th Annual Ocoee Double Header Wild Water and Slalom Races, April 4 & 5, Olympic White Water Center, Ducktown, Tennessee.

A number of 1996 Olympians are expected, including Cathy Hearn, David Hearn, Eric Giddens, Horace Holden and Scott Shipley, as well as current and former US Slalom and Wild Water Teams members Rebecca Bennett, Betsy Frick, Lecky Haller, Steve Isenberg, Matt Taylor, Steve Thomas and Dave Wallace. Course design

by US Olympic Coach Mike Larimer.

Schedule: Races take place from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM Saturday and Sunday, with an Awards Ceremony scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 4 PM at the Olympic White Water Center.

Tickets: \$5-per-car parking fee covers admission to the race and a complimentary race program.

Directions: The Ocoee White Water Center is located on Highway 64 between Ducktown and Cleveland, Tennessee, approximately 10 minutes west of Ducktown.

The Ocoee Double Header Planning Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of Johnston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the U.S.D.A Forest Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Parks Bureau, the Georgia Power Company, and Go With The Flow.

For more information about the Ocoee Double Header, call Dawn Findley at 770-242-0662. To register for the race, call Registrar Cathy Rowan at 706-546-1968.

See you at the Ocoee!



Chattahoochee Canoe & Kayak Race

Wildewood Outfitters and The Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club is sponsoring a 20 mile Canoe and Kayak Race on the Chattahoochee River from Helen to Wildewood Outfitters on Duncan Bridge Road - Hwy 384, Saturday, May 16, 1998. The race starts at 8:30 AM at Habersham's Nacoochee Winery located on Hwy 17/75 North across from Nora Mill. Registration fee is \$15 per paddler. A Pre-race meeting will be held race day at 7:30 AM in the parking lot of the Winery. The Habersham's Nacoochee Winery, Sandy Bottoms Cabins and the Wildewood Outfitters are co-sponsoring the race.

Registration:

Pre-registration: \$15 per paddler. Applications must be received by May 8, 1998, to be guaranteed a T-shirt on race day to all finishers.

Race Day registration: \$20 per paddler — T-shirt will be mailed to finishers only.

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Exploration

Intermediate Winter Creek Run: Warwoman Creek

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

Warwoman Creek

Section: Bridge on Earls Ford Road to Sandy Ford on Chattooga.

Scenery: Beautiful.

Appropriate for: Intermediates, Advanced.

Miles on River: 4 on Warwoman; 3 on the Chattooga.

Months Runnable: Probably all if wet.

Difficulty: I-III (IV for Dick's Creek Falls on Chattooga).

AWA Point Scale: 15.

Average Width: 40-80' on Warwoman, over 280' on Chattooga.

Gradient: 25' mile.

Gauge: First small bridge to the right, tip of cross-member at water level.

Runnable level: Min: 150 cfs (Chattooga at about 2.5'),

Max: flood but be careful (Chattooga over 5').

Hazards. Strainers, difficult rapids, undercuts.

Scouting: All blind drops, Dick's Creek.

Portages: Possible for all strainers if desired. Easy for Dick's Creek.

Rescue Index: Inaccessible.

Distance from Atlanta: 120 Miles.

Maps: Most of Warwoman is included in the Satolah, GA-SC-NC 7.5 series quadrangle. Rabun Bald, Whetstone, and Rainy Mountain catch the rest

Are you interested in spring creekin' but aren't quite ready for Overflow, the Chauga, or even Amicalola? Try Warwoman up in Rabun county. It drops just over 100' in four miles and runs into the Chattooga at Earl's Ford. Earl's to Sandy on Section III adds three more miles and drops another 100'. It will take you 2-3 hours to enjoy Warwoman and another two hours to reach Sandy Ford. Warwoman can be run if the Chattooga is at least 2.5 and becomes more interesting at around 4'.

Warwoman is appropriate for solid intermediate level paddlers but the party should include an experi-

enced leader. Warwoman Creek is unusually scenic and is a good creek to practice eddy turns, side surfing, boat-scouting drops, and water reading. A road (albeit a short distance away) provides land extraction. The water flows at a very rapid rate, helping to create lots of nice, relatively technical, class 2 rapids and even more surfing holes. Warwoman has three significant class 3 drops.

Mattress, the first drop of consequence, is about 15 minutes from the put-in and is easily recognized by a horizon line (there used to be a mattress pinned to the boulder). Mattress is a blind sloping 15' or so drop which can be scouted from river left or comfortably boat scouted from the pool; for the more adventurous, there's a small eddy on the right lip.

Enter far right and cut left across the face. There is a launch pad in the middle near the top and a chock-stone at the very bottom of the left-most chute. Mattress ends in a big pool where safety should be set, because, if you unass and don't make shore, a narrow gorge drops another ten feet or so over about 100 yards.

Hump is the next major drop. Hump looks quite impressive as you approach its horizon line. But it is in reality a straightforward 15' slide which can be run anywhere. There is an interesting river-wide surfing wave at the bottom of Hump which becomes awesome at high levels.

Finally, Pin Ball, technically the most difficult drop, completes the named rapids and falls about 20'. Pin Ball presents with an obvious horizon line. Pin Ball should be scouted from the right bank, but not everything is clearly visible. The rapids run around a small island (or large boulder). The left chute is obscured by the island and the bottom of the right chute cannot be seen. The right chute looks great from the top, but a large log strainer half-way down on the left and an invisible cleaver rock obstructing the run-out should preclude intentionally running it.

The usual run is down Pin Ball's left chute, and unfortunately in January and February, 1998, this was blocked by an especially nasty strainer. It is currently necessary to portage Pin Ball on river right. However, when the river opens up again, there is a left-hand eddy about 5' down (try to back ferry into it). Park here to scan

the remaining run and position your boat to cut back right and around the island.

There is another nifty little eddy a little farther down on the left; don't try for it unless you are fairly confident, because the remainder of the chute is a tight right turn that runs between under-cut banks. Oh, there is also a troll rock at the bottom that will want to kiss anything coming down.

Another mile or so (and a couple of rapids) remains after Pin Ball before confluence with the Chattooga at Earl's Ford. You still have Warwoman, Rock Garden, Three Rooster Tails, Dick's Creek Ledge and Stair Case rapids ahead of you.

Those who have not done Section 3 above 3' need to think seriously about Dick's Creek Ledge. Dick's Creek Ledge (AKA First Ledge) is a Class IV rapid, which is marked by a large waterfall entering the Chattooga on river right. Scout the ledge from the large rock mid-river. It's a hoot at high levels, but the classic left route (dropping into a small eddy just above the cushioned rock, cutting back to the right down the upper slide, then going hard left at the run-out) changes significantly.

Under no circumstances should normal people run left of the cushioned rock at levels above 3'! I have done

so, and plan B is to opt for the Toaster (you will recognize it). Some friends have also gone left, and for them plan C was the 6' vertical onto rocks. There are a variety of easier high water routes that involve straight-forward ledge drops on river right or far left.

About a half mile below Dick's Creek comes Stair Case, a solid class III at high water. This is followed by a series of fun ledges and holes, then you will see the Sandy Ford take-out, river right.

To get to Warwoman Creek take I 85 north 31 miles to I 985. Stay on I 985, which becomes US 441, all the way to Clayton (just like going to the Chattooga). But don't turn off for the Chattooga, continue on to the second light (across from the Dairy Queen) and turn right on to Warwoman Road. Go 8 miles and turn right onto Earl's Ford Road (it's around the corner from the volunteer fire department station). Put in at the bridge (there is a large turn-out for parking).

For the take-out, go back to Warwoman Road. Turn left and go for about 2 miles to Sandy Ford Road. Turn left on Sandy Ford Road and follow it to the very end (about 6 miles). You will ford Dick's Creek twice; all but the lowest clearance (i.e., a Porsche 911) will make the second ford. ✂

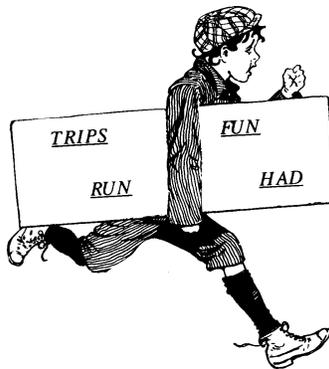
Fifty-Nine Flock to Florida

by Liz Carter

Local businesses said the sun was obliterated by the caravan of canoes and kayaks that traversed the roads of Alachua County, Florida on February 14 & 15. Not true of course, but there were a lot of us and we did make an impact. We crowded the campgrounds, motels and restaurants, but NOT the rivers. Once we got our flotilla afloat, all was peace and harmony.

We had 33 boats on the Santa Fe on Saturday and 35 on the Ichetucknee on Sunday, a total of 59 paddlers. Heavy rains throughout the southeast had resulted in flooding on the Suwannee, and the Santa Fe was high but still "recreationally suitable". Again, I was disappointed that the springs were discolored by the high water, but nobody else seemed to care. We saw lots of birds and turtles and enjoyed "paddle-in" picnic tables at our lunch stop. I extended the distance from 7 miles to 10 because the current was so zippy, but we still finished by mid-afternoon.

Fortunately, the flooding and high water did not affect the Ichetucknee and it was as beautiful as adver-



tised. I heard lots of "Oh's" and "Ah's" as folks who had never seen it before, got their first look. This is only a four mile trip, so we dispensed with a lead canoe and just let everybody set their own pace.

A good thing too! We had lots of things to see. A close-up look at a red shouldered hawk, an abundance of Kodak moments with herons, other wading birds, and turtles, as long as you wanted to commune with a busy beaver (but what was he doing?), and The Manatees. How Glorious! They rolled and lolled, and played and stuck their funny

noses up. We were entranced. If hunger pangs hadn't set in, some of our folks would still be there!

As usual, our GCA group was top notch. It always blows me away that this many folks can be so cooperative and considerate. Many thanks to my co-leader, Sheila Small, to the shuttle drivers (you know who you are), to Tom Rish and Butch Horn, and to the other 55 who made this trip such a pleasure; Dan Roper, Ronnie Floyd, Dick Sturtevant, Chris Lahowitch, Linda Klein, Brookie Gallagher, Lindsay Meeks, Mike Kaplan, Annie Osborne, John Hudgens, Greg Mabry, Elizabeth Goldsworthy, George Reeves, John Williams, Calvin Zippler, Carolyn Barton, the Gatlings, Orts, Privitts, Moyers, Martins,

Orvis', Colquitts, Hardees, Burkhalters, Convis', MacIntyres, Reynolds', Gearharts, Woods, Hudgens, and Hufnages. ✂

Chestatee River

by Bart Keith, photos by Cathee Gallant

February 14, 1998. Check out your February Eddy Line and you'll see a Saint Valentine's Day Chestatee trip lead by Cathee Gallant. But Cathee messed up her shoulder the Sunday before while showing off on the Upper Hooch, so I got stuck leading. Not too bad a deal, though, because Cathee handled all the paperwork and served as shuttle bunny, so all I had to do was paddle. When we got home, she said, "You have to write an article for *The Eddy Line*."

"No way."

"Yes, way."

This went on for about a week until I just couldn't take it any more. So, here goes....

There were 9 of us. K-1's were Mike Winchester, Kathy King and Chris Brown; OC-1's were Dave Warner, Fred Henneike, Kay Hess, Andy & Julie Dingus and me. No real novices in the bunch as you might expect on this class I almost a II trip. Chris indicated he had only been paddling a short time, but he handled his boat quite well. The river was at a comfortable level. The gauge at the take-out was only 1.8.

The usual put-in for the middle Chestatee used to be just below Copper Mine Rapid, a solid class III. But, the owners of the property closed auto access to this area. If you've ever been there, you will understand why. The area is (or was) frequented by local folks who liked to camp and drink beer. Camping and drinking beer are OK, but these folks weren't too keen on cleaning up after themselves. Anyway, we put in at the bridge above Copper Mine Rapid.

Being a good trip leader, I informed everyone of the up coming rapid before we put on the river. I recommended a portage since it was about 45 degrees and a swim at the beginning of the trip didn't



Chestatee River, Coppermine 2-14-98

sound like fun to me. My idea of what was fun changed, however, when we reach Copper Mine and I got a look at it.

I had never run this rapid. Cathee and I had attempted it in our tandem when we first started paddling and didn't know any better. But on that day, the temperature was about 90 degrees, so our swim was quite refreshing. Now it was February and the more I looked at Copper Mine, the more excited I got.

"This is stupid," I thought. "Why should I carry my boat around this thing when I can run it?" Andy and Dave decided to join me.

Andy went first and eddied out just after the first drop — a fine move. I followed, blew past the eddy and continued on over two more drops to the pool below. Not very elegant, but hey! I was right side up. That's cool. Dave, our newest paddler, made a gallant effort. When it was over, he said he wasn't even cold.

The rest of the trip was relatively uneventful. We played in every little riffle we could find and I treated the group to a good laugh when I flipped on a little class I for no apparent reason. I was getting hot in my dry suit anyway. We all ran Blasted Rock, the only significant rapid on this section of the river after Copper Mine, successfully.

Shortly before the take-out, we heard a car horn and looked up to see Cathee four wheelin' next to the river. What a woman! ✂



Bart Keith running Coppermine



Andy Dingus running Coppermine

Nantahala

by Ray Channell

"Yeah, sure, Jason. I'm flattered that you thought of me to lead a trip. Let's see, what river would be good for a first-time trip leader in the rain-choked dead of winter? (February 7, 1998) How about the mighty Nantahala: dam controlled, so the level is fairly constant, and the water temperature usually makes you forget the air temperature. And to be honest, I do have some degree of experience both paddling and swimming this river."

As you might have guessed, I accepted this task with a fair amount of anxiety and trepidation. What if it is really cold, like in the lower 20's? What if the level is higher than normal, say 4+ ft., due to winter rain runoff? What if mostly novice paddlers sign up; beginners who just can't wait until spring to try their new boats and paddles? What if all of the above?

As usual, the apprehension was unjustified. (Insert river analogy about here.) After driving through some fog, we dropped into the gorge for a mostly sunny day in the lower 40's. The river level was just a tad over 3.6 ft., enough to cover most of the nuisance rocks and to give a new twist (literally) to Lesser Wesser (more on this later). But here's the best part: A great group showed up to paddle, all good friends and good paddlers with a combined 5000 (est.) hours of experience on this river. Louie Boulanger, Chuck Creekmore, Louie Reynolds, Jane Rooney, Knox Worde and myself in K-1's with Debra Berry as our token open boater.

Our group was unofficially joined by T.R. in one of his fleet of kayaks. If you are ever scouting the outfitter's store prior to your trip and see him there, offer to shuttle him either to the top or to Ferebee. If he paddles with you, I guarantee that it will be entertaining. He is a genuine personality, with the promise of developing into a true river character. But watch the women! He has definite River Snake tendencies.

No one had any problems with Patton's Run which should be paddled aggressively at this level. The hole between the rocks at the bottom of the run will back-ender a smallish creek boat in a flash. The waves at Quarry Rapid were both higher and more squirrely than usual — a good opportunity for a little air time. I really can't say why I ended up running Whirlpool in the sluice between the rocks rather than mid river, but it did get my attention. Knox had so much fun surfing the wave at Surfing Rapid that most of the group was 1/2 mile down river before he gave it up.

On to the Falls. By observation, the percentage of people that scout, and then successfully run the falls at

this level is very low. Frothy, highly aerated water at the left 1/3 of the river. A pour-over-type hydraulic for the rest. Oh yeah, and the top hole looks deep and grabby. Micro Eddy has turned into Pinhole. And even the approach is more intimidating than usual.

Billboard Eddy appears to be elevated about a foot and a half above the main channel, and the main channel is fairly littered with weighted PVC poles strung from wires (What do they DO with those things?). Only one of our group stopped to scout, the rest ran more or less straight down.

From all reports, Knox was having a great time side surfing until he saw me peel out of Truck Stop and start barreling down river — straight for him. In my favor, I never saw him until after I had straightened out. Knox managed to back paddle out while I scrubbed off just enough speed to get caught on that d...d diagonal tongue. Now I'm side surfing! It might have even looked intentional if you couldn't see my eyes. It's a mystery how I got out of there without getting thrashed.

I eddied out and offered my (unsolicited) advice to a group from Tennessee that was scouting (thanks to the visor I don't think they had seen my eyes). I am convinced that the line is far left; drop into the aerated pool and keep paddling. The above mentioned tongue, and the associated kick right, has never done me any good. Their score: 0 for 6 took my advice and 5 of 6 flipped. One fellow couldn't have been prouder, however — his first ever open boat combat roll!

Dinner, cold brown-bagged beverages and warm camaraderie at River's End perfectly capped the day. Thanks to all for a wonderful day on the river. ✕

Chattooga Section 3-1/2

by Jason Schnurr, Trip Coordinator

Saturday, February 28. I had a hard time deciding where to go on this Leader's Choice trip, but when the Chattooga hit 2.7 on Friday, I knew that's where I wanted to be.

With the temperature in the mid-60s and the water running a clear 2.5, this always beautiful river seemed unreal. Someone noted that even the water felt warm. Yeah, right! Somebody check him for hypothermia.

Paddling K-1s were Chuck Creekmore, Derek Folmer, Charles Bruce, Jennifer Bruce, Paul Ifkovits, Susan Oehler, Priscilla Dixey, and Ian Bond. Paddling OC-1s were Glenn Kent, Dirk Bertrand, David Bookstaver, and me.

The 12 boaters did a great job of staying together without crowding each other. The numerous small,

medium, and large waves all across the river provided everybody with a good warm-up before Painted Rock. The one swimmer here floated right to the beach where we were going to have lunch anyway.

Lunch stops in the winter are usually quick ones. Today's was leisurely, as the sun warmed the rocks and radiated heat.

We paddled past Thrift's Ferry, stopped at the many play spots, and generally had fun. All the while we knew Bull Sluice was looming closer.

The scouting rock had some very large tree trunks on top of it, and one partially blocking the right side of the entrance rapid. It presented no problem for the normal run down the left into the eddy. The holes in the "double drop" and the "slide" looked mean but not terminal. With safety set at strategic spots, 9 of our group started running it. The kayaks and paddlers disappeared in the hole at the bottom of the "slide" only to pop up with their helmets, visors, and other gear all askew.

I didn't see any of the open boat runs and I don't remember my own. With a lot of hootin' and hollerin' we celebrated a 9 for 9 run of "The Bull". No Swims!

We regrouped and paddled down through Screaming Left Turn, and Rock Jumble with a few swims along the way. The teamwork of our group quickly dealt with these mishaps. Not as lucky was another group above us.

As the rear paddlers of our group were leaving Rock Jumble, a C-boater came blowing through the rapid without slowing down. He flipped at the bottom, missed his roll, and swam. While we assisted him and his boat to the side, we saw another boat floating down. The C-boater had been chasing this empty kayak all the way from Screaming Left Turn. We got the empty boat to shore and everybody was okay, but his buddy had a long hike to get to his boat. We saw them much later at the take-out.

Thanks to everyone for a great day on the river, to Paul and Glenn for lead and sweep, and to David for help with the shuttle.

Special thanks to the GCA members who helped Derek hook up with this trip. He traveled down two days early from Montreal and, via internet and e-mail, was able to borrow a boat and paddle, get information on trips available, and get in some paddling before attending a conference in Atlanta. ✂

Day Trippin' on Mountaintown Creek

by Cathee Gallant

This section of Mountaintown Creek is not mentioned in the guide books.

Saturday, March 7th. Dave Chaney (K-1) was a wonderful leader in showing 3 newcomers down Mountaintown Creek (class I-II), in Gilmer County. The newcomers to the creek were Kay Hess (OC-1), Tony Colquitt (K-1), and me (OC-1), although Tony had previously done the last section of our trip.

We put in at the GA 52 bridge with a light rain, which ended by 1:00. Within the first few feet we encountered a narrow, technical, rock strewn section which got our adrenaline pumping. After paddling just a VERY short way we had to scout our first dead fall.

The creek has many of these, so let a paddler with experience on Mountaintown Creek take you down the first time. We were just able to get our boats over the dead fall. I wish I knew what the level was. Any less water and we would have had to get out of our canoes to make it over the dead fall.

As we paddled, we had to be very observant because just below the surface loomed many unforeseen hazards like rocks and tree limbs. The creek gradually increased in width, but not much. Houses were few and the ones encountered were very tastefully blended into the setting.

As we proceeded down the creek we encountered 4 to 5 more dead falls. One we HAD to portage. With Dave's help the steep banks were no obstacle. Another dead fall which gave us some problems appeared to be clear across the creek at the top of one of the toughest rapids. Dave went down to scout it and instructed us to run it far, far river left, actually skirting the bank's tree limbs.

As we sat below this rapid we all commented how all its play spots were now covered by the pine's branches, and all the fun ways to run it were now obstructed by the pine tree. This massive tree had only left room enough for a canoe to pass by what once had been its top.

Another dead fall was encountered which seemed to pose some problems. Dave's scouting again solved the problem. The dead fall had fallen so there was just enough room to get under it at its base, but a large rock loomed only a few feet past the low tree.

We could see that the horizon line was visible about 40 feet past the downed tree. Upset here and you're not sure what you're getting into. Dave positioned his kayak right below the opening under the tree and helped push us away from the large rock just a few feet away. We all made it under the tree unscathed, but a couple of rock laden small drops lay beyond.

We finally got off the creek about 4:00 at the Rt. 282 bridge. What a wonderful trip! It's too bad the creek has so-o-o many dead falls and it can only be run after a good rain. If you care to try this section of Mountaintown

Creek, make sure you go with someone who knows the creek. It may only be a class I-II run, but the hazards make it a class III, and you need to have practiced your

safety skills. Danger can loom around every bend.

Thanks again Dave, Kay and Tony for a MOST enjoyable trip. ✂

Canoeing Wisdom

The Proper Loading of White Water Canoes — Example of a Social Norm Rooted in Reality

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

I got the idea for this article from a Sociology class report that Will wrote several years ago. He didn't want to submit it to The Eddy Line at the time, and now that I have had more experience canoeing, I realize that it is too important not to publish. The original was not complete so I liberally plagiarized and....

As a rule, the paddling community loads boats onto cars or trailers with the bow facing forward. Now this may seem like a reasonable practice, after all the boat should face the direction it will travel. However, since there is no aerodynamic or other measurable advantage, a non-paddler would expect no reaction if a boat were accidentally



The Hawk going over 7 Foot Falls after riding in a car with an incorrectly loaded boat. He stuck the bow into the curl.

loaded facing in reverse.

This is not the case. Most white water boaters know deep in their bowels that it is very unlucky to ever load boats backward. Indeed, white water boaters may react violently and unreasonably if they find their boats loaded in reverse. Some will even refuse to paddle a boat that has traveled backward till it has been paddled by someone else.

Like all social phenomenon, this can be viewed from a functionalist or a conflict perspective. Functionalists explain the common practice of loading boats facing forwards as providing scapegoats for a dangerous and unpredictable sport. Many paddlers rely heavily on luck, and some have been heard to say, "I'll take luck over skill any day."

This allows functionalists to confront mistakes by invoking bad luck as the cause. If a paddler loses face due to a really bad day on the river, he can remind everyone that his boat was loaded backward and the bad karma is affecting him. In addition, many paddlers perceive themselves as members of a close-knit group. By standardizing activities, like loading boats facing the same direction, they share common values with their "brother and sister paddlers".

A conflict perspective, on the other hand, holds that social norms persist only if they serve to maintain some group in power. White water paddling can be a highly



Clint Rhinhart doing the Sinks on Little River, Tennessee, after making sure his boat was loaded facing forward.

competitive activity. Expert boaters are always trying to out-do their peers by making a first descent, or demonstrating superior skills. The heavy emphasis of luck over skill is not so prevalent among the elite.

All expert paddlers know from experience that boats must be loaded correctly and regularly swap tales of backward-loaded boat mishaps. Discussing others' poor choices in boat loading is both competitive and helps to maintain the social norm. In addition, skill not withstanding, when an expert boater has a bad day or makes a very bad choice he may fall back on the luck ideology and use improper boat loading as an excuse.

Just how deeply rooted is this norm? Will measured this a couple years ago during a snow storm that followed a 9 mile class V trip that had been capped by a half mile carry out straight up a steep gorge. It was during the carry out (undoubtedly due to hypoxia and hypothermia) that Will decided to determine the depth of his fellow paddlers belief.

The idea of loading his own boat onto the car facing backwards unsettled Will considerably. While he realize that this had to be part to the experiment, he suffered a nagging fear that the river trip would end disastrously, or that his next trip would not go well. Nonetheless, he loaded his canoe and those of his companions onto the car backwards.

After all the boats were stacked and tied down, a kayaker realized something was terribly amiss. He dec-ompensated, and after yelling at Will for several minutes, demanded that all the boats be untied and put on facing forward. Although everyone was exhausted and it was in fact snowing, they took 15 minutes to untie all four boats and refasten them facing correctly. This illustrates how deeply ingrained a social norm can be.

Now, Will's original analysis did not include the third perspective, that boats must be loaded facing forward because of some fundamental truth. Substantial observational data exists to support the hypothesis that backward loaded boats frequently result in mishap both to the paddler as well as the entire group.

Being more sophisticated than Will, I conducted a controlled, blinded, cross-over experiment. We had been on the Big South Fork all day. It was 21:30, raining lightly (with a little sleet thrown in), and we had two hours to drive back to camp. Things were going extraordinarily well, the boats were loaded and people were otherwise occupied, so I deliberately pulled a kayak off the roof of a car and reversed it.

As we prepared to mount up for the drive back, the kayak owner noticed that her car had spontaneously locked itself with the only set of keys in the ignition and the lights had turned themselves on. Forty-five minutes later we realized we were not going to get in so we sent a car out to look for a lock smith. That's when we noticed the flat tire, and one of the kids slipped in the mud and fell into fresh cow droppings.

As we were pulling her out, the car we had sent off came screaming back to tell us we were needed to help fight a fire that had just started in a nearby field. When we got back after fighting the fire, I confessed what I had done, apologized profusely, slipped in the mud, and then reloaded the boat.

We finally got into the car at midnight, the battery was dead, I got shocked rigging the jumpers, two sets of booties, a shirt, and a helmet were lost at the take-out in the dark. Appropriate statistical testing has shown that this sequence of events would happen by chance alone at less than .001% of all take-outs. ✂

One Won't Do!

by Fred Couch

Who would've thought it? January 6th with balmy weather, 60 degrees Fahrenheit, cloudy yes we expect, and no breeze. It rained quite nicely yesterday in mid-Alabama, but now it's Tuesday, and we'd have to take a day off to go paddling. It wouldn't be the first time.

Two Steve's, Rodney, and Fred. We first thought about Locust, as the electronic gauge said 2550 CFS, about 5 feet to us old-timers. On the way we began instead to wonder about Blackburn Fork. Rodney had a troubled trip on it years ago on high water, and one lady took a really bad swim. He had not been back. Fred had taken it in a low condition, and only remembered the class VI blockage Rodney advised him about. Otherwise, there

was nothing Fred recalled as noteworthy to return again.

Big Steve (B.S.) had searched Fred out 2 years past, and proved to be an excellent paddler, to make us a 3-some. Little Steve (L.S.) met Fred on a lake practice, and Rodney - Big Steve on the Locust. L.S. was concerned we'd get into something beyond him, but we'd all seen his roll and had more confidence in him than he was exuding. We'd also talked to Hank about running The Dog in Georgia. Mulberry was an option, too.

Rodney and Fred were suffering from a severe case of cabin (river) fever, so we drove to the Blackburn Fork put-in, a low bridge about 3 feet off the water, and my mental telepathy hit Rodney. He said O - W - D, and we all agreed excitedly. The shuttle was no more than 15 minutes, and after warm-ups we were off in a fast current.

The first 2 miles had about 3 small surf spots and one fairly major* rapid, then we got to the blockage. It was awesome, and quite dangerous, so we all portaged. Big Steve sat in the water to cool back down from the exertion. After that, it was several class 3+ and 4s in succession, one with three opposite curling waves we talked about several times thereafter. L.S. held his breath so hard the whole way through it, I thought his face turned red.

Rodney later told me it had sucked him to the middle and put him in the hole. Actually we were all on a First Descent, something 3 of us had not enjoyed in years. And, it was spectacular. We had about 5 more miles, interspersed with an occasional class II+ to III, and a wide play hole that had B.S.'s name on it. By then, it was 1:00 PM and I whistled we had to rush, as O - W - D!

At 3:00 PM we had finished our shuttle, visited Mother Nature, put our gear back on, drank some water, had some munchies, saw the gauge was 4.8 feet, and started down the river. The water was colder now, muddy, full of standing waves, with curl-back tops, and Fred was talking again about his trip on it at 9 feet, where

he ran left of the island. One won't do. And, now we knew our morning thought was indeed possible.

Yes, after today we knew one won't do. A terrible thing this river fever. After 30 years, it still strikes hard during rainy seasons. And, fortunately, our friends and our fellow workers understand. We're not hunters or fishermen. We have to stay in peak shape to accomplish many of the maneuvers, climb down in and out of canyons, and we exceeded our fondest wishes today. No longer will just one do.

Halfway down Fred told Rodney it was possible to do three. With a few minutes thought, Rodney agreed. Yes, one won't do. Today, two rivers in one day, Blackburn Fork and Locust Fork. Soon, three in one day. One won't do!

Kayaks — Rodney Snead and (L.S.) Steve Cassagrande. OC-Is — Steve (B.S.) Roberts and Fred Couch, Jr. (and author). RS & FC, alias, "The Snakes Are Smarter." Yep, just One Won't Do!!

**Fred later realized that "fairly major rapid" was almost a complete cover-up of the blockage he had portaged years ago, and that he got out those many years ago before the 'real fun' began.*



"Wish you were here!"
Cathee Gallant on the North Branch of the Potomac during the 1st Annual WV Spring Paddle Adventure.
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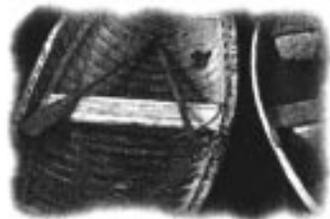
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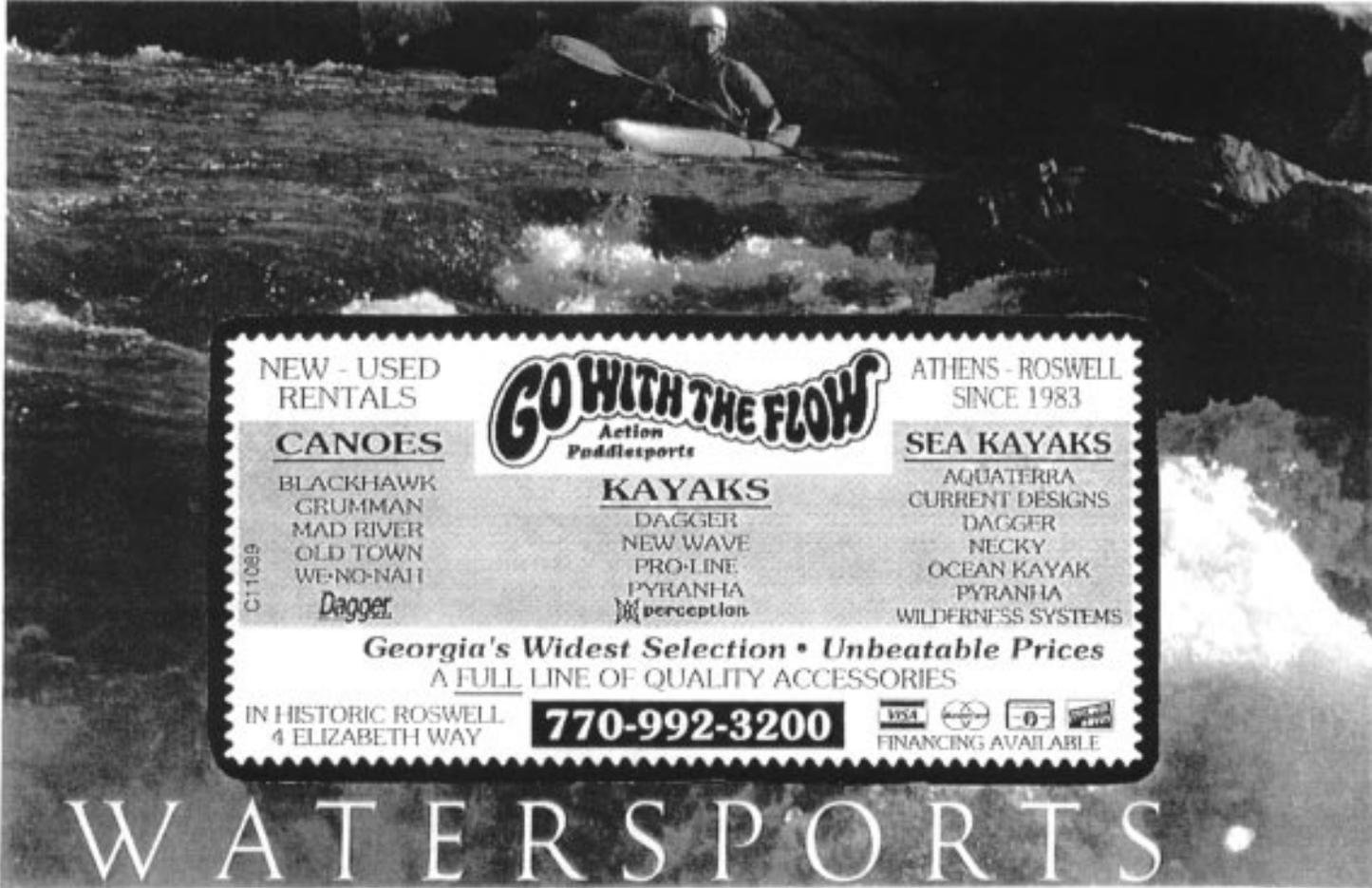
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