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Mohawk Demos at Spring Extravaganza

Every year we have tried to make the Spring Extravaganza a memorable event, with plenty of good food to eat and friendly folks to chat and paddle with, bonfires, and bingo. This year should be especially fun — Mohawk Canoes is sending a truck load of boats for club members to try out over the weekend. Craig Barker, the company sales rep, tells us that he will be bringing several models up from Florida, including both flat water cruisers and white water play boats. Those interested in flat water boats can give them a turn on the large pond located on the campground property. White water paddlers can take the play boats on the Cartacay or one of the other nearby creeks. This will be an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in moving up the pucker scale to demo that next hot boat. Craig intends to arrive by early Friday afternoon, so plan on being there before too late so you can get your name on his list firstest.

This year's Spring Extravaganza will take place from Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2. As it has for the past few years, Diamond Lure Campground outside Elijay will host the event. Regina, the campground manager, has again promised the South's best barbecue smoked overnight in their cabin-sized oven. In addition to the barbecue dinner, Saturday night is also bingo night, with plenty of prizes and fun. To get you started, coffee and home made sausage and biscuits will be cooking in the community house each morning. And making things even more pleasant, another bathhouse has been added to the property, so now no one should have to wait for that shower or whatever.

On a serious note, Regina points out that campground rules require dogs to be leashed at all times while on the property. She loves dogs and has two of her own, but says she has no choice in the matter, and will have to ask campers to leave if they cannot abide by the leashing policy.

Did I mention that we will be running rivers Saturday and Sunday, water and weather permitting? Depending on your anxiety threshold and Mother Nature's cooperation, choices will include the Cartacay, Toccoa, Upper and Lower Amalacola, Ocoee, Hiwassee, Nantahala and perhaps others. Specific information on prices and directions to the campground is given on the tear-out flyer in this issue of *The Eddy Line*. Or you can also call me at home (404.498.3695) between 5:30 and 9:30 PM if you have other questions.

So mail in the application before April 23, do some pushups, patch the tent and spiffy up that boat, and we'll see you at the Spring Extravaganza! ✂

May GCA Meeting

The May GCA meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, at the Garden Hills Community Center. The program had not been determined at this printing, but will undoubtedly be entertaining. Watch the May *Eddy Line* for more details.

The meeting will be at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. To find the 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.

See you there!!



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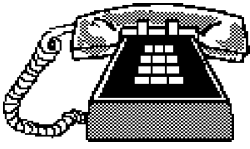
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"It is well to remember that the entire universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others."

- John Andrew Holmes



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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 Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

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 (February, April, etc.) beginning at 7:30 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend. The location is changing, so contact President David Martin for the latest location information before you come. Also, if you have an item for discussion, please call 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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Recreation Chair	Karla Bowman
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Training Chair	Gina Johnson

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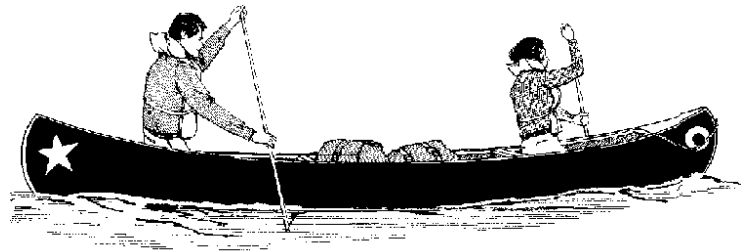
Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. To submit material via EMAIL, send to gacanoer@mindspring.com. The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text 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 returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All want ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



April

1	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — Patagonia Store, Buckhead — David Martin		404.351.8208
3	Leaders Choice	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jason Schnurr 770.422.9962
3	Leaders Choice	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charles Bruce 770.974.2481
3	Lower Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mike & Chris Bilello 770.441.2418
4	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Linda Delery 404.688.3047
6	Etowah	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	John Hudgens 706.675.0749
10	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dan & Elise MacIntyre 404.252.9513
10	Mountaintown Creek	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin 770.662.0058
11	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Sam Blackwell 706.342.0511
11	Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charles Clark 770.998.9544
11	Chauga Gorge	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott 770.536.6923
14	North GCA Meeting — Buford-Sugarhill branch, Gwinett County Library	Butch Horn	770.967.0318
17-18	Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championship Races — Nantahala	— See volunteer sign-up sheet in <i>The Eddy Line</i>	
24	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Denise & Tony Colquitt 770.854.6636
24	Leaders Choice	Class 2-4 Intermediate-Advanced	Clay Noble 770.383.9850
25	Cartecay First Timer	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dick Hurd 770.664.4770
30	Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground — Ellijay	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695

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1-2	Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground — Ellijay	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
8	Lower Cartecay	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Nick & Peggy Moore 706.636.2837
8	Etowah	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Paul Lund 770.271.7360
8	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Debra Berry 404.320.6148
9	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman 770.394.3469
9	Chattooga Section 3 or 4	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jason Schnurr 770.422.9962
15	Coosawatee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin 770.662.0058
15	Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott 770.536.6923
15	Etowah Youth Trip	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Doug Bridges 770.476.5126
20	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!! Garden Hills Community Center	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
22	Upper Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Margo Booth 770.487.8084
22	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Carole & Chuck Creekmore 770.995.5788
29	Nacoochee Hooch	Class 1+ Easy Beginner	Dick Hurd 770.664.4770
30	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dick Hurd 770.664.4770
31	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Oreon Mann 404.522.3469

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.

Roll Practice: Wednesday evenings May thru September at the Stone Mountain Park Lake. Revel Freeman - 404.261.8572.

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. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) 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
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Heads Up, River Rescue
Introduction to Canoeing
Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes
Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quietwater

Path of the Paddle: Whitewater Plunge!
Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport Retendo
Solo Playboating!
Take the Wild Ride
Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)
The C-1 Challenge
The Kayaker's Edge
The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)
Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers - Whitesell)
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
We Come to Play (Orosi)
Whitesell
Whitewater Groove
Books:
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I and II
ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
Alabama Canoe Rides
AMC White Water Handbook
American Red DCross Canoeing & Kayaking
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed
Basic River Canoeing
Boundary Waters I&II
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers

Canoe Racing
Canoeing Wild Rivers
Cumberland River Basic Canoe Trail Guide
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Idaho Whitewater
Kentucky Wild Rivers
Missouri Ozark Waterways
Northern Georgia Canoe Guide
Ohio County Maps & Recreational Guide
Paddle America (Guide to trips & outfitters)
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
Path of the Paddle
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River's End (Stories)
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Tennessee Canoe Guide
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North Georgia Mountains
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
White Water Trips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater West Virginia
Youghiogheny

Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 220 subscribers.

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 "gacano@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 gacano

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. ✕

GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacano>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Susan Glinert Stevens: sglinert@aol.com. ✕

New Improved Electronic *Eddy Line*

We are now sending out a .pdf (portable document format) file in addition to the .txt (text only) file of the *On-Line Eddy Line*. 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. You can also print out a paper copy of the .pdf file and it looks just like the snail mail copy (except most of the photos are in living color).

The .pdf version requires only Adobe Acrobat Reader (or some equivalent) software in order to view it. Acrobat Reader can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at <http://www.adobe.com>.

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. ✂

Summer Roll Practice

Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through September. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at 7:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended if you intend to attend multiple sessions).

To get there, enter the park from the Stone Mountain Freeway entrance and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses the dam and take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

Use the area around the ramp to load and unload boats only. There is a fair amount of power boat traffic putting in and taking out at the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

Volunteers are needed to help with kayak, canoe and C-1 rolling. Your help is appreciated! ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 2-4 — Ocoee Double Header Races, Copper Hill, TN (706.546.1968)

April 10, 11, 17, 18 — Wilderness First Responder Clinic, Cleveland, GA, Sharon Downing (706.865.9099)

Need an Internet Service Provider?

If you plan to sign up with an internet service provider for the first time, or if you plan to change providers, and are considering MindSpring as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the MindSpring sales rep you were referred by Georgia Canoeing Association and we will receive a \$10.00 credit toward our monthly ISP subscription cost. You will need to give them the GCA email ID — gacanoec@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

April 16-18 — East Coast Canoe & Kayak Symposium, Charleston, SC, Josh Hall (843.795.4FUN, <http://www.ccprc.com>)

April 16-18 — US Wild Water Team Trials, Kernville, CA (805.871.6790)

April 17-18 — Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championships, Nantahala River, NC (404.252.2321)

April 23-24 — Canoe Polo National Championships, Gainesville

April 24 — Canoe Orienteering Race, Lake Marion, SC, Roman Marks (843.766.3274)

April 24-25 — Kayak Polo National Championships, Oak Ridge, TN, Brad Carr (423.220.8753)

April 30 - May 2 — GCA Spring Extravaganza, Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay

April 30 - May 2 — Cheat River Festival, Albright, WV (304.379.3141)

May 7-9 — U.S. Team Trials, Savage River, MD

May 15 — Chattahoochee River Challenge Canoe & Kayak Race and Demo Day, Helen, GA, Anne Gale (706.865.4451)

May 21-23 — Ocoee Rodeo, Upper Ocoee, Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbot (828.645.5299, email jhabbot@aol.com)

May 22-23 — Marathon National Team Trials, Gainesville
June 6 — Regional Junior Race - Georgia Games regional event, Gainesville

June 19 - 20 — USCKT Junior Team Trials, Gainesville
June 25 - 27 — Lake Lanier Sprint Challenge and Youth Championship of the Americas! Competitors in this event will receive an "Americas" ranking. This is an International Regatta with opportunities for club and community athletes.

July 10 — Junior Olympic Southeast Qualifier, NOC Bryson City, NC (828.488.2176)

July 10-12 — Open Canoe Slalom Nationals, Golden, CO, Bob Stecker (303.444.3979, email bobjillc2@cwix.com)

July 16-18 — Open Canoe Down River Nationals, Salida, CO, Scott Overdorf (303.682.2674, email soverdorf@dawsonschool.org)

July 25 - 27 — Junior World Championships, Zagreb, Croatia

July 24 - 25 — Georgia Games State Championships, Augusta

August 3 - 7 — USCKT Sprint National Championships, Lake Placid, NY

October 1 - 3 — Lanier Paddlefest '99 and the Great Dock Race



Next North GCA Meeting

22 GCA members and guests met at the Buford-Sugarhill Branch of the Gwinnett County Library on February 17, 1999. Liz Carter gave a presentation on paddling smooth rivers in Alabama, South Georgia, and Florida. The group voted to meet monthly, with the next meeting to be held on the second Wednesday of the month, which will be April 14, 1999, at Buford-Sugarhill Branch of the Gwinnett County Library starting at 7 PM. Katherine Baer, Director of Headwaters Conservation, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, will be our program. We are looking for a larger place to meet, please bring your suggestions.

The library is located 2100 Buford Highway, Buford, Ga. 770.945.4196. Exit 1 off I-985, turn Northwest, turn right at the next light (Home Depot is across the intersection) and then turn right on the Buford Highway. It is one mile north of the intersection of Highway 20 and the Buford Highway.

If you have any questions or can not make the meeting but are interested in an auxiliary meeting, please call Butch Horn 770.967.0318.



GCA Announces Contest for New Logo

The GCA is having a contest to select a new logo for the club. While the tandem canoe on the state background has served the club well, there is general agreement the GCA needs a more modern logo.

The rules are:

There are no requirements of what must be represented in the logo. Use your creativity. For examples of current logos of other paddling organizations, go to the GCA web site and follow the links to other clubs, the American Canoe Association, and American Whitewater.

There is no requirement that the logo either be single

color or have multiple colors. However, if a submitted logo has multiple colors, a single-color version must also be provided.

Detailed design features, such as the thin horizontal lines on the current logo, are difficult to reproduce and should be avoided.

All entries must be received no later than August 31, 1999. A selection committee will select the winning entry. The current GCA logo will be entered in the contest. The winner will be announced at the Fall General Membership meeting held in October, 1999.

The person submitting the winning entry must assign all rights to the logo to the GCA.

When you submit your entry, send a printed copy of the logo. If you have it in digital file format, send the file on diskette with the printed copy. Mail entries to:

Brannen Proctor
180 Andover Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30004.

If you have questions, please contact Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 or email questions to bproctor@mindspring.com.



ACA Swift Water Rescue Classes

by Bo Wise

Are you an intermediate or advanced paddler? Read this!

Even the most casual reader of *The Eddy Line*, or of any of the paddling news groups, is aware of the alarming rise in white water related accidents. While no amount of rescue training can guarantee a happy outcome to a white water accident, your rescue skill set can move the odds in your favor. But, just like your paddling skill set, your rescue skill set needs to be learned and then practiced. And, just like learning to roll, if you wait until you need it to try to learn, it's too late.

This year GCA is again offering the ACA Swift Water Rescue course on two different dates. Each course consists of one week-night classroom session, and one full weekend at a river. Equipment, theory, and skills are all taught and then practiced by the participants. Students will get hands-on experience with the foundational skills and techniques of swift water rescue. Defensive, aggressive and special situations (drops and strainers) swimming will be covered. Contact rescues, rescue PFD use, snag/tag lines, line crossing, pig rigs and a lot more is taught and, more importantly, practiced.

The registration form is in this month's *Eddy Line*. Class size is limited; send your registration in today.



In Response

by Robert Scarborough

All fisherman, canoeists, and environmentalists need to write their Georgia legislator as well as the governor in an effort to reinstate the law concerning the listing and de-listing of Georgia trout streams. In the January 1999 *Eddy Line*, a Conservation Corner article stated, regarding the change in the law that allows DNR to de-list trout streams, that "there is no science-based, written policy..." that provides DNR any criteria for making its decisions to de-list streams.

In the December 12, 1998, publication of *Science News*, vol. 154, S. Milius pens an article entitled 'Mountain streams: Still living in the '50's', which summarizes the December 8 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences magazine article by Fred Bemfield of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University concerning streams in North Carolina capable of supporting trout. It goes on to say that the best predictor of current biodiversity in a mountain stream is the land use adjacent to and the head water area of the stream dating back to 1950s. Even if forest now borders the stream beds, the impact of former land use patterns have a greater influence either positively or negatively.

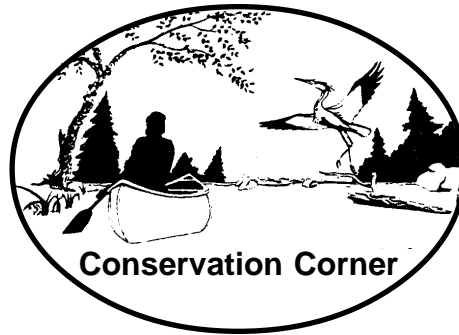
"Stream ecologist J. David Allan of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor says that the new study 'reverses the way we've been thinking' about stream management. We're kidding ourselves, hoping that protecting the margins will balance off adverse effects throughout the landscape. It's important, but we need to look beyond the margins."

I would encourage all interested parties (that's you) to do just a little more research/reading about the problem and then write and call those persons who can change the policy back or even strengthen the former law and pass along data that they need to make informed decisions. Stanley V. Gregory of Oregon State University in Corvallis is another source of current data that supports long range planning for streams.

One hundred feet is not enough buffer but a spring board to a better environment. Twenty five feet is totally inadequate for healthy streams and rivers. ✂

The Soul Of The Sport

Of all nature's glories, rivers exert a powerful force on the imagination and the spirit. Rivers permeate our language, our stories, our metaphors. Nothing else draws



us quite like the revelations we find in flowing waters.

These days thousands of people, for an equal number of reasons, grab paddle or oar and set their boats down river. For many, wild waters are a source of exhilaration, a match of muscle and skill to liquid thunder and foam. Others seek tranquillity or the pleasures gained from knowing the local rocks, plants and creatures.

However, veteran boaters are concerned about an increasing number of river users who are "illiterate." For this group a wild place is simply an exotic backdrop for other agendas; environment is not as important as a fixation on gadgetry or goals that reach no farther than miles made, rapids bagged, bodies buffed. In the words of one river guide, "When a river is treated purely as a playground rather than a natural organism, it loses its protectors."

America's waters are not in good shape. The lexicon of ailing streams is lengthy and alarming. Laws and bureaucracies perpetuate the paradigm that flowing water is the slave of economic gain and political whim, a commodity rather than a paragon of creation. A large

number of dams, or the reasons for them, are aging. A disproportionate share of endangered species are aquatic and riparian. The rivers we run can be called "free flowing" only by a long stretch. More likely they are remnants of drastically altered habitat wedged between massive mechanisms of watershed control.

On dry land or in the water, the soul of every sport

begins with place. Be responsible for what you love. Support a conservation group; start your own. Become literate in the languages of the river — the intimate engagement with place and the words to defend it. These waters not only give us pleasure, they give us life.

- *From the Patagonia catalog via a submission by John Bartos on the CanoeTX email list.* ✂

Instructors: Foot Entrapment Warning

I thought this might be worth forwarding. We all need to make sure that we stress this subject, especially when we are teaching or even just out on a trip with people (children and adults) who are new to the sport. -- Chuck.



Some of you may have heard that a 12 year old boy almost drowned in a class I rapid on the Fife Brook section of the Deerfield River last July 24th. This occurred during a planned river swim and throw bag drill. The only reason that he isn't dead is that this happened right in front of a commercial outfitter.

To answer the central question, yes, he was told to

keep his feet up, any yes, he did stand up. But when asked, the others in his group did not know what a foot entrapment was! So clearly the message did not get through. He stuck his foot in a gap between two rocks, roughly 6" in diameter. A few inches to either side and he would have been fine.

Standing up is an instinctive reaction for many people. If you are training folks to swim in rivers as part of a basic kayaking class, this warning must be repeated several times. When doing a practice swim, it's a good idea to 1) explain the drill 2) explain what foot entrapment is 3) demonstrate good swimming technique and 4) brief each person quickly before they swim. With kids, really make sure they are paying attention and avoid distractions!

- *From a rec.boats.paddle internet newsgroup posting by Charles Walbridge (forwarded by Chuck Brabec) via "The Paddler", newsletter of the Carolina Canoe Club.* ✂

Chattahoochee River Challenge Canoe & Kayak Race

The Chattahoochee River Challenge Canoe & Kayak Race from Helen to Duncan Bridge Road will be held Saturday, May 15, 1999. Registration fee is \$15, and T-shirts will be awarded. Applications must be received by May 7. For more information and an application, call Anne Gale at 706.865.4451.



Race Watch

Perception & Dagger reps will also be present for a DEMO DAY at Wildewood at 12:00 on race day. ✂

ACE Blades Campaign Picking up Speed!

by Steve Isenberg

An enthusiastic "Thank You!" to the GCA and the individual members of the paddling community who have made commitments to the Atlanta Center for Excellence's "Blades" annual giving program. After kicking off in early

1999, the campaign has already raised 27 percent of its goal, including two wonderful grants from the GCA and the AWC. Your support, both as individual and organizational donors, makes the difference between "good" and "excellent" performances for many promising young athletes, and ACE thanks you. Contributors so far include:

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The race is presented by the Atlanta Whitewater Club (AWC) and the Atlanta Center for Excellence (ACE).

River Access

Selected Readings on the Georgia Law of River Access

Compiled by Dan MacIntyre

This is the sixth in a series of readings from various legal documents that have impacted Georgia's laws on river access. These readings range from the Magna Charta, which codified English common law, and in turn provided a basis for Georgia law, to the most recent court filings on the recent case relating to passage on the West Fork of the Chattooga. These readings are meant to provide background for educating our membership and the public on how we got to where we are in the area of river access, and where we need to be going.

Part VI: Givens v. Ichauway, Inc., Supreme Court of Georgia, November 24, 1997.

Tenant, through whose leasehold creek flowed, brought action against creek user to enjoin user from

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trespassing on creek. The Superior Court, Baker County, Willard H. Chason, Judge, granted summary judgment for tenant, and user appealed. The Supreme Court, Hines, Judge, held that: (1) user failed to present admissible evidence that creek was ever navigable under statutory definition; (2) nothing in case law imposed servitude of common passage on stream; (3) for public to acquire easement of passage on creek based on statute providing for implied dedication requires some acceptance by appropriate public authorities; (4) user failed to establish private easement arising by prescription; and (5) there was no evidence that tenant acted with malice or without probable cause in securing user's arrest, as required to support claim of malicious prosecution.

Affirmed.

Fletcher, P. J., filed dissenting opinion in which Hunstein, J., joined.

Ichauway, Inc., d/b/a Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center ("Ichauway"), sued to enjoin Givens from trespassing on real property Ichauway leases, specifically

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Ichauwaynochaway Creek, which flows through Ichauway's leasehold. Ichauway leases the land on both sides of the creek for fourteen miles of its length and conducts ecological research on the stream. At one point on the stream a dam was installed some years ago to generate electricity. Although it is no longer used for that purpose, the dam remains and blocks the passage of boats.

Givens appeals the grant of summary judgment to Ichauway. He contends that he has the right to float down the creek through the property.

Although it may be more efficient to await a bench trial in a case involving an injunction rather than pursue summary judgment, there is nothing precluding summary judgment in a case involving an injunction, see *Georgia Canoeing Assn. v. Henry*, 1993, and the court's order granting summary judgment is before this Court for review. Nor is there anything inherent to the issue of navigability of a stream that precludes summary judgment on that issue, when the evidence so requires. Ichauway's motion for summary judgment rested on evidence the stream was not navigable and the question here is whether Givens has presented any admissible evidence showing there is a genuine issue of material fact as to the stream's navigability. See *Lau's Corp. v. Haskins*, 1991; *Wilson v. Nichols*, 1984.

Ichauway holds a lease to the land on both sides of the creek and therefore has the right to exclude others from the creek unless the stream is navigable or some servitude exists. See OCGA Section 44-8-3, 44-8-5(b); *Parker v. Durham*, 1988; *Bosworth v. Nelson*, 1931; *Bosworth v. Nelson*, 1930. To be considered navigable, a stream must be "capable of transporting boats loaded with freight in the regular course of trade either for the whole or a part of the year. The mere rafting of timber or the transporting of wood in small boats shall not make a stream navigable. OCGA Section 44-8-5(a).

In an attempt to show the creek is navigable, Givens floated through Ichauway's leasehold on a Styrofoam and wood raft that was four feet wide, sixteen feet long, and drew one foot of water. He loaded the raft with a goat, a bale of cotton, and two passengers, disassembling the raft and portaging around the dam. He argues the gear, cotton, and passengers were freight and his trip showed the creek was capable of use for transporting freight under OCGA Section 44-8-5(a), despite the presence of the dam. OCGA Section 44-8-5(a), however, requires that to be deemed navigable, a stream must support freight traffic "in the regular course of trade." Givens does not claim craft such as his are currently used in the regular course of trade but does contend the raft is representative of craft that were so used in the nineteenth century. He argues this shows the creek was formerly navigable under the definition, and that once a stream is susceptible of navigation that status is not lost. He also relies upon this argument to maintain that the creek can be deemed navigable despite the presence of the dam, which undisputedly prevents the free passage of boats through the creek.

Irrespective of whether a stream once regarded as navigable is forever so regarded, the record does not show that this creek was ever navigable under the statutory definition. Although Givens testified that it was navigable under nineteenth century standards, his deposition shows this testimony was inadmissible hearsay based upon the statements of others and upon documents that were not introduced. See *Lance v. Elliott*, 1991; *Gunnin v. Swat, Inc.*, 1990. He testified that whether any commerce had actually occurred on the stream was "Not to my knowledge, no sir. Others, yes. That's just hearing old-timers talk." The testimony of these unnamed individuals was never introduced. Givens also testified that a book on the history of the area spoke of commercial traffic on the stream, but that book was not introduced. Nor was any admissible evidence presented to show that Givens' raft replicated the dimensions or manner of any craft used in the regular course of commerce in the past.

Not only was no admissible evidence presented to show historical navigation on the stream, none shows the stream to be navigable under current commercial standards. Unrebutted expert testimony showed that the smallest barge normally in use for commercial transport on the Flint River (into which the creek flows) is 245 feet long, 35 feet wide, and draws seven and one-half feet of water. Givens testified such a barge could be floated down the creek approximately thirty days of the year, but for the presence of the dam. However, his deposition discloses that he had no experience in commercial water transport, there is no foundation for his opinion, and he is not competent to testify as to these matters. See *Tony v. Pollard*, 1981.

This Court cannot, as the dissent would do, look to the appointment of commissioners to investigate the creek's navigability in 1831, see 1831 Ga. Laws 264, and cannot look to the appropriation of funds "to the navigation" of the creek in 1836, see 1836 Ga. Laws 31, as evidence supporting a ruling that summary judgment was improper. When reviewing orders on motions for summary judgment, "Appellate courts will review only evidence presented to the trial court before its ruling on the motion. Additional evidence will not be admitted on appeal." *Meade v. Heimanson*, 1977. These legislative actions were not raised before the court below, nor even cited to this Court on appeal, and add nothing to our review of whether there was evidence showing this creek to be navigable.

As there was no admissible evidence showing navigability, the court correctly granted summary judgment on this question.

Givens also suggests that there is a public right of common passage on the creek, relying on the following language from *Young v. Harrison*, 1849:

Rivers are of three kinds: 1st. Such as are wholly and absolutely private property. 2nd. Such as are private property subject to the servitude of the public interest, by a passage upon them. The distinguishing test between the two is, whether they are susceptible or not of use for a common passage. 3rd. Rivers where the tide ebbs and flows, which are called arms of the sea.

It is contended that Young either grants or recognizes a common law public right of passage other than the statutory right established by OCGA Section 44-8-2 and 44-8-5.

The Code of 1863 was intended to codify then existing law, including that derived from the common law and the decisions of this Court, see *Georgia Power Co. v. Warrs*, 1937, and it is understood to do so "unless the contrary manifestly appears from the words employed."

Clark v. Newsome, 1935. That Code contained the definition of a navigable stream, see OCGA 44-8-5(a) (Code of 1863, Section 2208), as well as the principle that the beds of nonnavigable streams belong to the owner of the adjacent land, see OCGA Section 44-8-2 (Code of 1863, Section 2207). It also declared that the owner of a nonnavigable stream has the right to exclusive possession of it. See OCGA Section 44-5-3 (Code of 1863, Section 2210). Thus, under that Code, no servitude of public passage is imposed upon a stream unless it is navigable under the Code. The Code of 1863 is presumed to be a correct statement of the law in this state prior to its enactment, and the burden is on one who would argue otherwise to prove such contention. *Mechanics' Bank v. Heard*, 1867.

This state adopted the common law of England as it existed on May 14, 1776. See *Crowder v. Department of State Parks*, 1971. In English common law, only those streams where the tide ebbed and flowed could be considered navigable and subject to the servitude of a right of common passage. See *The Daniel Ball*, U.S. 1870; *Boardman v. Scott*, 1897. It is uncontested that this stream is not tidal. Therefore, any right of passage the public has on this stream, in which both banks are in the hands of one private party, arises from the statutory law of Georgia or the common law of Georgia.

Neither Givens nor the dissent rebuts the presumption that the Code of 1863 correctly stated existing law. Nineteenth century statements of what constituted navigability under federal law do not show that the codifiers of 1863 misstated the law of Georgia when they defined navigable streams and delineated the rights of persons in those streams. Young was decided prior to 1863, and the only reasonable conclusion is that the Code of 1863 included the second kind of stream recognized in Young, when the Code of 1863 set forth the definition of a navigable stream. Thus, the servitude Young recognized on a stream "susceptible... of use for a common passage" is identical to the servitude imposed on a navigable stream as defined in OCGA Section 44-8-5(a). There is nothing in Young that imposes a servitude of common passage on a stream that is not navigable as defined in OCGA Section 44-8-5(a).

Citing *Florida Gravel Co. v. Capital City Sand, etc., Co.*, 1930, Givens also contends OCGA Section 44-8-5(a) does not apply to this stream because the chain of title to this land is traceable to a state grant that pre-dates the 1863 passage of the statute's predecessor. *Florida Gravel* stated that Section 3632 of the Civil Code of 1910 would not be applied to grants of land prior to the 1863 adoption of Section 3632. That Code section is now found at OCGA

Section 44-8-5(b) and addresses the property rights of landowners adjacent to navigable streams. The definition of navigability in OCGA Section 44-8-5(a) was not addressed in Florida Gravel, and the opinion does not impact the application of the definition of navigability. See Parker v. Durham, 1988, which did not apply OCGA Section 44-8-5(b) to property rights because of a pre-1863 grant but did apply OCGA Section 44-8-5(a) as to the definition of navigability.

Givens contends the public has acquired an easement of passage on the creek by boating on it for more than twenty years, relying upon Seaboard Air Line Ry. v. Sikes, 1908. The public servitude described in Seaboard is based upon OCGA Section 44-5-230 (former Civil Code of 1895, Section 3591), as an implied dedication to the public. Dedication under that Code section requires some acceptance by the appropriate public authorities, Chatham Motorcycle Club, Inc. v. Blount, 1959, and Givens points to nothing in the record to show such acceptance.

Nor does the record support any private easement to

boat on the creek arising by prescription. Givens' deposition and affidavits of other users of the creek fail to show that any notice of an adverse claim was given to Ichauway or any predecessor in title. Such notice is required to show prescription. Eileen B. White & Assoc., Inc. v. Gunnells, 1993. Use of the stream without such notice establishes nothing more than a revocable license.

Summary judgment to Ichauway was also warranted on Givens' counterclaims for denial of his right to enjoy a public easement and malicious prosecution. Givens failed to show any right to travel on the creek, and the record is devoid of any evidence showing that Ichauway acted with malice or without probable cause in securing his arrest for doing so. See Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Blackford, 1994.

Judgment affirmed.

All the Justices concur, except Fletcher, P.J., and Hunstein, J., who dissent.

- Next month: Fletcher, Presiding Justice, dissenting opinion on Ichauway, Inc., v. Givens. ✂

Letters

Dear GCA Members,

The memorial stone for Ed [Green] at the Tuckaseegee put-in has been approved by the local town board. I want to let all of you know, as I have a sponsor to pay for the stone and major costs, but expect to need to raise about \$400.00 to do the rest. Anyone who wants details regarding this is welcome to call me at 828.586.8196.

Many thanks to those who have called, emailed and written. It has been a very difficult time, and I am only now coming to a place of coping with Ed's loss. No one can ever replace Ed in the lives of my daughter and me. We still find it hard to believe he isn't just gone on one of his long trips, and won't be coming in the door any minute to crush us in bear hugs.

The memorial stone pays tribute to his abilities as an artist, musician, and adventurer, as well as his loving nature. It carries a warning to those who read it requesting them to please check their drops. I also included a piece of custom artwork, a waterfall, as it seemed most fitting. Ed's great joy was to find a waterfall and get us both in it.

I hope this finds most of you well and happy. I am waiting payment on some sign work I've done, as I am going to continue in the business Ed taught me so much about. When I get it, I will send in my membership, and would also like to make a trip somewhere soon to paddle



something easy. I need to get on the water with friends soon, so I don't lose my nerve, as Ed was nearly the only person I ever paddled with. Call if you have a trip I can go on.

Many thanks,
Beth Thompson

February 18, 1999

Dear Friends,

Last November I proposed to begin collecting a \$3.00 daily parking fee at three recreational access sites on the Chattooga River using the Recreation Fee Demonstration Authority. These sites are Highway 76, Woodall Shoals, and Thrift's Ferry. I also mentioned that a \$25.00 Annual Permit (good for up to two vehicles per household) would also be available and valid at these sites as well as all other Fee Demonstration sites in South Carolina where Parking Fees are collected.

We received written comments from about sixteen groups or individuals. The primary issues identified were the collection of fees and the amount of the annual permit.

Use on the Chattooga River has increased substantially in the last few years. In the past 4 years, boating use alone has exceeded 80,000 visits per year. Several people mentioned that they would expect their federal taxes to be adequate to maintain or improve the quality of experiences that visitors expect to find on the Chattooga River. However, appropriations have just not been adequate to do that. As I mentioned in that letter, Fee Demonstration

Authority allows ninety-five percent (95%) of the dollars collected to go right back into the direct or indirect maintenance or improvement of the area where the fees are collected. Under other fee collection options, only 15 percent (15%) of all fees collected would be available locally.

To respond to concerns about the \$25.00 annual permit, I have decided to create a separate, \$15.00 per vehicle annual permit valid only at these three new sites on the River. Since we can't know how many will be buying annual permits rather than paying daily fees, we would rather start out on the conservative side and see if the funds collected will be adequate to fund the work needed at these areas. The daily parking fee of \$3.00 per vehicle would still be required. The state-wide \$25.00 annual permit, valid for up to two vehicles per household, would continue to be offered and would be honored at all three of these new areas as well as all other such Fee Demo

areas on the Francis Marion/Sumter.

The Recreation Fee Demonstration Authority is available to us on a trial basis. The 1999 Appropriations Bill extended this program through the year 2001. I believe this program will allow us to make significant — and noticeable — changes in the recreational experiences available at these three sites on the Chattooga River.

We plan to have this fee structure in place beginning April 1, 1999. Annual Permits should be available at the Andrew Pickens Ranger Station at 112 Andrew Pickens Circle near Mountain Rest by the end of March.

If you have additional questions, please contact myself or Greg Borgen at the phone number listed above.

Thank you for your interest and help in the management of the Chattooga River.

Sincerely,
Michael B. Crane,
Acting District Ranger



Exploration

Etowah River, Boling Park to Knox Bridge

by David Asbell

March 7, 1999. This was an exploratory trip, in the sense that it was the first official GCA run, and that the trip coordinator had never done it. This 8.2-mile stretch is easy, moderately pretty, and extremely accessible.

The put-in is Boling Park in Canton. From I-575 Northbound, take Exit 8, and bear left. In about a half mile, you will come to a traffic light at Highway 5/20. Turn right, cross the Etowah, and turn left into Boling Park. Sparkles Skating Rink is a landmark on the right. From the parking lot, carry to the river, next to the elevated roadway leading to the bridge. The path is ugly and a bit muddy, but easy.

The take out is the Knox Bridge boat launching area, located on Lake Allatoona. From Boling Park, turn right onto the highway. Stay right on Highway 20. Cross Knox Bridge in about 4 miles, and turn left into the parking lot. This area is gated, and the gate may be closed when the lake is low. Call the Corps of Engineers at 770.382.4700 to find out if the gate is open, or to request that it be opened for your use. Ranger Dennis Brown graciously opened the gate for our trip.

Getting your boat to the parking lot from the water may be a bit of a trial if the lake is low, as it was for our run. We had to walk across a broad mud/sand bar that was very soft (knee-deep) at the lower end. The upper part was

much better.

The river is quiet and flat, except for a couple of shoals near the put-in. The Corps of Engineers manages the land on both shores, and there is no commercial development. The mixed hardwood and pine forest is

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attractive, but the riverbanks are bare and eroded. When the lake is higher, the banks are submerged.

Canoe camping on the benches above the banks would be a good bet. Blankenship Sand operates a suction dredge on this stretch, and powerboats come up from the lake. It's not wilderness, but we did see ducks, a great blue heron, a red-tailed hawk, two deer, and the remains of a 24-inch gar with 6-inch jaws.

Bob James was the sole veteran of this section on our trip. He runs a local canoe and kayak outfitting company, Gently Down the Stream (770-479-6568 or 770-894-3430). Bob rents boats and promotes river access and protection.

We enjoyed a sparkling winter day, with brilliant sunshine and brisk wind. We were: Neal and Bepie Phelps and their children, Britni, Jamie and Mitchell; R. C. Connell; Sheila Small; Mike Smith; Patty Phillips; Marc Deane; Jack Weems; Bob James; Hans Klein; Ximena Leroux; LeRoy Robbins; Robert Sexton; Patricia Keeney; and the trip coordinator, David Asbell. Marc found his cat, Merlin, in his upside-down canoe, on his car at the put-in. Merlin seemed to be pretty shaken up, almost catatonic, so we did not take him on the river. He stayed in the car, with the windows cracked, and with a coffee cup full of water. ✕

Big Cedar Creek, Cave Spring, Georgia

by Sheila Small

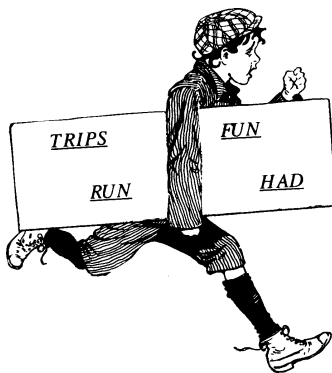
February 27th. Well, you can never tell what the weather will be in February in north Georgia and it wasn't looking too good for the trip Mike Kaplan and I were to lead on Big Cedar Creek. But it turned out to be a delightfully mild day as far as the weather went, a few sprinkles and not cold at all. Eleven boats surprised me and showed up at the river ready to paddle.

I went ahead and sent the first few boats to the put-in in the capable hands of Butch Horn and Liz Carter. There's very limited space at the put-in and it's right on a busy highway, so the fewer the cars in a group the better. The rest of us waited for one last boat to arrive at the meeting place, finally gave up and went to the put-in, only to find out he was already there.

LeRoy "this can't possibly be the right river" Robbins had missed the turn-off, gone to Cedartown and gotten directions to the put-in by going the "Back Way". He stopped when he saw boats putting in at the creek but no one could convince him he was in the right place. Neither Mike nor I had arrived at the put-in yet and LeRoy didn't know any of the other folks. But they somehow managed to detain him until we arrived (there are other uses for throw ropes, you know) and we unloaded the rest of the boats and did the shuttle.

We left a vehicle at the halfway point of the 11 mile trip just in case the weather turned on us. However, even though the weather only improved throughout the day, four paddlers (who paid good money to remain anonymous) decided to get out at the halfway point anyway.

I want to say thanks to Louie Reynolds and LeRoy Robbins for being our "kayak safety patrol". Just knowing



you guys were there to help in case we got into trouble really eased my mind. We had a couple of folks who were just getting into canoeing and the "flexible attitude" award was a tie between Jon Hall and Kristen Bush in their borrowed Dagger Reflection and Terry Vales in her rented Dagger Genesis.

Jon and Kristen apparently felt they couldn't wait for spring any longer, the weather was warm enough, and ended up in the water. Twice, mind you. But when given the option of taking out at the halfway point, declared they were fine and wanted to finish the trip.

Terry had the right boat for the rapids but the wrong one for the flat stretches, but she never gave up and kept smiling the whole time. I told her the secret was to volunteer to be the sweep boat. It always works for me. We were off the river by 4:00 PM and since it was Saturday night, six of us thought we would treat ourselves and head for the big city lights of Rome for supper (well, okay, some of us obviously need to get out more). It turned out to be a fun day with a great group of people and I hope to see you all on the river again.

Paddlers included Liz Carter, Butch Horn, Mike Kaplan, Terry Vales and me, OC-1; Jon Hall and Kristen Bush, OC-2; Paul Smith, LeRoy Robbins, Louie Reynolds, Michael Smith and R. C. Connell, K-1. ✕

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The Sickness

by Karl Gesslein

I went to bed listening to the rain beat against the windows. The violent storm gave me a strange sense of peace, like it always does. I dreamt of paddling all night long. I awoke ready to skip work to hit the river, but there were several inches of snow and it was still snowing. I dejectedly went to work.

Walking to work I neared Cascadilla Creek, a little 500 fpm gem in the middle of Cornell. It sounded like a freight train as I approached. The sound was glorious to my ears. Entranced, I found my way down the trail and before me was the most powerful display I had ever seen. Hundreds of cfs cascading off 30,40 and 50 foot waterfalls landing flat on hard rock. Even at these levels the pools at the bottom did not fill in. I had a sinking feeling that running these falls without a landing zone would guarantee a great deal of pain. I ran back and forth like a squirrel trying to find the line. Then I realized it, I have the sickness. I threw my head back and laughed out loud. What separated me from all the mindless drones walking around above was that I wanted to live, to really live and experience everything. People without the sickness would almost certainly think that I was just trying to die, not live. I realized that it is not a sickness, but an obsession to suck the marrow out of life. I may never run Cascadilla

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gorge.... but I do not want to get well either.

Later that day I saw my son clap his hands in a sonogram. It was one of the most moving moments of my life. It was so real. I rejoiced that my little son was happy and alive and growing in Marlo's belly. I begged Marlo to run shuttle so I could run a little class II run up at Tiaganock Falls. There is a little 1/2 mile run with lots of

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by Mike McCrea

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14th	Ivory	Knee pads
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25th	Silver	Colorado River permit application
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75th	Diamond	Colorado River permit

- From June 1998 "Paddler" via "Paddle Talk", newsletter of the Conewago Canoe Club of York, Pennsylvania.

surfing waves and holes at higher levels. The park police came and gave me a real hard time. I think he wanted to punch me in the head. In his reality I was a crazy idiot who was out paddling in a blizzard risking his life and the lives of the people that were going to have to come and rescue me. In my reality I was just doing what I loved and being

as cautious as possible. The lack of understanding of the sport by the officer and his uncertainty and insecurity with what I was doing made him very angry. He could see that I had the sickness, to him I needed therapy. What's a paddler to do?

- *From the kayak-I email list.*



Messing With Tradition

by Tom Butler

Just when you were perfecting your moves with the double-bladed paddle, somebody had to go and call the whole thing into question. The people who make Hobie Cats recently exhibited a leg-driven kayak at a science fair in New York City. Popular Science Magazine judged the leg-powered kayak to be one of the "best 100 products of the year" in their December issue. Of course, you can put this into context by noting that some of the other "best products" included an electronic violin and a hand-pow-

ered mine detector.

Back to the leg-powered kayak: the kayak is driven by the paddler (?) pumping a pair of foot pedals. In turn, the pedals drive a pair of "Hydro-Sail Drive" flippers beneath the boat. This is billed as a total-body workout because the boaters can paddle and use the foot drive.

Personally, I thought the leg workout usually comes with the put-in and the take-out, as well as getting out during the trip to do haul-overs.

- *From "Current Events", newsletter of the Apalachee Canoe & Kayak Club of Tallahassee Florida.*



Sampling Superior Waters

by Gary DeBacher

What with one thing and another, we didn't get away until August of '97, a dry time in the upper Midwest. I had the kayak strapped to the Outback, just in case. We drove north straight up through lower Michigan, stopping to peek at Lake Erie north of Toledo, and at Lake Huron next to Bay City. I-75 led us up into the birch/alder forests, past reconstructed logging camps, and to Mackinac Strait. There we visited Fort Michilimackinec, an extensive reconstruction of a trading site run first by the French and then by the British, who eventually burnt it down rather than let the Americans get it. In the fort were some big replica birch bark lake canoes.

We crossed the Mackinac Bridge to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, driving north to Sault Ste. Marie to watch the big boats go through the locks in the gathering dusk. The next day we kinda flipped a coin, because we had to get to Ely, Minnesota, where my Aunt Ruby and

Uncle Walt live, but we hadn't decided whether to get there via the north coast or the south coast of Lake Superior. We chose the south route, because I knew a little more about the rivers.

I'd seen a good bit of the shorelines of Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario, but Superior is, well, superior. It's the rocks that does it, the headlands, cliffs, intricate bays, islands, and low mountain ranges. We poked along the little roads, stopping at lighthouses, shipwreck museums, and big inland waterfalls on the Tahquamanon River, a stream big enough that paddle wheelers carry tourists above the falls; and later, near Deer Park, the Two Hearted River, which looked runnable... but maybe not. It's just a sand and gravel bar run, better left to open boats. Hemingway once borrowed its name for a short story, "Big Two Hearted River," but he was picturing the nearby Fox River. Remember that; there may be a quiz.

West of Deer Park we had to cover a dozen miles of washboard road covered liberally in sand and dust, where the Outback proved its worth, cruising as fast as I had the nerve to ask of it. We passed through the relative civilization of Grand Marais and into Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

There we found all the National Park Service campgrounds full, so after more miles of raising dust, we found a Michigan State Forest campground at Ross Lake. The weather was good, the bugs weren't bad, and after watching meteors shower over the lake, we visited around the campfire of a family from Atlanta, Michigan. Tomorrow we would walk out to the big lake....



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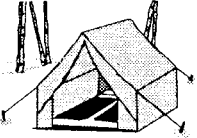
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Without a Paddle

Hiking the Pictured Rocks Seashore

by Gary DeBacher

It was clear and almost cold when we left Ross Lake and drove to the trailhead for a twelve mile loop hike to the Lake Superior coastline. We would hike about three miles northeast past Chapel Lake to Chapel Beach, and then about four miles WSW along the Pictured Rocks cliffs to Mosquito Beach. Finally we would follow the Mosquito River about four miles ESE to the car.

Pictured Rocks was the first national shoreline, authorized in 1966. The Lakeshore-North Country Trail passes through the entire 40 mile length of the National Lakeshore, from Grand Marais westward past the Grand Sable Dunes, the isolated Au Sable Lighthouse, Twelve Mile Beach, Big and Little Beaver Lakes, the cliffs of Pictured Rocks, and then finally reaching the city of Munising opposite the Grand Island National Recreation Area. We were headed for the heart of the Pictured Rocks section, sheer sandstone cliffs sculpted into inlets, caves, and arches.

You can see Pictured Rocks from tourist boats, thankfully not too numerous the day we were there; or you can rent sea kayaks and hire guides in Munising. The prevailing winds favor sea kayaking from Munising north-eastward to Grand Marais. The opposite run could be trouble. Lake Superior can get nasty for kayaking with little warning, and speaking as one who grew up in the midwest, I have found weather around the Great Lakes a lot more changeable and unpredictable than coastal weather off Georgia or Oregon. Still, Superior is outstanding for sea kayaks, and you can drink the water.

Back to foot travel. We plunged into the forest and soon found ourselves fairly high above Chapel Lake. Chapel Falls came plunging down next to the trail. The forest was mainly hardwoods, and the soil was dark, probably because the sandstone layers are capped with limestone. The trail finally dropped over toward the stream from Chapel Lake, and we wound our way out to Chapel Rock. This is a heavily sculpted formation about 30 feet high, with arches carved through it, and with some large pines growing on top. The creek drops over rock layers into Lake Superior, and just to the west is Chapel Beach, the last usable beach until Mosquito Beach.

Lake Superior was fairly quiet that day, and shockingly clear. From the cliffs we could see 20 feet or more into the depths. We climbed down to the fine sand beach

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where we encountered one little negative: biting flies. They weren't as bad as the black flies one gets up here in June and early July, but they weren't much deterred by DEET, either. We tried swimming, and found, as we expected, that Lake Superior is pretty cold.

Back on the trail, we wound out along the sculpted edges of Pictured Rocks. The cliffs hung 50, 100 feet or more over the deep, narrow inlets. There were caves and arches sculpted by the waves. Hardwoods and pines grew right out to the cliff edges.

This is a popular area. We often encountered other hikers, though we were usually out of earshot. Cruise boats started appearing out on the lake. We got out to Grand Portal Point, named for a huge arch underneath, from which I think we could see Spray Falls dropping into the lake several miles to the east.

Past Grand Portal Point, the cliffs gradually decreased in height. The rocks changed consistency, and in places had broken off in huge, jagged shards. The trail straightened some and ran more efficiently to the southwest.

Some of the most beautiful scenery came just before Mosquito Beach, where the cliffs sloped more gently and supported banks of wildflowers. The Mosquito River (a glorified creek) dropped gently over sloping sedimentary formations, but the beach was jumbled with the multicolored, rounded granitic rocks and boulders delivered thousands of years ago by stupendous glaciers.

We relaxed and swam, and then turned inland along the Mosquito River. The trail climbed and wandered to and from the river, finally reaching Mosquito Falls about the time I thought we were a little lost. Then the trail got

The Bois Brule

by Gary DeBacher

After hiking at Pictured Rocks Lakeshore, we checked out the Sturgeon, the Ontonagon, the Presque Isle, and the Montreal. The East Fork of the Ontonagon is a sort of mud-bank Nantahala, 30 feet per mile with wavy rapids, but there were access problems and it looked low. The Sturgeon and the Presque Isle are difficult spring runs, cut down between cliffs and peppered with ledges and falls. I couldn't have run them alone, even if I'd had enough water. We found some spectacular hiking areas on both, and could jump from bank to bank in places because they were very low. The Montreal is similar in character, larger and somewhat easier, but perhaps a bit hard for a solo run. It should say something about August white water in this area when I tell you that I saw almost no white water kayaks, C-boats, or opens on cars in this

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down to business and climbed back to the parking lot.

This was a spectacular hike, even by Oregon Coast standards. We would have liked to do more, but we had to turn west to head toward Ely. Yeah, Ely, the most popular portal to the lakes of the Boundary Waters. But I wasn't looking for lakes..... ✂

area, but lots of lake canoes and sea kayaks.

We stayed overnight in Ironwood, near the Montreal River on the Michigan-Wisconsin border. It rained, and I read maps and guidebooks. One river, not so steep or rugged, was reputed to be runnable through the summer: the Bois Brule.

The next morning there was much to see. We drove west to Ashland and then north to Red Cliff to peek at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. This is another excellent area for sea kayaks, and one can also take ferry boats to hike on some of the larger islands. We settled for a walk along the beach and then drove west on Hwy. 13 toward the Bois Brule.

My French-English dictionary isn't much help in translating Bois Brule. It may mean something like "Forested Rip." The BB stays runnable in summer because it has a lower gradient, it doesn't go crashing down over huge ledges, and it originates in glacial deposits and

pothole lakes which serve as a steady source of water. These lakes and deposits also surround the headwaters of the St. Croix, one of the first Wild and Scenic rivers, which runs west and south to the Mississippi.

Because of its lower gradient and steadier flow, the Bois Brule was a historic portage route from Lake Superior to the St. Croix and the Mississippi. You might find it implausible that Voyageurs would paddle, line and portage laden canoes up a rocky stream with gradients up to 33 feet per mile, but then remember the Lewis and Clark expedition? It was hard, but it beat portaging boats and packs for miles.

We cut south on H road from Hwy. 13, and checked the BB water level at the FF county bridge. There was more water than I had expected, not a lot, but enough for a fairly decent run. We headed toward the put-in specified in the guidebook at Copper Range park, but found a more recent canoe access probably not more than 3/4 mile downstream. A small group was preparing to put on, a couple of open boaters, a kayaker, and a guy preparing to try out a rather lumpy Batmax. It turned out they were from Ely, and they told us we could get to Ely in about 3 hours by the most direct route. This was some reassurance, because we were expected at my aunt and uncle's lake house by the end of the day.

My plan had been to go straight to Ely and to possibly catch the Bois Brule on the way back. However, even though the BB is reported to have a fairly steady flow, and the water was clear, indicating that it had not been pumped up temporarily by the recent rains, I just didn't trust it to hold.

So I scrambled to get on the water, taking just half a canteen of water after losing patience with the water filter. The other paddlers were OK about having me along, but they were planning to play a lot, and I felt I had only about 3 hours to get down a supposed 8 river miles and meet Eleanor at the Hwy. 113 bridge.

The first 3 miles down to the FF bridge descend at about 30 feet per mile. The clear water dropped fairly steadily over rocks and small boulders and an occasional underlying ledge structure. The rocks did look igneous, and the surrounding soil was dark. The forest was relatively old, a mixture of hardwoods, pines, and some cedar. Unlike a lot of Lake Superior tributaries, the Bois Brule doesn't have a lot of cliffs and canyons, probably because the ice age glaciers scrubbed this corner of the lake shore pretty low.

The growing season is pretty short in this area, so the forests explode into action in May and are still a fresh green in August, not dusty and tired like Georgia woods. The wildflowers are different, the pale bark of birch and

alders lights up the forest understory, and the lacy needles and bark of the cedars have the same fresh interest as our cypress in spring. There are frequent cabins near the Bois Brule, but they are mostly out of sight.

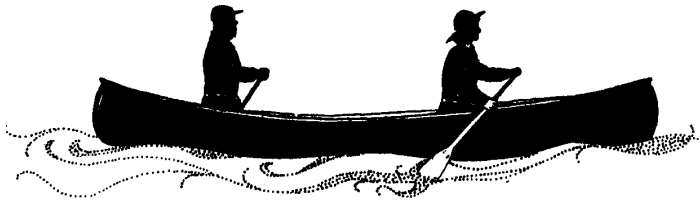
The rapids would be classed as II because of the maneuvering necessary to dodge rocks in fast current and work down to the standing waves in the run-out. The waves were relatively small. There were few places to surf at this level. I would guess the flow at no more than 160 cfs. At 200 cfs the rapids would begin to wash out and get easier. I didn't care about playing because I was trying to keep a good pace, and I was glad for a pretty steady current.

This gradient held up for a good while until I reached the Lenroot Ledges. These are broken ledges, somewhat complex or notchy, created by some sort of bedrock structure. The rock appeared closer to granitic rather than basaltic, which would explain why it was more resistant to breakup. These are rated as just class 2 in the Palzer guidebook, but they also recommend scouting from the right bank. I scouted from eddies above the drops, but could not get a fully satisfactory look at what I was going over. There was a surprise rock at the bottom of the chute in the second ledge which I was not well set up to dodge. After some hard back-paddling, I managed to cushion off to the right.

There was some more class 2 action down to the FF or Johnson Bridge, where the river took a tight S-turn. I went a little way past the bridge and looked for a place to visit the weeds on the left bank. While the guidebook had said not to expect clay banks until the end of this section, here they were, and the clay was red, wet, soft, slippery, and very fine, like potting clay. I had to spend a good while rinsing it off my booties before carefully sliding back in the Corsica.

The high clay banks were often slumping markedly, taking trees down with them. The gradient was less, but then I came to the granitic May ledges, and after boat-scouting the first, I decided to scout the second and third from the portage trail on the right bank, where the soil was black and thankfully the mud was easy to step around. At this relatively low level, the approach, drop and run-out to the ledges was tricky and a bit technical. At higher levels the holes would firm up a good bit.

After this the gradient eased again, and the red clay bank topography predominated. There were no rapids anything like the Lenroot or May ledges; nor were there any like the relatively constant action in the first few miles. The stream kept meandering in rather tight loops through the clay banks, on and on, and I realized the distance given in the guidebook was an underestimate. I



pressed on, knowing that I needed to be in the car, driving to Ely.

So after a distance I would put at over 9 miles, I got to the right bank and found Ellie waiting at the access area above the bridge. She had had a fairly satisfactory visit to Antichon Falls State Park, in spite of a steep (\$7) state park fee.

There's supposed to be some fairly heavy summer white water canoeing and rafting on the St. Louis River west of Duluth. There is class 1 and easy class 2 summer white water on the St. Croix. We didn't check these out. We drove north to Ely, and lounged around with my Aunt Ruby and Uncle Walt in their huge lakeside place. We hadn't been to Ely since 1973, when we were there for a 13 night trip into Quetico. We didn't paddle in Ely this time, though Uncle Walt took us out for a powerboat ride.

Nor was I to paddle again in the north. We drove out to the north Superior coast on Hwy. 1, stopping to hike along the Baptism River at Tettegouche State Park. The Baptism is another very difficult spring run with big drops and chutes for guys with video cameras. Down at the coastal cliffs we saw sea kayaks working their way northward. At Split Rock Lighthouse State Park we stopped for lunch in a small bay filled with rounded rocks and boulders, opposite a forested island. We stopped to hike along the Gooseberry River, where the falls looked pretty terminal.

Then it was hit-the-road southeastward from Duluth to Madison, to visit my "little" brother and his family; and onward to Chicago to crash with my sister Lynn. I had a professional conference, and Ellie had to fly home to start teaching high school. Driving back later on my own, I

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checked out Sugar Creek in Indiana, which was way too low; I stayed overnight near Cumberland Gap after wondering at the huge flood walls around Pineville on the upper Cumberland River. These include gates which seal off entire streets. Might have been cheaper to just move the town.

The drive SE to the French Broad was very pleasant if a bit trafficky. I checked the take out for the 10 mile section of the French Broad below Hot Springs, class 2 with a little class 3, which I've always wanted to do, but it was too low. Then I took Hwy. 209 southwest from Hot Springs to the Waynesville area. The road follows Spring Creek, a very steep run of doubtful feasibility, and includes some high cliff overlooks.

I spent my last day of this vacation trip on the Nantahala. Just couldn't quite face ending a vacation without getting the boat back on the water. ✂

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.

I am the bent grass from the hiker's step.
I am a friend's secret, always kept.

I am the lead canoe, the very best.
I am the sandbar on which you rest.

I am the lilting tunes of a tin-whistle at night.
I am the dancing flicker of a campfire's light.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
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If you wish to cancel or switch to another date, please notify the Clinic Coordinator as soon as possible. If you cancel at least 10 days before the first class session your fees will be refunded. After that, refunds will be made only if a replacement is found. Clinics will be conducted rain or shine. No-shows and those not completing the full course are ineligible for refunds.

AGE:

If you are under 18, all liability releases must be signed by a parent or guardian, who must also provide suitable power-of-attorney for medical care. Except for youth clinics, pre-teens will not be enrolled unless they have had suitable paddling experience in the Training Director's judgment.

SWIMMING ABILITY:

You must be able to swim and should not panic with your head under water. Beginning kayak clinic participants will spend a lot of time upside down inside their kayaks on the lake. All students will practice swimming self-rescue skills in rapids.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

White water paddling is a physically and mentally challenging activity that requires fitness, flexibility, and a positive attitude in stressful situations. Kayaking is a high-risk activity for individuals with a history of shoulder dislocations. Applicants should discuss potential physical limitations with the Coordinator before signing up.

EQUIPMENT:

You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment well in advance of the clinic.

INSTRUCTIONS & REGISTRATION FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

PADDLING CLINICS



CANOEING

BEGINNER WHITE WATER CANOE

June 22, 26 & 27
Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

INTERMEDIATE 1 WHITE WATER CANOE

June 5 & 6
Brannon Proctor 770-664-7384
August TBA
TBA

INTERMEDIATE 2 WHITE WATER CANOE

May 8 & 9
Oreon Mann 404-522-3469
September 11 & 12
Haynes Johnson 770-971-1542

OCOE PRIMER WHITE WATER CANOE

October TBA
Allen Hedden 770-426-4318

SEA KAYAKING

BEGINNER - CHARLESTON, SC

May 8 & 9
Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

INTERMEDIATE TBA

Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

DUCKIE DAY

FOR SIT-ON-TOPS & INFLATABLE KAYAKS

June TBA
Gina Johnson/Kathy King 770-257-3160

KAYAKING

BEGINNER WHITE WATER KAYAK

June 3, 5 & 6
Doug Pratt (call Gina Johnson 404-257-3160)

INTERMEDIATE 1 WHITE WATER KAYAK (follow-up to beginner ww kayak)

July 8, 9 & 10
Brent Coleman 770-867-4061

INTERMEDIATE 2 WHITE WATER KAYAK

May 8 & 9
Jane Rooney/Jim Kelly 404-299-0443
September TBA
Revel Freeman 404-261-8572/Jim Kelly 770-801-8059

REGISTRATION:

To register for one of these clinics, you must be a member of the Georgia Canoe Association. To join the GCA or for an application call 404-421-9729. Dues are \$25.

To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for \$50.00 per person, payable to GCA. Call early because clinics fill quickly.

Clinic: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home & Work) _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Allergies or Prescription Medications: _____

Disabilities, Medical Conditions, Shoulder Problems: _____

**TANDEM OR SOLO CANOE
MAIL THIS FORM TO THE CLINIC COORDINATOR**

GCA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

April 30, May 1 & 2

**Diamond Lure Campground
Ellijay, Georgia
(9 miles from Ellijay)**

EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR GCA MEMBERS

**HOT SHOWERS, CLUB HOUSE
FISHING AND BOATING LAKE
MOUNTAIN BIKING AT M.O.E.**

CAMPING

**\$6.00/site (2 persons)/night
\$2.00/night for each additional person**

PLEASE, ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH!!

**SATURDAY NIGHT CATERED DINNER, BINGO AND BONFIRE
PRIZES FOR BINGO!!**

**Best Bar-B-Que in North Georgia
Pork, ribs and all the fixings
Price \$10.00 (Children 12 & under \$6.00)**

Homemade sausage & biscuits available Sat. & Sun. morning - \$1.00 each

Register early – late fee applies after April 23

BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Rivers (water level permitting):
Ocoee, Nantahala, Cartecy, Toccoa, Amicalola,
Chestatee, Etowah and Upper Hooch**

**Mohawk Factory Rep is bringing boats for a Demo Weekend – flat water &
white water**

**For further information, contact:
Jim or Maggie Griffin 770.498.3695**

GCA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA Registration Form

TO REGISTER — Fill out registration form below and mail QUICKLY (notice late fee below) with your check made out to "GCA" to:

Jim Griffin
5017 Tanaga Court
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
For questions, call 770.498.3695

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Camping:

Number of tents @ \$6.00 (Incl. 2 people) Fri _____ Sat _____
Extra people @ \$2.00 ea. (Over 2 people) Fri _____ Sat _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday dinner: Number of meals @ \$10.00 _____ @ \$6.00 _____ Total \$ _____

Sausage & Biscuits @ \$1.00 ea. Sat _____ Sun _____ Total \$ _____

\$5.00 LATE FEE IF POST MARKED AFTER APRIL 23 \$ _____
(Per registration form)

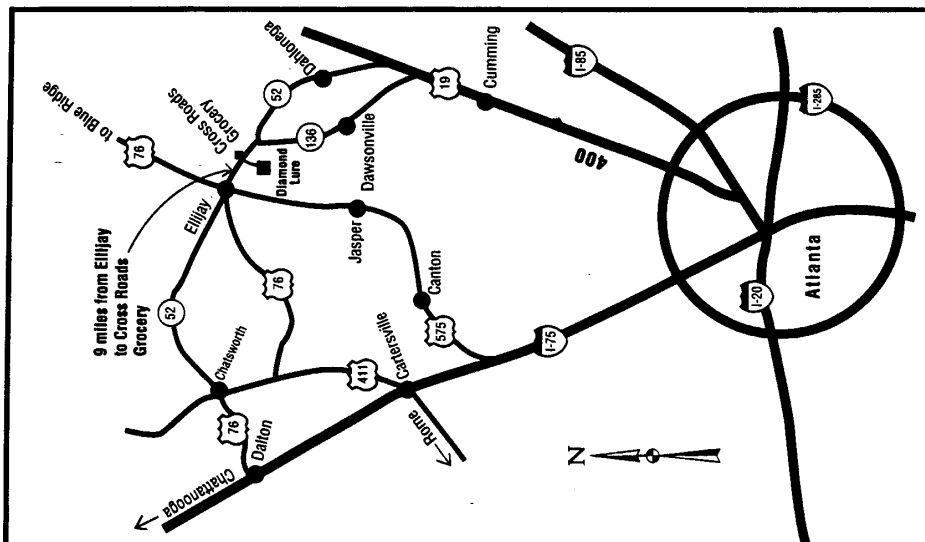
Make check payable to GCA for total of: Total \$ _____

Willing to lead a trip Saturday or Sunday on:

Cartecay _____ Etowah _____ Upper Amicalola _____ Chestatee _____

Lower Amicalola _____ Upper Hooch _____ Other _____

[Detach & save map]



Reservations – Information
J.H. Hefner, Mgr.
706-273-3075

Harold Hefner, Owner
706-276-3841

Route 2
Ellijay, Georgia 30540



**GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION'S 31st. S.E. US
SLALOM & WILDWATER CHAMPIONSHIPS
NANTHALA RIVER, WESSER, NC-APRIL 17-18, 1999**

We need your help for this premier event. This is your opportunity to be part of the Georgia Canoeing Association's largest event of the year. Indicate your preference (s) and mail to Virginia Balbona today. **Every serious volunteer will be awarded a free race T-shirt.**

Gate Judging_____

If you like power then this position is for you!
(Training will be available before the race).

Timing_____

Can you operate a stop watch? Check here if you do.

Course Setup_____

Ever been close to a construction site?
Just follow Jason Schnurr's orders on Thursday
afternoon of April 15, and Friday April 16.

Safety_____

You can do this if you know how to throw a rope.

Fund Raising_____

Only if you expect lots of raffle prizes.

First Aid_____

Doctors, nurses, EMTs check here.

P.A. + Communications_____

Can you talk? Check this one.

Site Construction_____

If you have ever moved or pitched a tent,
this one is for you.

Course Takedown_____

This is an important job. If you want to be
important check here.

Scoring_____

4+4=? If you guessed 8 then you qualify for
this important job.

Hospitality_____

If you like munchies and buffets check here.

Booth Management & Sales_____

If you dream of big bucks and free T-shirts
check here.

River Traffic_____

Here is your chance to make them rafters
do what you want.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Phone am: _____ - _____ - _____

Phone pm: _____ - _____ - _____

State: _____ ZIP _____

Mail this completed form **to:**

Virginia M. Balbona, 2268 Ashleywood Drive, Tucker, GA 30084



Get into the flow.

Go with the flow team member Dale Katarosias

October 1, 1996

Linville Gorge, NC

10:30 AM

63° F

Class 5 rapid

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adrenaline.



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