

Extravaganza 2001

The GCA Spring Extravaganza will be held the weekend of April 20, 21 & 22 at Diamond Lure Campground in Ellijay, Georgia. Be sure to mark your calendars. The event features a free trip coordinating clinic, an "evening at the movies" featuring paddling videos, and a boat and equipment swap / sale on Friday evening, paddling trips on local waters on Saturday and Sunday, a barbeque dinner, Bingo and bon fire on Saturday night, and sausage & biscuits Saturday & Sunday mornings. There will be a canoe camping clinic on Saturday morning taught by Lindsay Meeks, followed by a short river trip. See the flyer in this month's *Eddy Line* for details, a map and registration form.

For questions, call Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636. See you there! X

April GCA Meeting Cancelled

Due to the proximity of the scheduled meeting date to both the Spring Extravaganza and the Southeastern Championship Races, there will be no GCA meeting the third Thursday in April. Look for details on the May meeting inside this month's newsletter. X

Finally — A Teen Paddle!!

by Melissa Freeman

Listen up! This is for everyone ages 13 to 19. Are you sick of paddling with people way older than you? Well if you are, come on the teen paddle that is going to be led during the Spring Extravaganza in April. I have hardly paddled with people my own age, so I figured that we could all get together and go paddling. What better time than the Spring Extravaganza! We can all hang out and get to know each other. Well, call me with your thoughts on where we should go. My number is 404.261.8572. It'll be fun, so come meet some new people!! X

Summer Roll Practice

Joint GCA AWC summer roll practice will resume in May at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. Sessions will run from 6 PM to dark each Wednesday from May thru the end of Daylight Saving Time in October. There is no charge for roll practice, only the admission charge to get into the park. A season pass is recommended if you plan to attend more than 5 sessions. Plan to take advantage of this great club benefit. See the announcement inside for complete details. X



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Please volunteer to help with the Races in May!! See inside back cover.



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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 Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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 Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

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 winter 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 Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636. ✂

Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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

President	Brannen Proctor
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Training Chair	Gina Johnson

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. To submit material via EMAIL, send to gacanoec@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 classified 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	Buford Dam Chattahoochee (Note 2)	Smooth Water	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
5	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — Atlanta Botanical Garden		Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
7	Nacoochee Chattahoochee (Note 3)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dave Chaney	770.973.7910
7	Tallapoosa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dan Roper	706.295.0632
7	Upper Chattahoochee (Note 1)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
8	Smith Island Chattahoochee (Note 3)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
14	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dan & Elise MacIntyre	404.252.9513
14	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
14	Chattooga Section 3	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Toebben	770.804.9416
15	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
21-22	Spring Extravaganza (Note 4)	Diamond Lure Campground	Denise Colquitt	770.854.6636
28	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Alex & Mary Anne Pruitt	770.439.1825
28	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Geoff Kohl	770.650.7823
28	Chattooga Section 4	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
29	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767

May

5-6	Southeastern Championship Slalom & Wild Water Races (Note 4)		Knox Worde	770.475.3022
11	French Broad	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Susan Oehler	828.298.0315
12	Pigeon	Class 3-4 Advanced	Susan Oehler	828.298.0315
17	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Garden Hills Community Center		Kay Redmond	404.237.7242
12	Big South Fork (Note 5)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dirk Bertrand	770.978.1964
13	Leader's Choice (Note 5)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dirk Bertrand	770.978.1964
20	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

Note 2: Family afternoon smooth water.

Note 3: Family outing.

Note 4: Club activity. No other trips will be scheduled on these days.

Note 5: Obed River Basin

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call the Cruise Master and Sign Up Now!!

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, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. 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 from 6:00 until dark May thru the end of Daylight Saving Time in October at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

GCA Library Items

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636 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:

Denise Colquitt
3794 Glenloch Road
Franklin, GA 30217

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)
Introduction to Canoeing
Kayak Handling-The Basic Strokes
Mohawk Canoes (promotional w/detailed boat outfitting instructions)
Mohawk Whitewater Canoes (promotional w/detailed outfitting instructions)
Only Nolan (Promotional, Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quiet Water
Path of the Paddle: White Water
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)

Solo Playboating!
The C-1 Challenge
Vortex -- low cost storm water sampler
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
Whitewater Self Defense

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Kentucky
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I & II
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee-Vol I & II
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed Emory Watershed
ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide
Alabama Canoe Rides
AMC White Water Handbook
American Red Cross Canoeing & Kayaking
Arkansas information (assorted)
Basic River Canoeing
Brown's Guide to Georgia
Buyer's Guide 1993 (Canoe Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)
Canoeing Wild Rivers
Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)

Georgia Monintains
Idaho Whitewater
Indiana Canoeing Guide
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
Paddling SC-Palmetto State River Trails
Path of the Paddle
People Protecting Rivers
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
River's End (Stories)
Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Southern Georgia Canoeing
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
The Mighty Mulberry-A Canoeing Guide
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
WhiteWaterTrips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
WildwaterWestVirginia
Youghiogheny-Appalachian River

Maps:

The Big S. Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing over 300 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 "gacanoeflipper.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@flipper.kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoeflipper.kapcom.com

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 gacanoeflipper.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.georgiacanoeflipper.org>. We are continually adding information and links of value to paddlers. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinquefeld by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site. ✂

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 \$20.00 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!

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The .pdf version requires only Adobe Acrobat Reader (or some equivalent) software in order to view it. Acrobat Reader is usually present on most PCs running Windows 95 or Windows 98, or can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at <http://www.adobe.com>.

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Not getting your electronic version of *The Eddy Line*? The following email IDs had mail failure notices for the December *Electronic Eddy Line* mailing. Send any corrections or changes to Ed Schultz, 3060 Pharr Court North #315, Atlanta, GA 30305, or call Ed at 404.266.3734,

or you may email him at heloeddy@mindspring.com.

Failed email IDs:

davec@atl.unisys.com
aqmet@mindspring.com
grus@earthlink.net ✂

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 6:00 (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 (East 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! ✂

May GCA Meeting

The May GCA meeting will be on Thursday, May 17 (the third Thursday of the month), at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. The program will feature Milt Aitken presenting his latest video "Tales of the Paddlesnake." *[I had the pleasure of viewing this video at the 2001 National Paddling Film Festival at Lexington, Kentucky in February, and I highly recommend it. - Editor.]* Milt will most likely have copies of the video for sale at the meeting. Pick up one for yourself and a few for gifts!

If you have access to a video projector and screen (or at least a large screen TV) that we could use at the meeting, please contact Kay Redmond at 404.237.7242,

email kayred@mindspring.com. The alternative is to use the usual pair of smaller screen TVs on each side of the room. Either way, it's going to be a GREAT show!

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!!



June GCA Meeting

The June GCA meeting will be on Thursday, June 21 (the third Thursday of the month), at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. The program will feature Margery Diamond doing an interactive, participatory session on outdoor living skills. Attendees will get an opportunity to try their hand at matchless fires, foraging for edibles, trying out some tracking techniques, and learning about night vision. Those who wish can create cordage from a natural fiber. Learn about shelters that can be made from debris and will keep a person safe and dry in the worst of storms. Plant and tree recognition activities will also be included.

Margery Diamond is a professional educator with over 25 years of experience. She has taught both adults and children in classrooms and organizations. The past three summers, Ms. Diamond taught nature and outdoor living skills to over 1,600 campers and counselors at New Jersey Y Camps in Milford, Pennsylvania, and Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia. She has developed a "Torah Point Trail Guide" to influence others to see and understand the coupling of Judaism and nature in an innovative and exciting format. Her love of the outdoors combined with her spirituality results in a master teacher who inspires and motivates her followers.

MS Diamond holds a BS degree in Education from Georgia State University with credentials in Early Child-

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hood and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She trained in wilderness survival skills with Dr. Gabe Goldman of the Jewish Nature Center and with Ray Rentze, a Certified Maine Master Guide. Her outdoor experience includes guided travel on many wilderness waters. A partial list includes the Copper River in Alaska; the New River in West Virginia; the Allagash in northern Maine; the Altamaha, Ocoee, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Etowah, and Chattooga rivers in Georgia; the Everglades and the Georgia Coast. She has hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maine. As a published outdoor photographer, she continues to explore and experience the beauty of the natural world.



Library Items Missing

by Denise Colquitt

Hi folks. I've recently completed a complete inventory of the GCA Library. A lot of the items currently listed in *The Eddy Line* are not currently in the library, especially primo videos. That is because some items are being borrowed by persons I don't know about or have just disappeared.

If you have borrowed a library book or video, please contact me about returning the item(s) to the library. I've had the library since before Christmas and no items have been returned while it has been in my care. Please remember that if you borrow items, it is your responsibility to return them in a timely manner so that other members can also enjoy them. The standard "borrow time" is no more than 30 days.

Also, the GCA Board of Directors has asked me to gather a list of videos and books we'd like to add to our library. I am interested in getting members' suggestions for books and videos they'd like to see added. Please call or email me with your suggestions.

Thanks for your help.

Denise Colquitt

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Items missing:

Videos:

Heads Up, River Rescue

Kayak 101 (mastering the basics)

Plunge!

Prijon Wildplay Wildwassser Sport

Take the Wild Ride

Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)

The Kayaker's Edge

The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)

Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers-Whitesell)
We Come to Play (Orosi)
Whitesell
Whitewater Groove
Books missing:
Boundary Water I & II
Tennessee Canoe Guide
White Water Self Defense



GCA Trip Sign-up Guidelines

Some considerations to be made when signing up for GCA trips and activities:

Be considerate of our trip coordinators (TCs). Avoid calling late at night, or at the last minute, to sign up for a club trip. Many of the more popular trips fill up very quickly. Calling early in the week, or even earlier, helps to ensure you get a spot on the trip and helps the TC to make plans. We do not have an easy time getting people to coordinate trips, and these little annoyances help to discourage the few we get from repeating their favor.

Please do not attempt to sign up for a trip via email. Many potential trip participants may not be aware that participation in club trips is not guaranteed. Two major reasons for this are that trip sizes may be limited because of many factors, and there is a de facto screening process that takes place when someone calls to sign up for a club trip. Boaters are allowed to participate in a club trip solely at the discretion of the trip coordinator.

Trip size limitations may take place due to river conditions, river characteristics, safety considerations, governmental agency regulations, permit systems, parking availability at put-ins & take-outs, or trip coordinator preference (not wanting to deal with the logistics of a 40 person trip). Again, we don't want to do anything to discourage these TCs from repeating their favor, so try to cooperate with these limitations.

For the same reasons, avoid just showing up for a club trip without signing up with the trip coordinator. Calling and leaving a voice mail message or sending an email does not constitute signing up. TCs often do not get last minute messages or emails before leaving for their trips. And if the trip is already maxed out, you may get to the river and not be able to go on the trip.

The screening process for potential trip participants is a tool to help avoid putting TCs and other trip participants, and indeed the callers themselves, in the awkward and often unsafe position of dealing with trip participants who may unnecessarily get into trouble on a club trip. Other than because of trips being full, TCs may decline to have a caller participate in a trip and gently suggest that

perhaps she/he should consider not participating, or signing up for a trip of a lower difficulty level, if they suspect that the caller may not have the necessary skills, experience, proper type of boat or outfitting, adequate paddling or rescue equipment, proper protective clothing, or any number of other things that may affect the caller's ability to participate in the trip without placing him- or herself in an unsafe position. This avoids affecting the quality of the trip experience for the TC and the other participants, as well as not jeopardizing the safety of the screenee.

As a potential trip participant, if you find yourself "screened out" of a trip, try to ascertain why, so you can work toward remedying the conditions that cast doubts on your ability to participate safely. Ask for suggestions that may help you prepare for future trips of a particular difficulty level. As a trip coordinator, try to be honest but tactful when screening potential participants for your trips. Paddlers' egos bruise very easily — we are mostly a proud and independent lot. If it comes down to it, though, a bruised ego is better than a lost or broken boat, a severe injury, or worse. And no one wants their ego to cause problems for an entire group.

One thing that should NEVER be done — Don't sign up for a trip and then invite / allow other people to come with you on the trip. The correct protocol is to have the other people individually contact the trip coordinator directly to sign up for the trip. Again, we want to be considerate of the TCs so they will continue to coordinate trips, and "surprises" are not a good way to do this.

Lastly, please try to be on time at the designated meeting place. The club has a 15 minute rule regarding waiting for late-comers for any club event, so if you show up late and miss the group, PLEASE don't get huffy with the trip coordinator.

Your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these guidelines are very much appreciated.

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 13-15 — World Cup #1 Sprint Canoe / Kayak — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

April 14-15 — Styrofoam Cup Race — Nantahala, NC, M. Graven, 828.771.3770, www.styrofoamcup.org.

April 20-22 — GCA Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay, GA, Denise Colquitt, 770.854.6636.

April 20-22 — East Coast Canoe & Kayak Festival — Charleston, SC, Charleston Parks & Recreation, 843.762.2172, prch20@bellsouth.net.

April 28 — Chattahoochee Challenge Canoe & Kayak Race and Demo Day — Helen, GA, reps present from major boat & gear mfrs, Dave Gale, Wildwood Outfitters, 706.878.1700.

May 5-6 — Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championships — Nantahala River, NC, Knox Worde, 770.475.3022, email playboatn@aol.com.

May 5-28 (?) — The Great Mississippi River Race — The whole thing! Clark Eid, 203.271.2484, www.dreamkeeper.org.

May 18-20 — Ocoee White Water Games — Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbott, 828.645.5299, email jhabbott@aol.com.

June 1-3 — Lanier Paddlefest 2001 — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

July 30 - August 2 — White Water Open Canoe Down River National Championships — Ohiopyle, PA, Mid-Atlantic Paddlers Association, Ed Sharp, 540.752.5400.

August 7-12 — USCA National Championships — Sprint & Marathon, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

August 16-19 — Open Canoe Slalom National Championships — Carlton, MN, 218.726.6177, rcarlso6@d.umn.edu.

October 12-14 — Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous — Lake Raven, Huntsville State Park, TX, Jim Null, medislide@earthlink.net.

Ocoee Games 2001 — May 18-20

by Karen V'Soske

Snow covers the ground, goose bumps have become your base layer, you're spending more time with your skis than with a paddle, and the closest thing to white water you've seen lately is the froth under your bathtub spigot.

Must be time to start thinking about this year's Ocoee rodeo. For the first time ever, we're combining AW's white water rodeo with the US slalom team trials and calling it the Ocoee Games 2001. The TVA offered fewer days of water on the Upper Ocoee in 2001, making the joint effort necessary, but it's looking like it will be a win-win for everyone. More people, more action, more excitement. It'll be like wrapping the competitive excitement of the Olympics around the hard drivin', over-the-edge, he-haw-hootin'-and-hollerin' fun of the Gauley Fest. To top things off, there'll be a super silent auction for bargain hunters and a raffle you won't want to miss.

From the rodeo end of things, the Ocoee Games will be the first event in the Gorge Games Whitewater Series. Following the May Ocoee Games will be the Potomac Whitewater Festival on June 1-2, the Animas River Days

taking place on June 8 - 10, and ending with the Subaru Gorge Games in Hood River, Oregon, on July 14-22.

To make the Ocoee Games happen, we need your help. It'll take more than 300 volunteers working in a variety of capacities to bring it all together into the best-ever Ocoee white water event.

Jobs available to help with the rodeo include:

Timers

Scribes

Judges*

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Set-up/clean-up at the river

Safety Boaters**

People on shore with throw ropes**

People to help with the party:

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Please pass this along and bring your friends to the rodeo to help. If volunteering isn't your thing or your schedule doesn't permit a commitment, come to the rodeo anyway to root for your favorite competitor and maybe learn a few moves.

And be sure to put the Saturday night party on your calendar: May 19, following the day's competition, at High Country Outfitters on Rte. 64 near Cleveland, TN. ❄

Congratulations, Julie!

Julie Keller once again placed first in her category at the National Paddling Film Festival in Lexington, Kentucky, in February. Her slide show "Nepal in the Fall" (premiered at the February GCA meeting) was excellent, and the music (which was from Nepal) was great!

Other notable films at the Festival included "The Falls of the Ohio" and "Give Us a River". The Audience Choice winner was "Get on the Bus Tour," which was also excellent. Kent Ford's new instructional video on play boating "Breakthru" was very impressive.

Overall, a great show. ❄

What Happened to the March *Eddy Line*?

by Allen Hedden, Editor

The March issue of *The Eddy Line* was a record breaker in more than one respect. It had more pages of

flyers (pages designed to be torn out, filled in and sent somewhere) than any previous issue, it tied with March 2000 for the most total pages ever, and it undoubtedly holds the record for the latest to arrive at subscribers' mailboxes. As it might have been said by kids' TV show host Mr. Rogers, "Can you say 'snake bit'?" Snake bit describes perfectly March's jumbo version of *The Eddy Line*. Here are a few highlights of the March Madness....

Some of the events that interfered with my part of the process (putting all the material together into a format that makes sense and delivering a print file to the publisher): During the time I worked on the March newsletter, I had to take time out to attend the Locust Fork Invitational Race in Alabama (previously registered for). Then I had to deal with transmissions going out on two vehicles in short order — thank goodness for having a third car. I had to deal with manipulating files submitted by contributors that, for various reasons known only by computers, refused to be manipulated and had to be re-created from scratch. And the actual layout work was a struggle. Some months the layout is smooth as silk, others it's not. March was among the worst.

Still, after struggling for nearly a week off and on doing what usually takes a couple of days, I managed to get the print file to the publisher only a little late. Thankfully, the publisher was able to stay on a tight schedule and not lose any more time.

Chapter two of the saga — when Ed Schultz logged on to his PC to do the final updates to the GCA database in order to run the April renewal notices and the print the mailing labels for the March *Eddy Line*, guess who's hard drive crashed? The bright side is that the PC was still under its initial parts and labor warranty and the replacement/repair was free, if you call disconnecting the PC, taking it to the shop, going back to pick it up, and reconnecting it "free". Of course the shop took several days to get it repaired and re-load the vendor-furnished software. And in the process, they lost all the data off the second hard drive. Fortunately, the database files are backed up regularly, so this did not create further delays.

Meanwhile, Ed's wife Marcie had begun having chest pains — long story short, after a visit to a local clinic and a hospital emergency room, she underwent quadruple by-pass surgery, delaying picking up the machine even longer.

By that time the weekend of the Mulberry Fork Race came around and I wasn't able to get to Ed's to reload the rest of the software until after the weekend. The first thing that happened when we cranked up the machine to reload the software was losing video when Windows 98 loaded. Somehow the generic monitor driver loaded by

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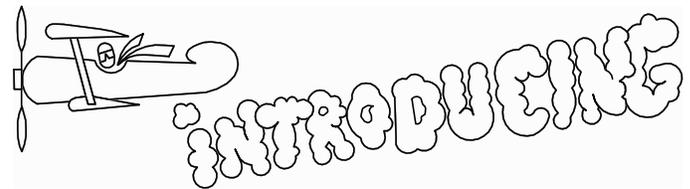
the vendor via Windows 98 would work with almost any monitor — except Ed's. Another day was spent taking it back to the shop to load the right driver. (How can you change a monitor driver when you can't see anything on the screen?) Disconnect, take it in, bring it back, reconnect....

Then came the second attempt to reload all the software. We finished loading everything, saving the anti-virus program for last in order not to slow down the installation process for the rest of the software. After loading the anti-virus software, the machine had to be re-booted for all the new stuff to take effect. The boot process stalled when Windows 98 tried to load. Arrrgghh!! Of course this was happening late on Saturday night, and my local friendly computer expert was not available for questions by phone. We decided to hang it up for the night and let the machine run through its Windows loading process overnight, hoping it would miraculously load and self-heal. Dream on!! Another day older and later with the newsletter.

Miracles do happen. I literally woke up in the middle of the night with a solution to the problem popping into my head. I went by Ed's Sunday morning to try out the idea. I won't bore you with the details, but we outsmarted the PC, Windows 98 and DOS. We had the machine up and

running within an hour. I then was able to get in touch with my local friendly computer expert, who agreed with my solution to the problem, and who also agreed that we should print the labels for the March *Eddy Line* quickly before anything else could happen to cause the saga to lengthen.

When I left, Ed was busily preparing to print the labels for an early week *Eddy Line* mailing party — most likely to take place without the benefit of Marcie's wonderful cookies. And I came home and immediately started to work on the April issue. Was it Steinbeck who said, "Adventure is agony in retrospect"?



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!!

October 2000

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Ryan Hoelker	Atlanta GA
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November 2000

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December 2000

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Conservation Corner

year, National River Cleanup Week encourages cleanups of local waterways and promotes the importance of keeping rivers and streams clean. More than 54,000 volunteers took part in the last cleanup, June 3-10, 2000. Civic clubs, businesses, paddle sports enthusiasts, fishing groups, outfitters and conservation groups join together across the country to organize and execute cleanups of their selected streams. This stimulates cleanups of blighted areas and helps communities focus attention on neglected waterways.

America Outdoors, the largest national association of outfitters and guides is the founder and national sponsor of National River Cleanup Week. American Rivers is a supporter of National River Cleanup Week.

Since the beginning of National River Cleanup Week in 1992, 326,735 volunteers have participated in 4,080 cleanups covering 80,458 miles of shoreline and waterways. Many groups report that their efforts are paying off with greater awareness and community support occurring on the local level.

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River Hazards

2/26/01. We caught the Lower Amicalola at 1.15 today. It was a nice run, even if it was bony. Boaters who like to run Rooster Tail on river right to catch the eddy for the surfing wave should look for a log at the bottom of the chute. The log sticks out 4 to 5 feet from the right bank. It is hard to see from the top because it's black color blends in with the rocks. We saw the log today before it knocked the wind out of us and had no trouble avoiding a collision. However, at higher water the log will be hidden near the surface or under the water and could break some ribs or noses.

The usual stuff was in the right and left routes of lap or split rock, what ever this rapid is called today. We also lost one manual open boat water pump today. If you find it, please call me and I will get it to the owner.

We also did some take out investigation and found a locked gate blocking the old Forest Service take-out road. We also found locked gates on all other roads that may lead to the Amicalola. We did find the main gate for the Wildlife Management Area open and that road stopped at the Etowah upstream of the Amicalola.

Happy boating, wish for rain, and be safe.

- Clay Noble

3/12/01. 200 to 300 yards from the 52 bridge put-in for the Cartecay there is a major strainer, around 6 trees cross the river. The best portage for us was on the left, and it is muddy, but there is a good put-in on the other side.

- Tony Colquitt



Falling rocks/objects
Weather
Swift/cold water
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Protection
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Unsafe Speed
Food/drink
Position
Improper procedure

Pleasing others
Schedule
Misperception
Disregarding instincts
Fatigue
Distraction
Miscommunication
New or unexpected situation

The writer, Laurence Gonzales, claims "accidents are almost never the result of a single, random catalyst; factors from all three categories must combine in a synergistic sequence to generate an accident.

While the writing is aimed at high-risk outdoor sports in general, notable paddlers are quoted with specific comments about white water. Charlie Walbridge, the legendary safety expert for American Whitewater, says, "strainers, undercut rocks, and sieves are the deadliest threats to white water paddlers." 1997-98 free style kayaking world champion Ken Whiting says, "Play boat kayaking and running creeks or big drops are entirely different sports... They require completely different sets of skills." Walbridge is again quoted saying, "Be frank about your ability level and leave a margin for error."

Several times I have decided not to run a river or a particular rapid, each time for reasons included in the chart above. I have been with a number of experienced paddlers who have made similar decisions. Hazards abound. If you begin to sense a creep of accumulating accident factors, one of those hazards may ruin your day, or worse, and it might be time to run the safe route, portage, or skip the trip altogether.

All quotes and information from: Laurence Gonzales, "The Science of Accidents, The Three Stages of Enlightenment, and the Fundamentals of Staying Alive," *Adventure*, pp 56-71, Jan/Feb 2000.

- From the newsletter of the Chota Canoe Club, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Accidents Don't Just Happen

by John Campbell

Allen Monsarrat of Chota ran across an article in the Jan / Feb issue of *Adventure Magazine* (published by National Geographic) about accidents in high-risk outdoor sports and the "enlightenment" you need to stay alive. Of particular interest was a chart called "Potential Causes of Accidents in Outdoor Pursuits." This chart was developed by Dan Meyer of Outward Bound, was first published in 1979, and was used at a conference which applied accident expertise from industry (railroads, mining, manufacturing) to the business of outdoor adventure. It consists of three categories and the implication is that accidents result from a cocktail of factors from each one. It is called "the Matrix" and is reprinted below:

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Early Season Paddling Problems

by John Curtioff

Well are you ready for all the stuff that's going to happen to you this spring? All the water that you will swallow? All of the swims that you will go through, all of the rocks that you will hit and all of the coldness that you will experience? These things are all parts of the sport we call boating — specifically, white water boating — but some of them happen on those windy lakes we paddle on from time to time as well.

Whether you are in a canoe or a kayak makes no difference. You will be in the water sometime, but how often you are there depends on your skill level, as well as the class of water you are paddling that day. In any event, swimming is part of the sport and it is to be expected. Some people think that if you aren't swimming periodically, you aren't working up to your potential. On the same note, if you swim ten times in a day, it doesn't necessarily mean you worked real hard and up to your potential that day. Maybe there were other factors you didn't look at that resulted in the many swims.

Let's look at some of the things that go into making a good day or a bad day on the river — how to give ourselves the best advantage while paddling and especially early in the season.

It's really unique, the best water often times comes

at the worst time of the year. If you aren't ready for it or you aren't a year-round paddler, then you may have problems with this great water.

One thing to remember is that while a lot of paddlers have an off season, most of them have a secondary activity to fall back on for their exercise and muscle development. Maybe it is your everyday job that keeps your body in shape during the off season. Maybe you have a membership at a health club or an athletic club to help you over the winter with your programs. Whatever the other sport or work you do, one of the best preventatives for early season problems is to stay in shape during your off season (if you have one).

There are many people who don't have an off season. Instead they paddle on a year-round basis. They are prepared to go out and have the proper equipment for any trip that comes along during the fall, winter or spring of the year. What these people have is what you need during the spring of the year, just after your off season.

Early season paddling problems are more complicated than you may think. In addition to the normal swim you will be taking, when the water temperature is not even 40 degrees yet, hypothermia becomes a real threat, and if untreated, can become very serious very quickly. When your face hits the frigid water, you have that involuntary gasp, and hopefully you won't be gasping in water from the river. You also have this cold to deal with

that hits any exposed part of your body. If you aren't properly dressed for the river, you could be in for a real long, tough day from that point on.

Properly dressed, incidentally, means having the insulating layer, the outer layer, as well as the inner layer of clothing and apparel to protect you from the effects of the cold. Just because the sun is warm doesn't mean that the water is warm. Under dressing because of a warm (50 degrees) day — and that feels warm after all the 20s and 30s all winter — is foolish. All the warm weather does is melt the snow and give you more run off — at about 35 degrees or so. Don't dress down because of a 50 degree day — remember that the water temperature may not even be close to 40 degrees yet.

Under the proper attire category, consider the following that should be worn on the river. Wearing a dry suit is best for the really cold days and the really cold water. And under that dry suit you need to make sure you are properly insulated, and not with cotton. A dry suit is a funny animal. It keeps all of the outside water out and it also keeps your perspiration in the suit (unless you've chosen the expensive Gortex version).

When wearing a dry suit, or any outside layer on a cold day for that matter, you should refrain from wearing any cotton. Damp or wet cotton does not insulate your body and will cool you down, possibly bringing on the first stages of hypothermia. On the same note, don't feel you must overdress under your dry suit. Remember, paddling will generate body heat and with the proper insulation layers, you should be relatively comfortable while on the river.

Next comes a wet suit, splash pants and a paddling jacket. Together, these make a good combination that will keep you relatively warm, but not completely dry on the river. Wet suits, splash pants and paddling jackets are designed to repel the water but not to keep you dry. Water will still enter into the suit but in limited amounts, depending on how tight fitting your apparel is.

The water that gets into the suit is warmed by your body heat and then then acts as a layer of insulation. Prolonged exposure with any of these three will result in a lowering of your body temperature, a.k.a. hypothermia. Under the wet suit you can still wear non-cotton insulating material to help keep your body warmer.

As the water and air temperature become warmer, maybe you want to graduate down to an insulation layer under the splash pants and paddling jacket alone. This is not a choice when the water temperature is under 50 degrees but is acceptable at water temperatures that are above that level.

None of the above items address your hands or feet.

Both of these can get very cold, and you don't have to take a swim for that to happen. Wearing booties and neoprene gloves or pogies are very good options when dealing with these appendages. Remember, they are the furthest from the core of your body and therefore receive the least heat. They tend to cool down the fastest, and your first symptom is numbness in that area. You need to remember that non-cotton insulating material for your socks and gloves liners is a great preventative in addition to the booties and neoprene gloves.

The last exposed area of your body is your face and head. Many a helmet contains foam that is excellent for insulating that part of your body. You can supplement that with a non-cotton liner. This might be fleece or another type of material, but in any event, it should be comfortable when worn under your helmet. There are thin neoprene face and head covering items sold, but they shouldn't be needed unless the conditions are really severe.

Now that you are prepared for the spring temperatures, what are you going to paddle? If you have an off season, remember that you aren't at the same skill level as when you left the sport last fall. Your skills have dropped a notch or two and you need to get back into the "groove" again. Pool sessions are excellent for this. So is a nice paddle on a lake, slow moving river, or just in a pond somewhere. Just getting out to practice your strokes, leans, braces, rolls, etc. — those things you would normally be doing on the river anyway.

Taking on too big a river too early in the season can provide more problems than you might want to have. Extra swims and not reacting to hazards on the river come to mind. You may just miss reacting in time to a downed tree or miss those tiny eddies that are often times found near a river hazard.

Since the water tends to be bigger in the spring of the year, the increased class of the water might be something you aren't really prepared for on your first one or two outings of the season. Take it easy rather than push yourself on the first trip or two. It gives you the edge on remaining safe during those trips and helps get you ready for the other trips later on.

Now, what happens next? You're out on the river, properly dressed, and not in the most aggressive water of the season. If you swim, you should remain relatively in good condition. What else should be a consideration then, you might ask. Well that's a real good question. The answer is simple. It is the group you are with on the river. Hopefully, you aren't by yourself. As a matter of fact, there should be at least three paddlers in the group. This way, if there is a major problem, one stays with the victim

ment you want.

Awards Banquet Dinner

An awards banquet will be held Saturday evening, May 5, at 6:30 PM on the deck at Nantahala Village, featuring a hamburger and hot dog cookout with a special dessert, presentation of awards to the winners of the slalom races, drawings for the raffle prizes, a silent auction, and musical entertainment.

Due to the size of the Nantahala Village deck, only 100 awards banquet dinner tickets are available. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and can be ordered on the racer registration form and on the Race Crew volunteer form. Dinner tickets may also be purchased at the door on an as-available basis for \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Raffle

The raffle will include a boat and other great prizes.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the March GCA Meeting, the Spring Extravaganza and the race. Raffle tickets are only \$1 each. With every five raffle tickets you purchase, you get one free raffle ticket for the special drawing for the boat.

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River Access

Georgia Power Hosted Tallulah Meeting

Summary of White Water Boating Review Meeting — February 14, 2001, by Georgia Power Representatives

On February 14, 2001, representatives of American Whitewater, Georgia Canoeing Association, Atlanta Whitewater Club and Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Historic Sites Division met at Tallulah Falls, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to review white water boating activities in Tallulah Gorge during the preceding three years and to determine whether any changes to the existing flow regime, as agreed upon by the above parties in a memorandum of agreement dated August 8, 1996, and made a part of the FERC license as Article 410, were necessary.

The meeting began with introductions of those present and the purpose and goal of the meeting was stated. A review of the Memorandum of Agreement regarding operation of the boating in Tallulah Gorge was reviewed along with Article 410 of the license that briefly modified and approved the Memorandum of Agreement.

There was a discussion of the development of the present flow regime and the number of permitted boaters that had been authorized to enter the river on release days. A review of the boater usage data for the previous three years was presented and a discussion of the conditions that may have affected the usage took place.

It was postulated that the permitting application process may not have reflected the true demand for boating on the river and that additional information could have been collected that would have indicated boater demand more directly. It was agreed by all that using the present formula for determining need there was no indication of a need to change the present flow regime.

A suggestion was made that a new formula should be considered that would be used to determine the need for adjustments to the flow regime based on average annual boater demand. A discussion of what actually defines boater demand took place.

A discussion of minor modifications to the present timing of access to the river took place with the idea of trying to get boaters on the river sooner during the release days. The purpose of the discussion was to try to accommodate a larger number of boaters without creating crowding on the water at the three (3) or four (4) bottleneck locations of the gorge.

There was an agreement to modify the present boater permitting system to try an open access system for boaters without applying for a permit. There was an agreement that this trial for a two year period would look at the number of boaters that could reasonably be accommodated without causing a negative impact on the gorge.

It was agreed that if a negative impact resulted from the open access, that a return to a boater permit system would occur, but a different formula for determining boater demand would be developed. A discussion of the development of a different formula indicated a need to include several factors to accurately measure demand.

Some of the factors identified for consideration were: 1) number of actual boaters allowed to boat during a given period; 2) the number of trips those boaters took during the period of record; 3) the number of boaters who came to boat but had to be turned away due to capacity limitations; 4) and those who applied for a permit to boat but were turned down due to capacity limitations.

It was suggested that once a new boater demand formula would be agreed upon, a new test period for the formula should be a three year period, as just completed, in order to determine a realistic annual boater demand number.

It was further agreed that, during the open access period, American Whitewater would conduct a boater survey at the take-out point in order to collect qualitative information on the experience with an unlimited number of boaters being allowed on the river. It was suggested to include a question regarding the boaters' satisfaction with the amount of flow released, and whether the boaters would prefer a lower flow, higher flow, all days of the same flow, or whether they preferred the existing regime. A survey form will be developed by AW and circulated to the participants of this meeting prior to its use.

Regarding future meetings to examine the operation of the boating flow releases through Tallulah Gorge, it was agreed that the parties would continue to meet at least twice annually to discuss pertinent issues. It was agreed to meet after the second weekend of releases in April, and after the third weekend in November. ✂

"It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts. Every man is tasked to make his life, even in its details, worthy of the contemplation of his most elevated and critical hour.

- Henry David Thoreau , "Where I Live."

Book Review

The Liquid Locomotive

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

The Liquid Locomotive - Legendary Whitewater River Stories. Edited by John Long. Falcon Publishing, Helena, Montana; 1999. 264 pages, some maps. \$14.95. Available through REI, NOC, Amazon.com.

The Liquid Locomotive - Legendary Whitewater River Stories is a collection of river stories taken from Outside, Sports Illustrated, Cowboys Are My Weakness, Class Five Chronicles, Paddler, and other more arcane sources. The editor, John Long, is best known as a rock climber (first one-day ascent of El Capitan), general adventurer (first land crossing of New Guinea), and author of short stories. He notes in the introduction that river running is one of the oldest human pursuits (most early explorers followed rivers). However, river exploration has evolved from using rivers as means of transport to the venue of modern river explorers, "super fit and stark-raving bold" who pursue the "sometimes lethal sport of seeing just how treacherous of water a person can possibly survive."

Several chapters include excerpts from classic first descents like John Wesley Powell's 1869 journal and Walt Blackadar's 1972 Sports Illustrated account of the first (solo) descent of the Alsek River. The book also includes accounts of more familiar rivers such as the Selway, Cheat, Kings, and Snake. Finally, there are some truly weird selections like William Nealy's account of Polio



Creek and Louise Teal's description of Lava Falls naked at night.

John Long has put together a collection of hilarious and grave stores that are expressions of freedom and the pursuit of experiences that make people feel alive in novel ways. He intends the book to convey

the sense of wonder and intensity the writers experienced while riding the "liquid locomotive."

The book includes five essays by John Bennett. Bennett is an editor for Paddler magazine, a frequent contributor to Canoe & Kayak and River magazines and has written a bunch of white water manuals and guidebooks (including Class Five Chronicles). Bennett's essays include a factual piece describing a 1987 descent of the Upper Kings River at 2,700 cfs (the most one can hope for in such circumstances is a tie); an interpretation of Bill Beer and John Daggetts' 1955 swim of the Grand Canyon, and; an interesting campfire rendition of Mike Blumm's inner tube descent of Wild Sheep Rapid in Hells Canyon (Can I Keep Your Oars?).

Bennett's last two essays transition to the truly weird. ("When the going gets tough, the weird turn pro.") Barnacle Bill in Burn River Gorge illustrates what happens when even the fight-or-flight response fails. Here one simply freezes and once we're "stuck to a thwart like a barnacle to a dock," no amount of cajoling or sweet talk can ease our grip. So, by the time our nerves relax and our senses return, another legend has been born. Here it happened just so to "Bill."

Finally, Bennett recounts Arnie's first trip guiding



Brian Postalwaite squirting Crystal Rapid in Hells Canyon. A chapter in the book describes tubing this rapid.

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.



Clink Rinehart doing the Sinks on Little River Canyon, Tennessee. Surely it illustrates one of the stories in the book.

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

Cataract Canyon. Arnie had gotten a job as a swamper (i.e., general gofer) for one of the raft companies and rode motorized pontoon boats for a month or so (garnering absolutely no practical experience). He took off for a short backpacking trip and returned in the midst of a guide strike.



Bwana in a minor rapid on the Grand Canyon.

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

The top two-thirds of the totem pole had been hacked off and Arnie was now a head boatman. A trip was heading out the next day. "You want to guide it?" asked the owner. "The river's still high. It's a real scream in there. But these folks really want an oar boat trip. You up to it?"

Well, s__t, what would any of us say? Of course he did it. And what would happen to any of us? "Snap!" An oar broke with a sickening pop. "Kaploosh!" The first set of waves exploded over the boat, nearly capsizing the raft. Paralyzed with fear, Arnie could do nothing..... I'm not going to spoil it. Arnie is now a legendary Grand Canyon guide.

It's tempting to outline a bunch of the chapters. But, I'm not going to. The book was really good, and to me the signature piece is Louise Teal's account, Lava Falls — At Night. Louise started working as a swamper in the Grand Canyon in 1972, started rowing the Canyon commercially in 1974, then worked as a Grand Canyon Ranger, and still floats it regularly.

The article has one piece of really deep wisdom that I had never really thought through. When Louise started she felt under great pressure (as many of us have) to improve rapidly, prove herself, and always have impeccable runs through rapids. But that isn't really the program. No one really cares about how technically good you are; the heroes are the guys with the wild-ass runs and great stories. Louise's wild-ass run was getting sucked into Lava Falls, alone, buck naked, in pitch blackness, riding in one unmanageable raft while fastened to another defiant one.

Get the book.



Video Review

Drill Time

by Carroll Viera

This 50-minute video by Performance Video and Instruction, Inc., is designed primarily for intermediate open boaters. A number of techniques for more efficient paddling are discussed and demonstrated by experts Wayne Dickert, Bob Foote and Kent Ford. These experts stress flat water drills, but the video includes many scenes where the paddlers apply the skills in white water.

The cornerstone of white water paddling, the experts insist, is how far and how fast a boater can move the boat forward. They demonstrate a technique for working on this skill by setting up a buoy and then, beginning from a dead stop, paddling over to the buoy without a veer.

Dickert, Foote and Ford offer other tips in their introduction. They recommend working on a vertical paddle shaft and a precisely timed stern pry, which they

consider the best correction stroke when properly executed.

Most of the remaining footage is organized into drills: carving, sculling, the shift, and surfing. Carving allows paddlers to eliminate unnecessary correction strokes and focus on power. Sculling, they believe, is the best drill for developing finesse. The shift moves the boat sideways on a parallel path without loss of momentum. Surfing can be improved by techniques like the shift or a torque of the lower body. Free style boater Karen Knight joins the other experts to demonstrate the use of free style canoeing (sometimes blindfolded) to improve form.

"Drill Time" is worth watching not only for its instructional value but also for beautiful river scenes in which the experts gracefully demonstrate their techniques. The instruction is detailed and clear and sometimes humorous. Advanced beginners with a good command of basic strokes will find many suggestions that are almost certain to lead improved paddling.

- From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter. 



Fightingtown Creek

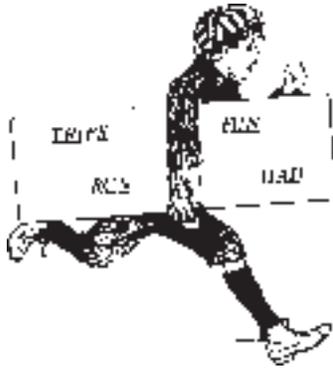
by Hank Baudet

Saturday, February 24.

This is a lesser-known creek, in the north Georgia mountains, and is a feeder stream to the Ocoee River. It is usually runnable only in the early spring or after a heavy summer thunderstorm. Fortunately we had enough rain during the last week to make the creek a nice run.

The temperature was a little cool and the skies overcast, but a good time was had by all who paddled the creek today!! We had an even mix of open boats and kayaks. In open boats were, Tom Martin, Tom Bishop, Edward Stockman, Denise Colquitt, Dan MacIntyre, Elise MacIntyre, Gabriella Schlidt and myself. The kayakers were Randy Smith, Luke Bradshaw, Paul Smith, Greg Spencer, Louis Reynolds, Tony Colquitt, and Bob St. Pierre, in a sit-on-top!!!

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed the creek and fellowship this day, and especially to Dan MacIntyre for



running sweep for the trip!! Also thanks to Louis Reynolds for keeping an eye on the kayaks!! Also a special and sincere thanks to Tony Colquitt for running shuttle for the whole trip. Hope Denise was not too hard on you for having to wait at the end!!

The overall trip was uneventful, but fun, with only a couple of folks trying out their dry suits, in the water!! There were plenty of small play spots and waves for the kayaks to surf, too!! I hope Elise was not too disappointed at not being able to eddy out behind the Volkswagen, which was in the creek since the flood of 1990!! (Was that really 11 years ago??) It is gone now, and only a fading memory!!!

Welcome to people who are new to the club and were on their first GCA trip. We hope you all had a good time and look forward to seeing you on some future trips with us this summer. Gabrella also reminded us during the shuttle that we still need some volunteers for the Southeasterns. Contact her (404.636.9339) for more information if you are interested!!!!

Again, I enjoyed coordinating the trip and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Fightingtown Creek is sometimes a good run in spring if we get some nice spring rains, so I'll let you know if we are going to paddle it again as we talked about on this trip!!

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May 5th - On Water Demo Day from 10 am till 4 pm at Shipp's RV Center and Campground I-75 & Ringgold Rd. (exit 1A). Come try out touring, recreational and white water boats from Dagger, Perception, Wave Sport, Wilderness Systems, Pyranha, Impex, Mad River and Old Town

July 7th - White Water Demo - Upper Ocoee. Come try out all the new play boats from Dagger, Perception, Wave Sport, Pyranha and newcomer Liquidlogic. We should also have a full line of Werner and Lotus products for you to check out.

Tallapoosa River Canoe Trip

by John Henderson

February 6, 2001. According to a December 1978 article in Brown's Guide to Georgia, the twelve mile canoe trip would take about three hours. Jaques Artley, experienced canoeist and less-experienced historian, uncovered this 23 year old article which encouraged him with descriptions of a Tallapoosa River canoe trip that read: "There are several wide gravel bars, an impressive bluff at Horseshoe Bend, rock precipices and scenic stuff everywhere." According to the Brown's Guide article, "...that bend in the river is loaded with Indian relics. You can pick up arrowheads, potteries, spear points, musket balls all over the place. Indians must have been there by the thousands."

Well, that's all we needed to plan another river trip. Armed with the 23 year old map that accompanied the article, we gathered canoe and gear, left our respective homes in Atlanta and met at a Barbecue cafe at 8 am in downtown Tallapoosa, Georgia. During breakfast, we talked with a dozen older men who had varying opinions about the river and our trip. The one thing they all agreed upon was - **our map was sadly out of date, bridges were out or added, the roads had changed and all**

CLASSIFIED ADS

TO PLACE AN AD - Want ads of a non-business nature are free to dues-paid GCA members. Business-related ads are \$5.00 for up to 50 words, \$10.00 for larger. Send your type-written ad to: Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30066, or email to gacano@mindspring.com. PLEASE, NO PHONED-IN OR HAND-WRITTEN ADS. All ads will be run for two issues unless otherwise requested.

FEMININE CHARM EARRINGS - Sterling Silver Kayak or Canoe Charms (1" long) dangle from a Sterling earwire. Earwire clasps behind for more security. Gift box included. Guaranteed to please, or your money back, so go ahead and call or fax me to order. See photos at: www.silverandgems.com. (Click on Earrings - Special - Kayak & Canoe.) \$22.50/pair + \$3.50 USPS Priority Shipping. Visa, MC, Discover, checks, money order. ALLYSON GERNANDT GEMSTONE JEWELRY, 240 N. Panther Branch Road, Bryson City NC, 28713. Phone: 828.488.1144. Fax: 828.488.1199. Email: ally@silverandgems.com.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Dagger Rival solo white water, great shape, purple, comes fully outfitted and ready to paddle, with thigh straps and air bags. \$550. Lu 850.494.2724. I can arrange to bring up to you next paddle I come up "north" for.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Prijon Rockitt, blue, \$250, 803.442.9944 or johnsteimke@prodigy.net.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Sparc. Excellent condition, green to blue fade. Great boat for small person. Would be ideal for the young/adolescent paddler. \$450 OBO. E-mail Kathy at jmoyer@icx.net or call 865.977.4511.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Piranha Innazone 230. 2000 Model. Excellent condition. Yellow and Orange. Used less than 20 times. Stored indoors. \$600. Ellijay, GA. Can show in Atlanta, Ocoee, or Ellijay. Mark Neisler superego@springmail.com, markn@classfivetechn.com, 678.454.1028.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, Dagger. White Water: Crossfire, spray skirt, paddle \$500. Animas, spray skirt, paddle \$750. Touring: Edisto, spray skirt, paddle \$800. Daniel Dillon daniel_dillon@bmc.com, 678.443.2458.

FOR SALE OR TRADE - Kayak, Dagger Red Line, blue with black and white swirls. Paddled 1 season. Sell for \$450 or trade for an RPM in equal or same shape. Contact Rick at 770.606.9511 or e-mail to IISpring@ga.prestige.net.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Riot Superstar in excellent condition for \$450.00. Call cotton @ 770.954.9609 or 770.620.6256.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Mr. Clean

good cond., fully outfitted and comes with Planetary Gear back band. E-mail riverpunk@aol.com or call @ 256.748.4213. \$450 obo.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Old Town Loon 160T. Granite color, few minor scrapes on keel. Great for family outings, can be fitted with 3rd seat for a child. Designed for tandem paddling, it can easily switch to a solo simply by sliding the bow seat back. High back folding seats with seat back adjustment straps. Good for flat water, class I and II. Great for long family day trips. \$675 or w/ trailer \$875. Paul 770.641.7504.

FOR SALE - Sit-upon kayak, Perception Synchro. The Synchro is a tandem sit-upon kayak that is extremely stable, unsinkable and easy to paddle. It is fast, requires minimal effort to paddle and is self-bailing. It is very versatile and it is found on rivers and lakes, but its primary design is for ocean cruising. It has two internal sealed storage areas and a rear deck for carrying a dive tank or small ice chest. This is a versatile, safe and fun machine. Two custom seat supports included with kayak, paddles available if needed. Will arrange for a test paddle if desired. \$585, Chuck 770.971.0779.

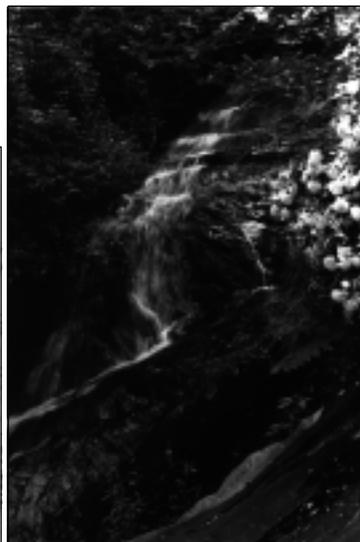
FOR SALE - Rafts, commercial grade: Riken and Momentum Rafts. Chattahoochee Canoe and Raft Rental is releasing its entire rental fleet of 23 rafts for sale. The rafts are high quality, commercial grade 4-, 6-, 8-man Hypalon Riken and Momentums. This is the good stuff; the Rikens have 840 denier nylon on the floors and tubes. Our wholesale prices for these rafts were: 4-Man \$1,183, 6-Man \$1,507, 8-Man \$1,679. Sale prices for our rafts are: 4-Man \$625 - \$850, 6-Man \$650 - \$1,130, 8-Man \$650 - \$1,200. Prices reflect wear and condition. Carlisle paddles and Mae West life jackets are also available at \$25 for 2 paddles and 2 life jackets. A complete list of available rafts and individual pricing can be sent by fax on your request. Package price for the entire fleet is available upon request. For information please contact Chuck Gregory at 770.971.0779 (home) or 404.656.6539 (day).

HELP WANTED - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message.

LOST - Canoe paddle. I left my Werner yellow shaft 60" canoe paddle at the Paces Mill take-out on January 14th at about 4:30 p.m. I can be reached at 770.466.7538 (h) or 770.469.2198 (w), or email judydstacy@mindspring.com. Thank you very much. Stacy Patterson.

WANTED - Canoe, Mad River Outrage. Call Rick @ 404.298.4261.

FOR SALE - House and land - by owner. Secluded mountain home near Franklin, NC - cascading waterfall, beautiful mountain creek, swimming pond (great for roll practice, too!), meadows, garden, gorgeous mountain views are just a few of the natural features of this 20-acre property. Spacious owner-built cypress home with over 3000 sq. ft. of living space - 17 ft. cathedral ceilings in great room, darkroom, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, office, greenhouse, separate workshop, many skylights and windows - surrounded by 140 land-trust acres. Proximity to many mountain rivers make this a paddler's dream - 2-1/2 hours from Atlanta, 30 minutes from Nantahala Outdoor Center. Call 828.524.2611 for more details.



CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

Clinics will be taught by ACA-certified instructors and qualified assistants. In order to provide individual attention, the maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. Space is limited.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BEGINNING FLAT/MOVING WATER:

For people who have never had a boat on moving water or want to improve their skills in a basic course. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, safety, self-rescues. Full day Sunday session on moving water river. No white water.

BEGINNING WHITE WATER:

For people who have never had a boat on moving water. Three-hour evening classroom session with videos and lectures covering equipment, safety, river features and paddling techniques for tandem and solo boaters. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER:

Same course as above, but designed for youths ages 16 and under.

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER:

Participants should have had recent beginner level instruction or 5 days of white water experience. Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER:

Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, wish to master the roll in rapids (kayaks), and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flat water roll and a 50% reliable combat roll in class II rapids. Saturday morning lake session working on strokes and rolls (kayaks) and an afternoon session on the Nantahala working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

GCA MEMBERSHIP:

All participants must be current GCA members. To join the GCA, call the GCA at 770.421.9729 or go to the GCA web

page www.georgiacanoe.org for a membership application. Dues are \$25 per year.

REGISTRATION:

Call the coordinator of the clinic you want to take for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives a check for \$50.00 per person payable to GCA. Call early, clinics fill quickly.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

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

GCA INSTRUCTION

SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER 2001

Canoe

Coordinator: Marvyn Cole
770-475-3022

Flat/Moving Water Canoe

- + Beginner Family (children welcome)
June 30, July 1
- + Beginner
July 28, 29
- + Canoe Camping Clinic
Lindsay Meeks (404-872-5211)
April 22 (1/2 day free clinic followed by lake
paddle)

White Water Canoe

- + Beginner
June 12 (evening), June 16, 17
- + Trained Beginner
June 2, 3
June 23, 24
- + Intermediate
May 19, 20
July 14, 15

Ducky/Sit-On-Top

Coordinator: Gina Johnson
770-971-1542

- + June 9 (\$25)

Safety

Coordinator: Gina Johnson
770-971-1542

- + Wilderness 1st Aid/CPR
March 17
- + River Safety (1st Three Minutes)
2-day July TBA

Sea Kayak

Coordinator: Steve Cramer
706-208-8382

- + May 26, 27 (call for class fees)
Charleston, SC
- + Skills Clinic (call for class fees)
1-Day July TBA (local)

White Water Kayak

Coordinator: Knox Worde
770-475-3022

- + Beginner
June 19 (evening), 23, 24
August TBA
- + Trained Beginner
June 2, 3
August TBA
- + Intermediate
July 14, 15

Registration: to register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing 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 until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for \$50.00 per person. Call early because the clinics fill quickly.

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FRIDAY EVENING:

**Free Trip Coordinating Mini-Clinic — 7:00 p.m. at the gazebo by the lake
Friday Night at the Movies — 8:30 p.m. at the club house — Bring your favorite
video to share
Gear Swap — 7:00-8:00 p.m. —Bring previously used items to sell or trade**

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BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Meet at Club House at 8:30 a.m. to organize trips
Rivers (water level permitting): Ocoee, Nantahala, Cartecey, Toccoa, Amicalola,
Tuckasegee, Chestatee, Etowah and Upper Chattahoochee
Dagger Rep will be at River Right Outfitters for Demo**

**For further information, contact:
Denice Colquitt 770.854.6636 or email neicec@aol.com**

GCA Southeastern Championships, May 5-6, 2001
Sign up for the Race Crew, Order Awards Banquet Dinner Tickets

See the Race article elsewhere in *The Eddy Line* for additional information.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

I volunteer to be part of the RACE CREW in one or more of the following areas:

(Check ALL areas that you would be willing to work in):

_____ Race Headquarters set up (Thursday and Friday). Pitch the tents, hang the banners.

_____ Race Course set up (Thursday and Friday). Get the slalom gates set just right.

_____ Slalom Race Gate Judging (Saturday). Did the racer make the gate? Touch a pole?

_____ Slalom Race Timing (Saturday). Can you keep four stop watches running at once?

_____ Wildwater Race Timing (Sunday morning). You only have to operate one stop watch.

_____ Slalom Race Scoring (Saturday). Can you talk and write at the same time?

_____ Slalom Race Safety (Saturday). Good aim with a throw rope is a plus.

_____ Wildwater Race Safety (Sunday morning). Paddle with the Wildwater crowd.

_____ Hospitality (Saturday). Serving breakfast, lunch and the Awards Banquet Dinner.

_____ Hospitality (Sunday morning). Serving just breakfast and lunch.

_____ Race Course and Race Headquarters take down (Sunday morning). Take it all down.

All Race Crew members are encouraged to attend the:

AWARDS BANQUET DINNER, Saturday, May 5, 6:30 PM, Nantahala Village Deck. Cookout featuring Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, All the Fixin's, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Tea or Coffee.

Cheer as the Race Winners receive their medals. Listen for your name in the Raffle Drawing.

Number of Adult Dinners: _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of Children 12 and under: _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for Awards Banquet Dinner = \$ _____

Please specify the number of above dinners to be veggie burgers: _____

Dinner Tickets ordered here can be picked up at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday, May 5.

Due to seating capacity, the Awards Banquet Dinner is limited to 100 persons. Dinner Tickets can be purchased at the door on an as-available basis for \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children.

Mail this form and your check (payable to GCA) for the Awards Banquet Dinner to:

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