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WINTER PADDLING

by Mark Holmberg
Eddy Line Editor

Streams and rivers throughout the southeast have been running consistently during late November and December, which is a welcome change compared to dry weather of late summer and early fall. We all hope the rain continues through January, February, and beyond. However, winter paddling requires proper apparel to ward off hypothermia. A rule of thumb is if the sum of the air and water temperature is less than 120, hypothermia is possible. Always dress for a swim and follow the guidelines below:

- A drysuit is the best choice for cold weather along with plenty of insulation to keep you warm while paddling and gain you extra time if you become immersed into the water. It will help trap body heat and reduces evaporative heat loss.
- Wear a life vest. It will keep you afloat and helps keep your head above water.
- Wear a neoprene hat worn under your helmet. It will help keep you warm by reducing heat loss from your head.
- Wear neoprene gloves or pogies to help keep hands warm and allowing for a firm grip on your paddle.
- Warm socks and neoprene boots will keep your

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toes toasty.

- Carry a throw rope to help rescue those having an out of boat experience.
- Also bring extra clothing, equipment, a thermos of hot chocolate or soup, first aid, emergency kit, and a way to start a fire.

Of course, the best choice for winter paddling is to head for warmer climates such as South Georgia or Florida. The trip schedule lists two January weekend trips to Florida, and a February trip to the Valdosta area. Marie Short will lead a trip in March on the Altamaha River.

Regardless of where you choose to paddle, dress for the conditions. Be safe and, above all, have fun.

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FAMILY FRINDLY 3-DAY PADDLE & CAMPOUT—ALTAMAHA RIVER TO COAST, MARCH 23-25, 2012

by Marie Short



The Altamaha River is a little known paradise for paddling, bird watching & camping. Photographers, artists, & nature-lovers enjoy the abundance of this pristine waterway. As we explore we will blaze a trail of new awareness thru firsthand experience. Join us as GCA heads to the coast of GA for our March 2012 campout and paddle trip. March 23, 24 & 25, 2012. We will be heading to Darien, GA, to explore the Altamaha River and it's tributaries, the fishing village of Darien, and those that stay, can explore the coastal islands, too.

We are working with the GA Conservancy, (<http://www.georgiaconservancy.org>), Altamaha Riverkeeper (<http://www.altamahariverkeeper.org>), and Danny at Altamaha Coastal Tours (<http://www.altamaha.com>) to make sure we have a fantastic time and explore all of the best, local spots. We will be base camping on the banks of the Altamaha River (<http://www.glynncounty.org/index.aspx?NID=1036>). RV and tent sites with bathhouses and riverside sites available.

Friday, March 23, 2012 - For those who arrive early on Friday, March 23, a trip will be available that afternoon on Cathead Creek. Cathead Creek drains part of Buffalo Swamp and was used by rice growers during the 18th

and 19th centuries. The abandoned rice fields and irrigation canals are now overgrown with freshwater vegetation and teem with wildlife. There are miles of waterways and canoe trails. Canoes and kayaks are appropriate.

Saturday, March 24, 2012 - Altamaha River - Approx. 10 miles - Canoes and Kayaks. On this day we will put-in at Williamsburg Landing (Upper Sansavilla) on the lower Altamaha, Georgia's mightiest river. The first leg will take us through bottomland hardwoods and cypress swamps. We will pass Lower Sansavilla Bluff and Ft. Barrington, where we'll explore the Tupelo forest of Barrington Lake. We will then stop at a sandbar adjacent to a bluff, with a beautiful view of the river, for lunch. We will then proceed down river to Altamaha Regional Park, our take-out, with an optional side trip up one of the many sloughs along the way.

We will have a group dinner and presentation on Saturday night. We will probably go to a local restaurant overlooking the river. However, we are also considering a group cookout. Firm plans to follow.

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Altamaha Delta - Approx. 6 miles - Kayak appropriate. On this day we will start at Darien's historic waterfront past the picturesque shrimp fleet. We will head south across the delta through General's Cut, dug in 1808 to shorten the water route to St. Simons Island. We will then take Butler River past Rhett's Island to the main part of the Altamaha River. From there we will cross over to Wood's Cut along Broughton Island to view an eagle's nest and stretch our legs on a sandbar before our journey back. This trip will require paddling with and, a times, against the tide. There will be opportunities to cut the trip short for some who might not be able to continue. If conditions are good canoes would be appropriate for this trip.



COLUMBUS WHITWWATER

by Joey Robinson

The new mecca for big volume whitewater in the southeast is coming to Columbus Ga. As many of you know, there is construction taking place on the Chattahoochee riverbed in Columbus, GA to break down dams that have stood in place for over a hundred years and restore the river back to its natural state. Presently below the first dam to be taken down resides some amazing freestyle kayaking features. Some of the features include a six foot tall standing green wave perfect for throwing blunts, spins, and roundhouses, as well as a four foot tall standing foam pile great for loops, cartwheels, and more. The Ocoee, and the Nantahala rivers release around 1200cfs during a normal day. The Chattahoochee at Columbus whitewater run typically releases between 8000-12000cfs when generating. This is up to ten times as much water as the Ocoee on a good day. Some of the features created by this large volume allow for up to four boaters to surf side by side on one standing green wave. The rapids that I have mentioned all reside in a one hundred and fifty yard stretch of river just below the Eagle & Phoenix dam. This dam is the southern most dam in a series of four dams (two above water level and two residing under the surface) to be deconstructed over a two and a half mile stretch of river. When completed there will be a whitewater river that will be fun to paddle at levels from 800cfs all the way up to over 12000cfs. Even though construction has already begun the river is not anticipated to be completed until sometime in 2013. With that said we hope to have runnable sections of river by summer 2012. If you are looking to fire up some high volume water and surf some waves that are bigger than you are used to, come check us out in Columbus, GA.

As the year progresses we will try and keep you up-to-date on the progression of the course. If you have any questions or need some beta on the river call Outside World in Columbus at 706-322-4200 or e-mail us at: Columbus@theoutsideworld.net

If you don't have the appropriate boat, Altamaha Coastal Tours will provide kayaks, \$20 a day, tandems \$40 a day, and canoes \$30 a day. First come first serve, call for reservations. Shuttle service is also available, rates will vary. Trips subject to change.

Annual GA Canoeing Association (GCA) membership is the price of this trip (\$35.00). Go to www.gapaddle.com to join.

If you plan to attend, please email me (Marie S.) at mail4marieshort@bellsouth.net or call 404-202-9546 and leave a message.

YOU are financially responsible for your camping reservations, providing your own equipment, meals and transportation to Darien, GA. Reservations can be made after 1/1/12.

For more information, watch episode 1904 at <http://www.gpb.org/georgia-outdoors>.





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CHATTOOGA SECTION IV, 7/9/2001 & 8/7/2011 TRIP REPORTS

by Roger Nott

We enjoyed two wonderful trips on Georgia's beautiful Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. On both trips we had fine weather, great boating, and congenial crews. On the first we got more excitement than we wanted.

On 7/9/2011 we had 1.61' on the USGS Hwy. 76 gauge and our crew were David Asbell, Brian Benn, Alex Edl, Jim Gurley, Don Kinser, Hank Klausman, Jeff Lankford, Bill Lykos, and Tom Miller in kayaks; Chuck Wilburn & Priscilla Dixey in an inflatable C-2; and Kevin McInturff and I in OC-1's. We all enjoyed clean runs except at Crack, where most of us portaged due to its grabby hole. Bill ran the center chute, flipped, took a hard lick on the side of his fortunately very effective helmet, but rolled back up, only a little dazed. Tom and Alex enjoyed strong first runs of Section IV.

On 8/7/2011 we had a low but passable 1.27'. Kevin McInturff in his OC-1 and Priscilla Dixey and I in my Buffalo paddled OC-2 from Hwy. 76. Also kayakers Tom Miller and Brandon Hammer, a TSRA guest from Nashville making his first run of Section IV, registered for our GCA trip, met us at Hwy. 76, but decided to put in at Woodall. They paddled with a large group of "swim trippers" led by George Hedrick and Chad Spangler. We met them exploring the subterranean water caves at Seven Foot Falls and paddled and swam together with them for most of the rest of the trip. The temperature reached the low 90's, and we all spent as much time swimming as we did paddling. We had great fun swimming through the sink hole at Raven Chute and jumping off tall river left boulders, each about a hundred yards downstream of Seven Foot and of Shoulderbone. We also scaled the high mid river boulder just below Deliverance Rock to enjoy and photograph spectacular views of the river from Stekoa Creek to Raven Rock.

On both trips we played a great deal and lunched under Long Creek Falls. Some of Kevin's pictures of our 8-7-2011 trip were printed in *The Eddy Line* for Nov./Dec. 2011.

On 7/9/2011 we split up into two groups and met at lunch and at Five Falls. Kayakers Brent Coleman and Mark Neisler, who did not register for our trip and were on a separate permit, paddled with our first group of six kayakers. Brent was having a good day till he flipped running Jawbone and had a scary swim at Hydroelectric Rock. I was on a high boulder just upstream of Hydro showing Alex and Tom the rapid below Parking Lot Eddy and had a bird's eye view of the frightening incident.

Brent exited Parking Lot Eddy high into the main chute but on its far left side. He flipped left in the hydraulic at the bottom of the chute's left side seam and missed two roll attempts in the turbulence. As he was setting up for a third attempt the river right tip of his kayak struck Hydro. Brent quickly wet-exited upstream of his kayak, which was sucked under rock and pinned.

I was terrified that Brent would also be sucked into the ten-foot tunnel under Hydroelectric Rock and not wash through safely. Though most paddlers sucked under Hydro have washed through safely, debris such as deadwood and throw ropes sometimes gets caught under the rock and could snag swimmers sucked into the tunnel.

In the late 1970's I paddled with a large kayaker who hit Hydro, flipped, was sucked into the tunnel. He washed through safely, still in his large volume kayak. A few years earlier 1969 GCA President Claude Terry had famously had the same experience. For most of the 1980's and 1990's a large root ball was lodged in the tunnel's entrance. It seemed to keep boats but not swimmers from washing under the rock. Since it washed free at least ten years ago boats have again been sucked under the rock.

Rod Baird was pinned in his kayak under Hydro in 2003. His companions acted quickly and heroically. Within a few minutes they were able to push the boat with Rod still in it the rest of the way through the tunnel. They then quickly recovered his unconscious body and saved his life with timely CPR and medical follow-up. Milt Aitken witnessed that rescue. His write-



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up and a discussion of that incident can be found at <http://boatertalk.com/forum/BoaterTalk/420465/> .

Immediately after Brent wet-exited a safety boater stationed on river left just upstream of Hydro hit his back with a rope bag, but Brent did not seem to see it. Even if Brent knew of this rope, he may have been smart to ignore it. Had he grabbed the bag and its rope had not been fully extended, he would have certainly been sucked under Hydro as he held it. Instead he used his free hands to claw his way right and upstream along the face of the rock and safely self-rescued.

His kayak was pinned completely underwater on the right side of the tunnel's entrance. David Asbell and Jeff Lankford were in the river right eddy upstream of Hydro when Brent flipped. David paddled to right of the pinned boat but could not reach it. He exited his own boat, which Jeff ferried to the right shore and quickly returned to support David. David then swim underwater and with an heroic effort was able to tie a rope to its stern grab loop.. The shore crew was then able to pull Brent's undamaged boat to the right bank, to which Jeff also safely ferried David.

We never found Brent's paddle, but he was able to paddle out with a borrowed breakdown. Though we all got quite a fright, we were buoyed by the incident's safe outcome and thus enjoyed the remainder of the trip all the more. Most of us dined together that evening at La Pachanga in Clayton. Brent camped that night with friends near the river and reported that they had a fine trip on Section IV the following day but could not find his carbon fiber Werner paddle.



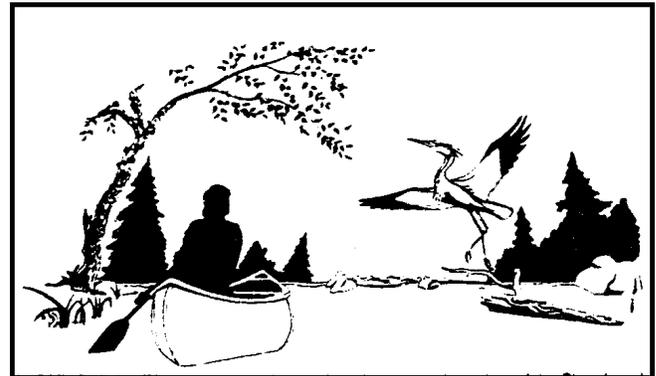
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Website: Information about GCA, forms (including membership application and GCA waiver form), a link to the GCA Store and links to *Eddy Line* advertisers are all at <http://www.gapaddle.com>.



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LOCOST FORK OF THE BLACK WARRIOR RIVER & LITTLE RIVER CANYON TRIP REPORTS

by Jay Davis

So, I had been wanting to do the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River for quite a while, at least 2 years! I live less about 15 minutes from Alabama, so it's whitewater has always intrigued me, plus that river just has a cool name. Cheryl and Rich had made friends with a couple of cool Alabama boater chicks and they were showing them down, so I promptly and rudely invited myself along for the trip! Saturday, December 10, was very nippy, we had a 10-15 mph breeze with highs in the mid 40's. Brrrrr. When you get to the "LFoftheWR" put in, stay to the left on the downstream side of the bridges, evidently the land owner to the right (upstream) is not a friend of kayakers.

Cheryl was in an awful big hurry to test out her drysuit pretty much as soon as we pulled out of the eddy. We bounced down a couple of class II's, and were warned about house rock, a big undercut, though, very easy to miss. I enjoyed this river, it felt a little bit exotic to me, the geology was unlike any river in Georgia. Large cliff formations appeared regularly as did small stair step waterfalls. You could tell the Summer level for this river was much, much lower from the amount of trees that grew here and there in the riverbed, though none were placed in very hazardous ways. We came up on Double Trouble, and did some bank scouting. Jesse and Jill, being too cool for class 2/3 school read and run so we got to watch their lines. Nick, as well as some of our new found Bama friends showed us how to swim the rapid. I did not like where Nick was swimming toward, but he made it out okay. Rich, Cheryl, and Nick decided to follow Jesse and Jill's diagonal right to left line through the big wave hole right in front of the large undercut with wood hanging all over it. Rich, just showing off, decided that rolling right in front of the undercut would impress all the Bama boaters and show them what us GA boys were made of. I decided that running way to the left of the first big under cut made a whole lot more sense to me. These two undercuts were fairly consequential looking to me, though the rapid itself had a very Nantahala feel as did many of the rapids on the run, with lots of fun wave trains. I referred to the river several times as "Nantahala with consequences". The consequences referring mostly to the undercuts in a couple of the rapids. We passed under a reallllly long covered bridge that looked rickety, but the cooler for it. We made it to Powell falls and stopped rather precariously on the small rock outcrop in

between the two fall channels. The river right channel could be described as "Stegall Mills/Blackberry Falls on Steroids" with a decent hole at the bottom. The other side was a tad more vertical. I'd say this rapid, along with double trouble were both class III rapids, with all the others being class II/II+, but that's just my personal assessment.

We came around the last bend staring at this huge cliff called "Scirum Bluff", it looked like something from the Northern Japanese coastline, beautiful. Right past that was "Ender Hole" a really fun, fun surfing spot. The take out was a little uphill, but not too bad at all. Plus, there is a pretty little waterfall on the creek right there.

I thought this was a fun little river. A good Nanty style run. We ran it at over 4 ft., maybe, 4.2 to 4.6 somewhere in there (1200-1600 cfs? I don't remember) It seemed higher than most of the photos on AW.

Hallie and Terra were nice enough to invite all 6 of our GCA delegation to sleep at their place in Albertville. They fixed us hot chilli, which we ate while watching hot kayaker porn. Jesse watched Fred Norquist slide down this rock mid waterfall, and I swear, the next day on LRC, he was trying to do that on every rock in sight.

The next morning, December 11, we ate all the bacon, eggs, and coffee Wafflehouse had, and then we drove to LRC. We got there very early, and then after running shuttle ended up waiting till nearly 2 GA time for the rest of the group to run Upper 2 and catch up with us. Jesse, Jill, Nick and I got antsy and were ready to paddle. We had all done LRC before except for Nick and I was the weakest paddler, so the 4 of us split off and headed downriver. Eddy Hop seemed a little pushier at 750cfs than 630 cfs, I ended up having to jerk my hand out of the pogie and push off the last little bit of that undercut rock. I won't elaborate too much on how gorgeous LRC is, I've talked about it before, and you just need to see for yourself..... We made good time to Bottleneck.....

.....This was the big moment of truth for me.....

Jill and I watch Jesse and Nick run bottleneck. Jesse made his "as usual" flawless run. Nick had the usual big grin on his face, till he hit hole at the bottom of the drop and it ended his creek boat. But he rolled up, with a bigger



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grin, especially since he had a couple of swims the day before.

Jill asked me several times if I was gonna run it. I mumbled something nearly like "I dunno" several times, while I tried to walk on wobbly legs. Part of the reason I came on this trip was because I walked Bottleneck the previous weekend and I felt like I really needed to run it. But, standing in the eddy, I was a tad more hesitant. In fact, terrified would not be an exaggeration.... I told Jill to wait a second while I just stood there staring into space. I knew if I ran it, I would need some moral support. Also, I knew Jesse and Nick would get tired of waiting on me to haul my boat over all those boulders and tree roots.....

So, I decided, I was tired of always being a coward. I had the skill. I had a decent roll, I needed to believe in myself. I honestly felt that I would rather die right there on that rapid than not take the risk of believing in myself at least this once.... So I got in my boat, took a couple of very deep, slow breaths and put on my nose clips and we peeled out through the first little notch right against the scary little undercut. Then we had to ferry out through some strong current right in front of a big sieve, very scary and serious to me. The we hit the main drop, my line was pretty decent, I was just on the very edge of the lip, so I hit the drop with my nose pointed toward the river right side, knowing I would soon get kicked hard to the left. Once in the drop, it was just big clouds of aerated water billowing up all around me as I got tossed around. My thoughts at this particular point were something like "raarf braagh, graack" in other words, it was just my reptilian brain operating at that time. I ran it clean, in the relief of finding the bottom, I released a flurry of pressure ventilating cuss words that are still bouncing around the canyon. I really have to thank Jill for helping me out back there, when I really, really needed it. Our little 4 boat pod seemed to loosen way up after that and we got pretty playful for an LRC paddle, stopping to surf at several spots, though my shoulder wasn't up for much. I waited around for Rich and Cheryl to hear how their run in the LRC went, and I stuck around to help some people run shuttle, I figured it was time to pay back some river karma, even though I came dragging in very late. I was sore and wore out, my head filled with good memories, the perfect kayaker's weekend.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Hallie and Tara in particular and to all the other Alabama boaters we met, they were a nice, friendly, welcoming bunch.

GCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

by Francheska Thompson
GCA Secretary

November 3, 2011

Attendees:

Chuck Armentrout
Cheryl Beverly
Rich Beverly
Jay Davis
Sam Galloway
William Gatling
Allen Hedden
Terry Irrgang
Todd McGinnis
Lamar Phillips
Francheska Thompson
Rick Thompson
Kate Wilkerson
Mike Winchester

Call to Order: William Gatling, President

➤ Recreation Chair

- William Gatling introduced the new Recreation Chair: Cheryl and Rich Beverly and brought up the Christmas Party at Garden Hills Community Center on December 7th.
- The Garden Hills Community Center has been booked from 6 pm - 10 pm.
- Party hours will be from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm.
- GCA will provide cups, plates, napkins, utensils, and soft drinks.
- Lamar Phillips agreed to bring the turkey breast and pork loin similar to last year.
- Cheryl agreed to begin advertising on the website, list serve, and Facebook; and obtaining RSVPs.
- Mike Winchester inquired if a social meeting had been scheduled for the first of the year. William indicated one had not been scheduled yet.

➤ Training Chair: Mike Winchester

- Mike is working towards getting more people involved.
- Mike thanked Jay Davis for stepping up and leading the Ocoee Lite trip.
- William Gatling noted that he would like to see the club heading in the direction of having more whitewater trips.

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TRIP SCHEDULE

January

01/01	Tellico River	Advanced	Rick Thompson	678-907-1378
01/13 - 01/16	MLK Weekend ~ FL Panhandle Area Near Pensacola	Everyone	Lamar Phillips	404-229-2939
01/13 - 01/16	GCA Manatee Paddle ~ Crystal River, Florida	Everyone	Jennifer Payne	manateepaddle@gmail.com
01/16	Little River Canyon ~ Chairlift Section	Intermediate	Dane White	256-435-3827

February

02/02	Groundhog Day Etowah Tunnel	Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	vincent.payne9354@gmail.com
02/18	Town Creek	Intermediate	Dane White	256-435-3827
02/18	President's Day Weekend ~ Alapaha River, Valdosta, GA	Everyone	TBA	

March

03/10	South Sauty	Advanced	Dane White	256-435-3827
03/15	Chattahoochee ~ Metro Section	Beginner	TBA	
03/22	Chattahoochee ~ Metro Section	Beginner	TBA	
03/23	Altamaha River-Family Friendly Paddle/ Camping ~ Darien, GA	Everyone	Marie Short	mail4marieshort@bellsouth.net
03/29	Chattahoochee ~ Metro Section	Beginner	TBA	

Check the calendar on the GCA website at <http://www.gapaddle.com> for additional trips, social events, safety classes,

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call Cruisemaster Shirley Tharp at 706-814-0207!

KEY TO GCA SKILL LEVELS

Flat Water - no current will be encountered; safe for new paddlers.

Beginner - mild current, occasional Class 1 ripples; new paddlers can learn basic river techniques.

Trained Beginner - moving water with Class 1-2 rapids; basic strokes and bracing skills needed.

Intermediate - rapids up to Class 3; eddying and ferrying skills needed; kayakers need solid roll.

Advanced - rapids up to Class 4; excellent boat control and self-rescue skills required.

Signing Up: Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Most trip coordinators will move a trip to an alternate venue if the water levels and conditions for a particular trip are not favorable. 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 for those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what was learned in the clinic and expanding skill levels.

Canoe Camping Trips are multi-day trips, generally on flat or mild water, with at least one night of camping. For details on a scheduled trip, call the trip coordinator. To arrange a trip, call Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call Cruisemaster William Gatling at 770.529.7103. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flatwater to Class 5 whitewater. 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). Boating is prohibited above the Highway 28 bridge. Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

Roll Practice: see gapaddle.com for information



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- Mike asked Francheska Thompson to lead a Girl's Paddle, and she agreed.
- William Gatling asked Mike for training dates. Mike stated that he would like to wait to set the dates until they get closer out of respect to the instructors.
- William Gatling moved to accept the October meeting minutes, and Lamar Phillips seconded. The October meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- Mike Winchester raised the issue of publicly posting the approved meeting minutes
 - General consensus was reached that the approved meeting minutes and financial report be included in the Eddy Line.
- President: William Gatling
 - William noted that he would like to start a member's only section on the website using a program called Mighty Membership that is compatible with the website. He asked everyone to look into Mighty Membership at [Might Extensions.com](http://MightExtensions.com).
- Raffle
 - Todd McGinnis reported that Lamar Phillips gave him \$195 from the Ocmulgee paddle bringing the total proceeds to \$615.
- Membership Services: Kate Wilkerson
 - Kate reported she had a full set of volunteers for the Tallulah River Release, and that she would be providing refreshments for the paddlers and volunteers.
 - Kate indicated she would be renewing the Paddle America Insurance with American Canoe Association.
 - Kate noted that Pauline Thynne would be coordinating the 2012 Roll Practices and that they would be running January – April at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Resource Development Chair: Vacant
- River Protection Chair
 - Lamar Phillips stated that he had received correspondence regarding a portion of the Ocmulgee River being designated a wild and scenic river.

- Todd McGinnis questioned what was the procedure for club trip waivers.
 - William Gatling responded that the trip leader was to keep them, and that Dan MacIntyre was having a meeting on December 3rd to discuss club procedures.
- Chuck Armentrout mentioned that he was starting a local chapter of Team River Runner and that he would like GCA to become involved. He will have more information next month.
- Next board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 1st.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

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Submissions/Advertising: All submissions and advertising should be sent to *The Eddy Line*, at: the_eddyline@yahoo.com.

Deadline: The deadline for all submissions, classified ads and commercial ads is the 15th of the previous month (e.g. August 15 for the September/October issue).



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WINTER ROLL PRACTICE

Indoor heated pool roll practice sessions will be held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Warren/Holyfield Boys and Girls Club (map) on the following Monday evenings in 2012:

January 9, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 27 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 9, 16, 23, 30

Note: Roll practice will not be held on January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), February 20 (President's Day), nor April 2 (Spring Break)

The Warren/Holyfield Boys and Girls Club operates on the same holiday/inclement weather schedule as the Fulton County Public School System. So, if schools are closed due to winter road conditions, roll practice will not be held. The Warren/Holyfield Boys and Girls Club's address is 790 Berne St. It is located at the corner of Berne and Marion Streets near Grant Park.

Directions: (map) Exit I-20 at the Boulevard/Grant Park/Cyclorama exit. Go south about 1/2 mile to Berne Street and turn left. Go another 1/2 mile and you'll see the facility, a large brick building on the left. Turn left on Marion Street.

The pool entrance is in the back. Enter via the gate at the far end of the building to unload boats.

Kayaks and canoes must be cleaned before entering the pool. Use the hose provided near the pool entrance.

This is a great opportunity to learn to roll, practice your roll, work on your off side roll, teach a fellow paddler to roll, or work on other techniques such as wet exits, hand rolls, deep water reentries, etc.

Insurance will be provided by the American Canoe Association (ACA), and an ACA membership is required. If you are a current ACA member, please be prepared to provide your current ACA membership number, and there will not be an additional insurance fee for indoor roll practice.

Participants may purchase an ACA membership during roll practice sessions. The ACA has several membership options.

(A) GCA members can get a discounted ACA membership for \$30 for an annual individual membership, or \$40 for an annual family membership. Just mention that GCA is a "Paddle America Club".

(B) Non-GCA members can get an ACA membership for \$40 for an annual individual membership, or \$60 for an annual family membership.

(C) The ACA offers a one-time six month introductory membership for \$15 if you have not taken advantage of an introductory membership previously.

(D) Participants may purchase an ACA event membership for \$5 for each pool session.

The GCA will collect pool costs to defray pool rental expenses. Current GCA members will need to pay \$6 per session and non-GCA members will be asked to pay \$9 per session. GCA annual memberships are available for \$35 for either individual or family memberships.

The ACA waiver only needs to be completed once per year, except for those opting for the event membership, which requires an ACA waiver for each event. The standard short form waiver for the GCA events will be used each week. All attendees need to sign the GCA waiver at every roll practice session.

Essentially, you must have an ACA membership to be insured and to participate. A GCA membership is not required, but for most of us, it keeps our costs favorable and gets you a discount off the regular ACA membership. Non-GCA members are absolutely welcome. Cash or checks will be accepted.

U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFDs are required while in the pool. Helmets and shoes are encouraged.

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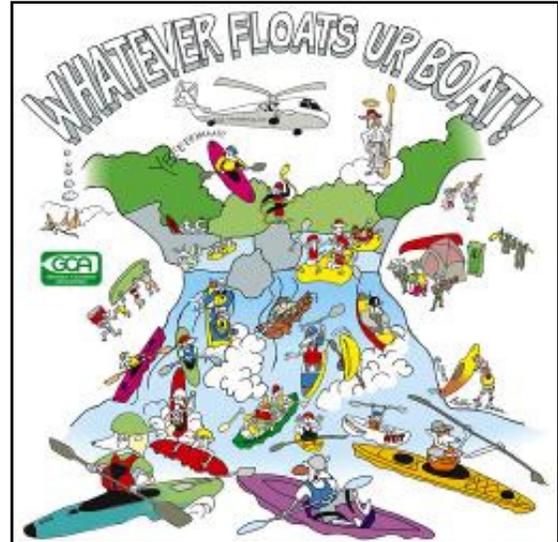
MORGAN COUNTY ROLL PRACTICE

The Morgan County Recreation Department in Madison, GA is starting roll practice again on Wednesday night from 6:30PM to 8:00PM at the Morgan County Aquatics Center. Admission is \$6 per person. Guidance for those needing assistance will be available. The Morgan County Aquatics Center is located at 1151 East Ave, Madison, GA 30650.

The Morgan Count Aquatics Center is great place to work on that roll. Last year the crowds were are small and the pool is warm and I expect the same this year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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GCA is a member-operated paddling club with over 800 family and corporate memberships comprising more than 2000 Individuals. Canoeists and Kayakers of all ages and paddling abilities are equally welcome. Some of our mutual interests include whitewater river running, creeking and playboating, river and lake touring, sea kayaking, paddle camp outs and competition and racing activities. We espouse conservation, environmental and river access issues as well as boating safety and skills development. Group paddling, training and social activities of all kinds are conducted throughout the year thanks to the volunteer efforts of our many members and friends. Membership is NOT limited to Georgia residents.