

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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THIS IS IT!!! DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

NANTAHALA RACE - JULY 7-8, 1973

YOU'LL COME!!!!!!!!!!!!

August Newsletter Deadline - July 18, 1973.

Get'm in early 'cause the Editor is going on vacation!! Mail items to:

Mrs. Nancy Collins
867 Lynwood Ct.
Forest Park, GA 30050

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The GCA wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Dick Grinnell on his sudden death from a heart attack. Dick and his wife, Mary Ann, have been active members and provided much enthusiasm on the trips they attended. Few tandem canoe teams have exceeded their overall skill. We of the GCA who knew Dick feel a deep loss.

FROM THE CRUISE MASTERS

S. O. S!. As your Cruise Masters spend the greater part of their spare time three weeks per month making phone calls to find leaders and then to remind them to send in reports to the Newsletter, won't you help them out by taking a look at the tentative schedule for August--the Nantahala, Hiawasse, Chattooga, and Chattahoochee? If you know you'll be taking one of these trips, how about volunteering to be a leader? One phone call from you could save the C-M's hours. Then if you should write up your report immediately so that it can be typed up before deadline time, you would be doing your Editor as well as your C-M's a tremendous favor.

Since the club trips are planned in such broad fashion early in the year, they may not be meeting your preferences or fitting in with anticipated river levels if it continues to be a wet year. With your cooperation in volunteering as leaders, the Closes would be free to act as a "clearing house" for unscheduled trips on intermediate rivers or for family floats on fairly nearby rivers. So, for information on possible, unscheduled Saturday or Sunday runs, call them at 373-3945.

One more item: Remember to leave home with a full tank of gas, especially if you're taking a Sunday trip; and out on the road, don't let your gauge run too low if the current gasoline crisis continues.

NACOOCHEE SECTION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER - July 14, 1973

This is a Class I section of the river, but the current may be swift. Consequently, only canoists with a little skill and experience in the basic strokes should register for this trip. (Because of the heavy rain, unskilled canoists have had some bad luck here earlier this year.) Time on the water runs about three hours, including a lunch stop. Therefore, bring sandwiches as well as the required gear.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, on Ga. 75 just north of its intersection (toward Helen) with Ga. 17. The shuttle will be arranged there. From the Druid Hills Road exit on I-85 in Atlanta, it takes about two hours (80 miles) to drive to the above intersection, using U. S. 129 to Cleveland, and then taking Ga. 75.

Failure to preregister will be considered a discourtesy, and may result in inability to be included in the shuttle. So, please preregister and secure any additional information from Tom Masterson - (404) 636-5194. ✓

UPPER CHATTACHOOCHEE - July 15, 1973

For information as to class of rapids, length of trip, where to meet and when, please call the leader, John Simmons - 373-2387.

CHATTOOGA RIVER - SECTION III - July 21, 1973

For information as to class of rapids, length of trip, where to meet and when, please call the leader, Rod Edelman - 284-4046. *will call back*

FAMILY FLOAT--MORGAN FALLS - PERIMETER ROAD - HIGHWAY 41--Saturday, July 21

Flat water, with a few ripples, plus a steady current from Morgan Falls to the Perimeter Road is a section of the Chattahoochee that is ideal for a family float or for practicing soloing. The leaders will also arrange for a bit of coaching to novices whether or not they have had previous training. Those wishing to avoid the few Class I rapids below the Perimeter Road may take out at the new facility which has been provided at the Perimeter Road by the Fulton County Recreation Department. Just make your wishes known when you pre-register so that proper shuttle arrangements will be made.

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the riverside parking area at Morgan Falls. (Consult a good city map). Bring lunch, drinking water, rain gear, suntan oil (to be prepared for anything) and life jackets.

Pre-register by Thursday, July 20, with Co-leader, Polly Heyward: 237-4503

IMPORTANT: It is necessary that you pre-register to be included in the shuttle.

CHATTOOGA RIVER - SECTION IV - July 22, 1973

For information as to class of rapids, length of trip, where to meet and when, please call the leader, Clyde Woolsey - 261-1180.

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SECTION II of the CHATTOOGA - Sunday, July 22

At "Press Time," it had not been possible to secure a leader for this run. Some of the families of those who run Section 4 on this date, however, might be planning to run Section 2, and with a little detective work on your part, you could join with them.

NACOOCHEE STATION SECTION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE, Saturday, July 28

A scenic river good for beginners though not recommended for novices in tandem. Fast-running, but easy-to-manuever, water with numerous whitewater runs.

Meet at 10 a.m. at Nacoochee Station on Highway 75 above Cleveland and a little below Helen, Georgia. The station is opposite the Indian burial mound topped by a gazebo. We may continue through the Smith Island run if there is enough interest. Otherwise, takeout will be on Highway 255 above that run.

Bring a lunch, life preservers, rain gear and dry clothes. Co-leaders: Anna Belle and Bill Close and Jim and Mary Ahlberg. Register with Ahlbergs by July 26th - 252-7748.

TOCCOA RIVER - AN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN BOYS' CLUB TREAT - Sunday, July 29

The Broad River trip in April featuring the Atlanta Metropolitan Boys' Club was such a success, it has been decided that the GCA would provide another day on the river for these boys. Claude Grizzard can provide 8 canoes. Eight GCA members are needed to run stern in these canoes for 8 boys. Claude can also provide "all the little boys imaginable" for other members of the club willing to take a youngster aboard their own canoes. The boys seem to take to canoeing as tadpoles take to water, so if you can handle a canoe competently, please volunteer - either with your canoe or to run one of Claude's.

The Toccoa River runs northward into Tennessee. The Georgia section which we will run is a favorite of many. Its clear waters romp through cool hemlock forests bordered by rhododendron-covered banks and then dally past sun-drenched fields only to be reclaimed again by the forest. Although it is a docile stream most of the way, two sets of rapids which it would not be feasible to portage require good control over your canoe and the ability to read the water instantly. All participants must be able to swim, and, in general there should be one strong expert per canoe. A choice may be made as to run the entire trip or to take out mid-way. There is a third "fun spot" at the bottom of the second section which is a Class II to III rapid, depending on water level. But it is optional as to whether you take out above or below this rapid.

We plan to be ON the river by 11 a.m. To expedite the shuttle, we will discuss time and place to meet (depending on your knowledge of the area) and the length of run you wish to take when you sign up for the trip.

Pre-register with the Closes by Thursday, July 26; EARLIER, PLEASE, if you are volunteering to share nature's world with a city-bound youngster. Call 373-3945.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL

The Executive Committee of the Georgia Canoeing Association met Monday, April 23, 1973. The first item of discussion was club safety code for the membership and another for trip leaders. The GCA has a total of \$1840.16 and by April 20 we had 188 old members renew and 94 new members added to our rolls. John Krickel has done an excellent job in assembling three complete first aid kits for use on GCA trips. They will be located at Bill Crowley's in Stone Mountain, at Forrest Cole's in Smyrna, and at Clyde Woolsey's in College Park. Trip leaders should pick up the nearest kit before each trip. The Committee voted to contribute \$100 to the support of the American Rivers Conservation Council. All members are urged to help in any way possible at the upcoming GCA sponsored Nantahala Race.

CHATTOOGA RIVER REPORT, SECTION III - May 27, 1973 - Richard Winger

Sunday the 27th was a beautiful day on the Chattooga with a mass of rhododendron in bloom. This, despite a constant rain, sometimes an absolute deluge, fog and a sea of mud at Earl's Ford. The river was at 1.3 at U. S. 76 at put in time.

Of the five solo canoes (Dave Garrity, Bill Heath, Dale Bergen, David Schwab, and myself), one tandem (Jim Fletcher and Brownyn Fowlkes) and two kayak's (Craig Lyerla and Zac Bergen) all the boat's except the kayaks and one canoe were run through Bull Sluice with three successes and two wipe outs. Incidentally, several fiberglass canoes from other parties were run through Bull Sluice, two being badly damaged. One game couple from Chattanooga ran every ledge and made several spectacular wipe outs including Bull Sluice.

Our party was of ideal size and evenly matched ability which made for an outstanding trip. We were also lucky enough to get off the river just before a severe hail storm.

TRAINING SESSION FILM CLIPS WANTED

If you have Super-8 movies which graphically depict what or what not to do on the river which you would be willing to donate to the club, please contact Bill Close or Claude Terry. Over a period of a very few years, enough material could probably be assembled to splice together a valuable visual aid for training sessions. Top grade slides might also be a useful adjunct.

FOR SALE - Downriver C-2. Lettman Whitewater Spezial. Almost new - \$250. See Hugh Caldwell at Nantahala Race (after race) or at Camp Merrie-Woode, Sapphire, NC 38774

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REPORT ON FLINT RIVER TRIP - Sunday, June 3 - Dan Griffis

Although the turnout of club members was small (four canoes), I believe everyone enjoyed our six hours on the river.

Along with the four club canoes, which included Bill and Debbie Heath; Eileen Lange, daughter, and Jim Morrison; Jack Stout and two friends from Augusta; and my wife and myself; were several concerned Thomaston citizens of whom one was our guide, Tommy Colquitt. Along our route Tommy pointed out various interesting landmarks. We paddled past long, burned-out bridges dating back to the Civil War, unusual rock formations, and even an Indian cave. Tommy also filled us in on the progress of the Flint's proposed dam. Fortunately, the Corps of Engineers have moved on to other sites of "progress"; however, the local lobby is still working hard for the dam's erection. Anyone wishing to express their distaste should contact:

Leon Smith
Thomaston Publishing Co.
308 Howell St.
Thomaston, Ga.

Mr. Smith is leading the local efforts to establish the dam.

I'd like to express thanks to Tommy and his father, Carlton Colquitt, for making our trip both enjoyable and informative.

NANTAHALA RIVER - June 9, 1973 - Bronwyn Fowlkes

The day was threatening rain, but several hardy souls appeared on the Nantahala for one more practice run before the races. The rain stayed away, and everyone did well. There were two other whitewater groups on the river and some individual rafters. The trip was started promptly and left time for a second run where everyone changed partners and the babysitters were able to canoe. Those attending were: Bill Crowley, Craig Lyerla, Jack Weems and son, Scott Price, Dale Bergen, Jim and Mary Fletcher, John and Susie Hemlinger, Carter Fowlkes and Polly Heyward, and Buffy Burks and Mark Warren (guests).

ETOWAH RIVER - Sunday, June 10, 1973 - Bronwyn Fowlkes

Due to the distance of the Tuckasegee River from Atlanta, the Etowah River near Dahlonega was chosen as an alternate. There were nine boats, and we had a beautiful day. The trip was fun, and everyone had a good time. Those canoeing were Bill and Anna Belle Close, Raymond Smallwood and Tony Monica, Hale Sanders and Maureen Maloney, Tom Hamby, Ron Johnson, Gary and Sharon Snook, Don and Mary Robinson (guests), Mark Warren (guest), and Bronwyn Fowlkes and Buffy Burks (guest).

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NANTAHALA RACE HONORS RAY EATON

Because of his unparalleled contributions to white water canoeing and to water safety, the GCA is dedicating the Fifth Annual Nantahala Race to Ramone S. Eaton, lifetime honorary member of GCA and recently retired Senior Vice President of the American Red Cross.

"More than any other person, he deserves full credit for the tremendous growth in whitewater sports in this country in recent decades," writes Harold Leich, one of the great paddlers of a generation ago.

Ray Eaton was exploring new rivers and introducing them to countless others over forty years ago, especially through the summer camps in North Carolina to which he has given generously of his time and talents. So far as is known, he was the first to explore the North Fork (site of Petersburg Race), the Toxaway and Keowee (both now dammed), the Cocapon, the Pigeon, Oconaluftee, Raven's Fork, and many others. He was the first to lead camp trips down the Little Tennessee and the Chattooga. It would be impossible to determine the extent of Ray's contributions to the canoeing programs at many camps. "He is the best man in an open canoe I have ever seen--or ever expect to see," said a longtime canoeing instructor at one of the camps Ray often visited.

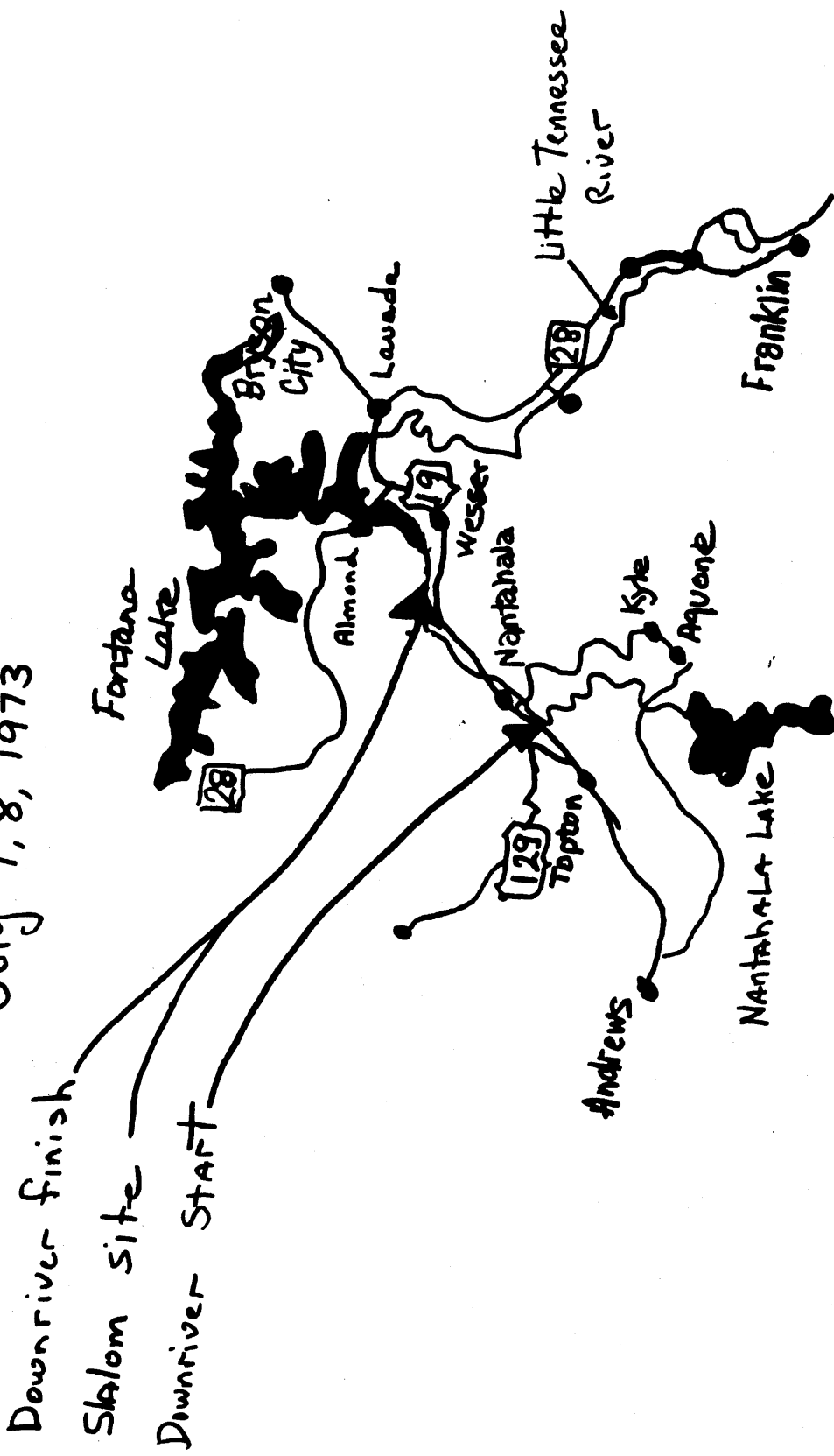
His canoeing companions in the early years were most often Hal Leich and Charlie Smoot. Later he was joined by Randy Carter and others. "Ray taught me most of what I know about white water," says Randy, and this statement could probably be echoed by hundreds of others.

Less well-known is the fact that Ray has done more to promote water safety than any other person in our country's history. He took pride that his own leadership record was accident-free, and his rare quality of judgement as to what should be run and what should not be run affected all those who had the good fortune to enjoy his fellowship and wise counsel.

The Nantahala has always been Ray's favorite river, and years before there was even a race at Petersburg, he often spoke of what a splendid race course the Nantahala would make. In the mid-sixties, he began organizing Fourth of July expeditions to the Nantahala composed of the best paddlers from the East and Mid-Atlantic areas. This was a prelude to the present Nantahala Race. Ray was helpful to the GCA in its infancy and especially in getting the first race in 1969 organized.

For all of these reasons, but in particular, because of his long advocacy of a race on the Nantahala and because of his practical assistance to the GCA in establishing the annual Nantahala Race, it is particularly fitting that this year's race be dedicated to Ray Eaton, "The Great White Father of White Waters".

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1973 Races dedicated to Ray Eaton

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