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September Newsletter Deadline - August 20, 1973

Thanks again everybody for being so prompt this month. Made it a lot easier for the editor to get ready for vacation. Also don't forget to volunteer for any trips you feel you can lead with Bill and Anna Belle Close. They really are doing a bang-up job (along with Clyde on the rougher rivers) in getting leaders and I know it's not always easy.



Mail items for September to:

Mrs. Nancy Collins
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NANTAHALA RIVER - August 4-5, 1973

Saturday - Nantahala River. A beautiful hemlock-filled river gorge with swift water and lots of action. The drop is 250 feet over 8 miles, producing Class III rapids. For club members who have not run this stream, it does require experience, but one can take out at almost any point as Highway 19 parallels the river. Extra flotation is recommended for open canoes.

Register with Margaret Tucker - Work, 526-4538 or Home, 355-6207.

Sunday - Optional. We will run Nantahala again if water is available. Consult with group after Saturday trip. Camping at Lost Mine Saturday night.

HIWASSEE RIVER, Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 1973

Camping areas are nearby so that you can use this entire weekend to practice for the forthcoming Labor Day Races. It will afford the opportunity, as well, to enjoy the magnificent Tennessee bluffs towering above the river - something you don't have time to do when racing.

Register with Mary and Jim Ahlberg at 252-7748 by Thursday night, August 9.

CHATTOOGA RIVER - SECTION III - August 18, 1973

We will meet at the US-76 Bridge. For information as to the class of rapids, length of trip, and when to meet call Richard Winger - 255-2394.

CHATTOOGA RIVER - SECTION IV - August 19, 1973

For information as to class of rapids, length of trip, where to meet and when, please call the leader, Hugh Hilliard, Jr., 636-9042 or 288-7848.

ETOWAH RIVER - CLASS II - August 19, 1973

Approximate running time: four hours (including lunch and swimming at the waterfall).

Meet at the entrance to Blackburn State Park on state road 9E at 9:30 a.m. This is an ideal training river for canoeists who wish to step up to the next harder river after the Nacoochee stretch of the Chattahoochee; some whitewater experience is required. If the water is low, we may have to pull our canoes through the shoals.

Trip leader: John Krickel - telephone - 633-6962. Please register.

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE - Saturday, August 25, 1973

This is a very scenic stretch of the Chattahoochee offering several Class III rapids for excitement and challenge. The run can be made in about 3½ hours; however, warm summer weather may entice us to linger at several rapids for swimming or tubing.

Bring lunch and life-jacket and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Ga. 255 bridge and the river.

If you plan to join us, please register with Jan Albitz at 469-8848.

ETOWAH - Sunday, August 26 - AN ALTRUISTIC TRIP

Due to an unforeseen conflict which arose, the plans to take the Atlanta Metropolitan Boys Club on the July 29th trip had to be postponed. We will take as many boys on this trip as we have paddlers to sign-up for the charitable task. Please register extra early and indicate whether you will supply a canoe or run one of the canoes provided by the Metro Boys' sponsors.

Register with Bill and Anna Belle Close by Monday, August 20 - 373-3945.

UNSCHEDULED TRIPS - ????????????

For information on unscheduled Saturday or Sunday runs (either getting up a trip or wanting to go on one), call the Cruise Masters - Bill and Anna Belle Close: 373-3945.

REPORT ON NANTAHALA TRIP - May 30, 1973- Dale Bergen

We had a good group for this trip comprising five open canoes, five kayaks, one pyrama and one raft. Persons attending were John and Lizzie Helminger, Carter and Bronwyn Fowlkes, Jim and Mary Fletcher, Hank Klausman and son David, Paul and Delores Wiens, John Krickel and daughter, Martha, Henry Clark, Polly Heyward, Buffy Burkes (guest), and the writer with daughter, Gwen, and son, Zack.

The weather turned out to be fine and we had a lot of company on the river that day. Carter Fowlkes and Polly Heyward were involved in an exciting wipe-out above Nantahala Falls, pinning their open canoe against a rock. Thanks to a superhuman effort by Carter, Jim Fletcher and John Helminger, the canoe was extracted from the river, quite bent, but still serviceable. Hank Klausman and his son, David had the misfortune to rip open their Pyrama midway through the trip and had to take out. About three other open canoes were to be seen under the river wedged against rocks during the course of the day. One of these was right in the middle of Nantahala Falls and could not be removed until the water had been turned off.

CHATTOOGA RIVER REPORT - Section II - June 24, 1973 - Brian Schott

It was a beautiful day to be on the river. There were six canoes and three kayaks in our group. The water was high, so the trip was faster than usual, even with some novices along, and the rapids were easier to run. There were no mishaps at all, and everyone had a good time.

Incidentally, Earl's Ford was crowded with people and horses, making it not an attractive waiting-place for families or baby-sitters.

NACCOCHEE SECTION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER - July 14, 1973 - Tom Masterson

It was an overcast but beautiful day. Owing to some good advance work by Bill and Anna Belle Close, we were able to use a nice private beach for our putting-in. The water level was high, the current moderately fast, so we had a fine run, lasting--with luncⁿ--about 3½ hours.

In kayaks were Ross Wilson and Bill Cass. In canoes were Bill and Anna Belle Close, Bill and Miles Tuthill, Joe Carini and Marsha Smith, Eileen Lange and daughter, with Maureen Maloney. Hale Sanders soloed, Dave Garrity brought his son Colin, Dick Butterworth and Ruth Skaggs, John Simmons and Rebecca McQueen, DeWitt Smith and his brother, Tim, and Tom Masterson with partner Glenn Bourgeois, also made the run.

A threesome, not members of the Association, also put in the river with us. One of them, Charles Lyons, called me to report the loss of a watch on the run downriver. He asked that if any member of our group found the watch, to call him, please, at 926-2930.

We all owe a vote of thanks to Anna Belle Close for her advance work in securing permission to use private property during our run.

NOTE FROM 360 CANOE CLUB

The 360 Canoe Club is sponsoring a fun weekend at the Fall Creek Recreation Area (see announcement on another page) on Percy Priest Lake. The date is August 11 and 12. We thought this would be a neat thing to do at a time when most of the rivers are dry.

Included in the two days of recreation is canoe contests, good food, and getting to know each other. (See detailed description on another page.)

In order for all of your members to receive this information, please publish this in your next Newsletter. If anyone is interested or plans to attend, please reply to: Frank Bargatze, 706 Lillard Road, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130.

HELP!! HELP!!

The American Whitewater Affiliation who publishes the fine journal, American Whitewater Journal needs more American Whitewater member/subscribers. The voluntary unpaid help that's required to produce American Whitewater and to process subscriptions, back issue orders, and information requests is decreasing, and the journal work load is increasing. Therefore, they have a goal of 4,000 subscribers this year so they can pay help, and perhaps, publish more often than every three months.

Phyllis and Bill Crowley have the subscription cards and will gladly mail you a card if you would like to become a member, or you can write directly to:

AMERICAN WHITEWATER
Box 1584
San Bruno, Calif. 94066

The cost is only \$3.50 a year, and the magazine is great with a lot of exciting paddling stories and a wealth of whitewater information.

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, 255 to Duncan Bridge, July 15 - by John Simmons

Our flotilla consisted of 5 open tandem, 5 open solo, and 7 decked boats. The paddlers were Jan and Marvin Albitz & family, Dale Bergen & family, Bill and Joan Webb & family, Bill and Debbie Heath, John Krickle and friend, Bernice, George Sanrock and friend, Joe Carini and friend, Jack Schmidt, and myself and Becki McQueen.

The severity of the great flood of last spring was portrayed by debris deposited in tree limbs at least 10 feet above the normal water level; many bushes and trees were flattened against the bank. Several sandbars had shifted since last year, including the lunch spot below Buck Shoals which is substantially reduced in width.

Fourteen hours of rain preceding our trip gave us an abnormal water level. The 3 foot ledge had a powerful hydraulic, but was easily run even by tandem boats, down the rock slide on its west side. One empty kayak was caught in the hydraulic for several minutes before being ejected, and an open solo boat narrowly avoided the same fate. The possible consequences (however remote) of this sort of calamity has prompted me to buy my own 70' throwing line, to be carried on all future trips.

We were cruising at a leisurely pace, enjoying the sunshine and warm weather and sparkling rapids, pausing here and there to play and swim. I believe everyone enjoyed the trip. This stretch of river offered excellent training for the beginner, whetting his appetite for whitewater, and teaching valuable lessons. The experienced paddler was free of many frustrations of the beginner, and could enjoy a relaxing cruise on familiar challenging water.

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STONES RIVER CANOE RENDEZVOUS

AUGUST 11 and 12, 1973

FALL CREEK RECREATION AREA ON
PERCY PRIEST LAKE

DIRECTIONS: South from the I-40 and U.S.231 Interchange at Lebanon.
Go 9.4 miles to Fall Creek Sign, turn right and follow signs.
North from Murfreesboro on U.S. 231. Go 10 miles to
Walter hill, turn left on Old Jefferson Pike to Barrett's store ,
turn right and follow signs.

CAMPGROUND DESCRIPTION : Paved roads with pullouts, no tables, no
electricity, "JOHNNY on the SPOT", sufficient firewood and
driftwood (No CUTTING), we hope to provide a water tank (will
let you know at a later date), we also hope to have con-
sessions (still being discussed with Core of Engineers)

BASIC RULES : Age Groups: Junior 12-15 yrs.
Adults 16 and up.

LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN THE WATER

EVENTS :

1. Charles River Race-- 500 yds, solo, one gunwale must remain within 5 inches of the water at all times.
2. Double Canoe Across Canoe Rescue---Both teams will start with 2 swamped boats and 4 paddles and 4 people in the water, the first team to perform a double canoe across rescue and gets both boats to shore, wins.
3. Solo Canoe Portage Race--- The canoe must be commercially made brand, any form yoke can be made, the race will start with the canoes lined up on the ground beside the contestant, the first bow to cross the finish line, wins.
4. Tandem Canoe Race -- Same rules as above applies.
5. 500 Yd. Backward Tandem Canoe Race
6. 500 Yd. Tandem Paddleless Race
7. 500 Yd. Solo Standing Race
8. 500 Yd. Standing Tandem Canoe Race
9. 100 Yd. Moose Race- solo contestant standing on gunwales and propelling the boat by jumping up and down.
10. 500 Yd. Swamped Canoe Race-- 1 Boat, 2 paddles, 2 people will line up in the water, the first team to cross the line riding in their boat with or without water, wins.
11. 2200 Yd. Relay Race- 4 boats, 8 people, in the bottom of the boat is a brick which must be in the boat at end of race.
12. 2200 Yd. 4- Man Canoe Race ---The boat will be lined up 100 yds. from the water, the men must be 100 yds. in back of them. The first team to pick up their boat, circle the buoy and return to shore wins.

