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LOCUST FORK RACE

Slalom and downriver races were held as scheduled on the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River in Alabama the weekend of April 6-7. This regional race has become one of the most enjoyable weekends of the year for canoeists and race enthusiasts in the Southeast. Almost everyone who attended will agree that this is one of the best organized races in the country. Carter Martin, Ron Coe and the other members of the North Alabama River Runners Association are to be highly commended for the wonderful job they do in organizing such a successful race and enjoyable weekend. Thanks should also go this year to the members of the Birmingham Canoe Club who served as gate judges for the slalom and assisted in other race duties.

As usual the Georgia Canoeing Association was well represented, with several GCA members finishing at the top of their class. Georgia paddlers bringing home the honors were:

SLALOM

Jan Albitz, 1st in k-1 W  
Hugh Hilliard, 1st in k-1 Jr.  
Cleve Tedford, 1st in C-1

WILDWATER

Ken Strickland, 1st in k-1 cruising  
Mark Warren, 2nd in k-1 cruising  
Dianna Shelander, 1st in k-1 W  
Hugh Hilliard, 1st in k-1 Jr.  
Cleve Tedford, 2nd in C-1

CLASS S-1

M. E. Albitz, 1st

### MAY MEETING

The May 3 meeting as scheduled on the green sheet will be held in conjunction with the training session. Come and brush up on river reading, safety, and other basic canoeing information. Bring your slides and movies. Those of you registering for the entire training session, bring \$5.00. Instruction will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Chattahoochee, Willeo Road, Roswell.

### SKI CLUB OUTDOOR SHOW

On April 10 the Atlanta Ski Club held an Outdoor Recreation Show in the ballroom of the Sheraton-Olympic Inn. Approximately 20 exhibitors including the Georgia Canoeing Association displayed their brand of outdoor recreation and equipment to several hundred Ski Club members and guests. Those of us who participated felt that the show was well organized and successful and hope to see it continued as an annual Ski Club event. Cleve Tedford, Bill Crowley, Tom Lines, and Ron Johnson were on hand to show movies, explain the activities of the GCA, and sign up new members.

### GREEN RIVER RACES

The 1974 Green River Races will be held May 25 and 26 near Saluda, N. C. Slalom races will be run Saturday p.m.; downriver races will be run Sunday p.m. For more information and an application, call Tom Lines at 233-9545.

### NANTHALA RACE

Interested in helping with the '74 races? Please come to a meeting on Thursday, May 16, at Camp Chattahoochee at 7:30 p.m. We will teach you how to judge gates, read watches, and other important duties. Please come; your help is needed. Committee chairmen--please arrive about 7 p.m.--Tom Lines

### RED CROSS BASIC CANOEING INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE

The course will be held at Camp Chattahoochee on May 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Instructor trainers will be Jim Tompkins and John Martindale. To register you must be at least 17 years old and have a basic certificate or a strong background in canoeing. For information about registration and the necessary equipment, call 874-1601, ext. 219, Safety Programs. The class is limited to 15.

### DONATIONS FOR RED CROSS

The Athens Chapter of the American Red Cross is trying to obtain canoe and kayak equipment for its canoe training program. If you have any equipment that you would like to donate (boats, paddles, lifejackets, etc.), please contact John Hunsucker in Athens, office--404/542-4540 or home--404/549-2599 or Bob Goeke on the river or Maureen Maloney in Atlanta, office--875-7021 or home--427-1049. The Red Cross will issue generous receipts for tax purposes.

## TRIP REPORTS

### NACOOCHEE SECTION---MARCH 16

The morning started cold, drizzly and with threatening clouds overhead, but 100% of the expected registrants showed up, which may be something of a record. A miscommunication, however, lengthened the shuttle time, and the waiting group was looking forward to the exercise when we finally started downriver.

A word to the wise then to leaders: Brief your group about the shuttle as well as the river; and to those in the motorcade: Keep the fellow in front and the one in back in sight just as you do on the river.

We had trouble at the island. A cross current caught a number of canoeists, and it pinned a kayak in some debris which stabbed the kayaker as he wriggled out of his boat. The sun peeked out as we approached the lunch site and off came a few shirts and jackets immediately. But not for long, as the sun stayed out only briefly. By the time we started off, rain suits were being donned once more.

There was one upset, but rescue was prompt; and in retrospect the dunking was accepted in good spirits. Not the greatest weather, but the river was at a good speed with a spot or two of heavy water. Taking the trip with leaders Anna Belle and Bill Close were: Stephen Bowles, Cass, Cathy and Bill Cobban, Estoria Cole, Mary and Hoppy Eager, Carter Fowlkes, Bob Goldstucker, "Andy" and Mike Rainey and Ron Stafford.---Anna Belle Close

### UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE---MARCH 17

This trip had quite a large turnout considering the time of year and bad weather forecasts for this date. The temperature at put-in time was in the low 30's but rose to mid 50's in the afternoon. We had some sunshine amid partly cloudy conditions and fairly strong gusts of wind from time to time. Cold hands were mentioned frequently. The gauge near 115 was at 2.5, which proved to be a good level for our trip.

We had a few upsets, but all were handled well. We had a k-1 pinned on a rock for a few minutes; a tandem open canoe was swamped and pinned in the rocks at Horseshoe but was easily removed by the crew and a little assistance from a throw line. At least three kayakers capsized and had to do a wet exit. Another kayaker got wet doing some rescue work in the Three Falls area. An open solo was flipped over while practicing cross current maneuvering at Horseshoe.

Our group of wintertime enthusiasts were: Dale Bergen, Zack Bergen, Jack Weems, Mike Weems, Roger Losier and party, Hoppy and Mary Eager, Mike and Andrea Rainey, Phillip Kenny, Allen Neely, Doug Woodward and friend, B. D. Cass, Bill Spencer, Harriet Spencer, David Garrity, Jim Fletcher. My thanks to David Garrity and Jack Weems who took turns running sweep for our group.---Bill Heath

### ETOWAH---MARCH 23

On a typical day in March (cold and gray), thirteen boats set off down the Etowah River which was rather low, despite some rain during the week. Fortunately we had no rain and there was even a little sun; those of us who were properly dressed in wet suits and/or wool even got a little warm. The water felt as if there were chunks of ice in it. We were all very much aware of this for although there were no upsets, we all helped with the portage and some got stuck.

Those in decked boats included Ross Wilson, Bronwyn Fowlkes, Vernon Harris, John Johnson, and Tom Green. In canoes were Bill and Anna Belle Close, Cathy and Bill Cobban, Bob Meadows and Janet Ford, Earl and Mike Moore, A. C. and Ace Marchall, Bill Virginia and Johathan Leonard, and Andrea Rainey and Dee Nickerson. Dale, Gwen and Zack Bergen also led a group of Boy Scouts. The leader was really pleased to see so many new members with the right equipment on the trip.---Bronwyn Fowlkes

### LITTLE RIVER---MARCH 24

Several hardy souls met at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Little River Gorge in Alabama. Bill Heath and Jack Weems were in open solo canoes; Jim Fletcher, John Helmlinger, and Zack Bergen were in kayaks; and Bill Crowley was in a C-1. Water was right for a good run and the temperature was about 48 in the morning and a warm 62 in the afternoon. Although a few got wet, no one got embarrassed because of the quality of the river. The group passed two aluminum canoes that had been lost to the river and wrapped around the rocks. Take out was made approximately at 2:30 p.m. After March this river can only be run after 2-3 days of rain, so when it rains call your cruise master for possible flood trips. An excellent run was made by all.---Jim Fletcher

### CHATTOGA, SECTION II---MARCH 31

A very pleasant day and a good turnout. Only one of those who pre-registered failed to appear. With the temperature in the 70's and a diminishing wind, it was smooth going for all (except trip leader who wiped out at Big Shoals). In canoes were: Bill and Cathy Cobban; Rich Brightall (guest) and Richard Thames; Hoppy and Mary Eager; Pete and Denise Galantawitz (guests); Bill Hayes, Bill Otto and Bill Blackman (guests); A. A. and Sarah Wood and Carter Fowlkes, our reliable sweep. In kayaks were Jack and Sarah Tumblin, Don Norton, Nip ? and Gwen, Zack and Dale Bergen. Tom Green ran C-1.---Dale Bergen

MAY TRIPS

SATURDAY, MAY 11

TOCCOA RIVER (CLASS II-III)

The Toccoa is described by some as the "most beautiful river in Georgia." It is a gentle Class II for the most part, although there is a short Class III rapid that requires some fast maneuvering. The entire run is about 18 miles long; however, we may plan to go only as far as the Dial bridge, depending on the desires of the registrants.

PREREGISTER: With Dale Bergen at 377-2970 before Friday, May 10.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE (CLASS I-III)

This section of the Chattahoochee from Ga. 255 to Graham Bridge Road offers several Class I-III rapids depending on water level. The first section down to Ga. 115 is Class I, except for the Class II-III at Smith Island. From 115 to the take-out, the river changes character drastically, offering an almost continuous series of Class II-III ledges. These rapids require a lot of maneuvering and, at high water levels, offer a challenge to the most expert canoeist.

PREREGISTER: With Hank Klansman at 255-7420.

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SATURDAY, MAY 18

NANTAHALA RIVER (CLASS II-III)

Beautiful scenery and large waves every mile of the way. This is an excellent intermediate river with Class II-III rapids. We may have time for two runs if all are on time. We will meet at 10 a.m. at put-in and leave at 10:15 a.m. All must register with Jim or Mary Fletcher by 9 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Bring dry clothes, lunch, and life jacker for each person.

PREREGISTER: With the Fletchers at 875-2423.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

LITTLE TENNESSEE (OR NANTAHALA)

We will decide which river to run based on water levels Saturday evening at Lost Mine Campground or Brookside Campground if open. Some members have expressed an interest in camping and running the Nantahala again Sunday or the Raven Fork near Cherokee. River vote at campfire only. Sunday Canoe and Kayak buffs meet at 9 a.m. sharp at Nantahala put-in below power house. Come camp with group. Bring dry clothes, lunch, and life preserver and boat.

PREREGISTER: With Jim and Mary Fletcher at 875-2423.

MAY 25 and 26

**NOLICHUCKY AND FRENCH BROAD (CLASS III-IV)**

These rivers are primarily decked boat runs, although the French Broad at least can be handled by skilled open canoeists. They are several hours from Atlanta, so plan to spend the weekend. Dave Truran is organizing the trip.

PREREGISTER: At 874-9038.

**COOSAWATTEE**

A camping trip for this weekend was tentatively planned; however, a trip leader was not found. Anyone who missed the April trip and wants to see the Coosawattee before it become a lake, call the Cruisemaster at 377-2970. I'll be glad to coordinate arrangements if enough people are interested and a leader comes forward.

CRUISEMASTER NOTES

Several persons have expressed a desire to see more of the rivers requiring "intermediate" skill added to our schedule, rivers such as the Etowah, Nacoochee Section-Chattahoochee, etc. The schedule is flexible and I will be glad to have your suggestions for changes or additions to it. Please use me as a clearing-house for impromptu trip ideas as well. The weekends of May 18-19 and May 25-26 are open for rivers of this description. If you'd like to lead on a particular river or be put in touch with someone who will, please give me a call at 377-2970.---Dale Bergen

WANT ADS

For Sale: One kayak; strong boat in good shape for beginner. \$90. Call Jim Fletcher at 875-2423.

For Sale: 15' Ouachita, shoe keel, extra ribs; great solo boat--\$115. 80 cm HIPP C-1, red, needs seat, toe blocks, knee straps--\$150. 80 cm C-1 kit, HIPP mold, blue--\$75. Call Gainesville 536-0991.

For Sale: Decked C-2 slalom boat w/spray skirts--\$150. Hate to sell, but I need the money. Call Falma Moye at night at 874-8506.

For Sale: HANN C-1; black new jell-coated--\$175. Prijon 400; new but a light boat, yellow jell-coated--\$100. Neoprene spray skirts--\$15 each; Neoprene glue brush can, 1 qt--\$3.50; Poly, 5 oz. and 10 oz.--approx. 75¢ a yard. Will rent HANN C-1 mold, modified--\$15; Prijon special modified--\$15; Lettman Mark IV--\$17; paddle molds, 3 types--\$2. All molds are jell coated and polished. The Lettman mold is in poor condition; would like to sell. Also will trade for or buy fiberglass cloth. Call Bill Masters at 803/843-9416.

Dear GCA Member:

Although the Georgia Canoeing Association is an action-oriented club, we do more than play.

We are actively involved with ecological and conservation efforts throughout the state and the Southeast. We need volunteers to help keep our membership informed of situations that require letters to appropriate committees and elected officials, attendance at meetings and hearings, reports on these, telephone and mailing work. If everyone assists, it need only require a small amount of time from each individual. It's also a good way to become better acquainted with your fellow members.

Please complete and return the lower portion of this sheet to the following address if you would be willing to help. We will organize simple action groups from your response.

Thank you.

GCA Executive Committee

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Return to:  
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860 Franklin Road, S. E.  
Apt. 117  
Marietta, Georgia 30062

I would like to volunteer:  
(Check one or more)

- To attend meetings/hearings days/weekends
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- To write letters as action/attention is needed
- To work on postcard mailings to members
- To provide telephone information to members

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