

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION



P. O. Box 7023, Atlanta, Georgia 30083

SEPTEMBER MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the GCA on Friday night, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bishop's Hall of the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Road, N. W. Because of overwhelming demand, Dr. Claude Terry will be back to present his famous Deliverance program. This program consists of slides and movies taken on location during the filming of the movie, Deliverance on the Chattooga River where GCA members Claude, Doug Woodward and Payson Kennedy served as stunt men. This program has been presented to literally thousands of people throughout the Southeast and has always been a tremendous success. Mark your calendars. Also remember to bring any slides and movies of the recent exploits and escapades of you and your friends on the river.

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NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER TRIP SCHEDULE (see Guidebook for river descriptions)

Saturday, September 7

NANTAHALA

PREREGISTER: With Jack Weems at 938-5263.

Saturday, September 14

CHATTOOGA III

PREREGISTER: With Bill Heath at 633-6055.

Sunday, September 15

CHATTOOGA II

PREREGISTER: With Dale or Radine Bergen at 377-2970.

Sunday, September 15

CHATTOOGA IV

No leader

Saturday, September 21

TOCCOA

PREREGISTER: With Al Matthews at 926-6898 by Thursday.

Sunday, September 22

ETOWAH

PREREGISTER: With Phil Kenny at 262-2747.

Saturday, September 28

NANTAHALA

PREREGISTER: With Dale or Radine Bergen at 377-2970 by Thursday.

NOTE: Cruisemaster "goofed" and didn't get September leaders before going on vacation. If there are volunteer leaders for Chattooga II and/or IV on September 15, please call Dale Bergen at 377-2970.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tom and Scott

Our deepest appreciation and thanks go to Tom Lines and Scott Price for taking on the overwhelming job of organizing and running the National Open Canoe Championships. Their own personal reward is the tremendous success that the race enjoyed. To the many other GCA members who helped, we love every one of you.

Attention: Georgia Wildlife Federation Affiliates

While enjoying a very successful and productive year, the GWF is currently faced with a financial burden regarding affiliate members. The monthly newsletter of the GWF received by all affiliate members now costs in excess of \$1.80 per member for the year 1974, after income provided by a very extensive advertising program. It is easily seen that the Federation is going in the hole 80¢ per member, since affiliate dues are only \$1 per year. GWF needs your help and is asking for a 50¢ assessment from each affiliate in order to finish out the year. Those of you who are affiliate members of the GWF, and there are approximately 200 in the GCA, should send your 50¢ to our Treasurer Bill Crowley, 5808 O'Hara Drive, Stone Mountain 30083. Your patience and understanding in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Coming Events and Activities (Details will appear in October-November Newsletters)

Intermediate Training Session	-	October 19
Red Cross First Aid Course	-	October
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course	-	October or November
Annual Dinner Meeting	-	December 7

GCA Manual and Directory - Extra Copies

Extra copies of our very popular directory are available to members only at \$2.00 each. Also GCA cloth patches and decals are still available at \$1.50 and \$1.00 respectively. Order them from the Treasurer, Bill Crowley, 5808 O'Hara Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083.

Armchair Whitewater

For those of you who want to expand your knowledge and enjoyment of this great white-water sport, several magazines and periodicals are offered to whet your appetite. The two oldest and most established are the publications of our two national organizations, the American Canoeing Association and the American Whitewater Affiliation. We hope that you all will become members and support one or both of these fine organizations. Another new publication is being offered by a publishing firm that has an excellent reputation in the area of specialty recreation magazines. For something to do when you are laid up with the flu or just getting over a dislocated shoulder, this kind of reading is hard to beat. See below for who, what, where, and how much.

American Whitewater - Publication of the American Whitewater Affiliation. Published 6 times yearly. Send \$5 to:
George Larsen, P. O. Box 1584, San Bruno, Calif. 94066

Canoe - Magazine of the American Canoe Association. Published 6 times/year. Send \$7 to:
American Canoe Association, 4260 East Evans Avenue,
Denver, Colorado 80222

Down River - New magazine from World Publications who also publish Runner's World, Bike World, Self-Defense World and Aquatic World. Published 6 times/year. Regular subscription is \$4. Under their reader referral plan, they will allow organized canoe clubs to collect these subscriptions and receive \$1 in commission for each \$4 check. Send your \$4 check to your club:
Georgia Canoeing Association, P. O. Box 7023,
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

TRIP REPORTS

ETOWAH RIVER, Sunday, June 30

A change in the meeting time proved to be too early in the morning for some of the registrants, so the Closes volunteered to lead the "later" group. True to form, the report of the trip is late too.

It was such an outstanding group, however, that it must receive its place in the Newsletter. At the outset, a few moments were spent teaching some novices a few basic strokes. (One young lady had never set foot in a canoe before!) Tips and instructions

continued downriver to the picnic site. After lunch, the party continued with really great aplomb, without further lessons AND no one turned over.

Participants' names were not jotted down, and memory does not serve the leaders perfectly. Consequently, if Audrey's partner will phone the Closes and give us both of their full names, we will be happy to include them in a later Newsletter. The other participants were: A. A. and Sarah Wood; Jim and Thelma Dawson; Penelope and Danny Dawson; Dick Butterworth and Carol Spearman. --Anna Belle and Bill Close

TOCCOA RIVER, Saturday, July 27

With the help of Betsey Holland and her mother, we were able to keep tabs on the condition of the Toccoa River before leaving Atlanta. Early Friday afternoon, the report came that the river was so low that it would mean traversing it in some places. By 6:00 p.m., the report was that following a hard rain, the river was in flood! We set out from Atlanta Saturday morning hoping that the rain had stopped and that the river would be back down to a runnable level.

When we gathered at Deep Hole, the river was down to a prime level for canoeing but rising again due to a steady drizzle, which seems always to greet us there. After the long car shuttle was completed, we picknicked at the Park and got off to a late start. As the day wore on, the weather improved and wound up so beautiful by evening that we had forgotten the formidable morning.

Several canoes had minor problems at various points, including turnovers -- one by the leaders in a Class 1/2 rapid. They came up red-faced but nicely refreshed by the cool waters. The large party could not be hustled along, so that it was about 4:00 p.m. when we arrived at Dial. Those who needed to get back to Atlanta in the evening and those who were already tired were urged to take out at Dial. Again, Betsey Holland's mother, who was at the bridge with a station wagon, came to our aid by assisting with the unexpected shuttle of some drivers down to the bottom of the run.

Not being satisfied with a simple turnover above Dial, the leaders demonstrated how to run the Class III at the bottom, fill up with water and then pin on a rock. Bill Heath and his throw rope and a local young man who was tubing the river came to the rescue. Another of the tubers recovered the canoe and gear after it was freed from the rock and had bounced out of sight.

Participants: Bill Moore and Dan Wilson; Gary Debaucher; Steve Francis and James McMillen; Don Simmons and Glen Smith; Walt Hemlinger and Linda Hanson; Dr. Don Ross and Glenda Stewart; Harrys III and IV Thompson; Bob Jacobs and John Middleton; Bob and Margaret Traxler; Doug Graydon; Ruth Skaggs and Tommy Fuller; Dr. Don Millar and Stewart Millar; Mike, Earl, and Yvonne Moore; Debbie and Bill Heath; Randy Howard and David Gould; Mary Ford and Jim Ahlberg; and Chan Chadler. Joining us at Dial were: Betsey Holland and Chip Turner; and Buz and Irma Winer. --Bill and Anna Belle Close, leaders.

ETOWAH, Sunday, July 28

We had a beautiful day for a summer trip down the Etowah. The river was low, but didn't present too many problems. One canoe took Chuck Shoals with only a bowman. Several of us took the ledge below the waterfall solo and tandem with both success and failure. It was a very smooth trip. A special thanks from me goes to Bill Crowley, who helped with the shuttle and also lead the trip -- two girls first at the waterfall aren't too good at portaging canoes! Those attending were: Bill, Phyllis, Adam, and April Crowley; Polly Heyward and Judy Brannon (guest); Connie Gibson, Jeff and Vivian Viehmeyer; Ann Jackson and Amy Delaplaine; Tom Clark and Peggy Miller; Edna and Gary Lachman;

Gary DeBacker; Ron Johnson and Arlene Wiley (guest); Bronwyn Fowlkes and Jean Garrity; and A. C. and Ace Marshall. --Bronwyn Fowlkes.

HIAWASSEE, August 3

We had a quick trip down the river, pleasant and no disasters. The weather was good, although rain threatened most of the way. The water level was average --- a bit draggy for tandem canoes. There was an attempt to run the Conasauga in the afternoon, but we found the water too low. However, everyone had fun wading down to look at the first rapid. The water was extraordinarily clear, and some of us were chagrined to find ourselves walking on discarded beer cans in such a pristine setting. In decked boats were: Mike Weems, Ken Strickland, Connie Gibson, Bill Heath, Brian Shott, Bob Milledge, Gwen and Dale Bergen. In open canoes: Gary Debacker, Don Millar and Jack Weems, A. C. and Ace Marshall, Maureen Maloney, Steve Cantrell and Jim Harris. --Dale Bergen

YELLOW RIVER TRIP, August 4

We made a short canoe trip down the Yellow River today from Killian Hill Road bridge to Annistown Road bridge, both in Gwinnett County. The river was in flood stage; otherwise we would have dragged many times. As it was, we hung up once. The first four miles to U. S. 78 went quite easily. The next 4 miles had many rapids which we ran, all except the 3-foot waterfall at the island near Rivercliff. Portage around the waterfall and the 200 yards of rapids is easy on the west shore only. We took the east shore and spent 2 hours hacking through the jungle. Haul-out was at the bridge, 100 feet before a 6-foot waterfall. The trip time of five hours included a 2-hour portage and lunch. The river was pollution-free and practically wooded for the entire trip. Not bad for 17 miles from downtown Atlanta. Those making the trip: Roger Willby and Phil DeVos. --Roger A. Willby

CHATTOOGA III, August 17

It was a cloudy, drizzly morning when we met at Hwy. 76 bridge, probably the reason several of the people that signed up for the trip decided not to show. The water level was a slightly muddy 2.2; but shortly after the trip began, the sun came out to make for a very nice day. GCA's trip was small with only 9 boats, but the river was crowded with Tech's 6-8 boats, Asheville school's trip with 6-8 inflatable boats and the usual number of rafts. The wave at the foot of Bull Sluice was sufficient for Johnny Stephenson and Ken Strickland to do some nice 360-degree enders. Others on the trip in K-1's were: Sandy Sandifer and Walter Evans. Those in open C-2's were: Larry and Randy Howard and Dick Butterworth and Ron Brown. Those in open C-1's were: Allen Lewis, Mark McComb, and myself. --Bill Crowley

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE SPECIAL, August 17

On Saturday, August 17, GCA members assisted the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in conducting a river trip on the Upper Chattahoochee between Cantrell's Bridge and Rt. 115 for delegates to the Commission on the Future of the South meeting at Unicoi. I want to thank Buffy Burks, Bill Heath, Jack Weems, Tom Green, Gary Meggs, Vernon Harris, Ken McAmis, Bob Milledge, Bob Milton, and the Albitzs for providing their equipment and skills during this long day. Thanks also go to A. C. and Ace Marshall for manning throwing lines at Smith Island. P.S. If anyone ended up with an extra pair of black rubber kneepads, they very possibly are mine. --David Garrity

CHATTOOGA, SEC. II, Sunday, August 18

Although it was a weekend of unstable weather and frequent squalls, a strong sun quickly burned off the early morning fog to reveal a glorious blue day. An afternoon storm only

made the trip more interesting, providing an additional element of beauty when the heavy downpour dimpled the quiet waters of Sec. II. The river was considerably up and it made an unusually nice run for our group which was composed largely of beginners. We spent an hour and a half at Big Shoals running left, right and center over and over again. In kayaks were: Michelle Murphy, her son Steve Murphy, Jim Armstrong and Don Cashman, all from Charlotte, N. C. In C-1 Opens were: Dick Rekau, Jeff Wehmeyer and Gary DeBacher. In C-2 Opens were: Allen Lewis and Joy Brewer, John and Ann Smith, Bill and Ann Rice, Don and Jeanette Benz, Steve Cantrell and son Ronny, Dick Butterworth and friend Carol, Henry Randolph and myself. We even had a C-3 (?) Open, manned by Bob Butterworth with son Bobby and pal Chris. Everyone did very nicely and it was an excellent group.

--Maureen Maloney

WANT ADS

For Sale

New 'River Chaser' kayaks by Hollowform -- revolutionary seamless construction of fracture-resistant Marlex^R -- one of the toughest boats ever made. No waiting! \$179 + tax and shipping. Contact Doug Woodward, 875-7791, P. O. Box 15311, Atlanta, 30333.

For Sale

One used Old Town slalom kayak, red, epoxy, very strong, newly seamed and patched. \$135. Margaret Tucker, 355-6207, evenings.

Wanted to Buy

Would be interested in buying a used Pavelbone. Maureen Maloney: days, 875-7021; evenings, 427-1049.

Wanted

One fiberglass 17' canoe to be used for lake canoeing. Call Jim Breedlove, B - 522-4636; H - 355-6802.

For Sale

Great canoe wagon -- 1967 Ford Fairlane station wagon -- without back seat; 17 m/p/g/ \$450. 16' Indian Brand canoe (Royalex ABS) -- \$275. Call Murray Johnson, 513 Park Street Place, N.E., Gainesville, Georgia 30501.

For Sale

Old Town kayak, used and patched but in good condition, \$125. Call D. R. Edwards, 2421-B Morosgo Way, N. E., Atlanta, 266-2701.

SAFETY TIPS

A Wilderness Safety Tip

In recent weeks, there have been deaths in the Atlanta area caused by "Rocky Mountain" Spotted Fever. These deaths need not have occurred if the doctors had known soon enough that the patients had been bitten by a tick and should be treated with the proper antibiotic from the onset of the illness. Do inspect yourself well, particularly in the hairy regions of the body, after any meanderings in woods, fields, or even underbrush near home. And do tell your doctor about the tick bite if you begin with a fever and rash several days later.

--Anna Belle Close

Red Cross First Aid Course

This short note is in regards to safety tips. I'd like to encourage the club to participate in the new Red Cross first aid course. Three members that I know of are

authorized to teach it. The course could be geared to the needs of the club members. I spoke to your safety director about this at a meeting at Camp Chattahoochee and he seemed to be in favor of it. What do you say club members? Call Mr. Jim Tompkins at 874-1601, Ext. 221, if you're interested in the new course. If we have enough interest we can set up the course anywhere you like. --Jim Tompkins

RACING NEWS

Sixth Annual Hiwassee River Canoe and Kayak Competition, August 31 and Sept. 1, 1974

Registration will be possible at Towee Launch Ramp at Gee Creek Campground Friday evening, August 30, and up to a "couple of hours before race time". Downriver on Saturday; slalom on Sunday. For further information, call Bronwyn Fowlkes at 255-4110.

The National Open Wildwater Canoe Championships

The National Open Wildwater Canoe Championships were a great success. With the help of many GCA members, the race went over very well. All events started on time, times were posted immediately, awards were given out early and efficiently, and the results went out immediately. Saturday's Slalom results were printed Saturday night and given out on Sunday morning. Sunday's Wildwater results were mailed out on Tuesday following the race. I would like to mention each of those that helped, but the list would fill the page. I do feel that special recognition should be given to Bronwyn Fowlkes for doing an outstanding job for both races as our registrar. To the GCA - thanks for a job well done.

The GCA members were well represented in competition and the names of those that placed are mentioned below:

C-2 Jr/Sr Slalom

1st - Payson and John Kennedy
3rd - Bruce Johnson and Roger Losier

C-1 Wildwater

Claude Grizzard

C-2 Jr/Sr Wildwater

2nd - Buffy and Brinkley Burks

Wanted: Slalom Racers

Anyone wanting to do some fall and winter training for slalom racing is hereby invited to join other GCA'ers in an informal group to meet regularly for hanging practice gates (afternoons and weekends), perhaps seeing some training films, and exchanging ideas and moral support. Beginning racers welcome. Meet at Powers Ferry Landing on the Chattahoochee (I-285 and Powers Ferry Road) after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 or call Margaret Tucker at 355-6207 if you are interested but can't make it. If you can bring a gate, let Margaret know, too. --Margaret Tucker

RIVER NEWS

Guaranteed Releases on Nantahala Possible

This summer the Tennessee Valley Authority and Nantahala Power Company guaranteed water every Saturday between June 1 and Labor Day. If you ran the Nantahala this summer, you should write to TVA and tell them you enjoyed the water and intend to come back next summer. If you want Sunday water, too, we can probably get it IF WE GET A LOT OF

LETTERS ASKING FOR IT. If not, then we can paddle elsewhere, because water won't be forthcoming unless we can demonstrate a need. Write to Tennessee Valley Authority, New Sprankle Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. --Margaret Tucker

OTHER RIVER NEWS

Warning to Chattooga Campers

Although notices have not been posted, the Forest Service is taking steps to prevent people from camping at river access areas, i.e., Burrell's Ford, Earl's Ford, U.S. 76 Bridge, etc. While we knew access areas would be closed off in conjunction with the Chattooga's new status as a Wild & Scenic River, we did not know for certain when it would begin. We had expected notices to be posted. Unfortunately they were not, and many people, unknowingly, proceeded to camp as usual. In several instances the Forest Service then came by and required the uninformed campers to break camp and leave. I hope the Forest Service will see fit to post no-camping notices so that campers will avoid those areas and thus avoid severe inconvenience. --Maureen Maloney

Another Entrance to the Nacootchee Section Blocked

"NO TRESPASSING" signs have been put up by the wooden bridge on the road from Cantrell's store. The complaint by the neighbors up there is that too many cars have been rolling in over the little private one-way road and bridge, blocking driveways (!), and parking in the grassy spot which is a local swimming hole.

In the spring of 1973, A. B. and Bill Close secured permission from the local people for GCA-ers to use their road and from the owner of the property to embark there, WITH THE PROMISE: that unloading would be done as fast as possible, the canoes would be put in without damaging the banks and fostering land erosion, their bamboo stands would not be used as public restrooms, a maximum of ten canoes would make up a group, and only one or two cars would be left at the top or perhaps one of them parked at Cantrell's store with Mr. Cantrell designating the place, etc.

These are very kind people we have been dealing with; they appreciate our desire to get out of the city and into their beautiful wilderness, but they want it kept beautiful. Instead, their generosity is being abused -- not necessarily by us, but we pay the penalty along with those who do not realize that they are on private land as soon as they leave the Hwy. 17 right-of-way and that they must knock before entering and behave like guests.

On August 22, 1974, the owner of the property where we have been putting in was asked if we could continue using his property if we would clear each trip with him and with the deputy sheriff and would adhere to the above promises. His reply was that he was sorry, but he felt that for a while at least he would have to deny the privilege. There have been hordes of people going up there, and he believes that denying access to all is the only effective control. Let us cooperate (1) so that we won't find that our cars have been impounded as we floated downstream, and (2) to demonstrate that we will keep the faith so that by next spring the ban may possibly be lifted against the GCA.

Furthermore, those of you who are in the habit of canoeing that section and who hope to canoe it again should most certainly get in touch with your State Representative and tell him we are having a problem there and want him to help us acquire a public access area.

"Extra-Curricular" Trips Arranged on Wednesdays and Thursdays

These unscheduled trips are becoming a fairly steady practice. The Closes have been able to act as a clearing house for trips on the Flint, Etowah, Nacootchee Section and Upper Chattahoochee a number of times this summer when members were not able to take the club's planned trips. Because the Closes have commitments during the week on nights other than Wednesday or Thursday, or they implore that you call ONLY on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at 373-3945. Do call if you are planning an unscheduled trip or would like to take one, but do observe the Wednesday/Thursday request. It will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Curt and Susan Holmes would like to thank everyone who helped them August 10, after they attempted to run Nantahala Falls. Susan is recovering from a bruised back.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

A Message from Elizabeth and Ross Wilson

We express here, in addition to our individual responses, our appreciation for the loving and caring communications we have received regarding the death by drowning of our daughter, Julie Ann, last April 27th.

The memorial service for her was delayed until May 17th in the hope that her body could be found by that time. Facts not then known are that it was found on the morning of May 17th by Roger Losier and others and she was buried that afternoon at the same time the memorial service was being held in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

She loved the wilderness and the west and had commented that, if anything happened to her, she would like to remain there. Hence, her grave is a few yards from the rapids in which she was drowned on the West Fork of the Bruneau in the wilderness of southern Idaho. Her grave had been lovingly prepared by Dr. W. L. Blackadar, with whom she had been kayaking and touring the west, his daughter, and Roger. The plaque to be placed on a boulder a few feet from her grave will quote the June 1974 issue of the bulletin of the Georgia Canoeing Association as follows "a very warm, sincere person who loved people and the great outdoors".

The place has been named "Julie Wilson Falls" and her kayak has been converted into a sign to warn others of the danger there.

We were especially comforted that Roger, who had been Julie's and our friend since he first began participating in Georgia Appalachian Trail Club activities as a young boy, contributed so much to the search and the locating of her body. And no one could have done more than Dr. Blackadar in his efforts to protect, save, and find her. We wish all such activities as this could have the benefit of such a careful and competent leader.

Further, we are grateful to all the volunteers and governmental officials who participated in the search and rescue efforts --- most of whom we will never know and who will never see this communication.

We have a special request. As photography has not been one of our activities, we have very few photographs of Julie. We would gratefully appreciate the loan of negatives, slides, prints, and movie film strips which include Julie. We will copy the

portions of these which are meaningful to us and will promptly return the items loaned us. Even photos where Julie has a very minor position in the picture will be of use as we have the very able professional assistance of Tom Lines, a canoeing friend, in producing excellent enlargements of pictures and portions of pictures.

One additional need for pictures is that we desire to include a bas relief on the plaque. Hence, we will need to supply the sculptor several good photographs which should probably include several good profiles.