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NEWSLETTER

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Send typed copy to:
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MARCH TRIP SCHEDULE:

Please refer to river descriptions in your Directory.

NOTE: March is a strange month and sometimes can be dangerous for canoeists. The temperature of the air can fool you and the temperature of the water is always COLD. Please read the section in your Directory concerning cold weather paddling. March can also bring high water levels which increase the classification of most rivers.

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| March 2 | Executive Committee Meeting: 7:30pm. Fernbank Science Center. | |
| ✓ March 5 | ^{upper} Amicalola
Cohasuga, Class II-III | Allen Lewis, 477-0502. |
| March 6 | Hiwassee, Class II | Gary DeBacher, 288-1773. |
| ✓ March 12 | ^{upper} Amicalola, Class IV | Ken McAmis, 391-2237 (office) |
| March 13 | Cartecay, Class III | Stuart Alston, 355-0591. |
| March 12 & 13 | Canoe--Camping*
Withlacoochee, Class I | Rodger Josier, 451-5133, Leader.
Bruce Johnson, 394-0251, Ass't. |
| ✓ March 19 | Chattooga, III, Class III | Allen Lewis, 477-0502. |
| March 20 | Chauga, Class III | David Garrity, 634-1847. |
| March 26 | TRIP LEADERS' TRAINING ** | - called off |
| March 27 | Middle Chestatee | Bronwyn Fowlkes, 233-1383. |

Please try to register for Club trips by Thursdays, if possible, and be considerate and make your calls early in the evening.

*Withlacoochee Canoe Camping Trip: This river is located in South Georgia near Valdosta. Come prepared for cool weather. Those of you who live in the Atlanta area are requested to call the leader or assistant leader for directions and more information. Those who live in South Georgia can meet at 8:30 am Saturday, March 12 at State Route 94 and the river. The road is west of I-75 just outside of Valdosta.

** Details of this training are inside the NEWSLETTER.

RACE INFORMATION

Tellico River Races: March 19 & 20, 1977. Decked canoe and kayak competition sponsored by TVCC & ETWWC. Race Chairman: Mark Hall, 123 Cooper Circle, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830. For information write the race chairman, or call Bronwyn Fowlkes, 233-1383.

Locust Fork River Races: First weekend in April. Call Bronwyn Fowlkes for information.

SPECIAL NOTICE

DUE TO THE ENERGY CRISIS THE BOY'S CLUB POOL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR ROLLING PRACTICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OHOOPPE RIVER CLEANUP TRIP---SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1977

We are planning a trash pickup and family float trip on the Ohooppe River, Sections 2,3 & 4 from Ga. 152 to Ga. 56. Group 1 will do section 2 (Ga. 152 to Ga. 292). Group 2 will do sections 3 & 4 (Ga. 292 to Ga. 56).

The Ohooppe is a delightful winding flatwater river with beautiful white sandbars for picnicking and camping. There is one class two rapid near Rt. 56 which is easily portaged.

We will invite members of the Audubon Society, Ogeechee Canoe Club and individuals interested in the preservation of a beautiful river.

Put-in time on each section will be at 10:00 AM SHARP. The shuttle will be prearranged. Bring your lunch. There are camping facilities in the area.

For more information and to register call trip leaders John and Tee Bower in Savannah @ 912-354-4891 and Eileen Lang in Atlanta @ 404-633-1855.

There is an overnight wilderness canoe/camping trip scheduled in the Okefenokee Swamp for March 24-25, 1977. There are only a limited number of boats permitted (10 boats--20 people), so first come, first serve--so to speak.

Recommended equipment:

- a. High energy instant foods,
- b. Drinking water,
- c. Insect repellent,
- d. Mosquito netting (if available),
- e. Rain gear,
- f. Compass,
- g. First aid kit,
- h. Snake bite kit,
- i. Flashlights and extra batteries,
- j. Litter bags,
- k. Pop tent and/or jungle hammock and sleeping bags.

This should be a very pleasant outing. We have scheduled it prior to the rainy season and the onset of bugs and mosquitoes. The swamp terrain is flat with no fast water and very little dry land. We must paddle every inch of the way as we wind through cypress forests and cross open "prairies".

To register, and for further information, call Jan or Marvin Albitz. Home: 296-7041. Office: 656-2740.

ATTENTION! SOUTH GEORGIA PADDLERS! A note from your cruise person.

There have been complaints that the GCA has placed too much emphasis on whitewater and that the club's interests are concentrated in the Atlanta area. This is true - the GCA began as an association to provide trips, training, and safety for whitewater trips. There is not much whitewater in South Georgia. We welcome members from South Georgia, and we want you to participate in our activities. Unfortunately, I am not familiar with any South Georgia rivers, and there aren't too many Atlanta People who are. I will GLADLY add southern rivers to the trip schedule. BUT I NEED LEADERS. If you have a favorite river you paddle and would like to lead a trip on it, please send me any information you have on it. I will include it in the schedule if you will choose a date, and give directions to the meeting place. Send the information to Ms. Bronwyn Fowlkes, 2870 Twin Brooks Dr., NE., Apt. 3, Atlanta, Ga. 30319, or call (404) 233-1383. Canoe-camping trips will also be welcome. Please send this information to me BEFORE the 15th of the month preceding your trip so I can send it to the NEWSLETTER. With a little effort on your part, South Georgians can run rivers, too.

TRIP LEADERS' TRAINING - MARCH 26, 1977.

There will be a one-day training session for present and potential GCA trip leaders on Saturday, March 26, 1977, from 9am to 5pm at the Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 320. The address is 350 Ferst Drive, Atlanta, Ga. The session will be divided into three basic segments. The first portion of the program will deal with the mechanics of organizing the trip, screening participants, supervision on the river, trip reports and general information concerning the responsibilities and obligations of the trip leader.

The second phase of the training will consist of group review and discussions of case situations that you may encounter on actual trips. Tom Hamby will lend the experience of his many trips as leader to directing this portion of the program. Finally we will offer elementary first-aid training to help equip the trip leader to handle medical emergencies on the river. Dr. Ray Dellinger has agreed to conduct this phase of our training. Subjects to be covered will include insect and snake bites, heat exhaustion and hypothermia, broken bones, dislocated shoulders, and other problems.

Those interested in attending this session should complete the following questionnaire and return to: K. H. McAmis, 2870 Twin Brooks Drive, NE, Apt. 3, Atlanta, Ga. 30319. It will be very helpful to know how many participants to expect, so make your plans to attend. Hopefully, there will be something of value in this session for everyone, aspiring trip leaders as well as "old salts." Our club is badly in need of leaders so please support our efforts to have a better club and safer trips.

Name _____ Have you led trips before? _____
Address _____ Phone _____
What rivers are you comfortable on? _____

Send to : Ken H. McAmis, 2870 Twin Brooks Dr., NE., Apt. 3, Atlanta, Ga. 30319. Phone # 233-1383.

REPORT FROM MINUTES OF THE FEB. 2
GCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Mr. Jim Talley, Legal Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, spoke to the meeting regarding the ongoing concern of the GCA relative to river rights. DNR continues to advise delay and avoidance of any aggressive action, pending conditions more favorable to successful litigation. (Note: Continue to document all river trips.)

In the meantime, a new River Rights Committee has been formed with David Garrity as Chairman, and Jack Weems, Steve Bowles, George Baughman and Bruce McGregor as co-committeemen. This committee will continue to investigate ways of overcoming opposition to use of contended rivers, will remain in close contact with DNR, and have obtained the assistance of a law student with particular interest and expertise in river rights. Subsequent status reports will be forthcoming.

Also discussed was the subject of vandalism and theft while on river trips. Any ideas to combat this increasingly serious problem should be submitted to GCA President, Marvin Albitz.

TRIP REPORT

Nantahala Outdoor Center Races -- January 8-9

A small but hardy group of racers gathered once again for the annual Nantahala Winter Races sponsored by the N.O.C. and the Carolina Canoe Club.

This year's race included a 28 gate slalom held on a slightly different section of the river. The wildwater race was shortened to one half its usual length, making the distance comparable to that of the 1977 World Championship Course.

The Nantahala Wildwater Race was again dominated by G.C.A. paddlers Ken Strickland and David Jones.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended 10-31-76

Beginning Cash Balance

Race Account	261.88	
General Account	<u>\$1,675.14</u>	\$1,937.02

INCOME:

Membership and GWF Dues	\$3,888.00
Decals and Patches	55.50
Training Sessions and Books	155.50
Newsletter Ads	45.00
Directory/Guidebook Ads	198.00
Miscellaneous	150.50
Nantahala Races **	2,566.00
T Shirt Sales	<u>87.00</u>
Total	\$7,145.50

EXPENSES:

Newsletter	\$2,847.64
Annual Directory/Guidebook	565.25
Club Affiliations and Contributions	160.00
Administrative	601.78 (1)
Training	.00
GWF Dues Collected and Forwarded	226.00
Miscellaneous	220.72
Nantahala Races **	2,385.54
T Shirts	<u>845.60</u>
Total	\$7,852.53

Ending Cash Balance

Race Account	\$442.34
General Account	<u>787.64</u>

Ending Total Cash Balance \$1,229.99

**Itemized income and expenses statement for the Nantahala Races was published in an earlier Newsletter

(1) Includes \$316.69 for a club typewriter

WANT ADS * WANT ADS * WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Two Stearns Life Jackets, used but in excellent condition. Type 111. \$10 each. One large adult and one medium adult. Call Eileen Lang @ 633-1855.

FOR SALE: "BEST BUY OF THE YEAR". 17-ft. shoe-keel Grumman with 3 wooden paddles, \$250. Call Jane Snow @ home - 971-6836.

FOR SALE: Prijon Interceptor Downriver Kayak. Kevlar/carbon fiber, very light, 22 lbs. and very strong racing layup. This boat is in excellent condition and one of the fastest downriver kayaks available. Call or write: Ken Strickland, 120 Cole Manor Drive. Apt. 1, Athens, Ga. 30606 - 404-546-6110.

FOR SALE: Prijon Kayak, excellent condition with float bags, spray skirt and paddle, \$190. Also 2 Norse spoon blade paddles, one used-\$30 and one new-\$35. Call Dot Stephenson evenings @ 471-3235.

FOR SALE: Panelbone Kayak in excellent condition (virtually brand new). No racks. Blue and white. Both float bags included, \$200. Also Norse feathered kayak paddle, \$25. Call Phillip Younger @ 432-7432.

FOR SALE: Hyperform Mistral C-1 and a Norse paddle. The boat is standard layup with a blue deck and white hull. Both boat and paddle are in like-new condition having been used only twice for flatwater practice. \$300 for boat and paddle. Also HIPPI Lettmann Mark IV kayak, Kober paddle (RH control), Omega vest and Romer helmet. Paddle, vest and helmet are in excellent condition. The kayak (standard 1973 layup, white color) is in fair condition with one patch on the hull under the seat. \$200 for boat, paddle, vest and helmet. Call or write: David M. Buck, % Southeastern School of Mountaineering, Rural route 2, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533, tel. 404-864-2327.