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October NEWSLETTER Deadline is September 15th. Send typed copy to: Tom Carter,
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SEPTEMBER TRIP SCHEDULE

PLEASE REGISTER BY THURSDAY FOR CLUB TRIPS. LEADERS FREQUENTLY LEAVE TOWN OR MAKE OTHER PLANS IF THERE IS NO ONE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TRIP. LEADERS MAY CANCEL TRIPS DUE TO UNFAVORABLE WATER LEVELS.

SEPTEMBER 3	HIAWASSEE RACES	
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SEPTEMBER 10	NATIONAL OPEN CANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS*	
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SEPTEMBER 17	CHATTOOGA III, CLASS III	ALLEN LEWIS 477-0502
SEPTEMBER 17	ETOWAH, CLASS I	EARL MOORE 964-4677
SEPTEMBER 18	CHATTOOGA IV, CLASS IV	KEN MCAMIS 391-3044
SEPTEMBER 24	NANTAHALA, CLASS III	TOM DALLINGER 373-4879
SEPTEMBER 24	BROAD, CLASS I	NANCY BARKER 874-8897
SEPTEMBER 25	UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, CLASS II	MAUREEN MALONEY 292-9584

*THE NATIONAL OPEN WILL AGAIN BE HELD ON THE NANTAHALA THIS MONTH. THE GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION WILL CO-SPONSOR THE EVENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE CAROLINA CANOE CLUB AND THE NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER. BUNNY JOHNS OF THE CENTER IS THE RACE CHAIRMAN, AND THE CENTER IS DOING MOST OF THE PLANNING. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP AT THE RACE. SINCE WE ARE PART OF THE RACE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB SHOULD TRY TO BE THERE TO HELP, AND BUNNY NEEDS TO KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT. THE SLALOM WILL BE ON SATURDAY THROUGH THE FALLS, AND THE WILDWATER WILL BE RUN ON SUNDAY (INCLUDING A PORTAGE). IF YOU WILL BE THERE TO HELP, PLEASE CALL BRONWYN FOWLKES AT 233-1383 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SLALOM THROUGH THE FALLS IN OPEN CANOES SHOULD BE ENTERTAINING. I ALSO HAVE A FEW APPLICATIONS LEFT. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE DAY BEFORE THE RACE AT AN INCREASED COST PER PERSON.

RED CROSS CANOE CERTIFICATION CLINIC

THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING A CANOE CERTIFICATION CLINIC NOVEMBER 5 & 6. THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE CLASS WILL RECEIVE THE BASIC CANOEING CERTIFICATE AND ALSO AN INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE. THIS IS SOLO LAKE PADDLING, AND MOST OF US PROBABLY KNOW AS MUCH OR MORE THAN THE INSTRUCTOR, BUT THE CERTIFICATION IS AN EXCELLENT REFERENCE TO HAVE IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH LAKE OR WILDWATER CANOEING AS SOME TIME. WE NEED TEN BOATS. PLEASE CONTACT BRONWYN FOWLKES, 233-1383 IMMEDIATELY, SO I CAN SET IT UP.

GCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4 August 1977

For a fee of \$50, the facilities at Stone Mountain lake and pavillion, will be obtained for the October 15, 1977 Annual GCA General Membership picnic and election. Everyone is invited and urged to participate in this most important meeting of the year. Details will be forthcoming.

The case of the belated Newsletters was protested and discussed with the Editor.

The GCA is joining several Tennessee canoe clubs in an effort to dissuade TVA from rebuilding the flume on the Ocoee River in Tennessee and, instead, to maintain this outstanding whitewater stretch for recreational purposes. A letter has been written to TVA to this effect. (Note: This river is for expert decked boaters only!)

The GCA has again made its annual contribution to the American Rivers Conservation Council, an aggressive organization which maintains offices in Washington, D.C. An amount of \$100 was approved.

A river gauge has been placed at the Broad River by David Garrity and Allen Lewis.

In appreciation for use of the Jones Boy's Club facilities for rolling practice, the boys are being taken on a Broad River trip Sunday, August 7.

The Red Cross is establishing a training session for Canoe Instructors' rating the first weekend in November. Contact Bronwyn Fowlkes for information.

Further to the GCA relinquishing full sponsorship of the Nantahala Races to a joint effort by all Southeastern American Canoe Association clubs, the Board voted to obtain commitments from those clubs before making a final decision. Input from general membership welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Maloney, Secretary

----- TRIP REPORTS -----

REMEMBER TO MENTION YOUR AFFILIATION WITH THE GCA EVERY TIME YOU SHOP FOR RIVER GEAR. LET THE MERCHANTS KNOW WHAT AN IMPORTANT MARKET WE ARE. LET OUR ADVERTISERS KNOW THEY ARE RECEIVING A RETURN ON THEIR MONEY.

July 10 - Etowah Trip

The Etowah was low and slow, and we paddlers were lazy and content to take the gift of a beautiful day without hurry. Though many of the registrants had said, "We're novices," the leaders found them to be quite competent, with special kudos going to Phyllis Peterson who was soloing her first rapids. We met on time, performed the shuttle and got onto the river about 2:00 p.m. Would you believe three tubers had the audacity to challenge us to a race the first time we passed them? And would you believe they won! We played tortoise and the hare with them, and probably set a record for longest time in running (?) that stretch of river. The leaders, after performing the last shuttle, were putting their canoe on the car at 8:00 p.m.! Even then we were loathe to part company with the congenial members of our party -- who were: Wanda & Jimmy Gunner; Polly Heyward & Laura VanLeer; Jean, Carlton & Kevin Lynn; Phyllis & Pete Peterson; Ron & David Tansill; and Anna Bell & Bill Close, reporting. (Bill, by the way, is now recovering nicely from heart surgery performed since then. It is hoped he will be back on the rivers by next year with his former strength back.)

----- Trip Reports Contd. -----

Trip Report
Broad River, July 16, 1977

"Will there be any water?" was the first question asked by the participants on our trip. We all expected a low Broad and that is what we found. However, there still was enough water for several of us to run the falls, and plenty of water for our swim/splash/body surf stops.

Our 17 boats were manned as follows: Kayaks - Bill Grubbs, Pete Peterson, Bonnie Wolf, and Pat Jeanson. C1d - Kathy Shuford and Nancy Barker. C1o - Jean Garrity, Polly Heyward, and Britt Harris. C2o - Gwen/Radine/Ben Bergen, Bronwyn/Tommy Fowlkes, Rosemary Painter/Greg Adams, Robert/Nancy Stephenson, David/Amy Garrity, Robert Vassey/Ed Davis, Phil VanDyck/Madeline Bennett, Terry Cloud/Eric Lowenhaupt.

Special thanks go to Bill Grubbs and Pete Peterson for running lead and to Bronwyn Fowlkes for running sweep. I thank everyone in the group for helping to make the trip so easy to lead.

Nancy Barker

Upper Chattahoochee Cleanup- Saturday, July 30

Don and Bettina George (Co-2) and I (C-1) joined a large group of GSU paddlers at the 115 bridge to clean up this heavily used and abused section of river. The rains in late week had barely dented the drought, leaving the gauge reading just 1.82, so we had little excitement to distract us from our work. We shagged a lot of cans and stuff, though a few things were just too gross to move---there's something about maggots in one's boat that doesn't appeal. We were running out of bags when we reached Horseshoe, which is very hard to run properly at low water, requiring a 120 degree turn into a slot. A lot of boats perched on the rocks but Don and Bettina made a very good tandem run. Below Horseshoe there is so much trash that we didn't even try to deal with it.

This river, the Etowah, the Toccoa, and even Talking Rock would look much better if we would take a garbage bag or two on each trip and fill it up. I don't want to raise false hopes, but we found 10 full cans of beer (various brands) scattered widely over several miles of rapids. Virtue goes not unrewarded.... ---Gary DeBacher

P.S. Frank Jernigan, GSU's Rec Director, organized this cleanup, but at the last minute he had to go to a wedding. The paddlers thoughtfully took the garbage back to his office building so he could see it.

ETOWAH, JULY 31, 1977

Although the Summer has been exceptionally dry, twenty-three of us brought fourteen boats to the Etowah for a Sunday cruise down the lazy river. Each of us had hopes that the heavy rains the week before had raised the water level at least a few inches. It hadn't. The river was down about 18 inches. Soon after putting-in, we came upon an "old fashioned baptizmal service down by the river". Beaching our boats as quietly as we could, we waited until the service was over and the church members gave us the "all clear" sign. (Little did we know then that our own baptism was yet to come). The class 2 rapid was low as usual, and required some careful maneuvering. The highlight of the trip, of course, was the swim at the falls. When storm clouds began to gather overhead, we reluctantly continued our trip.

The last half of the trip was very demanding and required skillful paddling and some walking. Near the end of the trip, the skies opened and baptized us, every last one. Those shuttling back to the put-in noted that the only place it was raining in the entire valley was on the canoeist. Paddlers were: David Schwab, Allan Maddox, Allison Wood, C-10's. Jack and Patty Parrish, Ron Long, David Bogus, David Russell, Bob Eckhart, Roy and Marla Cordell, Bobby, Nancy, Linda, and Robert Sullivan, Ted and Rita Wagstaff, Dick and Kirk Turner, Barbara and Clifford Hart, Craig and David Lyerla, C-20's and Lee Ann Lyerla, K-1.

Craig Lyerla

BOYS' CLUB TRIP - BROAD RIVER- AUGUST 7, 1977

THE CANOE TRIP DOWN THE BROAD WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, WITH ONLY ONE DISAPPOINTMENT - ONLY FIVE OUT OF THE ELEVEN BOYS WHO HAD SIGNED UP SHOWED UP. THE RIVER WAS LOW, BUT EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE BOYS, ENJOYED SLIDING DOWN THE SLIDES, BOTH IN THE CANOES AND ON THEIR BOTTOMS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE A BOY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR FRIENDS TO TAKE A BOY. THOSE PARTICIPATING WERE: KEN MCAMIS, DAVID GARRITY, GARY DEBACHER, BUDDY HOLMES, JIM TIBBETTS, TOM CARTER, HAL HERNDON, ARNOLD ZIGMAN, JIM BARROWS, JOE BLANCHFIELD, MIKE WEEMS, AND JESSIE KLARP. CLUB MEMBERS ROY AND LAURA CORDELL WERE ALSO ALONG AS WERE A TANDEM CANOE WITH FRIENDS OF JIM BARROWS. AGAIN, I THANK ALL OF YOU AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT AS MUCH AS I DID.

BRONWYN FOWLKES

Etowah - Sunday, August 14

The sky was dark and threatening as our armada of six boats put in at the Highway 19 bridge for our trip down the always interesting Etowah. However, ~~we were not rained upon and in fact the sun burst forth after lunch at the waterfall.~~ The water level was extremely LOW! Yours truly and wife Kathy felt like members of a keelboat crew as ~~our skipper~~ Grumann constantly hung up on the exposed rocks. Many thanks to the nice group of GCA members for their patience as they waited for us to catch up. There were no dumps and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time considering the lack of water.

Paddling solo were Jim Atkins in his slightly used C-1 and Noel Turner in his recycled High Country Blue Hole.

Tandem crews were Tim and Jim Gunter, Dave Garrity and 4-year-old daughter Amy (she had to work hard to compensate for Dave's paddling errors), and Tom & Zaila Johnson (who harmonized beautifully in their rendition of "Down the River").

Larry Gayle

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