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NEWSLETTER

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October NEWSLETTER Deadline is October 15th. Send typed copy to: Tom Carter,
110 Peachtree Hills Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

OCTOBER TRIP SCHEDULE:

PLEASE REGISTER BY THURSDAY SO THE LEADER CAN PLAN HIS TRIPS. REMEMBER THAT FALL IS APPROACHING AND EXTRA CLOTHES ARE NICE TO HAVE IN YOUR GEAR JUST IN CASE. SINCE WATER LEVELS HAVE BEEN SO UNPREDICTABLE, SEVERAL TRIPS IN OCTOBER WILL BE "LEADER'S CHOICE."

OCTOBER 1	LEADER'S CHOICE, CLASS II	GARY DEBACHER, 288-1773
OCTOBER 2	CARTECAY, CLASS III	DOUG WILSON, 351-2793
OCTOBER 8	LEADER'S CHOICE, CLASS III	BRONWYN FOWLKES, 233-1383
OCTOBER 9	BROAD, CLASS I	ROBERT VASSEY, 373-9576
OCTOBER 15	OCOEE, CLASS IV	JACK WEEMS, 938-5263
OCTOBER 15	ANNUAL PICNIC	
OCTOBER 22	LEADER'S CHOICE, CLASS III	ALLEN LEWIS, 477-0502
OCTOBER 23	CHATTOGA IV, CLASS IV	KEN MCAMIS, 321-5002, EXT. 340
OCTOBER 29	NANTAHALA WEEKEND, CLASS III	JIM ATKINS, 872-3957
OCTOBER 30	NANTAHALA WEEKEND, CLASS III	RAY KEEL, 973-3211

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PADDLING AND/OR LEADING A CLUB TRIP IN NOVEMBER FOR THOSE DIE HARDS, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL. IF NO ONE SHOWS ANY INTEREST, I WON'T SCHEDULE ANY TRIPS, BUT I WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO IF I CAN GET VOLUNTEER LEADERS. ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE RED CROSS CANOE CLINIC TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 PLEASE CALL ME, BRONWYN FOWLKES, 233-1383 AND BY THE WAY, I AM A FEMALE!

"GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING"

TIME: 4:30 P.M. OCTOBER 15, 1977 (SATURDAY)

PLACE: SKY LIFT PAVILLION
STONE MOUNTAIN PARK

Bring your boats to the beach (next to the boat ramp on the golf course side of the lake) for planned fun and games at 4:30. About 6:00 p.m., we will move to the Pavillion for a covered-dish dinner and the General Meeting. A brief report session followed by the election of the new officers is on the agenda. Anyone wishing to serve on the 1978 Board of Directors or would like to nominate someone, please call one of the nominating committee:

Dave Garrity 634-1847
Hank Klausman 255-7420
Jack Weems 938-5263

As always, bring lots of good food - soft drinks will be available at the Pavillion. There is electricity, so bring your movies, slides or what have you. Screen and extension cord will be furnished.

This should be a fun event so everybody come - HEAR!

G C A W A C K Y C A N O E R A C E S
Stone Mountain Lake, October 15 at 3: 30 PM

Once again we'll begin our annual picnic with those wacky canoe races. In these contests, it's not whether you win or lose, but how much fun you have participating and watching. Most of the contests will be tandem events, but you don't need to find a partner-- all teams, men and women, will be chosen by draw for each event. The contests include:

SIDEWAYS RACE: Canoes will line up with the side facing the finish line. Both paddlers will side-slip to the finish line using draw and pry strokes. Oops!-- don't lean out too far!

BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS RACE: One paddler at each end of the canoe facing in opposite directions. One will backpaddle, the other will paddle forward as they race to switch line. Then they reverse their strokes and race back to the starting point.

C4 RACE: Yes, 4 paddlers per canoe will race 100 yards to the finish line. No bailing allowed.

TUG-O-WAR: This event was a lot of fun last year-- both to the contestants and the spectators. Bring those wide bladed paddles and PULL-- or should I say paddle. The TUG-O-WAR winner will be decided by single elimination. There will be a solo and a tandem TUG-O-WAR--enter both of them, and have lots of fun..

DECKED BOATS: Bring them. There will be a separate class in the Sideways Race and the Tug-O-War for C-boats and Kiyaks. We'll have rolling contests too.

LAKE HOCKEY?: You've probably heard of ice hockey; perhaps street hockey. Well, how about lake hockey-- in canoes. After the above contests are decided all of the competitors are invited to dissipate their remaining energy in what may be the **WORLDS FIRST LAKE HOCKEY GAME**. Rules: Move the hockey puck (beach ball) across the goal line with the nose of your canoe. You may use your paddle to pass the puck, but use of hands not allowed.

The GCA WACKY CANOE RACES will be held at the public boat near the golf course. If you plan to participate, or if you can suggest another crazy race, please call Allen Lewis at 477-0502.....Right away!

TRIP REPORTS

Hiwassee River - August 27

Saturday morning found ten bleary-eyed folks looking for the "Big Chicken" out in Marietta. After a Cocoa High reunion, a little jogging and skiing talk, the group left Farmer John's full of homemade biscuits, country ham and coffee for the two-and-half hour drive to Reliance, the river, and lots of sunshine.

Jimmy Gunter was good enough to leave his wagon at the take out, loading his canoe on the Peterson's van. The put in at the Apalachia powerhouse looked a little like Morgan Falls on raft race day. Wading through a sea of tubers and rafters, the group hit the river. A couple of spills, a few afternoon lightning strikes, and diving for glasses at lunch provided the day's excitement. A special thanks to Jim Tibbetts for leading and Bill Grubbs for running sweep.

Paddling were Pat Janis, Bill Grubbs, Pete and Phyllis Peterson in K-1's; Jimmy and Tim Gunter, Dick and Carol Butterworth, Bill Humphlett and Ed Murphy in tandem opens; Jim Tibbetts and myself in solo opens.

Buddy Holmes

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UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE--August 28, 1977

The day started out overcast and with misty rain, but by the time we put in at Mrs. Wickes the sun was shining. We felt lucky that the water level was a muddy 1.8 and that the only really hard place to get through was Wash Board. There were a couple of spills with pride being the only thing hurt. There were no problems with the locals this day, so the trip turned out to be a typical "cruising down the river on a Sunday afternoon" type. Thanks to Tom Carter for sweeping.....Those paddling: Gwen Bergen, K-1; Hal Herndon, C-1; Tom Carter, Bob Landham, Dick Rekau, C-1-0; Ralph Sikes and Sarah, Jim Phar and Judy Black, Robert Vassey and Ed Davis, C-2-0.....Dick Rekau

NANTAHALA WEEKEND, August 20

It was an unusually hot day, the water was running cold and clear at 3.2 feet by the bridge gauge. It looked like a good day for running the Nantahala River. We arrived at the put-in to find the G.S.U. canoe training session, the N.O.C. raft trip, the Georgia Tech Outing Club, the Brookside raft trip and innumerable independent canoeists, rafters and tubers piling into the river to form a continuous long line of boaters which spanned the river as far as the eyes could see. It was a virtual carnival.

I waited at the put in for some latecomers while Jim Atkins lead the trip in his C-1-0. Participating in the madness were David Ballard and friend, David Downing and Gary Owen in C-2-0 and Pat NIM in K-1.

Shortly after Jim started the trip, I was met at the put-in by Edwin Weib and Mary Clance in C-2-0 and my partner Larye Backer. With great reluctance and extreme trepidation, we launched our boats into the swirling chaos. As if in a nightmare, we were pulled out of control into the gathering tide of recreation paddlers.

"How the poor sailors stand amazed and tremble,
While the hoarse thunder, like a bloody trumpet,
Hours a loud onset to the gaping waters,
Quick to devour them!" *

Just as I suspected! The river from put-in to take-out was littered with human wreckage. Meanwhile, at the falls:

"Homeless immortals! Now they scream and shiver,
While devils push them to the pit wide-yawning
Fleecious and gloomy, to receive them headlong
Down to the center."

It will be a dark day before this canoeist leads another trip down the Nantahala during the late summer months.

Jim Barrows

* Isaac Watts, "The Day of Judgment"

FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL C-1 Hahn from the workshop of Bill Crowley. Only used twice. New Float Bags. All for only \$250.00. Call the Blanchfields at 284-7645 for information. Thanks, Maureen Maloney

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