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AUGUST 1978 TRIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 5	HIAWASSEE		
AUGUST 6	WEEKEND CLASS II	JIMMY GUNTER	424-0850
AUGUST 12	ETOWAH CLASS II	JIMMY GUNTER	424-0850
AUGUST 12	S.L. JONES BOYS' CLUB		
AUGUST 13	WEEKEND	DAVID GARRITY	872-4841 (H) 656-3968 (O)
AUGUST 19	HIAWASSEE, CLASS II	JIMMY GUNTER	424-0850
AUGUST 19	NANTAHALA, CLASS III	GWEN BERGEN	377-2970
AUGUST 20	WEEKEND		
AUGUST 26	BROAD, CLASS II	GWEN BERGEN	377-2970
AUGUST 26	OCOEE, CLASS IV	DAVID GARRITY	872-4841 (H)
AUGUST 27	WEEKEND		656-3968 (O)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AT THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING I APPOINTED A NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF STUART ALSTON-CHAIRMAN, BONNIE WOLF AND GWEN BERGEN. IF YOU DESIRE A PARTICULAR OFFICE OR WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE, CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL PREPARE A SLATE OF OFFICERS. ANY MEMBER CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. BEFORE DOING SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THIS OUT WITH THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HAVE A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LATE IN SEPTEMBER AT WHICH TIME OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED. BECAUSE OF THE POOR TURNOUT AT THE LAST ELECTION (FALL 1977 MEETING) WE ARE RECONSIDERING THE FORMAT FOR MEETINGS. I WOULD WELCOME THE THOUGHTS OF ANY MEMBERS ON THIS SUBJECT.

DAVID GARRITY

ANNUAL BOYS CLUB TRIP

ON AUGUST 12 & 13 WE WILL CONDUCT OUR ANNUAL TRIP WITH THE SAMUEL L. JONES BOYS CLUB. AS MOST MEMBERS ARE AWARE, THE BOYS CLUB ALLOWS USE OF ITS SWIMMING POOL ON FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS FOR ROLLING PRACTICE. IN RETURN, WE ALWAYS TAKE A NUMBER OF BOYS ON A CANOE TRIP. THIS YEAR WE ARE CONSIDERING CHANGING THE FORMAT OF THIS OUTING BY GOING TO THE NANTAHALA FOR A WEEKEND OF CANOEING, RAFTING AND CAMPING. PLEASE CALL DAVID GARRITY IF YOU USED THE POOL (OR EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T) AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP. (#'S ABOVE.)

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE - JULY 2, 1978

WE MET AT DUNCAN BRODGE AT ABOUT 10 AM. THE GROUP WAS SMALL - FOUR TANDEM CANOES (SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP DIDN'T MAKE IT.) WE LEFT THE TAKE-OUT AT 10:30 AND WERE ON THE RIVER BY 11:15. THE PADDLERS WERE FRANK REINBOLT AND EILEEN LANGE, HERB HENRY AND PAUL HENRY (HERB'S NEPHEW FROM ARKANSAS), LARRY THOMAS AND WALLY WAHLGUST, AND OREON AND CHRIS MANN. THE GAUGE AT MRS WIKE'S STORE WAS 1.86, MAKING FOR A PLEASANT, UNEVENTFUL TRIP WITH LOTS OF SCRAPES, BUT NO TURN-OVERS.

OREON MANN

TRAINING SESSION ON THE HIAWASSEE

ON JULY 15 & 16 WE CONDUCTED A BEGINNING CANOE AND KAYAK CLINIC ON THE HIAWASSEE RIVER. IN C-1 OPEN WERE STANLEY LANDERS AND FAYE FORD. IN C-2 OPEN WERE RADINE & GWEN BERGEN, AND JERRY HOLLADAY AND SABRA HANSEN. IN K-1 WERE CHRIS MANN, HARMON TAYLOR, RICHARD TAYLOR, WALT SANBORN, JR., AND KEN BARNES. IN SPITE OF A DRIVING RAINSTORM WHICH STRUCK WHILE WE WERE ON THE RIVER SATURDAY AND SOME UNSCHEDULED SWIMMING, WE ALL AVOIDED HYPOTHERMIA BY GETTING OFF THE RIVER QUICKLY. SUNDAY TURNED INTO A SUNNY, HOT DAY WHICH WAS MARRIED BY A DROPPING RIVER LEVEL DUE TO A SHORT GENERATION BY TVA. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE INSTRUCTORS: OREON MANN, JIM HOBBS, GARY DEBACHER, AND DREW LEVINGTON.

A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO BILL CLOSE, LONG-TIME GCA MEMBER, WHO AT MY REQUEST DEVELOPED POSTER-SIZED, MULTI-COLORED DRAWINGS AND ILLUSTRATIONS WHICH WERE USED AS INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS DURING THE TRAINING SESSION. THESE ILLUSTRATIONS PROVED TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND WERE EXTREMELY WELL-RECEIVED BY STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE TIME, EFFORT, AND SKILL WHICH BILL PUT INTO DEVELOPING THESE MATERIALS.

DAVID GARRITY

ICHETUCKNEE / SANTA FE - MAY 29, 1978

DON'T LEAVE YOUR CANOE AT HOME ON THAT NEXT TRIP TO THE SUNSHINE STATE! AT LEAST TAKE A TUBE.

THE ICHETUCKNEE (ISH-TUCK-NEE) RIVER BOILS UP CRYSTAL CLEAR AT ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK IN NORTH-CENTRAL FLORIDA. IT IS FED BY SOME FIFTY SPRINGS IN ITS FOUR AND ONE HALF MILE JOURNEY TO JOIN THE 'BLACK WATER' SANTA FE RIVER. SINCE BEING PLACED IN THE SPOTLIGHT LAST SUMMER AS A FEATURE IN 'NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC', THE RIVER WAS INUNDATED WITH TUBERS AND THEIR TRASH. THERE IS A HAPPY ENDING, HOWEVER. THE STATE STEPPED IN, CLEANED UP THE RIVER AND PLACED SOME STRINGENT AND PERHAPS PROPHECIC RULES INTO EFFECT WITHIN THE PARK WHICH INCLUDES THE MAIN SPRINGS AND FIRST THREE MILES OF TOTALLY WILDERNESS RIVER. THE RULES ARE NO FOOD, DRINK, COOLERS, FIRE-ARMS, POWER BOATS OR PETS ALLOWED ON THE RIVER. A RANGER CHECKS EACH CRAFT FOR COMPLIANCE!! ALSO 'ONLY' 3,000 PEOPLE PER DAY ARE ALLOWED ON THE RIVER. THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT EVIDENTLY THIS LIMIT IS REACHED ROUTINELY ON WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. FOR EXAMPLE, ON SUNDAY MAY 28 THE RIVER, WHICH OPENS AT 8:00 AM, WAS CLOSED ABOUT 1:00 PM. OUR 1:00 AM DEPARTURE ASURED PLENTY OF TUBERS AND SCUBA DIVERS TO DOUZE DURING THE ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR TRIP TO THE PICNIC AREA AT

THIS UPPER SECTION WAS BEAUTIFUL WITH ITS CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER, LIMESTONE BLUES, SIDE STREAMS LEADING TO BOILING SPRINGS AND OLD MILL SITES, WHITE SAND BOTOMS ALTERNATING WITH MULTI-COLORED WATER PLANTS, TOWERING CYPRESS TREES AND THEIR KNEES, NARROW SECTIONS THROUGH LIMESTONE RIDGES, WIDE SWAMP REGIONS AND PLENTY OF COTONMOUTHS OUT SUNING AND HARASSING THE TUBERS. THE NOISE FROM THE TUBERS (THOSE FANG HOLES REALLY WHISTLE) WAS SOMEWHAT DISTRACTING, SO THE TRIP MIGHT HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER AT A TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE WEATHER DISCOURAGED THE TUBERS FROM GETTING THEIR TUBS WET. WEL WORTH THE TRIP ANY TIME OF YEAR.

THE SECTION BELOW THE BRIDGE AT US 27 IS OUTSIDE THE PARK AND IS HEAVILY DEVELOPED IN SECOND HOMES. ALSO THE RIVER IS USED BY FISHERMEN WITH THEIR 1.5 & 150 HORSE TROLLING MOTORS AND SUBSEQUENT TIDAL WAVES. AL BUT A FEW OF THE POWER BOATERS DID SLOW DOWN FOR US HOWEVER. THE LOWER ICHETUCKNEE AND SANTA FE TRIP TO US 129 IS ABOUT SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES AND TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS OF STEADY PADDLING.

THIS LOWER SECTION IS NOT RECOMMENDED UNLESS DUELING POWER BOATS IN FLAT WATER JUST HAPPENS TO BE YOUR THING.

PADDLING SOLO OPEN WAS JIM TIBLET'S AND IN TRIPLE OPENS WERE LAMAR, JENNY AND DENISE WADE AS WELL AS CONIF, BUDDY AND MICHAEL (ON HIS FIRST RIVER VENTURE) HOLMES.

Missinaibi River: Eight G.C.A. members motored to Mattice, Ontario, in June to follow the voyageur's route 202 miles north to James Bay. This is a fast flowing undammed, unpolluted wilderness river which is crossed by only two bridges in its 375 mile length. We made several portages due to waterfalls which could not be lined or run, for a total one way mileage of 3.5 miles. At one spot, in a one mile section, the river drops 100 feet which for a big river like the Missinaibi means a sight to be viewed from a distance. There was evidence of bear and moose on the entire river and edible fish were readily available. The trip ended in the Indian village of Moosonee whereupon we boarded the freight version of The Polar Bear Express train to ride out to civilization. We were on the river ten days. We would be glad to help anyone planning a trip on this river and might be of assistance in planning trips on other rivers in Ontario. Paddlers were: Solo: David Brown; Tandem: Dick and Carol Butterworth, Don and Bettina George, Dottie and Neil Rashba, Patti Weed, Ike Maxwell.

River Trip - July 9, 1978
Hiwassee

After the Chatooga II trip was canceled due to low water, three determined boaters packed up and headed for the Hiwassee River in Tennessee. There they found plenty of sunshine and plenty of water in the dam controlled river. Everyone had a good trip and no one spilled. However after running the last rapid Bonnie Wolf did conduct a temperature check in an EDDY by turning her boat up-side down and after coming out of the boat, swimming for shore. The conclusion of that scientific fact finding expedition - the water was COLD!

Paddling: K-1 Bonnie Wolf; Carlton Lynn
C-1 open Jimmy Gunter

Jimmy Gunter

OCOEE - JULY 4, 1978

AFTER TRYING THE CHATTOOGA SECTION IV TANDEM OPEN AND MAKING ALL THE RAPIDS KEN MC AMIS AND I DECIDED TO GIVE THE OCOEE A WHIRL. THIS WAS QUITE A STEP-UP FOR ME, WHO TWO SUMMERS^{ago} WALKED OUT OF THIS RIVER THREE TIMES. HOWEVER, NOW IT IS AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE, THANKS TO JACK WEEMS, WHO FINALLY GOT ME ALL THE WAY TO THE END IN A C-2. ANYWAY, BACK TO THE OPEN. WE MADE IT! SEVERAL TIMES, THE BOAT WAS RATHER FULL, AND SEVERAL TIMES I THOUGHT I WAS FLYING AS THE BOAT BOUNDED OVER THE WAVES. WE HAD ONE MISHAP IN A FAIRLY WIERD SPOT, BUT WE RECOVERED, AND PROCEEDED WITH NO OTHER TROUBLE. THANKS TO KEN STRICKLAND AND JACK WEEMS WHO WATCHED AND LAUGHED, BUT WERE GENERALLY HELPFUL!. ON THE SECOND RUN, KEN GOT CAUGHT BY "ERNIE" (THE HOLE ON THE RIGHT ABOVE THE BRIDGE), AND MADE A SPECTACULAR RECOVERY AFTER SURFING FOR QUITE A WHILE. HE HAD A BOAT FULL OF WATER, AND HAD TO ROLL SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE ALL THE WATER WOULD LET THE BOAT STAY UP.

BRONWYN FOWLKES

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. CANOE & KAYAK CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS

SLALOM

C-1 CHAMP: MARK WARREN - 3RD
K-1W CHAMP: FRAN STRICKLAND - 1ST
K-1 JR. CHAMP: DAVID KLAUSMAN - 2ND
C-2 CHAMP: M WARREN/D. JONES 1ST
M. EAGER/H. EAGER - 3RD
C-1 NOVICE: T. DALLINGER - 1ST
GARY DEBACHER - 2ND
ALLEN LEWIS - 3RD
K-1 NOVICE: HANK KLAUSMAN - 2ND
C-1W OPEN: BARBARA OSGOOD - 1ST
C-2M OPEN: DALLINGER/OSGOOD - 1ST
N. MYERS/OSGOOD - 2ND

WILDWATER

K-1 CHAMP: DAVID JONES 1ST
K. STRICKLAND - 2ND
K-1W CHAMP: F. STRICKLAND - 2ND
K-1 CRUISING: DOUG WOODWARD - 1ST
CLYDE WOOLSEY - 2ND
C-1 CRUISING: ALLEN LEWIS - 3RD
C-1W OPEN CRUISING: B. OSGOOD - 1ST
C-2 CHAMP: D.WOODWARD/J.CHEEK - 3RD
C-2M CRUISING: D.JONES/F.STRICKLAND - 1ST
T. BROWER/J.BROWER - 2ND
C-2M OPEN CRUISING: EAGER/EAGER - 3RD

WANT ADS

FOR SALE:

KAYAK: PHOENIX CASCADE IN REAL GOOD CONDITION. HAS OUTSIDE SEAMS. \$175. BRIAN JACOBSON (ATHENS) 548-2049.
KAYAK: PRIJON, FLOAT BAGS, SPRAY SKIRT, EXCELLENT. \$185. PHIL YOUNGER 762-3145 DAYS, 432-7432, EVENINGS.
KAYAK: PAVELBONE, FLOAT BAGS, SPRAY SKIRT, EXCELLENT, \$185. PHIL YOUNGER(SEE #'S ABOVE).
KAYAK: LETTMAN MARK IV WITH FLOAT BAGS. HIGH VOLUME, SLALOM DESIGN. YELLOW AND WHITE. NEVER USED. \$225.00. BOBBY HINSON - 926-7846.

C-1: SMALL HAHN. PATCHED BUT USEABLE. \$80.00. DAVID GARRITY - 872-4841 (H), 656-3968 (O).

C-1: THE BICENTENNIAL BANANA HAS STILL NOT BEEN SOLD! YOU CAN SEE THIS MARVELOUS CREATION IN ATLANTA, BUT IS BEING SOLD BY CARLTON SHUFORD IN AUGUSTA 404/793-6627. THE BOAT IS MEDIUM VOLUME WITH PEDESTAL SEAT & KNEE STRAPS.

C-2: BUILT BY RAPID SOUTH BERRAGAN MOLD. HAS CROWLEY RIMS AND SEATS. FLOAT BAGS AND CENTER SPRAY SKIRT. NO LEAKS, NO PATCHES. USED ONLY 6 OR 7 TIMES. \$325. JOE BLANCHFIELD: 284-7645.

CANOE: 17' GRUMMAN. BLOCKED WITH FOAM, EQUIPPED WITH KNEE STRAPS. NEVER PINNED, BUT HAS MANY SMALL DENTS. KNOWS MOST ALL RIVERS BY HEART. \$250. DAVID GARRITY: 872-4841 OF 656-3968.

CANOE: USED ONE SEASON. 17' OLD TOWN WITH FLOTATION. \$475. 16' BLUE HOLE WITH FLOTATION. \$430. MIKE RAINEY (AFTER 6) 926-2371.

CANOE: NEW MAD RIVER T-W SPECIAL. LIKE NEW MAD RIVER SCREAMER. ALL PAT MOORE BOATS IN STOCK. ALL 15-25% DISCOUNT. NEW WORLD EXPLORERS. IKE MAXWELL, COLUMBUS, GA. 404/324-3515 DAYS, 324-1784 (E).

KAYAK PADDLE: USED, IN GOOD REPAIR. 80" KOBER, RIGHT HAND CONTROL. \$20. NANCY BARKER. 874-8897.

CANOE PADDLES: 2 NORSE - \$30 EA. 1 COFFIN \$20. 1 COFFIN \$25. PHILIP YOUNGER. 762-3145 DAYS, 432-7432 EVENINGS.

CANOE PADDLES: CLEMENT, 15-25% DISCOUNT. NEW WORLD EXPLORERS. IKE MAXWELL, COLUMBUS, 404/324-3515 DAYS, 324-1784, NIGHTS.

HELMET: USED I YEAR. MADE BY JOFFA. \$15. NANCY BARKER: 874-8897,

HELMET: \$10. PHIL YOUNGER: 762-3145 DAYS, 432-7432. NIGHTS.

LOST: NEW WORLD WILDWATER PADDLE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE PADDLE HAS AN ORANGE FIBERGLASS SHAFT. IF FOUND PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN JACOBSON - COLLECT - AT (404) 548-2049 (ATHENS).