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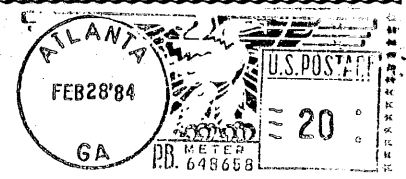
Deadline for material for the next newsletter is the 15th. Submit material to Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322. DO NOT SEND DUES, ADDRESS CHANGES, OR SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEMS TO THIS ADDRESS. All subscription matters should be addressed to GCA, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta GA 30357. Please type articles border to border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs and no vertical spacing between paragraphs. This format makes it much easier for me to lay out the newsletter. Good, high contrast photos and conservation clippings are also welcome. NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, AT THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY HEADQUARTERS, 3110 Maple Drive NE in Atlanta, near the intersection of Piedmont and Peachtree. Members and interested persons are welcome to attend. However, if you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, please call the president or vice president before the meeting so they can plan time on the agenda.

GCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 9, AT 7 PM, ATLANTA WATERWORKS LODGE. We will start with the usual pot-luck supper. Bring a main dish and a dessert or salad-- enough for you and to share. Coffee, tea and non-alcoholic swill will be provided. A confessional booth will be present for those who still haven't paid their dues, and angry advertisers can attempt to chase down the newsletter editor and throw him in the lake. MOVIES AND SLIDES (Our film agenda includes the New and the Gauley in W. VA., Overflow Creek in N. GA., and the Swat and the Hunza in Pakistan.)

To get to the Atlanta Waterworks, first find Bishop, a connector street running between Northside Drive on the east and Howell Mill Road on the west. About midway between you will see a street running north along the east side of the reservoirs. Soon you will see vehicles with boats on them, all in various states of disrepair. You are there. Don't park on the residential street to the east of the lodge. Don't drop my dinner in the parking lot. ---Ed. For further information or directions, call Mark Levine @ 926-8683

Don't miss the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on March 9. See page 1 for details.

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 2335 Stephens Cir.  
 Gainesville, Ga. 30501

TIME LIMIT

- March
- 3 River Safety & Rescue Clinic, to register call Jim Farr (see February Eddy Line for details and directions) 634-2272
  - 3 Apalachee 1/2, intermediate Jeff Engel 1-548-5015
  - 4 Upper Hooch 2/3, intermediate Andy Warshaw 471-8831
  - 4 Tellico 3/4, advanced Roger Nott 1-536-6923
  - 9 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Atlanta Water Works lodge, details inside
  - 10 Trip Leader Training Clinic, see Feb. Eddy Line for details, or call Marc Rucker 876-7970
  - 10 Cartecay 2/3, adv. intermediate Mark & Susan Levine 926-8683
  - 10 Wild Card 3/4, advanced Chuck Gregory 971-0779
  - (if no answer, leave message on machine)
  - 11 Nantahala/Trip Leaders exercise, 2/3 intermediate Marc Rucker (H) 876-7970
  - (register before 9 March, either number (W) 221-6043
  - 11 Wild Card 2/3, intermediate Dale Bergen 469-6289
  - 16-25 Suwanee River Canoe Tripping Marathon, see Feb. Eddy Line for details, or call Russ Koester 233-4093
  - 17 Brasstown Creek, NC 2/2+, Jr. intermediate Bill Smith 953-0697
  - (this is an easy, scenic trip but will require a rain; Nantahala will be the back-up)
  - 17 Upper Hooch 2/3, intermediate Nancy Barker 874-8897
  - 17-18 Mulberry Fork, AL, Canoe & Kayak Races, for info call (205) 663-7941
  - 18 Cartecay 2/3, advanced intermediate Jerry Holladay 688-1842
  - 18 Wild Card 2/3, intermediate Andy Warshaw 471-8831
  - 24 Chattooga III 3/4, advanced Fred Thomas 1-675-3830
  - 24 Oconaluftee, NC 2/3, intermediate David Ashley 633-7296
  - 25 Raven Fork, NC 3/4, advanced David Ashley 633-7296
  - 25 Ocoee 3/4+, advanced & expert Hal Herndon 231-5367
  - 31 Trip Leader Training, session 2, call Marc Rucker 876-7970
  - 31 Chattooga III 3/4, advanced Hugh Stubbs 952-4926
  - 31 Cartecay 2/3, advanced intermediate Lee Miles 487-8362
- April
- 1 Nantahala/Trip Leaders exercise, 2/3 intermediate Marc Rucker 876-7970
  - 1 Ocoee 3/4+, advanced & expert Oreon Mann 522-3469

JUMP TRIPS FOR MARCH. For background on jump trips, see Peter Elkon's article in the Dec. 1983 Eddy Line. Basically, it's a standing offer to run a particular stream, if the water level is adequate, any weekend during that month. Peter, who is also impromptu trip chairman, reports that response has been (to say the least) limited. Notwithstanding, here are some interesting possibilities:

Peter Elkon (373-7535) Upper Conasauga or suggest your own river.

Mark Levine (926-8683) Tellico, assuming he's not already leading a trip on the schedule.

Ted & Helen Sparks (205) 236-4316, nearly 'bout anything in NE Alabama, particularly the Locust Fork, Little River Canyon, Town Creek, or something equally obscure.

Obviously, the rivers listed are all for advanced and expert paddlers only. It is their nature that a fresh rain is required to make them moderately navigable, and often too much rain makes them hazardous or impossible. Usually the best time to call the leader is Friday or Saturday night when it's raining bucketsfull; stay flexible. If you can lead such a trip, call Peter at 373-7535.

UPDATE ON TRIP LEADER TRAINING. For background, see the February Eddy Line. The March 10-11 session filled up quickly, and a second has been added on 31 March-1 April. The format for the second session will follow that of the first. A club trip is scheduled for 1 April to give the trainees a group to practice on following a day at the NOC on 31 March. Cost will be about \$10 each, payable in cash money on the 31st. Currently both sessions are filled to the limit, but if you are interested call Marc Rucker anyway; several cancellations are possible and you will be added to the roster if it is possible. Rucker may not be able to attend the second session, but will coordinate it and be the point of contact. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER OF THE NANTAHALA CLUB TRIPS LISTED, CALL RUCKER SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OR SHOW UP AT THE PUT-IN NOT LATER THAN 11:00 ON SUNDAY.

Upper Chestatee, Sun., Feb. 5, 1984 - We paddled from Tate to Grindle Bridges in 4½ hours. The water was low and very clear, but ample enough for us easily to clear all the shoals except for those broad ledges between the take-out and Shotgun Shoals. These can be bumpy even in fairly high water. We had a clear day with some sun, but it snowed during much of the trip sprightly swirling flakes which melted on impact. The bonfire at lunch was the hit of the day, warming body and spirits. Two folks tested their wetsuits and decided they were glad to have them. Overall we had a fine run on a beautiful stretch of river. It's rapidly being developed, however. I was dismayed to discover 7 buildings on the river built since my last trip on the Upper Chestatee on 2-7-82! All their owners had thinned or clearcut to the water's edge. Will a trip on the Chestatee in 20 years look like a drive through a suburban subdivision? It will, I believe, unless we act decisively now to preserve our river corridors. I hope as many GCA members as possible will join now with others to establish in Georgia a strong program to promote conservation easements donated by land owners along our river corridors in exchange for tax exemptions, with severe penalties for development. Participants: Hugh Stubbs, K-1; Jeff Engel, James Lucas, Arthur Lucas and I in OC-1's. - Roger Nott

EVERGLADES, Feb. 4-10: The spectacular 100-mile Everglades Waterway (along which we managed to paddle 140 miles with all our side trips) was a birder's paradise again this year on Ike Maxwell's annual New World Explorers trip. My life bird list grew with white pelicans, reddish herons, glossy and scarlet ibis, white-crowned pigeons and Louisiana herons. So many species, including the ever-awesome eagles and soaring ospreys, were visible that it was hard to put down the binoculars and keep paddling. Alligators sunned everywhere and dolphins and tarpon put on a water show.

Our weather was great: warm, sunny days and nights just cool enough to keep the bugs down. Winds were gentler than last year and tides more favorable and except in Whitewater Bay we didn't have to muscle for every mile. We camped six nights at sites and chickees with those great Everglades names: Sweet Bay, Willy Willy, Lostman's Key, Harney River, Canepatch and Joe River. Canepatch, Lostman's and Sweet Bay were new sites for us this year and we recommend all three. NOTE: The Park Service has installed several new double chickees that are much roomier than the old singles, but these are not on the maps yet. If you are planning an Everglades paddle, be sure to inquire about these at your ranger station put-in.

James Jackson from NOC and Joe Maher from Columbus shared this one with Ike and me. During the entire seven days we saw only one other canoe and that was on the seventh day. It's a splendid, watery wilderness that challenges your intellect, folks. Come explore it with us next time. -- Russ Koester

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If you are considering a new canoe in 1984 call me for details - Nolan Whitesell "CANOES by WHITESELL, LTD." 261-6351.

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FOR SALE -- Perception Mirage Kayak. Good condition, \$250. Bruce Williams, 231-5624(H) or 420-4081 or 420-8017(W)

FOR SALE: Blue Hole OCA, red, outfitted with block and saddle, good condition, \$600. Hahn C-1, includes bags, skirt and helmet, \$250. Contact Mark Levine @ 926-8683

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\*\*\*\*GRAND CANYON\*\*\*\* Anyone seriously interested in going down the Grand Canyon this summer by raft or by boat - please contact Nolan Whitesell soon. This will be a late September or October run of 12 or 13 days - 1/2 runs of 6 or 7 days may be possible. Cost will be \$798 for boaters and \$1,098 for rafters, including food and return shuttle to Flagstaff. \$50 more if in September. If you have checked around you know this is the best price and 15% of the money goes to FRIENDS OF THE RIVER for legal defense supporting efforts to protect the Colorado River from continuing destructive development and mismanagement. A GREAT CAUSE!!

To confirm this trip we need commitment soon - spring will be too late for permits. If interested please send a note to: Nolan Whitesell  
2807 Osborne Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

Include in the note:

- 1) Your name, address and telephone number.
- 2) Going by raft or by boat - if by boat indicate what type boat, number of years you've been paddling, your skill level, and what you consider to be your most difficult run to date.
- 3) Idea of commitment - Are you 100% committed or is there a 50/50 chance you can't make it - be realistic please.

DO IT NOW ... THANK YOU NOLAN

NOTES:

New GCA Appliques- Club logo in green or white on pressure sensitive clear polyester. Suitable for boat or car. Send \$1.50 ea. (specify color) to the P.O. Box or contact Mark Levine @ 926-8683.

Rolling Practice continues every Monday night at the Whitehead Boys' Club. For details, contact Mike Miller @ 627-4617 (days) or Mark Levine @ 926-8683 (nights)

The Best of the River Safety Task Force Newsletter- A 90 page booklet from Charlie Wallbridge of the ACA detailing white water accidents over the past six years. To order, contact Jerry Holladay @ 688-1842.

Scenic and Recreational Streams in the Tennessee Valley- A 14 page, full color booklet listing distance, difficulty, min. flow, scenery and fish, along with access points and a map. Send \$1. per copy to TVA Map Sales, 400 West Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902.