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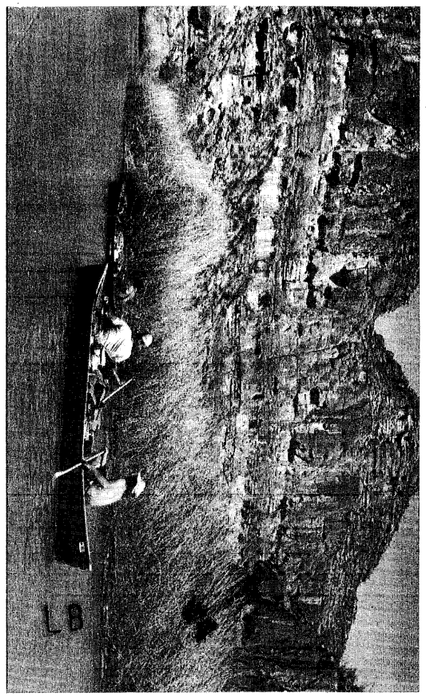

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NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, AT THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY HEADQUARTERS, 3110 Maple Drive NE in Atlanta, near the intersection of Piedmont and Peachtree. Members and interested persons are welcome to 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.

September					
	1	Ocoee	class 3-4+, advanced & expert	Hal Herndon	231-5376
	2	French Broad, NC	3-4+, advanced	Bill Smith	953-0697 (CALL EARLY)
		Ocoee Whitewater Rodeo....	for information, call 992-3200		
	3	Upper Hooch	2-3, senior intermediate	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	8	Ocoee or Chattooga IV	3-5, advanced & expert	Hal Herndon	231-5376
	8	Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Nancy Barker	874-8897
	9	Etowah	class 1-2, trained beginner	Tom Nanney	993-7436
	9	Ocoee	class 4, advanced & expert	Lee Miles	487-8362
	15	Chattooga IV	3-5, advanced	Andy Warshaw	471-8831
	15	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Dave Garrity	377-7850
		(Garrity will also paddle the Nantahala or Ocoee on the 16th. Call for details.)			
	16	Lower Chauga	class 2-3+, senior intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
	16	Wild Card	class 4, advanced & expert	Bruce Williams	231-5624
	22	Gauley, W.Va.	Hair Boaters Only, call for details.	Nolan Whitsell	261-6351
	22	Wild Card	class 2-3, intermediate	Ben Maxwell	953-3972
	22	Ocoee	3-4+, advanced & expert	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683
	22	Class 2+ backpacking trip		Don & Bettina George	1-787-9548
	23	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Dick Wright	349-3850
	29	Upper Hooch	2-3, senior intermediate	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	29	Ocoee	3-4+, advanced & expert	Wayne Gentry	296-5196
	30	Hiwassee	2+, junior intermediate	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
	30	Nantahala	2-3, Sr. intermediate	Roger Shepherd	493-7630
Oct.	6	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Ron Towe	435-0903
	6	Ocmulgee	1-2, trained beginner	Gary DeBacher	634-4651
	12	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING....	SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS ISSUE.		

To volunteer to lead trips, call the Cruisemaster, Marc Rucker, (H) 876-7970, (W) 221-6043.

GCA FALL MEETING AND ELECTIONS FRIDAY OCTOBER 12 AT THE ATLANTA WATERWORKS LODGE. The meeting will start at 7 PM with the usual potluck supper. Bring a main dish and a salad or dessert, enough for yourselves plus some to share. Coffee, tea, plasticware, paper plates, etc., will be provided, and depending on the current state of the treasury, there may be a small head tax for these items. After dinner there will be a brief service honoring the tradition of Western Democracy and the folly of voluntarism (election of officers), followed by the usual spectacular movies and narrational lies.

How to get there.... First go to Bishop, which is a short connector street running between Howell Mill Road (on the west) and Northside Drive (on the east). Turn north off Bishop onto Reservoir (the road, not the lake), drive a block or so, and you will see cars with canoes on them. The lodge is a stone building right at the end of reservoir. Don't park on the residential street east of the lodge. Folks there have formed a symbiotic relationship with certain towing outfits. --Ed.

BARGAIN BOATS. Let me say at the outset, in deference to our advertisers (the paying kind) that today's mass-produced whitewater boats, especially the rotationally molded decked boats from Perception, Noah and Hydra, are outstanding values even at "list price." There are some super values in ABS boats also. This article is written from the point of view of a dedicated cheapskate and bargain hunter, someone who is willing to do a little initial outfitting and routine repair in order to take advantage of some unusual offers.

After the demise of Miss Piggy (see last issue), I did some serious shopping for a C-1. To make a long story short, I bought a Phoenix Fiberlastic "Phlipper", called Seewun (sic) by the manufacturer. I paid $270 for an unused boat. Since last winter, Phoenix has been offering virtually their entire line of decked boats, in either Fiberlastic or glass-nylon layup, for $250 plus $40 shipping, for anyone

willing to wait at least 8 weeks for truck delivery. I saved the wait and part of the shipping by buying from a raft guide who, after buying the Phlipper, decided to spring for a Max and go racing.

How can Phoenix offer boats to the public for so little? First, I suspect, because they have to. While Fiberlastic boats are as break- resistant as polyethelene boats, and are more repairable if they do break, they sure are mighty plain in appearance compared to a Gyramax or a Centaur. In fact, nearly all the hand-laid boats I've seen recently have been rough and blotchy in appearance compared to molded boats. Rationally speaking, mere cosmetics should not be an issue, but in the dealer's showroom, smooth surfaces and swoopy lines make sales. With their production costs, Phoenix probably can't compete in the showrooms, so they are gambling that they can eliminate the middle man and split the markup with the mail-order buyer. I also notice that Phoenix have changed their address from Tyner to Berea KY, home of Berea College, where there is no tuition and students work their way through school in various commercial ventures such as a hotel, various craft outlets, etc. Am I wrong in suspecting some symbiosis as a source of cheap labor?

Phoenix claims that Fiberlastic boats can be molded in better- performing shapes than plastic boats, but I think the Gyramax has refuted that. In fact, what I like about my Phlipper is that the flexible Fiberlastic, plus slightly oversize walls, have mitigated the flat rear deck, underside, and rails which made earlier glass-nylon Seewuns a little hot-handling for us tall, heavy people. So round, so firm, so fully packed, so easy on the draw. Well, elliptical, anyway, and it will run rings around Miss Piggy.

Phoenix has reduced the claimed weights of its fiberlastic boats, and my own was right on spec at 35 lbs, with walls (factory installed) but without a seat. That installed, it weighs the same as the average Gyramax. Mike Miller got me a C-1 set of Voyageur's ultralight float bags, made of nylon inside-coated with urethane. Very slick, but I wonder whether they are any lighter than 20 oz. vinyl bags once they are wet? An experiment is in order.... One other fault of Fiberlastic is that it is less abrasion resistant than poly-ethelene, and fuzzes badly as it wears. David Ashley simply glued a wear patch of glass under his Phlipper's seat.

The boat I really wanted was a Kevlar Seda Orion, also brand new, for an asking price of $380. The Orion is an outstanding modern cruising C-1 for the larger paddler, but I had purchased the Phoenix before the Seda's owners had responded to my offer. Let me know if you are interested in the boat, and I will put you in touch. Ken McAmis has a fully outfitted expedition layup '82 Noah Atlantis, barely scuffed, which he will sell for less than he paid for it, but it looks too fast for me.

So what did I do with the money I saved? Stopping by Noah for some resin, I learned Vladimir was selling several slightly used hand-laid boats, one of them the infamous Lava C-1, which is essentially the same hull as the Magma kayak, just 25 inches wide with positively deadly edges. Those who tried it hated it even more than the unlamented Perception Spectrum C-1. Just ask Ernie Mancill. Vladimir was asking only $99, suggesting that the buyer install a kayak cockpit. But I figured Paul (age 10) was ready to try C-1, and at his weight, would not notice the edges. And frankly, I can't wait to try the thing itself, on easy rivers.

Erratta: in the last issue, I said that Perception boats carry a one year warranty. Mike Miller says that has been extended to 3 years or 36,000 river miles, whichever comes first.

You get no warranty with bargain boats, but I'll mention just two more. Hank Klausman still has a racing kayak for a super price, and Vladimir has a lightweight, hand-laid "Polo" kayak, sort of a prototype for the Jeti, for $200. It is only a little scuffed, has outside seams, and would be an outstanding beginners boat for anyone so uncertain about kayaking as to be unwilling to spring for a Jeti. That was the boat Paul really wanted, but I ain't having any Yakkers in the Immediate family. —Ed.

CAUSTIC NOTES FROM YOUR CRUISEMASTER. Just to prove that your Eddy Line editor has no monopoly on being contentious, friends and neighbors, I have a few assorted comments to share with you. First, I want to thank, on behalf of the entire club, that large handfull of Trip Leaders whose names appear monthly and with religious regularity on the trip schedule of this newsletter. We all know who they are, and without their monthly "tithe" our trip selection would be much less varied.

But folks, they need help. It's true that we tend to run trips on the same rivers month after month, for the simple reason that those are the rivers that our trip leaders choose to paddle--for a variety of reasons. Most of us would like to increase the variety of trips available to us, and this requires YOUR help. Don't wait for the Cruisemaster to call you; call him/her first. (Remember, if your Cruisemaster hasn't already called you, he probably doesn't know you--or what you'd like to paddle, or whether you're capable of leading a trip, etc.) With fall coming fast upon us it would be great to schedule some colorful trips on some of the seldom-paddled but scenic rivers that abound such as the Flint, Toccoa, Nacoochee, Ogeechee, plus those in surrounding states. So instead of lamenting those trips that might have been, call your Cruisemaster and volunteer to lead one. Remember, you don't have to be a scientifically trained and certified hair boater to lead a trip on your favorite river; you would probably do a fantastic job without any help at all, thank you, from the "experts". Call me; let's talk about it.

Secondly, about Wild Card trips. Wild Cards are designed to give Trip Leaders flexibility in selecting a trip appropriate to water levels, his/her own desires and competency, etc. They are NOT designed for you to ask the Trip Leader to schedule a trip of your choice. The Trip Leader will select a trip to suit his/her own abilities and desires; participants should be willing to abide by and respect that choice. Wild Cards become more common this time of year because of generally lower water levels and the attendant need to move trips to where the water is. For this reason, they commonly end up on dam-controlled rivers such as the Hiwassee, Nantahala, or Ocoee. So when you see a Wild Card on the schedule, be prepared to be flexible and cooperate with the Trip Leader.

Finally, if you have questions, comments, suggestions, or a sneaky scheme to get one of your friends to lead a trip, etc., call Marc Rucker (that's me) at home 876-7970, or work 221-6043. Let's all be willing to help out in whatever ways we can. Thanks for humoring me.

Carol Figdore

EXPERIENCED PADDLER'S RESOLUTION

She was writing for the Conewago Canoe Club's "Paddle Talk," but the message isn't limited to the York, PA, club:

I've been paddling for a good many years now. I'm a pretty good paddler. I wasn't born that way. It wasn't an instinct. I had to go through that building process -- the process of paddling and practicing. Practice is the only way to improve. I'm not even close to the strongest paddler in the U.S.A., but -- so I've been told -- my list of rivers paddled and the shelf full of medals won are impressive to the average recreational paddler. I have accomplished some amazing feats on the river.

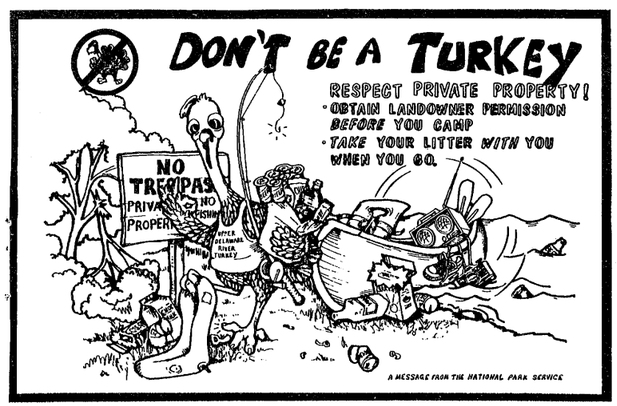
My goals are in terms of becoming a stronger paddler. My goals include better performance in whitewater slalom. Setting those goals a little higher each time, self discipline allows extra effort even when muscles shriek in pain. Personal growth expands with the challenge of a difficult river or the conquest of a tricky slalom course. These are the things I think and talk about. These are the things that are meaningful to me.

What is meaningful to the paddlers out there for their first (club) trip? It's the same thing that was meaningful to me the first time -- simply making it down the river. Long distance or short, they have to start somewhere. Often in a new boat, they're not obsessed with technique or speed. They just want to enjoy being outdoors and running the river. Sometimes I forget that.

Sometimes I forget that I was once scared to death of the six-inch drop with three-inch standing waves. Sometimes I forget those first futile ferries, bungled eddy turns, powerless peelouts, and white-knuckle gunnel grabs. But this year I'm not going to forget my past. This year I resolve to be more patient with new paddlers and more encouraging in conversations with them. (They don't want to hear all the horror details of my swims that nearly ended in a watery grave.) They need precise guidance in running strange rapids, then immediate verbal support or hasty rescue if things go wrong.

Experienced paddlers who make newcomers feel comfortable on their first trip are one of our richest resources. I promise to do my part in preserving this valuable resource.

From the Coastal Canoeists News

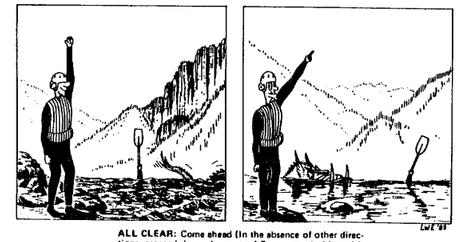


—Submitted by Bob Lantz

A New System of Universal River Signals:

STOP: Potential hazard ahead. Wait for "all clear" signal before proceeding, or scout ahead. Form a horizontal bar with your paddle or outstretched arms. Move up and down to attract attention, using a pumping motion with paddle or flying motion with arms. Those seeing the signal should pass it back to others in the party.

HELP/EMERGENCY: Assist the signaller as quickly as possible. Give three long blasts on a police whistle while waving a paddle, helmet or life vest over your head in a circular motion. If a whistle is not available, use the visual signal alone. A whistle is best carried on a lanyard attached to the shoulder of a life vest.



ALL CLEAR: Come ahead (In the absence of other directions, proceed down the center.) Form a vertical bar with your paddle or one arm held high above your head. Paddle blade should be turned flat for maximum visibility. To signal direction or a preferred course through a rapid around obstruction, lower the previously vertical "all clear" by 45 degrees toward the side of the river with the preferred route. Never point toward the obstacle you wish to avoid.

Signalling system devised by AWA committee composed of Jim Sindelar, Tom McCloud, O.K. Goodwin, Bev Hartline, Walt Blackadar and Charles Walbridge.

Gala Canoeing Affair

Twas a midsummer weekend, the weather was fine.
The GCA gathered to paddle and dine.
Mary Miller was super, had her crew all in place.
And took care of all details with smiles on her face.
The contests were held, with much hoopla and fun,
(But methinks lies were told so the prize could be won).
On the rivers, the paddlers behaved with rapport,
upsets were few, but some muscles were sore.
All in all the affair was a splendid todo,
Mary Miller, we love you and all of your crew.

Lee Brower

A Reminder.... WANT ADS ARE FREE TO PAID- UP GCA MEMBERS SELLING USED PADDLING- RELATED EQUIPMENT ONLY. If you're not in the membership directory, include some evidence of membership. TYPE YOUR AD, unless your calligraphy is impressive. Keep it short, single- spaced, across the full width of the page. Please include all that you're selling in a single ad. Mail your ad before the 15th of the month to: Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322. FREE ADS THAT DON'T FIT THIS SPACE (5 lines or 7/8 inch vertically) WILL NOT BE RUN.

CAMPING TONIGHT. Finding good overnight camping near favorite rivers usually isn't a problem. For example, up the mountain from the Ocoee is Chilhowee, a USFS campground with showers (cold) and a small lake with a sandy beach for the family. USFS also has Gee Creek where 411 crosses the Hiwassee. Lost Mine and Brookside are mainstays at the Nantahala. I'd like to call attention to Lake Russell, a very under-utilized USFS campground with showers and a sand beach which is just east of Cornelia, close to the upper Hooch.

As for the Chattooga, USFS has offered some primitive gathering grounds near Earls and Sandy Fords, but a new private campground with 30 sites and hot showers is just 2 miles east of the 76 bridge, with an entrance road on the north side of the highway. This is Chattooga Ridge Campground, and you can phone them at (803) 647-5650.

Kayaks For Sale: To those of you who called, I didn't sell that boat after all, but I patched it, and so the price has gone up. I have 2 fiberglass kayaks and 1 set of gear for sale, prices negotiable, but at most you can get the whole lot for $450. I might even throw in a little instruction if you've never paddled one. Call Laura Jordon, 233-7294 evenings, or leave a daytime message at 396-9143.

KAYAK for sale: Phoenix Cascade, very good condition, fully equipped with foam walls, split float bags, spray skirt, Norse paddle, car-top rack. All for $400, obo. Call Luke, 458-5523 or 257-7692

For Sale: Blue Hole model OCA, 16 foot, with styrafoam center block flotation. In good but by no means excellent condition; still a lot of miles left in it. No fancy saddle, no grunch pads, no power steering or brakes. Can be paddled solo or tandem, right side up, or however you want to do it. A bargain hunter's special at only $500. Call Marc Rucker, (H) 876-7970, (O) 221-6043. You won't regret it.

For Sale: 17' Michicraft Aluminum Canoe. Great for Class 1-2 and lake fishing. Great condition with paddles and life vests included. Andy Warshaw 471-8831.

For Sale: 10 Boat Canoe trailer. Used very little. Make offer. Andy Warshaw 471-8831

For Sale - Perception Mirage with flotation in good condition $260.00, call Glynn at 803-235-5950 after 5:00.

For Sale: Blue Hole Canoe in good condition outfitted for solo and tandem. Includes knee pads, thigh strap anchors, and center flotation block. $475. Call Don George at 1-787-9548 (Covington).

CANOE FOR SALE

The last of a vanishing breed, the "Endurall" by MAD RIVER. ABS (red) 16' with flotation, paddle, PFD and knee pads. PRICE: $600. CALL Jerry in Stone Mountain @ 404-294-1206.

FOR SALE: YELLOW BLUE HOLE. GOOD CONDITION. HAS BLOCK. $475. CALL CAROLYN MUEGGE 951-2173

Chatooga III, July 29.
It was a grey day under questiounable skies. Local reports of rain put the gauge at 2.0, a good level for late July. A strong group kept trip carefree and the crash-and-burns at a minimum. A good time was had by all. The river was void of its usual crowd. Leisure and satisfaction were present in every one's actions. Everyone regrouped at the Chicken-Coupe Resteraunt in downtown Clayton for a postgame wrapup. Meat, ale, and war stories were very good.
Trip takers included: Robert Vassy and W. Trowell, tandem canoe. Jim Farr and Ben Maxwell, C-1. Hugh Stubbs, Hank Miles, John Miles and myself.
...Happy Trails,
Lee Miles.

GCA PRESIDENTIAL SERIES

LETTER II

Anna Belle -- Your letter to me strikes a note dear to my heart. My canoeing and kayaking activities with the Club and later as I began to make more trips independent of the Club will, to my dying day, be one of the best periods of my life.

The time that I was able to spend with my son Charles for years and years was real quality time that few fathers are ever permitted to experience. I don't know how those years will live in his memory, but they sure do mean a lot to me. Charles almost totally gave up the sport about the time he reached age 16, and I've never had the intensity for it myself since he left it. He graduated from Georgia Tech as an electrical engineer and is working near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The other thing that has meant so much to me is the friendships that were developed. I've been influenced quite a bit by some of those friendships. Many of us still keep in touch, and there are many, many others whom I wish I could see more frequently. As I write this, many names and faces flash through my mind. There are a lot of individuals and families that I haven't seen in years that I would like to see again.

My term as President followed Claude Terry who followed Payson Kennedy, if my memory serves me correctly. My first term in office was rewarded by being elected to a second term. So, I actually served as President for two years. The only thing that I particularly remember about my terms in office was that everyone did their assigned task very well without being asked twice.

There are so many good boaters now. The best of the boaters of a few years ago could not compare to the ability that a lot of the boaters have now. Equipment and technique have improved a lot.

The camaraderie that we had when our numbers were small doesn't seem to exist now. The first few years that I was in the Club, if you saw someone with a canoe on their car, chances were good that you knew them. Now there are so many people into boating that one person with a kayak on his car won't even acknowledge the presence of another carrying a kayak.

My wife Ellen and I still canoe occasionally and camp frequently. We both have a great love of the outdoors. My kayak is about to dry-rot. I certainly won't say that I have given it up, because I would love to get back with it again. It's just that there are so many other things that are fun to do and places we want to go.

Anna Belle, I've been trying to watch the Olympics while I write this. Both have suffered from the effort.

Your friend,

/s/ Clyde Woolsey

THE SIERRA TRIPLE CROWN

All members are invited to attend this program. The Sierra Triple Crown is a slide presentation produced by California paddler par excellence Reg Lake, owner of River Touring Equipment. The program consists of three High Sierra kayak trips done by Reg; the renown climber converted to paddler, Royal Robbins; Newsom Holmes of Sobek, and Doug Tompkins, a red-hot California paddler credited with many first descents. Reg will be on hand to present his 35 minute program which features a synchronized triple projector format, with music and narration of trips. These descents are at the cutting edge of the sport of river running.

The upper, upper Kern River, the first jewel of the crown, was paddled after a 2½ day, 22½ mile carry over the 13,777 ft. Whitney Pass down to the 8,000 ft. elevation put in. This 55 mile first descent took 3½ days and 5,000 vertical feet of drop to complete. The second gem of the Triple Crown is the Middle Fork of the Kings River. This trip featured a carry over 12,000 ft. Bishop Pass to an 8,600 ft. put in, a 48 mile paddle down to the 900 ft. elevation take out. The gradient per mile of this trip sounds comparable to a 48 mile paddle down the best (worst!) Overflow Creek in North Georgia has to offer. The third jewel is the San Joaquin River, a 26 mile multi-day trip where the team descended 4,700 feet or 180 feet per mile!

When: Tuesday, September 18th 7:30 P.M. - Cocktails 8:30 P.M. - Show
Where: Presidential Hotel, I-285 & I-85
Cost: $1.00 per person donation to cover room rental.
There will be a cash bar.
For more information, contact Go With the Flow, Inc., Roswell, GA 992-3200

From Dave Gale on the Upper Chattahoochee Situation

Dear Fellow Paddlers,

As many of you are aware, there has been a fair amount of controversy centered around the Upper Chattahoochee this season. Rumors have a way of getting out of control and isolated instances become talked about as if they were day to day occurrences.

In view of the preceding, I thought it would be appropriate that I try and describe the situations up here as they are at this point in time.

Smith Island- "Are they still shooting at paddlers?" The answer is an unqualified no. A felony indictment was handed down by the Habersham County Grand Jury several months ago concerning the discharge of a firearm into the ground as a threatening gesture. There have been no instances since that time, at least of this nature. I personally have been to court on two separate occasions to defend criminal trespass and extortion warrants that were served against me, not for being on private property, but only for using the river between the island and the left bank. All charges were dismissed, which as I see it, maintains our right to use the river in that area. It goes without saying that all of us need to be keenly aware, and make others aware, not only of the rights but the feelings of this particular property owner and the other owners along the river. It is advisable to stay off of all property at Smith Island and get out on shore only to carry out rescue operations or to restore order and discipline to your float trip. Most other property owners seem to be cooperative and the rule that I follow is to be as unobtrusive as possible when stepping ashore.

Duncan Bridge Road Take-Out- The current property owner has made some improvements and intends to make more. At the time of completion of these improvements he intends to offer secure parking and a shuttle service, all for a reasonable charge. He has no immediate plans for any development that would take away the use of the property from the private boating community.

"They are towing cars right and left." A bit of an exaggeration in light of my first hand observation. There have been cars towed away on at least three occasions and from the same location. The dirt road leading downstream on river left from hwy 115 (Old Cleveland Road/ Twin Orchard Road) leads into a 30-40 home and farm community. Due to repeated complaints from residents, the Sheriff installed NO PARKING signs beginning at the edge of the cornfield. Since the road narrows at this point, local traffic was slowed down and in some cases stopped by cars parked beyond this point. We put up our own sign warning that beyond the signs was a "Tow-Away Zone". And it is. Closing the parking area on upstream right of 115 set to rest the myth that it was a public park. The owners of that property regretted having to close it off, but abuse by people outside of the boating community made it necessary.

It is only fair to say that increases in boating traffic and some restrictions on on ingress and egress have put some pressure on the Upper Hooch. But what river that we run is not feeling the same pressure? To my knowledge, no one that has come into our area has been prevented from running the river for any of the above reasons. Obviously if all get there at 10 o'clock on a Saturday morning, bottlenecks will occur. I think with patience and understanding of the local situation, we can all continue to use "the jewel in North Georgia's mountain crown."

I first paddled 'Smith Island' in 1968, and many times each year since then. It is a section of river I never tire of. I look forward to paddling this section and the rest of the Upper Hooch in years to come.

Sincerely,
Dave Gale
Box 119
Helen, Georgia 30545

Hello Again Friends,

I have been away for several years and am back and ready to run some rivers with my old buddies. Any old farts from 69, 70, 71, 72 73, or 74 around any more. I'll be busy until September 84 then would like to get back to section III etc. Yes, I still run that old High Performance K-1 Mark I, and Han C-1. Send be a newsletter in August Sept and then look out Ball Shiice, Fletch is back. P.S. what are dues now?

Jim Fletcher
3246 Talon Drive
Atlanta Ga

WHITEWATER IS LIFE THREATENING
From Coastal Canoeists News

James Dickey, whose novel "Deliverance" and movie based on the book helped to popularize whitewater canoeing, says he's ready to ground the sport. He often receives calls from people upset about relatives of friends who have been killed while canoeing.

The calls often include death threats. He told a literary convention in March, "I only got three death threats last week."

Chatooga River Section 3 August 5th

After a fantastic evening at the Gala Canoeing Affair, we awoke early to ready ourselves for the days activities. With Jo and Cheryl safely off to Section 2, I set off to meet with our group at the 76 parking lot. We there decided by popular vote to put on at Sandy Fjord. Our 11 boat party consisted of Ted Malouf, Chuck Place, A J Cote, Elizabeth Davenport, Bill Moore and myself OC-1, Barney and Sherry Spurr and Bonnie and Bo Bobbit OC-2, and Jay Harrel, Mark Nagy and Jim Silavent K-1.

Things went very smoothly through the narrows and down to second ledge where we had our first swim of the day, but, as we approached eye of the needle, it was apparent the rain was about to fall. We pulled into the cave just as the downpour hit and enjoyed our lunch high and dry. The rain raised the water level from 1.7 to 2.0 which made the second half of the run much more exciting and adrenaline was pumping gallons as we neared bull sluice. A few portages and a few swims and a few clean runs later, we took off on the Georgia side feeling very satisfied with the days results.

All in all a great day and a better river run. Special thanks to Betty for keeping my youngest and to Mark Levine, Allan Rainwater, and Mike and Mary Miller for organizing a great weekend.

Andy Warshaw

Upper Hooch 8/12/84.....trip leader: Laura Jordon

We had a dandy trip for August. The water level was 2.3, and it rained intermittently during the day. It was also a FAST trip; since the water was moderately high, no one got stuck in Buck Shoals, and we were all the way to 3 Ledges in under an hour. We lingered there awhile to watch Stan Landers get stuck in a hydraulic. Then we roared off to Horseshoe, which everyone charged through on the FAR left without scouting.

During the trip we watched the Saga of the Blue boat. A couple, not in our group, put on in an unscarred navy blue fiberglass canoe with no floatation (I think the boat said "Northeast" on it). It bashed and crashed down the river. I inspected it after Horseshoe; it had 3 major cracks that went all thr way through the hull. At the takeout it became apparent that what damage had not been done on the river would be finished off on the highway - they tied the canoe loosely onto the car, so that it flopped up & down, either obscuring the driver's vision or else catching the wind. What a shame! It had been such a pretty canoe at the start of the trip.

We had 5 tandem canoes: Ed Schultz & Chris Hodges, Don & Anita Langford, Laura Moss & David ????, LLoyd & Scott Unnold;Stan Landers & pam; there were 3 solo canoes: Rob Kerr, Dave ????, and Bruce Bishop; also 3 kayaks: Howard Filley, Elaine Jensen, and Laura Jordon.

Section III, Chattooga River July 1, 1984

We started as a rather large group, 7 kayaks and 5 open boats, including 2 tandems. One tandem mysteriously left our group and joined another who had put on at Earl's Ford about the same time as we did. It was a good day for everyone under Jim Farr's relaxed leadership. Jim had expected the Yaks to take the lead, but those Yakkers who knew the way were playful types who stopped at every 4 inch waterfall. Participants still with us by the end of the trip were Marilyn Fordham and Jim Farr in an OC-2 and Ted Maloof, Julin Maloof, and Guy Ray in OC-1s. Roxanne Hertz, Jeff Langford, Leon Couey, Evelyn Hopkins, Doug Ellis, Cody Laird, and Glen Clements were in kayaks. Glen knows every inch of Section III. He showed yakkers who were interested how to get into the pop up hole at Keyhole. The most remarkable paddler was Cody Laird who paddles 3 or 4 times a year. He brought a tablecloth and breakdown wineglasses for a very classy picnic spread to accompany a classy job of paddling.