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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.

Oct.	6	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Ron Towe	435-0903
	6	Ocmulgee	1-2, trained beginner	Gary DeBacher	634-4651
	7	Cartecay	2-3, sr. intermediate	Bruce Williams	231-5624
	7	Ocoee	3-4+, advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
	12	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.... SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS ISSUE.			
	13	Flint-Spewrell Bluff to hwy 36.	class 1-2, trained beginner	Don Langford	1-324-3007
	14	Etowah	1-2, trained beginner	Ben Fouts	1-532-3523
	14	Lower Conasauga	2-3, sr. intermediate	Roger Shepherd	493-7630
	20-21	Wild Card- class 3. Overnight camping.		Peter Elkon	373-7535
	20	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Andy Warshaw	471-8831
	21	Toccoa	1-2, trained beginner	Laura Jordan	233-7294
	21	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Jim Silavent	587-1172
	27	Toccoa	1-2, trained beginner	Havis Johnson	449-1596 or 998-9454
	28	Sweetwater Creek	2-3+, advanced	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
	28	Ocoee	3-4+, Advanced	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683
November	3	Upper Amicalola	2+, intermediate	Laura Jordan	233-7294
	3	upper Chestatee	2-3, senior intermediate	Richard Blews	993-8468
	4	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	John Oakley	939-9061
	10	Upper Flint	class 1, trained beginner	Doug Bridges	H:992-7967 W:455-7344

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.

IMPORTANT ISSUES AT THE GCA FALL MEETING. As noted by Marc Rucker elsewhere in this issue, there will be a USFS representative at the meeting to present the "logic" behind the new permit systems for the Nantahala and Chattooga rivers. If implemented, these permit systems will probably spell the end of organized club trips on these rivers, or at least a drastic re-adjustment. Political action may be the only recourse, since the Forest Service seems to think it is merely imposing some sort of uniform national policy, with only minor revisions for local conditions. This situation has gone too far for the GCA executive board to handle it for you. If you want to see club trips continue on these rivers, come to the meeting, get informed, and get ready to call on your legislators. ---Ed.

Broad River, Saturday, August 18, 1984- This year's rains have kept the river at a most acceptable water level. Our group enjoyed a typical day of body surfing, swimming, and generally enjoying the pleasures of canoeing. In tandem open canoes were Nancy Barker with Debbie Story, Ellie Goodwin with Chet Wright, and Larry and Gail Thompson. In solo canoes were Rob Kerr, Polly Heyward, Ki Wilson and David Bledsoe. A special thanks to Polly Heyward for running lead, and to those who missed "the slide" while chasing an errant boat. - Nancy Barker

ASSORDID NEWS OF NOTE FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

1. The treasury is solvent through the end of 1984 (that's the good news);
2. Any training needs, desires, volunteers, etc. for 1985 should be addressed to Don and Bettina George (congratulations on a fantastic training season in '84);
3. The Nominating Committee managed to conjure up a slate of candidates for the 1985 season:

President	Mark Levine
Vice Pres.	David Ashley
Treasurer	Jerry Holladay
Secretary	Marc Rucker
Cruisemaster	Andy Warshaw
Members-at-Large	Laura Jordon
	Mike Miller
	Ed Schultz
	Roger Shepherd
Editor	Gary DeBacher
Training	Don and Bettina George

   This slate will be presented to the general membership at the meeting on October 12 ; you should plan to be there to vote in self-defense;
4. The Board voted to present to the general membership on October 12 a proposal to raise membership dues for 1985 from the present $10 to $12 per year. In seeking this increase, the Board rounded up the usual suspects: increased costs of producing and mailing the Eddy Line and Membership Directory; an impending first-class postage increase; "everything costs more than it used to"; the Cruisemaster wants to buy a new boat. So, be prepared to vote on this issue, also. I'm sure Mark Levine will outline the need for increased dues in his usual graphic detail; the Board urges your sympathy.
5. Roger Nott announced that the date for the 1985 Southeastern Race, at the Nantahala, as usual, will be 14-16 June. There is strong sympathy to go back to a two-day format if logistics make it possible, but for now plan on another three-day affair. Roger will of course need the usual volunteers to pull of this usual splendid affair.
6. Roger also wished to re-announce the club policy, to wit: New members who join after September 1 automatically become paid-up members for the following calendar year, as well.
7. Only the briefest details will be covered here, but it appears certain thatby the first of 1985 the Forest Service will require permits to stage club trips on both the Nantahala and Chattooga Rivers. The permits will restrict both the number of trips which can be scheduled and the number of paddlers per trip. It also appears that all trips under these permits will have to be scheduled before January 1 for that calendar year, and that the club will have to retain (?) an extensive liability insurance policy naming the Forest Service as Co-Insured before a permit can be issued. At any rate, an ad hoc committee was formed to coordinate with the Forest Service on this issue. This committee will be headed by Marc Rucker and will consist of Oreon Mann, Dave Garrity, Mike Miller, Mark Levine, and David Ashley. Rucker has contacted Mr. Bill Hess of the Forest Service Regional Office here in Atlanta, and Mr. Hess graciously volunteered to address the October meeting of the Board. Mr. Hess seems genuinely interested in helping us appreciate the need for reducing the traffic on these rivers, and in helping us ease ourselves through what is certain to be a difficult transition for all of us. If you have an interest in this, plan to be there to get the word from the horse's mouth.
8. Don't forget the covered dishes for the general membership meeting October 12.

submitted for Laura Jordon, Secretary
by Marc Rucker

Chatooga Section IV Sep 15, 1984 1.2 on 76 Bridge

We met at the 76 parking lot early Saturday morning for what turned out to be one of the most beautiful paddling days of the year. Clear skies and temperatures in the hi 80's made this trip one to remember. Our group of 11 boaters included John and Jack Oakley, Ed Kevitt, Hank Miles and myself OC 1, Jay Kessler and Mark Levine C-1, and Wayne Gentry, Lee Miles, John Fletcher and LeRoy Robbins K-1. We had rescue practice at 7 foot falls when an open boat got eaten by Alligator rock but we hung in and conquered the task to retreive both boat and boater unscathed. And Jack Oakley discovered a new way to portage Corkscrew but made up for it with a clean run through Jawbone. For those of you who don't know Jack, he may be the best 14 year old open boater in the club and quite fearless on the Ocoee and Section IV. The lake is still there and after loading up and getting back to Clayton, we regrouped at the Chicken Coop for some of the World's Best Fried Chicken. All in all, not a bad days work. My special thanks to Mark Levine for running lead and to Wayne Gentry for running sweep.

Andy Warshaw

HORSEPASTURE RIVER TO BE DRIED UP?

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION

Carrasan Power Co., formed by out-of-state investors, plans to dam the Horsepasture River near Bohaynee Road (above Drift or "Just Your " Falls), and divert most of the water through a pipeline around the river's five spectacular falls to a power plant below. A number of individuals and groups are upset about this project. Two public meetings are now scheduled. Folks objecting to the project should attend these meetings, and should write to their state legislators and to the regulatory agencies (more details follow).

DETAILS OF THE POWER COMPANY PLAN

(The following details come from the files of the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources.) Carrasan Power Company has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a license to construct a hydroelectric generating plant (FERC Project #4620). The first phase of development consists of the construction of a dam at the head of Drift Falls below Bohaynee Road (NC 281), to divert water through a pipeline for 2.5 miles (1500 ft. vertical fall) to a power house below Windy Falls. Power will be transmitted by a wood pole highline to an existing substation in Quebec Community. Carrasan expects to sell 20-50 million kilowatt-hours/year at 4 to 11.8¢/Kw-hr. The diversion dam will create a 6-7 acre pond. Carrasan proposes leaving a minimum river flow of only 15 to 40 cubic feet/second (N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources scientists have informed Carrasan that minimum flow must be at least 40 cubic ft./sec. to preserve the trout fishery, though not trout spawning). Future hydroelectric development is contemplated -- 80 to 250 ft. high dams that could back up water northward as far as US 64. Carrasan also stated in its first FERC application that it plans residential development as well.

THE RIVER

The Horsepasture River drops sharply (1700 feet in 4 miles) off the Blue Ridge escarpment in western Transylvania County through rocky gorges to Lake Jocassee in South Carolina. Its flow varies from a low of about 9 cubic ft./sec. to flood stages over 400 cubic ft./sec., with an annual average of about 90. There are five major waterfalls -- Drift, Turtleback, Rainbow, Stairway, and Windy. It has been a favorite place for fishermen, hikers, campers, picnickers, waterfall sliders and tubers for over 40 years. It is one of the most scenic, if not the most scenic, river in western N.C., and is a tourist attraction. A 1977 state survey also listed it as having the qualities to be designated a state "Natural and Scenic River". The Windy Falls gorge has been registered by its owner, Crescent Land and Timber Company, as a N.C. "Natural Heritage Area".

CURRENT STATUS

The regulatory situation needs more clarification, but it appears that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the N.C. Public Utilities Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers and the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) must all give their approvals. The latter two agencies must grant

permits concerning water quality, sediment control, and the dam. An environmental impact statement could be called for by the Corps of Engineers -- or forced by court action. Granting of the FERC license gives Carrasan enormous benefits, including five year accelerated writeoff of their investment (estimated at 10 million plus), and 18-21% investment tax credit, and the power to condemn land they do not now own to complete the project. Carrasan now is believed to own 900 acres along the river and pipeline route, but not the larger part of the vertical drop (Windy Falls gorge) or the dam site itself, both of which are owned by Duke Power Company's subsidiary, Crescent Land and Timber Company (the upper part of Windy Gorge is in the Nantahala National Forest).

The project is of questionable value to western N.C. It will provide only one permanent job, some property taxes, and likely no income taxes. This river, unsurpassed for its scenic falls, is to be sacrificed for less than 0.1% of Duke's current power output. Duke has stated publicly that no additional power is needed until the turn of the century.

The Pisgah and Land of Sky Chapters of Trout Unlimited, the N.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club, the local council of garden clubs, the Association of Camp Directors of Western N.C., members of the Carolina Mountain Club and American Association of Retired Persons have expressed serious concern or outright opposition to the project. A new organization, "Friends of the Horsepasture" has been formed to focus concerns for the river. These include its scenic qualities, its value for recreation and tourist attraction, the adverse impact on fish, plants and wildlife from reduction of water flow, and the extreme erosion and sedimentation that could easily result from construction of the pipeline, power lins and pipeline road on extremely steep slopes, affecting the trout fishery even below Windy Falls. Another group, "Wild Rivers Coalition", has formed in South Carolina.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

This project can be stopped, but only with sufficient public response. You can attend the two public meetings that have been scheduled, and/or submit written statements to the sponsoring agencies:

September 24, 7 PM, Brevard High School in Brevard, sponsored by NRCD and Transylvania County Commissioners. This is an information meeting at which Carrasan will describe its project and the various regulatory agencies their roles. The public will be encouraged to ask questions and to make statements on their views of the project. Written statements are also encouraged. Send them to Mr. Edgar Israel, NRCD, P.O. Box 370, Asheville, N.C. 28802. This meeting will be critical in determining the degree of public opposition and the ultimate direction our regulatory agencies take. Everyone needs to attend who is interested.

Nov. 7, 10 AM, Transylvania County Courthouse in Brevard, sponsored by the N.C. Public Utilities Commission. This is an official hearing to determine the need for the power project and Carrasan's ability to carry it out. The public may present written or verbal statements, and may seek help from the Commission's Public Staff. Contact them at P.O. Box 991, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. (Phone 919-733-2267)

You can also be of great help by writing or talking to the people listed below. Choose some of the following ideas you like, or use your own:

1. River is outstandingly scenic, deserves protection as a National Wild & Scenic River, N.C. Natural & Scenic River.
2. Need to get facts out in the open and to decide on costs vs. benefits to people of N.C. Need Environmental Impact Statement.
3. Water quality and fish habitat will suffer from pipeline and road erosion and from reduction of river flow.
4. Trout will not live in the gorge at the low flows proposed.
5. Dam and pipeline will reduce attractiveness of Transylvania County, and quality of life for both residents and visitors.

Secretary James A. Summers, N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611

Colonel W. Hanson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 29402

Senators Charles Hipps, R.P. Thomas, Dennis Winner, Bob Swain; N.C. General Assembly, Legislative Office Bldg., Raleigh, NC 27611

Representatives Marie Colton, Jim Crawford, Gordon Greenwood, Martin Nesbitt, Charles Hughes, Charles Beall, Liston Ramsey; N.C. General Assembly, Legislative Office Bldg., Raleigh, NC 27611

Candidates for the Legislature: Eliza Graue, P.O. Box 1402, Brevard, NC 28712; Bill Ives, Camp Keystone, Brevard, NC 28712

U.S. Representative James McClure Clarke, 415 Cannon Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515

Candidates for Governor:
Rufus Edmisten, Attorney General, P.O. Box 629, Raleigh, NC 27602
U.S. Rep. Jim Martin, Cannon Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515

Governor James Hunt, State Capitol, Raleigh, NC 27611

Kenneth Plumb, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 N. Capitol, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Or to volunteer some of your time and/or money, contact the "Friends of the Horsepasture". A 20-40 minute slide show program is available to any interested organization.

In Brevard or Cedar Mountain:
Bill or Shirl Thomas (Sierra Club) 704-885-8829
Stuart Rabb (Trout Unlimited) 704-885-2287
Dick Roberts (Carolina Mountain Club) 704-883-3146
Millie Blaha (American Assoc. of Retired Persons) 704-885-2424
In Sapphire: Kayte Lessor (Garden Clubs) 704-966-4911
In Hendersonville: Bill Verduin (Botany Club) 704-697-7316
In Asheville: Sara Davis (Carolina Mountain Club) 704-258-0220(W)
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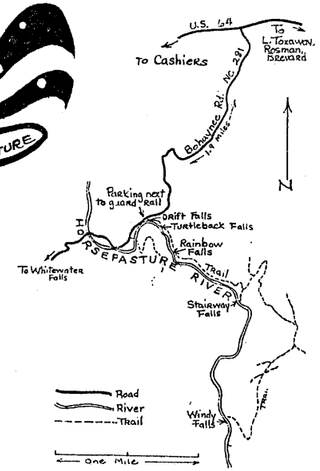
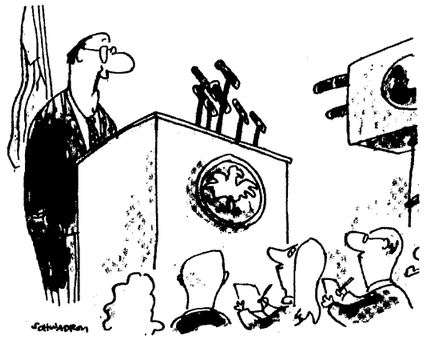


A PERSONAL NOTE ON THE HORSEPASTURE RIVER. Our family discovered the Horsepasture just this past summer. The collection of waterfalls on this river is at least equal to that on any other river in the Southeast. The first falls reached from the trail leading from the highway is a huge slanting ledge which must be at least 20 feet high. Its unofficial name is some variant of "Buttbuster" because of its popularity as a slide for teens, collegians and older folks who place little value on the integrity of the coccyx bone. I would hesitate to try it even in a boat, but thousands have succeeded.

The other falls are easily reached by the trail, and can all be seen on an afternoon hike. Why it would occur to anyone to siphon off most of the flow in this little stream is beyond me, especially when there is no need for the electrical power. This craze for low head hydro is a hangover from the energy shortages of the Carter administration, when certain rules were changed to make conditions favorable for their development. Everyone from Burt the Beaver to the Corps of Engineers has been running around putting dibs on damsites they would never have considered before. ---Ed.



"The government is pleased to announce that there are no more environmental problems. The environment has all been sold to private developers."

Last October 9, Tennessee Valley Authority Director David Freeman announced an historic policy change for TVA. It decided that on the last free-flowing streams in its jurisdiction, the environmental damage of additional dams or channelization projects would outweigh any benefits received. From now on, he said, TVA will work to preserve the remaining stretches of the Valley's free-flowing streams.

Faces of a River

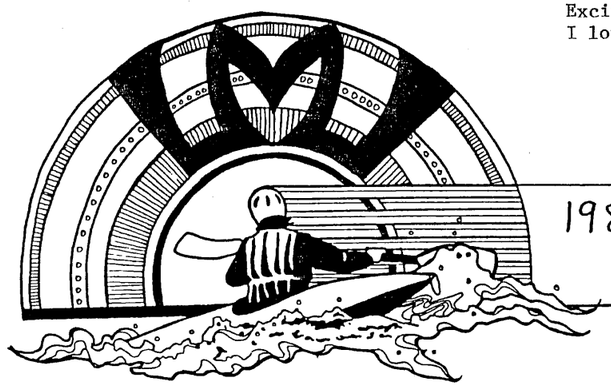
Drifting past rocky walls,
Shades beaches, unusual tree features,
and around the bend, a secluded waterfall;
I paddle to the falls in wonder.
Her roaring call- not unlike thunder,
Bidding me to stop and savor
Such perfection as only nature could extract
From the earth and put it back,
In such splendor, and in such a way
This heavenly haven bids me to stay.

Now out in the current, I paddle with zest,
In search of the river stairs
Awaiting all who pass.
I hear the roar of angry water,
Displaced from its path
By stronger forces such as rock,
Although the water shall not stop.
It stomps around imposing forces
Removing rock, a particle at a time;
Rocks are turned very fine
Blocking her path no more.

It's my turn to thunder past
Battle scarred rocks the river has blast,
Blood is pounding in my veins,
Facial features show excitement strains.
Drawing, punching, crashing through,
With nothing but a watery view.

I eddy out behind a rock
To look uphill at the drop,
Excited and proud I'd made it through-
I love you river, and kayak I love you too!

--Lynn Alley



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The announcer reports, "This entertainment was brought to you by the devoted volunteers of the Georgia Canoeing Association who have spent long hours coordinating their skills. Each year the GCA presents an award at their annual Fall dinner to the best team, which then represents the GCA throughout the state."

It is believed this group working out regularly would be prepared for flatwater trips physically, socially, etc. The activity can be enjoyed by spectators just as swimming without their being in an airplane. My first experience with synchronized canoeing was creating designs for photographers for a private camps publicity booklet. Since this would be a creative new field, no literature exists for research to my knowledge. Sychronized swimming patterns can be adapted. Each member completing a beginner course, and otherwise, might be taught routines and expected to participate for a given number of performances with appropriate recognition.

Please let the executive committee know how you feel about this idea.

Martha Fort 9/5/84

CHATTOOGA, SECTION IV, 19 AUGUST 1984

Another beautiful day on the Chattooga. This semi-impromptu trip was graced with a surprisingly good water level (1.6'), pleasant air temp, and a group of seven eager paddlers. In C-1's were Don and Bettina George, Fred (Mad Dog) Thomas, and Marc Rucker; in K-1 was Bruce Williams; in OC-1's were Oreon Mann and Andy Warshaw. Don ran lead and Oreon sweep; Sheila Thomas and friends ran the shuttle.

Overall the group had a good day against the river trolls, including several truly outstanding portages by Rucker, several beautiful individual runs by everyone else, and an impressive combat roll by Bruce just below the top of Jawbone. However, Don's boat-rescue skills were squarely tested at Corkscrew, first by Oreon's Sunburst, then by Bettina's C-1 (Iknow they'll both appreciate me bringing this up). As I recall, Left Crack won both rounds with the boats, but the swimmers were handily rescued. (Oreon's fate was in question for a time, however, as he chose to swim beneath his boat for a while rather than come to the surface to grab a rope). Fred Thomas turned in his usual fine performance despite being handicapped by having to paddle his new Gyramax; it still looked good as new at the end of the day, and Fred was still talking to it.

We had a nearly clean run on the lake. The only unsavory incident--and I hesitate to make this public--was when Andy stepped out of his Mad River at the take-out, and stepped directly onto--get this, now--a catfish head with spine intact. Thus is demonstrated once again the wisdom of having a first-aid kit handy at all times. Don immediately pulled off Andy's boot, cleaned and sterilized the puncture, and applied --get this--a bandaid with little Snoopy and Charlie Brown figures all over it. This gave Andy immediate relief--he said he felt better all over as a result. It wasn't a pretty sight, but we all felt better when we saw Don pull out that bandaid...and if you think any of us laughed..... Anyway, Andy's just fine now, and will appreciate it if you don't mention the incident to anyone; also, don't ask Don about his bandaids--he says they were Bettina's idea. Andy says, "Don't call me Catfish...." Lets do it again sometime.

Marc Rucker

ETOWAH RIVER SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 HAVIS JOHNSON

All but three of fifteen paddlers met at the Abernathy Park and Ride between 10:00 and 10:15 AM. After an unremarkable trip to the put-in, we got underway at 12:30 PM from the bridge on Georgia Route 9. For those who may be interested we were doing the section between points E and F, pages 70 and 71, Northern Georgia Canoeing (1981).

The water was reasonably clear in spite of the recent rain. We reached the falls about 1:30 because of the strong current and nice level. Shortly after we finished the portage at Naked Lady Ledge, we were caught in a deluge which frustrated our lunch break. We were back on the water within half an hour. Before we reached the next substantial shoal, the skies had cleared somewhat so we took an extended break for snacking and swimming. We took out at Castleberry Bridge shortly before 5 PM.

My companions on this trip were: Gilbert Hind, Elaine Jensen, and Laura Jordon paddling kayaks; plus Pam Blackmore, David Bledsoe, Glen Creech, Lea Kraft, Stan Landers, Susan Lilly, Peggy Miller, Jude Sommerfeld, Gail Thompson, and Larry Thompson in tandem canoes. My apologies to David Bledsoe's tandem partner whose name I failed to catch.

Intermediate Clinic - Nantahala River, August 25,26

If sheer numbers, enthusiasm and skills mastered is any sign of a successful clinic, then this one overwhelmingly succeeded. As clinic coordinators we left on vacation with a modest twelve boat clinic and returned to a mailbox stuffed with clinic applications.

Saturday morning of the clinic saw us on Lake Fontana for perfection of strokes. That afternoon was spent on short sections of the river practicing manuevers. We also saw many first runs of the Falls made successfully.

Saturday evening a large number of us convened at Natahala Village for a family style meal. The banquet-like setting even inspired President Levine to assume the role of speaker.

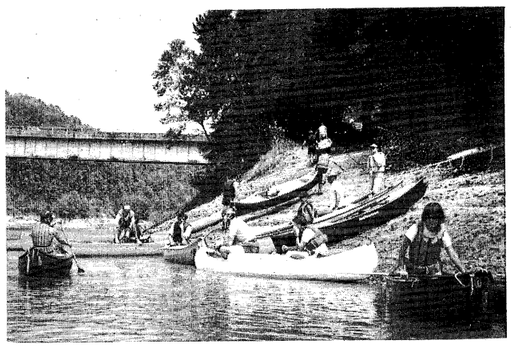
Sunday was an all day river affair with students working on safety and rescue skills along with river manuevers. We immediately endeared ourselves to our students by requiring that they turn their boats over in the current and practice deep water entries in the chilling waters of the Nantahala. Brad Nichols put his life on the line by volunteering to be a victim for unpracticed rope throwers.

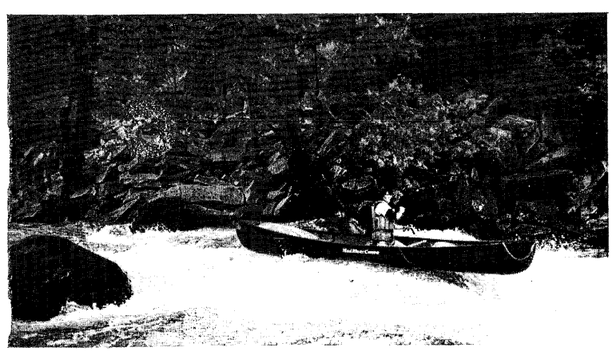
A tremendous thanks goes to all the instructors who made this such a great clinic. We received a lot of compliments on our instructors and instruction. Instructors include Bronwyn Fowlkes, Mark Levine, Oreon Mann, Allan Rainwater, Marc Rucker, Bridgett Schran, Helen Sparks, Ted Sparks, and Ron Towe.

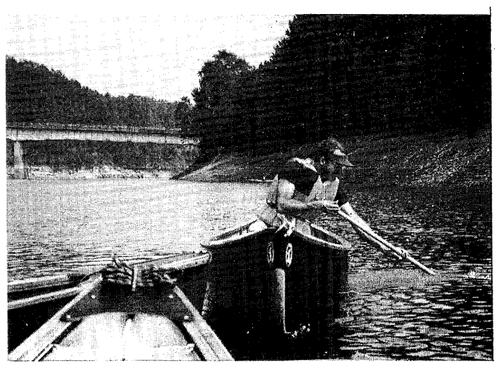
The instructors commented on the fine group of students and their aptness with canoeing. The solos were Becky Engel, Walter Lynch, Salena Lynch, Derek Patterson, Jim Watson, Barney Spurr, Sherry Spurr, Bill Bryant, Betty Davenport, Jay Harold, Jeff Engel, Allan Hedden, Larry Mayfield and David Dorigan. Tandem crews were Charles and Cathy Leake, Bob Ballow and Kathy O'Brien, Bill & Betty Smith, Ed & Jan McConnell, Neal & Sarah Ballard, Sandra & Priscilla Towe, Dan & Elise MacIntyre, Greg & Carol Grant, Drew & Katherine Leviton, Harvey & Mary McKean, Chet Wright & Ellie Goodwin, Jim & Jackie Keesee, Bruce & David Lawson.

Once again, a big thanks to instructors and participants both. Thanks also goes to Brad Nichols for the clinic photos. The clinic was a lot of fun. If you see any of the above folks on a river ask them to show you their self rescue.

Bettina & Don George
clinic coordinators







THE UNOFFICIAL OCOEE CIRCUS--SEPTEMBER 1,1984

PRIOR TO MIKE MILLER'S WHITEWATER RODEO AND DUE IN PART TO OUR CRUISEMASTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THE LAST TWO DIGITS OF MY PHONE NUMBER, I MUST ADMIT THAT HAD I BEEN A TRIP "LEADEE" (AS OPPOSED TO TRIP "LEADER") I WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY GONE HOME AND BACK TO BED THINKING THIS WAS A BAD DREAM, AT BEST.
WITH TWELVE (12) "SCHEDULED" 'LEADEE'S' AND ANOTHER 350 OR SO UNSCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS AT THE TAKEOUT, PUT-IN AND ALONGSIDE THE ROAD, WE WAIVED WAIVERS, AVOIDED NAME-TAKING AND/OR NAME-CALLING AND ALL IN ALL HAD ONE HELLUVA TRIP IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE TRIP LEADER WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN CONTROL OF MUCH OF ANYTHING AT ALL. (FORTUNATELY THE OCOEE <<LOWER SECTION>> PERMITS SUCH SNAFU'S ON OCCASION).

CONSIDERING THE LITERAL ARMADA OF OPEN BOATS (NEARLY OUTNUMBERING THE COMMERCIAL RAFTS) WE HAD SURPRISINGLY FEW SWIMS, A HOT DOG RUN OF TABLESAW BY JACK OAKLEY (MOSTLY SIDEWAYS AND BACKWARDS, BUT UNQUESTIONABLY<<???>>INTENTIONAL AND RIGHT SIDE UP), A BEAUTIFUL (YES, C1-OPEN) DEAD-CENTER RUN OF HELL HOLE, AND THE ALLEDGED TRIP LEADER VOLUNTARILY FINDING OUT THAT SIDE-SURFING THE BIG HOLE BELOW EDDY #4 IN TABLESAW DOESN'T WORK ALL THAT WELL, BUT HAND-SURFING WITCHES' HOLE BELOW DIAMOND SPLITTER GETS A LOT OF ATTENTION.

WEEMS FOUND THE ROLL HE LOST A FEW WEEKENDS AGO AT CORKSCREW AND SEEMINGLY IT STILL HAD THE 50,000 MILE WARRANTY SINCE HE USED IT A FEW TIMES WITH NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.

DEBACHER FOUND THAT WHILE ADMITTEDLY UGLIER, HEAVIER AND IN SOME WAYS MORE CUMBERSOME OVERALL, MS. PIGGY MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT MORE UNDERSTANDING (A.K.A. 'FORGIVING') THAN HIS NEW "EDGIER" 'WENCH' "MS. SLIPPER(Y)"....WHAT THE HECK, 'ED', YOUR ROLL IMPROVED 2000% BY HELL HOLE!!!!

MUCH THANKS TO WAYNE GENTRY, MARK ('SPEEDY') AND SUSAN LEVINE, JACK WEEMS, MIKE ROHLFING AND OTHERS FOR ALL SORTS OF HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE SO INEXPERIENCED TO BELIEVE THAT THE TRIP LEADER'S PRESENCE HAD SOME SORT OF INTRINSIC VALUE. —hal herndon

P.S., NO, THE TRIP LEADER DOES NOT HAVE TO RUN EVERYTHING FIRST AND, CONTRARY TO POPULAR PUBLIC OPINION, IS ALLOWED TO HAVE FUN TOO.

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