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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.

Dec. 1	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. intermediate	Nancy Barker	874-8897
2	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Marc Rucker	876-7970
1-2	Edisto	class 1 canoe camping	John Brower	912-354-4891
8	Upper Hooch	class 2-3, sr. intermediate	Dennis Crain	522-7737
8	Tellico	3-4, advanced	David Ashley	633-7296
9	middle Chestatee	2-3, intermediate	Jim Farr	634-2272
9	Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
15	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Ron Towe	435-0903
15	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Jeff Lankford	634-6630
16	Lower Conasauga	2-3, sr. intermediate	Roger Shepherd	493-7630
16	Sweetwater Creek	2-3+, advanced	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
22	Day Hike	Panther Creek	Laura Jordon	233-7294
30	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. interm.	Ev Hopkins	255-7018
Jan. 5	exploration wild card	class 1-2	Roger Nott	1-536-6923
12	Day Hike	Raven Cliff	Laura Jordon	233-7294
19	Alcovy	class 1-2, trained beginner	Don & Bettina George	1-787-9548
Feb. 16-18	Edisto	class 1 canoe camping. See announcement this issue.	Bill Moore	351-5022

Monday Night Rolling Practice. Whitehead Boys Club. Call Mike Miller, 627-4617.
 To volunteer to lead trips, call the cruisesmaster, Andy Warshaw, (H) 471-8831 (W) 955-8822

THIS IS WETSUIT WEATHER. There is nothing like a wetsuit for fit, convenience, smell, and serious cold water protection. Paddle suits and polypropylene are better when dry, maybe even better when damp, but while you're in the water, there is nothing like a wetsuit.

One could also class as wetsuits those new coated fabric outfits with the watertight seals at the wrists, ankles and neck. These require insulating clothing underneath. Any consumer reports?

I wish to express my derision for those who consider changing quickly into dry clothes to be an effective answer to a cold swim. How many dry changes do you bring with you? How much body heat do you lose while changing? Whatever you wear in the first place, it should have sufficient insulating ability that it becomes effective as soon as you reach the bank and let the excess water drain out of your cuffs. This means either a wetsuit, or layers of wool or polypropylene under a paddle jacket and pants.

Don't believe ad copy claiming that polypropylene "wicks perspiration away from the skin." Its effectiveness as an insulator is based on its low affinity for water. It makes a terrible water wick. The best wicking qualities are found in cotton, because it has the highest affinity for water. The reason that polypropylene feels drier next to the skin is that perspiration passes through it and condenses on the inside of your paddle jacket. Ranking water affinity from lowest to highest, we have: polypropylene, wool, acrylics (including fiberpile), nylon and cotton. Certain fiber production methods and fabric treatments can reduce water affinity and make a fabric a better insulator after a swim. But cotton is always a bad choice. Polypropylene outperforms most wool because water is more willing to drain promptly out of the fabric, restoring the matrix of air pockets which insulate.

Trip leaders always have the option of turning away any paddler who turns up underdressed, but they need a basis for decision. Here's my plan. Have the underdresser swim 100 yards as a demonstration of firm intentions. Meanwhile, steal his knife and tie his boat to a tree with several very small, tight knots. If he can untie the knots, he has demonstrated sufficient cold water resistance to make the trip. -Ed.

February 16-18- CANOE CAMPING, EDISTO RIVER. The Edisto is a beautiful blackwater river in the low country of South Carolina, bordered by swamps and sand ridges, with hardwoods and cypress. We will drive over Friday evening and spend that night in a rebuilt 1830's log cabin, courtesy of relatives. The trip should be easy to moderate. This is a joint trip with Sierra Club, limit 12. For information, call Bill Moore, 351-5022

FALL 1984 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, held 12 October at the Atlanta Waterworks, was another success. The cuisine and companionship were, as usual, outstanding. As an afterthought, a little business was conducted, specifically the election of officers for 1985, and it was voted to increase the '85 dues to \$12.00. There was little rancorous discussion on either issue. Officers and Chairpersons for '85 are approximately as follows:

President	Mark Levine	Race Master	Roger Nott
Vice President	David Ashley	Race Registrar	Ben Maxwell
Secretary	Marc Rucker	Asst. Registrar	Dennis Crain
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Laura Jordon		Safety	Wayne Gentry
Mike Miller		Historian	Bronwyn Fowlkes
Ed Schultz		Exploration	Grant Luckhardt
Roger Shepherd		Impromptu Trips	Ron Towe
		River Rights	Alan Simon
		Advertising	Oreon Mann
		Social	open

As you can see, this looks like a fine slate of leaders, but there are still several gaps in the Chairperson list. If you have an interest in ANY of the above committees or want to know what they involve, please call Mark Levine and let him make you an offer you can't refuse. This organization lives on volunteer effort, so please get on board and do your part.

BULLWINKLE'S CORNER: HOT DOGS IN THE FALLS!

As a part of the Open Canoe Nationals' festivities, the NOC sponsored a canoe hot dog contest. Everyone got two 5 minute periods in which they could strut their stuff before the audience and judges Bob Benner, Ray McClain, and world famous William Nealy. In addition, the crowd on the other bank had cards to hold up; one side said AWESOME and the other side said TURKEY depending on what the paddlers were doing. Since it was held in the afternoon, raft dodging was part of the game. Grand prize was an Old Town Otter. With all the goobs entered, I wish I'd entered.

The first of the three outstanding runs was Noland Whitesell of Atlanta showing off his new ABS canoe design (looks like a hi-volume Sunburst). All he did was surf the top hole in the falls, do several 360's in it, drop in the bottom hole and surf, then tuck his paddle between the float bag and the string tying it in and hand surf the hole, then pull out a Rubik's Cube, work it and throw it to the crowd, then lean upstream and attempt to HAND ROLL HIS CANOE!! After two tries, he pulled out his paddle and rolled it conventionally coming up with a rubber fish in his mouth. It's too bad he missed the rolls as we watched him hit a dozen in a row during practice. Incidentally, his boat handles superbly even though they sell for \$900 with the bags and saddle.

Next was Kent Ford, also in a Whitesell boat. He started off bow surfing the wave above the top hole while juggling three tennis balls and then eating an apple. Then he did something I've never seen done; catching the micro-eddy stern first and then back-ferrying into the top hole. Next, he spun out of the hole, dropped into the bottom hole, surfed, turned over, and rolled up. He was going for a higher difficulty factor by not using float bags (he also tore up Noland's boat in the process!)

Last, we had the Blue Hole/NOC team of John Burton and John Kennedy really puttin on the ritz. Burton paddled the boat from the stern seat out of the eddy and under the dangling Kennedy who had zinged himself out to the middle of the river via a cable stretched across the river on a climber's pulley. What a start! He dropped 3 or 4 feet into the boat and they headed for the wave. There they juggled tennis balls and then not only changed clothes on the wave, but then changed ends of the boat. Then Burton tried a head stand while hitting the hold and swam. Recovering from that, they went back for the bottom hole again and surfed it. Then intentionally turning over, Kennedy crawled out of the boat and hugged the exposed hull. Next Burton rolled up the bow dunking Kennedy and they proceeded to finish out the routine log rolling the canoe with one of them up and one of them down. What a HOOT! Incidentally, Kent Ford won the event and even though I like the guy a lot, I'm not sure he had the best routine. Oh well, there's always next year.

Max Wellhouse
THE ARKANSAS PADDLER

The Outdoor Department of the Boys Clubs of Metro Atlanta has begun a campaign to recruit volunteers to participate in our Club Outdoor Programs for the next season and we need your help. If you are interested in sharing some of your time, energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge about the outdoors with under privileged children in the Atlanta area please contact Mike Miller, Director of Outdoor Education at (404) 627-5522. We would also appreciate any donations of outdoor equipment that are available.

FOR SALE: One large red lifejacket. Rather old, but in good condition. \$20.00 or negotiable. Call Carol Moore H) 320-7549 or W) 658-2950.



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When will
they ever
learn?

On the 28th, I had a little accident on the Ocoee, and would like to share what I learned. I was end-surfing a hole at the bottom of Slice and Dice, and was settled in pretty well. In so many words, I couldn't make any quick moves to the right or left. Another boat came down the rapid; I was speared. The boat's bow caught me under the chin, snapped my jaws together and broke a couple of teeth. I was lucky; I had been able to deflect the boat a little with my hand. If it had caught me a bit more to the right, it could well have smashed the adam's apple or caused a pretty serious neck injury.

So, something about hole etiquette. As I see it, common sense should have prevailed on both sides of this kind of situation. If you're going to jump into a hole, don't jump in right in front of someone who's trying to run the rapid. That person may be in water that's close to their skill level maximum, and may not have the ability or opportunity to miss you. As we all know, sometimes the best way through a rapid is right through a favorite play hole. As for the other side of the fence: If you see yourself coming into a situation where you're going to hit another boat, do anything you can to swing your boat around and hit him/her broadside (reverse sweeps are very effective—they slow you down and turn the boat). You may knock him/her out of the hole; you may both flip over and have to roll. Both of these alternatives are infinitely preferable to an end-on spear, which can really hurt someone.

As our rivers become crowded, it becomes more and more important that we think out these sorts of problems ahead of time, so that when the situations occur, we're able to take evasive/defensive action as quickly as possible.

So have fun, gang! And lets be careful out there.

Sam Suffern

FOR SALE: Just like new ABS Mohawk Whitewater canoe, asking \$495 or best offer- or even better- will trade for a kayak of similar value. Included, if wanted, are paddles and other things. Ask for Zeke. Phone; 252-6625.

Ads and articles that come in single-spaced and with narrow margins take up less space in the newsletter and almost never require retyping. I could turn passive-aggressive and just not print the stuff, or instead of retyping, I could just reduce the copy to the size of a 23 cent stamp. That would get peoples' attention. Maybe somebody who likes double-spaced copy and wide margins will run for newsletter editor. One can always hope....

FOR SALE: Yakima rack-- 66" gold anodized for cars with or without rain gutters, like-new condition (\$55); Omega P.F.D.-- large, excellent condition (\$15); one set Blue Hole thigh straps-- D-ring anchor and Vinabond cement included (\$10); two Ethafoam sheets (for kayak walls, canoe saddles, etc.)-- one 2"x24"x54" (\$12), the other 2"x24"x108" (\$22). Call Bruce Williams: 231-5624 (H) or 420-8951 (W)



"Rub his belly, Ernie! Rub his belly!"