



FROM THE DECK OF:
The Unknown Paddler

Has this ever happened to you? The Viking newsletter arrives. You anxiously struggle with the staple and rapidly scan the articles looking for the trip on the Upper Widget. It was a great river and you can hardly wait to see what was written about your fantastic run through Magnum Munch, and the way you risk your life to rescue Wanda Wiggle just above "The Hole" in Killer Falls.

But surely there must be some mistake! You've read the article twice and your name is never mentioned. Have you simply dreamed the whole trip? You eyes jump to the alphabetical list of trip participants. Sure enough, there is your name, misspelled and at the end of the list.

Sound familiar? If not, simply skip to the next article. You obviously aren't an Unknown Paddler. But if you are still reading, there is definitely some twinge of doubt in the back of your mind. At this point you may even be biting your nails and wondering where you can get a second opinion.

Fear not! As an Unknown Paddler and unknown expert on the unknown and unknowable, I have compiled a list of standard occurrences against which you may check yourself. Because of the immense size of the list, only a small portion is given here. However, on a regularly irregular basis, additional excerpts may be published.

You may be an Unknown Paddler if . . .
 . . . under "Trip Participants" you are listed as "also ran".
 . . . in the trip report your name is so badly misspelled no one can recognize it.
 . . . you volunteer to lead a trip but the newsletter editor forgets to publish it.
 . . . the editor published your upcoming trip a month after it is scheduled.
 . . . the editor publishes your upcoming trip but no one remembers to call. You find out later how good a trip it was by reading about it in the newsletter.

. . . you just got a beautiful ender where everyone else had been trying for the last half hour, but someone else gets the credit in the next newsletter.

. . . you wake up in the campground Saturday morning to find everyone, including your ride, has left for breakfast.

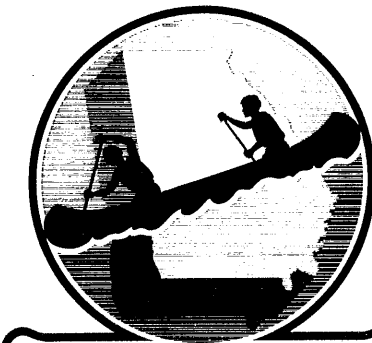
. . . the trip leaves the restaurant Sunday night while you are in the restroom.

. . . you volunteer to teach at a beginner clinic and wind up on the list of students.

. . . your trip report appears in the newsletter two months late, your name is left off the list of paddlers, and the only reference to your great run was in a paragraph that somehow was omitted.

. . . your short, three paragraph, article is spread over five pages of the newsletter.

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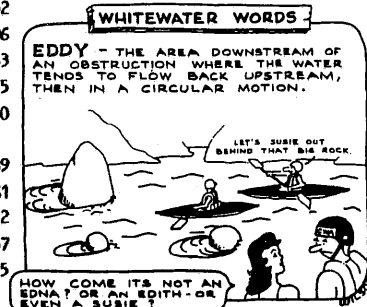
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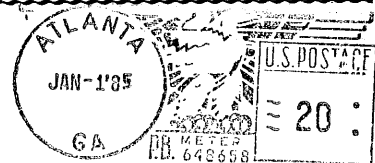
February, 1985

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.

Feb. 7	Upper Conasauga	4-5, expert	Peter Elkon	373-7535
	After a big rain			
2	Wild Card	class 2-3, senior intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
3	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. int.	Jim Silavent	587-1172
3	Chattooga IV or another class 4-5.	Advanced.	Hal Herndon	688-7655
4	Rolling practice	Whitehead Boys Club	Mary Nell McLaughlin	351-8784
9	Day Hike, Mystery trail		Laura Jordan	233-7294
9	Carteay	class 2-3, senior interm.	Louis Jacobs	633-3452
9	Tellico	class 3-4, advanced	Wayne Gentry	296-5196
10	Yellow River	2-3, intermediate	Mark Levine	926-8683
10	Tellico or similar	3-4, advanced	Hal Herndon	688-7655
11	Rolling practice	Whitehead Boys Club	Nolan Whitesell	231-5470
16	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
16	Carteay	2-3, sr. interm.	John Oakley	939-9061
16-17	Edisto	class 1, canoe camping	Bill Moore	351-5022
17	Little River Canyon	4-5, expert	Stan Landers	948-7437
18	Rolling Practice	Whitehead Boys Club	Peter Elkon	373-7535
23	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. interm.	Dennis Crain	522-7737
23	Upper Amicalola	2-3, sr. interm.	Jim Farr	634-2272
24	Sweetwater Creek	3+, advanced	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
25	Rolling Practice	Whitehead Boys Club	Mark Levine	926-8683
March 2	Etowah	class 1-2, trained beginner	Nancy Barker	874-8897
2	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Andy Warshaw	471-8831
3	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. intermediate	Hugh Stubbs	952-4926
3	Carteay	2-3, sr. int.	Dick Hurd	394-4919
4	Rolling Practice	Whitehead Boys Club	volunteer coordinator needed. Call Mark Levine, 926-8683	
9-10	TRIP LEADER/ SAFETY CLINIC		Andy Warshaw	471-8831



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TIME LIMIT

To volunteer to lead trips, call the cruise-master, Andy Warshaw, (H) 471-8831 (W) 955-8822

GCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 15 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 a non-alcoholic swill will be provided. Also lots of movies, slides and *deja vu*.

To get to the Atlanta Waterworks, first find Bishop, a connector running between Northside Drive on the east and Howell Mill Road on the west. About midway you will find a street running north along the east side of the reservoirs. Soon you will see cars with boats on them, and a low stone building, the waterworks lodge. But most of you know this already. Don't park on the residential street east of the lodge, or you may regret it. --Ed.

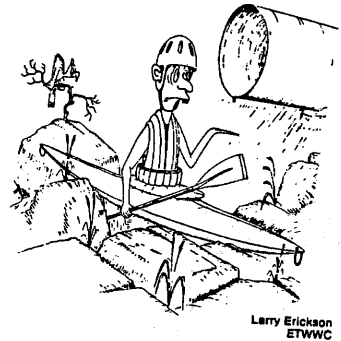
the editor apologizes for not having written anything interesting, but he has been terribly busy lately, and the shift key on the word processor is flaky, so capitalizing is unusually tedious. do not expect to see me on a river very soon-- maybe by the southeastern races-ed.

TRIP LEADER-SAFETY CLINIC

Response has been so tremendous to this activity that we have made arrangements to hold a second one on March 30-31. Each class is limited to 20 participants which are being accepted on a first come, first serve basis, so make your reservation early. We have put together an excellent format for this clinic which will definitely be beneficial to all who attend. BE THERE. Only Five Openings Left Call Andy Warshaw @ 471-8831

Is This You?

- Hate Winter?
- Got the Blues?
- Miss the Ocoee?



Don't despair, Ocoee releases begin on March 23!

The TVA has published the following Recreational Release Schedule for 1985,

OCOEE NO. 2 RECREATIONAL RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 1985

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							NOTE: September 30 is a planned maintenance day.																							

▲ - 6-hour day ● - 8-hour day ■ - 10-hour day

GAO REPORT DOCUMENTS OCOEE COST OVERRUNS

While most people are satisfied with last year's compromise between recreational river use and power generation, a recent General Accounting Office report confirms that the flume restoration project was a waste of money.

The GAO report underestimated the cost of the project several times, but after each revision claimed a favorable benefit/cost ratio. The cost was estimated at \$4.7 million in the first draft EIS (8/78), at \$14.7 million in the final statement, at \$20 million at the time of board approval (11/79), and total outlays on the project to date are \$36.4 million. The cost of Ocoee power, 3.64 cents per kwh, is higher than the 3.3 cents/kwh from other TVA power sources; but the former will decline with time, while the latter will rise as coal prices do.

Recreation users are paying for the 112-days-per-year shutdown in power generation; outfitters are levying a charge of \$2/customer for the first eight years, and this will gradually rise to \$5/customer.

TCWP, September 1984

OCOEE RAFTING PACT

TVA says the first year under a new agreement which allows rafting on the Ocoee River 116 days a year has gone well.

"From our prospective, things have gone very smoothly this year—especially considering this is the first year of operations under the new agreement," said John Looney, TVA's Ocoee River project manager.

The agreement is between TVA, the state and the outfitters, and was a compromise that allowed TVA to produce power from the dams on the river and to allow rafting.

"The outfitters and private paddlers have been cooperative throughout the year, and the state is taking a professional approach toward management of the area."

For the rest of this year, water will be released next week and every weekend through Nov. 4.

Oct. 31 has been set as the deadline for 1985 river outfitters' licenses. Licensed outfitters pay a fee to offset the costs of maintaining facilities for the rafters. Those facilities include new access and take-out areas, a launching ramp, parking lots, and restrooms with areas for changing clothes.

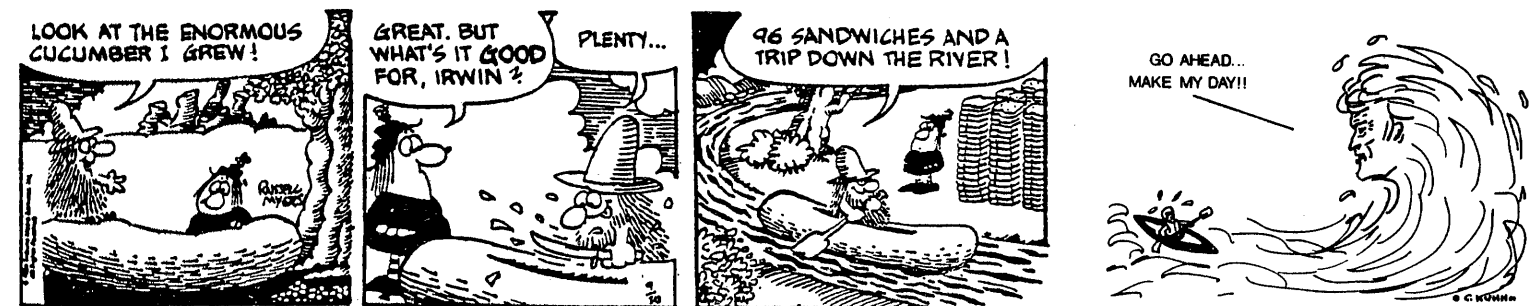
TVA also said next year's season will be 117 days, one extra day, because an acid spill this year canceled rafting one day.

The Knoxville New-Sentinel, 10-7-84

Raven Cliffs Day Hike, Jan 12, 1985....trip leader Laura Jordan

 This is Raven Cliffs off the Richard Russell Scenic Highway, not on the Chattooga. With the temperature in Atlanta reading 28°, I figured no one in their right mind would show up. Surprise! Dick Butterworth and David Tillis were there, so we took off up Ga 400. We made a side trip to see Coppermine Rapid covered with ice. Then up Ga 115 to Cleveland, out on 129, turn right on Alt 75, and then left up the RRRSH to the 3-mile post. Actually, we drove all the way to the top for a breathtaking view of Brasstown Bald covered with snow. On the way back down, we passed a group of runners making their way to the top. Whew! The Raven Cliffs trail is 2½ miles each way, and follows a beautiful stream. There was ½ inch of snow covering everything, and the ice formations around the waterfalls were neat. At the top of the trail is a big cliff and a lovely waterfall. But all the good sitting rocks were covered with snow, and the wind was blowing hard (the temperature was in the 20's). So we hastened back down to a sheltered sunny spot for lunch. I tried a new invention - steak-and-vanilla-wafer sandwiches. One way to the top takes 1 hr, 15 minutes if you walk FAST! We were feeling very macho as we started down; then the wind went out of our sails - coming up the trail was a group of 6, with full backpacking gear, planning to spend the night (that night it was below zero up there). We hit the car and roared back to civilization and hot coffee, feeling pleased with ourselves, and glad we had gone - it was beautiful!

BROOM HILDA



For Sale: Just in time for winter rolling practice, Morrison Hahn C-1-- great for beginners; my own glass lay-up, very strong, knows all SE rivers intimately; including float bags and like-new spray skirt. \$350. Call Dave Garrity; evenings 377-7850; days 952-1693 (leave message).

FOR SALE: 17' Aluminum canoe. Great for mild white water, flat water, or swamp camping. Excellent condition with paddles and jackets. Andy Warshaw 471-8831