"PAY AS YOU GO" REGISTRATION FEES FOR RIVERS

from ACA/ARCC River Conservation Update

Washington,D.C.- The USDA-Forest Service is now compiling comments on its proposed "registration fees" on certain wild and scenic rivers. The fee, between 2 and 8 dollars, would purportedly help defray the costs of the complex reservation systems on such heavily-used rivers as the Rogue(OR). Forest Service personnel have admitted that part of the fee's intent is to discourage use on crowded rivers.

Critics of the fee system contend that access to our public lands should be free wherever possible, with a fee being charged only for special services which the user chooses.

In addition, they are concerned that revenues from the fees will go into the General Treasury, not to the Forest Service administering the fee system. "The fee system represents the Administration once again trying to nickel and dime away the $200 billion federal deficit", said ARCC's Chris Brown. "The intent of the fee system is obscure while its effect - obstructing Americans' ability to enjoy their rivers- is clear and unacceptable."

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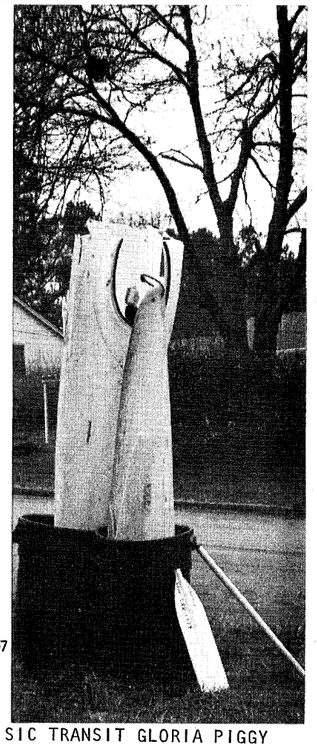
NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, AT THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY HEADQUARTERS, 3110 Maple Drive NE in Atlanta, near the intersection of Piedmont and Peachtree. Members and interested persons are welcome to attend. However, if you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, please call the president or vice president before the meeting so they can plan time on the agenda.

	27	Upper Hooch	2-3, sr. intermediate	Dennis Crain	522-7737
	27	Chauga Gorge	4-5, expert	Roger Nott	1-536-6923
	28	OCOEE	3-4, very advanced	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683
	28	Chattooga II	1-2, trained beginner	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	29	Rolling practice		Peter Elkon	373-7535
May	4	Toccoa	1-2, trained beginner	Allen Hedden	252-6167
	4-5	Talking Rock (camping?)	2+, intermediate	Doug Bridges	476-5126
	4-5	Racing Clinic		Don & Bettina George	1-787-9548
	5	Nantahala	class 2-3+, senior interm.	Bruce Williams	231-5624
Wed.	8	Metro Hooch	1-beginner	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	11	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	John Oakley	939-9061
	11	Wildcard	class 3 senior interm.	Ron Towe	435-0903
	12	Lower Amicalola	3-4, advanced	Roger Nott	1-536-6923
Wed.	15	Metro Hooch	1-beginner	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	17-19	Beginning Kayak Klinik		Wayne Gentry	296-5196
	17-19	Beginning Canoe Clinic		Allan Rainwater	926-8166
	18	French Broad	class 3+(4) advanced	Bill Smith (Call early)	953-0697
	18	Lower Chauga	2+(3) intermediate	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	18	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	David Ashley	633-7296
	19	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683
Wed.	22	Metro Hooch	class 1, beginner	Laura Jordon	233-7294
	19	Broad River Cleanup. See details on page 2.			
	25	Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
	25	Georgia Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Chester Wright	221-3488
	24-26	Womens Canoe Clinic		Bettina & Don George	1-787-9548
	26	Ocoee	3-4, advanced	Andy Warshaw	478-2104
	26	Nacoochee	class 1 trained beginner	LeRoy Robbins	912-477-6907
Mon.	27	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
Wed.	29	Metro Hooch	class 1 beginner	Laura Jordon	233-7294
June	1	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
	1	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Ed Kevitt	299-2304
	2	Georgia Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Chester Wright	221-3488
	2	Cartecay	2-3, senior intermediate	Dennis Crain	522-7737
	7-9	Beginning Kayak Clinic		Wayne Gentry	296-5196



SIC TRANSIT GLORIA PIGGY
see article-page 5

To volunteer to lead trips, call the cruisemaster, Andy Warshaw, (H) 478-2104 (W) 955-8822

CHATTOOGA PERMIT SYSTEM. After my editorially alarmist article in the last issue, two readers were so concerned that they called Mark Levine to ask whether GCA should have me committed. Meanwhile, both Mark and David Brown sent me additional information, so much that I haven't had time to read and digest it all yet.

In the meantime, lest any are spending sleepless nights wondering whether they will have to line up at a SEATS outlet to buy a ticket to run the Chattooga, here is the current state of affairs. If you want to organize a non-club trip on the Chattooga, all you have to do is find the river and fill out the registration form at the put-in. If you register for a GCA trip, then cruisemaster Andy Warshaw will have sent in a request for a permit to run the section in question; and a permit will be forwarded to GCA, free of charge, before you even call to register. This is a result of a voluntary interim agreement between USFS and paddling clubs in the southeast. The purpose (at least for the time being) is not to restrict river access by private, non-profit paddling clubs, but simply to help the USFS learn more about how these

groups in particular are using the Chattooga.

Based on what I have read, there is little question that some sort of manditory advance registration for all paddlers wanting to run the Chattooga will be instituted over the next few years, quite possibly involving a registration fee. I think everyone recognizes that this may become necessary simply to preserve the river environment and to hold down visitors enough that all can enjoy the river without stumbling all over one another. The USFS may be aiming for more river solitude than is feasible or even desirable, but there is still time for groups like GCA to see that the system adopted will be fair, flexible and convenient. And in a drought like we are now experiencing, USFS registrars may get so desparate for job justification that they pay us to run the Chattooga. (More in the next issue---Ed.)

BROAD RIVER CLEANUP TRIP MAY 19. Bob McDonough of GCA and the UGA Whitewater Club, and Michael Moody of the Outpost on the Broad River, are leading a cleanup trip on May 19. To make this more interesting and attractive, Michael Moody can provide canoes for those who don't own boats or don't want to sully the inside of a super low volume kayak. And the newly formed Broad River Outpost, which owns river frontage about one mile downstream from the hwy 29 bridge, has some camping platforms for those who would like to get a two day trip out of the weekend. The first day could be on the Hudson, the North Fork or the Middle Fork of the Broad. These Broad tributaries are all class 1-2 streams, so your camping gear can stay dry for the night. From the Outpost camp site, it is a little over an hour's paddle to the 281 bridge.

For more information call Michael Moody at the Outpost (404-353-3421) or at his home (404-797-3259).

MEMBERSHIP

The GCA needs your help in recruiting new members and in convincing old members to renew their membership. Toward this goal, the GCA announces its first annual membership drive.

At this writing, we still have some 195 members who have not renewed their membership. The membership roll is down about 150 from last year. In order to keep the club politically active and financially solvent, we must reverse this trend. Larger membership means more political clout in lobbying against anti-river legislation and more money to use to that end, as well as to sponsor more social events.

In order to encourage GCA members to help recruit new members, we are sponsoring a contest, complete with prizes. The contest will run through July, 1985. Special membership application forms with a space to fill in a sponsor's name have been included with this month's Eddy Line. Additional forms may be obtained by calling me, Allen Hedden, your membership director, at 252-6167, or Mark Levine, GCA president, at 926-8683. Any person signing up 5 or more new members will receive a free GCA t-shirt. The person signing up the most new members will receive a $25.00 gift certificate at the outfitter's of his choice. Prizes will be announced at the Gala Canoeing Affair the first weekend of August. Applications must be received by the last day of July to qualify toward prizes.

When you come in contact with other paddlers who are not GCA members, try to talk up the advantages of club membership, such as training clinics, rolling practice in a (sometimes) heated pool, races, club sponsored trips, social events, etc. Keep a few membership applications on hand, especially on river trips, and hand them out to prospective members you meet.

We also need your help in getting membership applications to the various outdoor shops and outfitters in and around the state. Check with your local outfitter or outdoor shop to make sure they have membership applications on hand. If you find they do not, please call and let me know and I'll see to it that they receive some. We need this type of help especially outside the metro Atlanta area.

Remember, larger membership means more club provided services, more varied club activities, and the ability to spread some of the work and responsibility of running the club among more people. It also means a healthier financial outlook for the club, allowing us to do more in the area of conservation and lobbying against anti-river legislation. Allen Hedden, Membership Chairman

SOUTHEASTERNS CAMPING

As in previous years, the club has reserved a group of camping spaces for communal camping at the Southeastern races. Fifteen sites have been reserved at Pather Creek Campground for June 14 and 15. Pather Creek is on Hwy 28 approximately 11 miles from the NOC. The cost of a site is $7.50 per day minimum for up to 3 people (small children are free). Additional persons are an extra $2.50 each--maximum 6 person and 2 tents per site. A problem is that there is a maximum of 1 car per site, but there is a nearby parking lot for extra cars. There is no problem with sharing spaces within the above guidelines. Those interested in registering for a space, call me at (w) 299-0077 or (h) 688-1842. Jerry Holladay

P.S. Tee Brower has agreed to once again coordinate a communal chili and salad supper on Sat. eve of the Southeasterns. If you wish to participate please call or drop a card to: Tee Brower, 3 Althea Pkwy., Savannah, GA 31405, (912) 354-4891

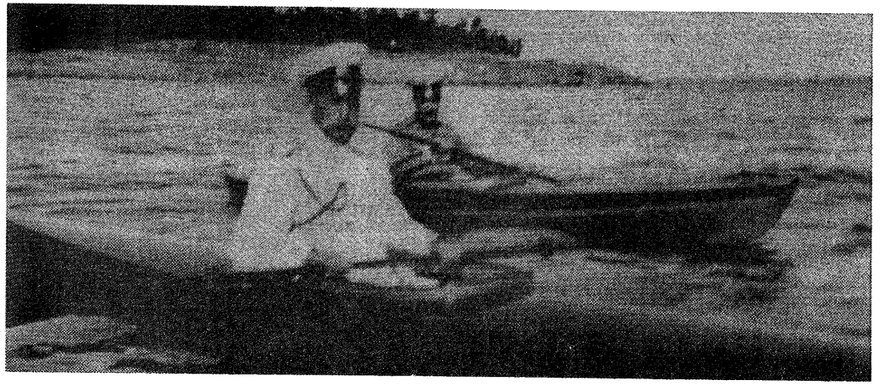
PHOTOS NEEDED: Immortalize yourself or a friend. Send me your favorite photo for publication in the 1985 Directory or Guidebook. Black & white reproduces best, but good contrast color photos or slides can be used. Photos will be handled with care and will be returned. Send to: Mark Levine, 4466 Bay Court, Marietta, GA 30066

Yahoola Creek, April 13

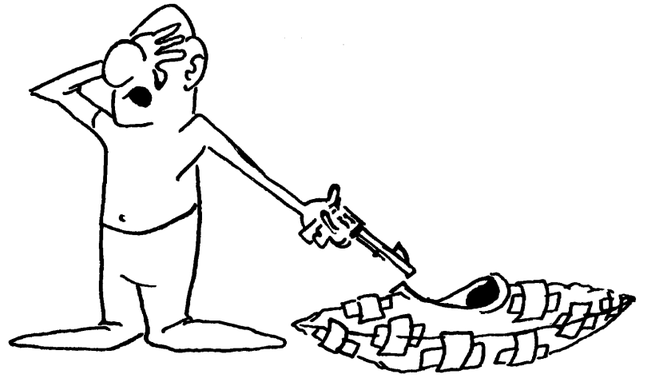
After a long dry March and April Yahoola Creek turned into Yahoola Branch, so the middle Chestatee was selected as an alternate. The reading on the Highway 52 gauge was 1.5 which made for a pleasant low-water run. The dogwood trees were in bloom but were outshined by many orange and blue survey markers from about midway to Blasted Rock. Two new river cabins grew up over the winter, and it appears there will soon be many to follow.

The rain forcasted for Friday night and Saturday never came. The sun shined enough to make the temperature pleasant, though about two days of hard rain would have been more welcome. Participants in K-1's were Leroy Robbins, Scott Robbins, Jay Kesler; in OC-2's were Becky and Jeff Engle, Andy Lyons and friend; in OC-1's were Ki Wilson, Bill Boone, and myself.

Ben Fouts



Czar Nicholas II on vacation in Finland, with Count Alexander Grabbe in the background, 1912.



Chattooga and Nantahala River Permits

This season the U.S. Forest Service will be requiring permits for all commercial and organized groups paddling the Chattooga. Paddling activities include canoeing, kayaking, rafting and inner tubes. A permit allows one party to run one trip down one section of the Chattooga. A party may be no larger than 12 crafts and/or 35 people. A group is limited to 2 permits per month, and 12 permits per year.

Currently on the Nantahala, only commercial outfitters are required to obtain a permit from the U.S. Forest Service. A proposal requiring all boaters to obtain permits is being circulated for review. The proposed system would require permits from all users for 6-12 high use days per year. Non-commercial users would receive a visitor's permit on a first-come basis until capacity was reached.

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WHITE WATER DROWNING

The risk of drowning during white water paddling is obviously higher than the risk associated with most other aquatic sports. This risk can be diminished by adhering to white water safety codes. But even the most safety-conscious paddler may endanger his life by simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time. His survival may then be dependent upon the prompt rescue and resuscitation efforts of his paddling party.

In preparation for this article I read *The Best of the River Safety Task Force Newsletter*, a compilation of reports from the Safety Committee of the American Canoe Association. These accident reports are published so that others may learn from the mistakes made by the drowned victim. Entrapment is the major factor common to most of these accidents: foot entrapment, strainer entrapment, hydraulic entrapment, boat entrapment—either in the boat or by the boat. Head injury and hypothermia frequently compound the entrapment situation to make drowning more likely.

These situations can be minimized through proper precautions. Do the demands of the river exceed the paddler's ability? (This question is easy to raise but difficult to answer.) Is the paddler properly insulated for conditions of prolonged immersion? Is a helmet necessary? In scouting rapids, the paddler should ask himself what could possibly go wrong and establish a rescue network capable of handling the unexpected.

When rescue efforts fail, prolonged submersion can lead to drowning or near-drowning. The latter term is used to describe immediate survival following prolonged immersion. Controlled observations of the drowning episode in humans are understandably lacking. Following 60 to 90 seconds of submersion during which time the victim is struggling and holding his breath, he gasps deeply swallowing water into the stomach and aspirating water into the lungs. He may then vomit and aspirate more water. With continued asphyxia, the oxygen level falls (hypoxia), resulting in loss of consciousness, convulsions and death. In victims with a normal body temperature, irreversible brain damage and death probably occurs after three to five minutes. However, hypothermia decreases the body's oxygen requirement such that successful resuscitation can be accomplished even after immersion for up to 40 minutes.

The cardiovascular system is more resistant to the effects of hypoxia. With sustained hypoxia, the heart rate decreases and the heart may stop (asystole). Aspiration of large volumes of water can lead to abnormal serum electrolyte concentrations (sodium and potassium), which, in turn, can cause ventricular fibrillation (rapid, ineffective heart muscle contractions). However, most victims aspirate less than 1.5 liters which does not result in electrolyte disturbance.

Water which is aspirated into the lung can result in hypoxia even if ventilation is re-established. Water enters the air sacs, causing these structures to collapse. These air sacs cannot contribute to the oxygenation of the blood until they are re-expanded with positive expiratory pressure ventilation given in a hospital setting.

The object of resuscitation is to restore the blood oxygen and acid-base levels to normal as rapidly as possible. Preferably, the victim should be moved to shore to initiate resuscitation. In entrapment situations, extraction may be difficult. If possible his position should be stabilized to prevent further immersion or entrapment. Such rescue techniques, as throw-rope tossing, tag line rescues and Z-drags should periodically be practiced to insure proficiency during the stress of a real rescue. The yearly TSRA rescue seminar and CPR courses are excellent ways to learn these techniques and to maintain proficiency.

If no spontaneous breathing is observed, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be initiated immediately. The mouth is inspected visually and by palpation for foreign objects, secretions or vomitus. The head is maximally extended and the rescuer uses his exhaled air to inflate the victim's lungs. The victim has probably swallowed large quantities of water resulting in distention of the stomach and is prone to vomit. Such vomiting can lead to more serious aspiration. Care should be taken to avoid further distention of the stomach through mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

If the victim does not have an effective heart beat, closed chest cardiac massage is initiated. In the presence of hypothermia, the pulse may be difficult to palpate. If he is shivering, cardiac massage is not necessary.

If the victim begins to breathe spontaneously after resuscitation, the rescuer should not assume that he is out of danger. The victim may feel embarrassed about the accident and insist that he is no longer in need of attention. Aspiration of water can result in marked reduction in blood oxygen levels which may result in delayed death. These patients should be given supplemental oxygen as soon as it is available and should be transported to a hospital for further evaluation and therapy.

I encourage all to become more safety conscious. I certainly am more comfortable when paddling with others who I think can provide the necessary rescue and resuscitation if I have an accident. We owe it to our fellow paddlers to become adequately trained to provide them with the similar support. TSRA has an excellent safety record. Let's keep it that way.

J. Brevard Haynes, M.D.
Pulmonary Medicine,
Nashville

from Tennessee Scenic River Association

TRIP LEADER TRAINING CLINIC ....March 30-31....at the Nantahala

The GCA should have some terrific well-run trips this year, after having 2 separate clinics taught by the NOC staff.Ours was a 2-day clinic which included a night's stay in a beautiful cabin up on the hill behind the center. Saturday morning we had a classroom session, taught by Gordon Grant, on trip organization. We discussed pre-trip planning and on-the-river considerations. Screening potential paddlers, planning shuttles & logistics, and assigning responsibilities within the group (lead, sweep, first aid, etc) were covered and sometimes debated. (i.e. should the trip leader him/herself run lead, sweep, or middle? It seemed to depend on personal style). Saturday afternoon we played with ropes. We tossed our throw bags at various volunteers who paddled back and forth as targets. We ran "tag lines" across the river (and discovered how hard it was to drag a long rope in a heavy current). We did a "snag tag", using the rope to recuue a dummy simulating a foot entrapment.We tied a life jacket in the middle of 2 ropes, and moved it back & forth across the river for the victim to hold onto. Then Gordon pinned a raunchy old Grumman canoe on the big rock below the bridge, and we unpinned it with Z-drags and the like. After that session it was apparent that we needed some work on knot ty ing. So after dinner we did knots: figure 8, slip knot, bowline, clove hitch, and Roger Shepherd's "cat's paw". Then we saw some exciting video tapes of Eric Evans and friends getting creamed in the Yampa River at flood stage.

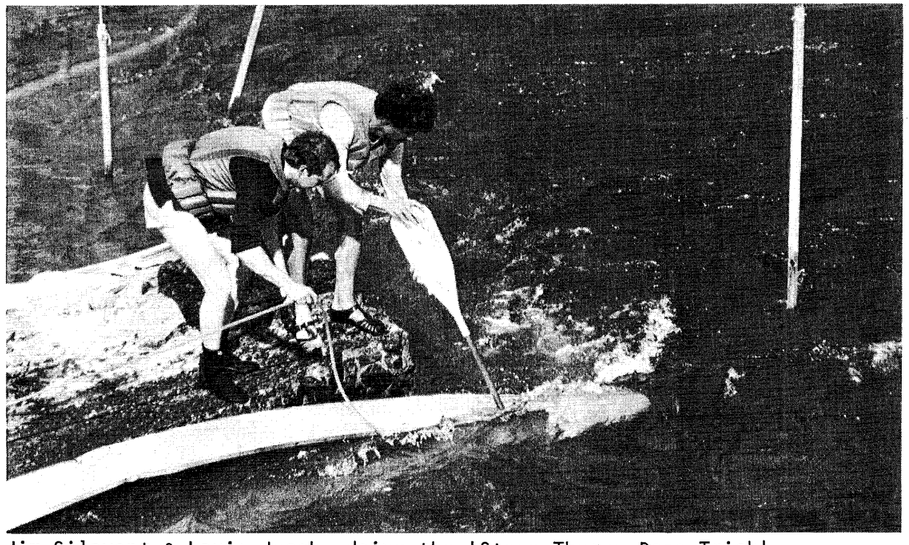
On Sunday morning we had another classroom session, discussing a little bit of first aid, and some more exotic rope tricks. In the afternoon we got to practice the Telfair Lower, where you make a catamaram out of 2 canoes lashed together, and lower it from a tag line to the necessary spot on the river.

A couple of things came out in all this: everybody bring your ropes if you have them. Oreon Mann pointed out that many times someone will say "Do you have a throw rope? Okay, I'll leave mine in the car." Consider for a moment how many throw ropes tied together it would take, to go all the way across the Nantahala. Or, God forbid, the Upper Hooch. Another point was that we should all have first aid training, and make sure to ask if people have allergies to insect bites(if so, the proper medicine MUST be carried).

The GCA has a good safety record, and hopefully we'll never need to use these techniques. But if any of the other nitwit groups on the river need help, we'll be ready to assist.

Many thanks to the GCA Board for underwriting this clinic.

.....Laura Jordon



Jim Silavent & Louis Jacobs doing the 'Steve Thomas Rope Trick' to un-pin a boat

TRIP LEADER CLINIC MARCH 9-10 30-31

The staff of the Nantahala Outdoor Center really put on an excellent program- proffessional all the way. We covered all the regular topics such as trip organization, call screening, responsibilities, etc., and spent plenty of time on rescue, safety, and evacuation techniques. All 38 who attended had positive comments and I'm sure even the seasoned veteran picked up a thing or two. Your future club trip leaders are Allen Hedden, Ed Schultz, Wayne Gentry,Chester Wright, Bill Timpone, Bruce Williams, Fred Couch, Dennis Crain, Jeanne Peters, Ed Kevitt, David Bowman, Allen Grumbine, Leroy Robbins, Larry Smith, Barney and Sherry Spurr, A.J. Cote, John Pickett, Laura Jordon, Oreon Mann, Mark Levine, Roger Shepherd, Nolan Whitesell, David Dunnagan, Willie Wood, Larry Chamblee, Gary Vandiver, Jon David Forrester, Bruce and David Lawson, Evelyn Hopkins, Jim Silavent, Louis Jacobs, Hugh Stubbs, Brad Nichols, David Shields and yours truly.

This clinic was so successful and useful that we plan to hold another one possibly in the fall. So if you were unable to attend, don't worry, there will be a second chance.

Andy Warshaw

EASTER ON THE ETOWAH Sunday 4/7/85 Laura Jordon

This was a dandy way to celeberate Easter; I might make it an annual event. The skies were brilliantly sunny, a welcome change from the tornadoes that smashed Brookhaven a few days before. It was too early for dogwoods in the river gorge, although they were in bloom on the hilltops. Instead there were many bushes of small white flowers which might have been Service berries. Toward the end of the trip we flushed two huge white herons that were sitting in a pine tree. And at the take-out, we discovered that our cars had been broken into, and some gear stolen. The day ended with dinner at the Country Kitchen in Dawsonville. On the trip were OC-1: Ed Schultz, Jerry Peterman. OC-2: Edward & Kathy Heller, Bob Ballow & Jean Milne, Bob Ballow's sons, Andy Lyons & friend, Harvey & Mary McKean, Greg & Carolyn Grant, Gerard & Barbara Aberson & friends, and K-1: Bruce Johnson & Laura Jordon. Many thanks to Barbara Aberson for lending me some dry clothes (since mine were stolen).

Dear Editor: in reference to the occasional controversy as to the relative merits of C-1's vs. Kayaks, and with apologies to all female paddlers, let me say, "REAL MEN DON'T WEAR SKIRTS."

CARTECAY RIVER - March 16, 1985

A cool, grey morning greeted the nine boaters from the GCA as they slipped off down the river from the County Road 101 bridge. Any misgivings I may have had about leading by first GCA trip quickly evaporated in the warmth and beauty of what turned out to be a magnificent day on the river. The gauge reading was just under 2 feet, a little low, but very runnable.

Paddling kayaks were artist emeritus Laura Jordon, and Tom McCormick, who drive in from the Savannah area Friday for the GCA meeting on the spur of the moment and signed up for the trip at the meeting. Tom had not paddled since last summer, but his first combat roll of the trip looked as though he had been paddling right through the winter. In C-1's were John Pinyerd, whose combat roll now seems to be as reliable as his pool roll, and new GCA members Gayle Baxter and Amy Manning. Paddling solo open canoes were Bruce Lawson, David "Sky-rocket" Dunagan (named after his first rope-throw of the day), Bill Moore, and Yours Truly.

Only a couple of things marred an otherwise wonderful trip. One was a rather nasty spill at Clear Creek Falls by Ms. Manning, whose helmet paid for itself many times over, just on that one upset. The other was the unseasonal swarming clouds of gnats that engulfed us on the flat section the last four miles or so of the trip. Also, there were a couple of minor swims.

In spite of recent residential development along this section of the Cartecay, we decided it is still a beautiful river, and that the new houses, for the most part, blend in rather well with the river scenery.

My heartfelt thanks go out to a great group who made my first experience as trip leader a real pleasure. Thanks, gang, for a wonderful day on the river!

Allen Hedden

Broad River, March 23. We had the first rains since who knows when on Wednesday and Thursday, so there was lots of water in the river. Some wonderful people have enlarged the gully leading to the put in, cut steps down its side, and tried to divert runoff, so getting the boats to the river was easier than it was last summer. The rest of the day was as nice as the improved put in. It was sunny most of the time, the temperature was in the high 60's, and for the first time I can recall, we had a downstream wind for most of the trip. Only had one swim, which turned out to be long since the river was high. Yakking along was Chip Daniel, and in open boats were Bob Lowell, Ed Schneider, Keith Smith, Andy Lyons, and (trip leader) Jeff Engel.

SIERRA CLUB NATIONAL OUTING #277: Southern Appalachian Whitewater, Georgia/South Carolina/ North Carolina, June 16-22, 1985. Leaders, Andrea and Bill Timpone, Rt. 2, Box 2306A, Clayton, Ga. 30525, phone: 404-782-2657 before 10 PM. Experience some of the finest whitewater in the Southeast, including the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. A small, private campground near Clayton, Georgia, will serve as our base camp at the edge of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Beginning with a river of Class II difficulty, we will paddle a different river each day (5), working up to Class IV or V on our final run. Participants must be practiced beginner or intermediate paddlers with prior whitewater experience of at least Class II difficulty. For further information contact Bill Timpone, or write- Sierra Club Outing Department, Dept. #05618, San Francisco, Ca. 94139 -

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IT DOES MAKE THE EDITOR THINK when, as noted by our membership chairman Allen Hedden, nearly 200 GCA paddlers do not renew their membership. Mark Levine assures me that there is a fairly heavy turnover every year, but this does not answer the question: Why? Several times I've wished I could call as many non-renewing members as possible to ask them the reasons. I can guess what is behind most decisions: not enough time to participate, or switching to other forms of recreation. I'm more concerned about those who don't renew because GCA didn't fulfil their hopes or expectations. Finally, many discover that they don't need a club to go paddling every weekend. Soon they may need one for other reasons, such as working out problems of river rights and river access. GCA hasn't had to do much on these issues so far, but in my view, that is going to change significantly over the next ten years. ---Ed.

HOW TO JUNK A BOAT, IN THREE EASY LESSONS. As illustrated elsewhere, my erstwhile polyethelene porker Miss Piggy reached such a flaky state of non-repairability that I finally placed her by the curb for removal, reasoning that she would be picked up like an old couch or washer. She was ignored. Thinking she might be overlength, I clipped her in two and tried again. Still they left her by the curb. Maybe they thought she was a new kind of plastic trash can. I tried the arrangement shown in the photo, but it kept blowing over. So finally I stomped Piggy flat up and down both sides and stuffed all the shards and flakes down into the cans so there would be no mistake as to my real intentions. You'd be amazed at how brittle a six year old boat can get. I still encounter a flake or two when I cut the lawn, but now Piggy lives on only in memory, and in my antiquated paddling style. ---Ed.