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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.

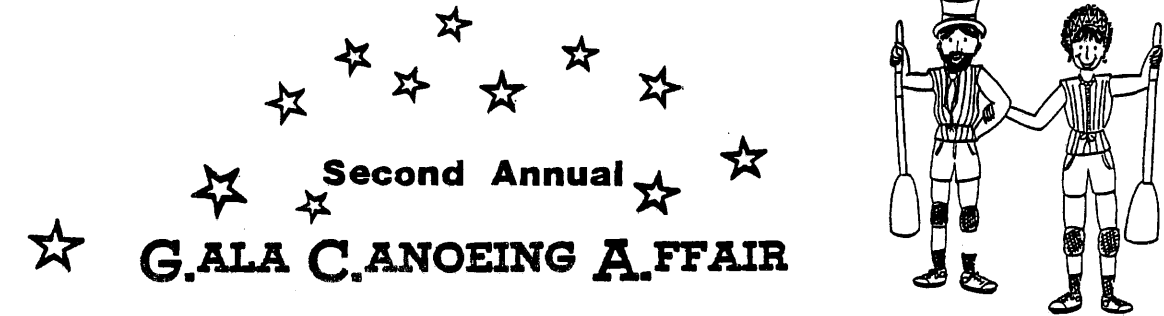
10-11	Gala Canoeing Affair	There's still time! Call Sabra Hanson at 688-1842 for late registration. There will be club trips on the Hiwassee, Nantahala, Ocoee, and Tellico.		
9-10-11	Kayak Instructor's Clinic		Wayne Gentry	984-9198
16-18	Kayak Instructor's Clinic		Wayne Gentry	984-9198
17	Chattooga III	class 3-4, advanced	A.J. Cote	963-0631
17	Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Nancy Barker	874-8897
18	Upper Amicalola	1-2+, trained beginner	Ed Schultz	266-3734
18	Chestatee	2-3, intermediate	Ben Maxwell	953-3972
24-25	Intermediate Canoe Clinic		David Ashley	498-7462
24	Chattooga IV	3-5, expert	Hal Herndon	688-7655
24	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
25	Chattooga II	1-2, trained beginner	Laura Jordan	233-7294
25	Cartecay	2-3, senior intermediate	Jim Silavent	587-1172
31	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Mark Levine	926-8683
31	Ocoee	3-4+, very advanced	Brad Nichol	973-3585
31	Fourth Annual Unicoi- Wildewood Triathlon...	See details in this issue		
Sept. 1	French Broad	2-3, senior intermediate	Bill Smith...call 953-0697 before the 24th.	
2	Ocoee	3-4+, very advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469

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

EDITORIAL NOTES. There are some interesting announcements in this issue. Note especially that it is not too late to register and show up for the GALA CANOEING AFFAIR, but you'll have to do so by phone. Call Sabra Hanson- Holladay at 688-1842. Robin Oscar of the Wildewood Shop has submitted an article about what they've done to relieve our problems with parking and shuttle on the Upper Hooch. Let's all work with them to make this new arrangement a success. Robin also sent an announcement about a triathlon they're sponsoring at the end of August, and I believe there's another one coming up in September. Most interesting is the trial arrangement they have to allow wilderness camping on Smith Island on a prearranged basis only. I hope this works out, since we would all like to see the owner of Smith Island feel more comfortable about canoeists.

Be sure to read Evelyn Hopkins' announcement about the Georgia Conservancy training program on development and streamside erosion. Georgia law on streamside development is weak, but not non-existent. Find out how you can help keep the soil on the banks where it belongs.

While I was at the Nationals, Steve Scarborough told me they are arranging a sort of slalom competition clinic at the runoff from the Seed Lake dam, on September 22. Watch for details in the next issue. Reports on the Southeasterns and on the decked boat Nationals will have to be delayed another issue, because Roger Nott's Southeastern report and my Nationals photos have not come through the mail yet. Finally, I have either lost, or not yet re-typed, several items submitted by conscientious members. Patience. --Ed.



SOUTHEASTERN WHITEWATER CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17th Annual, Sat. & Sun 6-15 & 16-85, Nantahala River - Fritz Orr designed an interesting and challenging slalom course with several tricky upstream gates, including one on river right just below the hole 40 feet above the Falls and a second just below the Falls on the river left. The latter, together with a reverse just below it on river right, demanded that competitors surf the hole at the Falls to make the required upstream ferry, left to right. Southeastern Cup competition was very close between the GCA and the Atlanta Whitewater Club, with the latter having the decided advantage in the decked classes. At press time it was too close to call, as the club membership of some competitors has not yet been certified. Hopefully we'll be able to announce the results by next month. Congratulations to all the competitors. GCA members are underlined

SLALOM RESULTS: (Note: some GCA members raced for other clubs in the Southeastern Cup.)  
 K-1 Championship: Michael Vorwerk, (2)Andrew Kipnis, (3)Steve Thomas  
 K-1 Jr. Championship: (1)Mark Mathews, (2)Scott Barlaga, (3)Brian Parsons  
 K-1 Novice: (1)James Cathran, (2)Tom Asher, (3)Jim Buford  
 K-1W Championship: (1)Maylon Harold, (2)JoAnne Lee, (3)Becky Weiss  
 C-1 Championship: (1)Andy Kluge, (2)Michael Larimer, (3)Scott Strausbaugh  
 C-1 Novice: (1)John Pinyerd, (2)George Neill, (3)Mark Levine  
 C-1 Jr. Championship: (1)Adam Clauson, (2)DNS, (3)DNS (Adam would have been third in the men's heats.)  
 C-2 Championship: (1)Larimer & Steve Thomas, (2)Doug Cameron & Steve Puckette, (3)Charles Harris & Risa Shimoda

OC-1 Slalom: (1)Frankie Hubbard, (2)David Simpson, (3)John Hammond  
 OC-1W Slalom: (1)Belissa Russell, (2)Helen Sparks, (3)Bettina George  
 OC-1 Standard: (1)Roger Nott, (2)Edward Allen, (3)Jim Morgan  
 OC-2 Slalom: (1)Dan & Nick Meyers, (2)Ted Sparks & Don George, (3)Hammond & John D'Orazio  
 OC-2 M Slalom: (1)Don & Bettina George, (2)Ted & Helen Sparks, (3)Diane Currin & Mike Miller (Boys Club)  
 OC-2 Standard: (1)J.Morgan/Leonard Baker, (2)Frank & Michael Seco deLucena, (3)David Tillis & Ed Kevitt

WILDWATER: (Held Saturday afternoon at 4 pm)  
 K-1 Championship: (1)Chase Amsler, (2)Mark Hamilton, (3)Lamar Hudgens  
 K-1W Championship: (1)Kathy Boly, (2)Maylon Harold, (3)Carol Wright  
 C-2 Championship: (1)Dan & Nick Meyers, (2)Amy Pudrin & Dan Erwin, (3)Charles & Chuck Harrison  
 OC-2 Championship: (1)George Hedrick & Chris Kohler, (2)Bob & Leon Irving, (3) DNS  
 OC-1 Championship: (1)Doug Cameron, (2)Dana Worley, (3)Scott Barlaga  
 K-1 Cruising: (1)James Cathran, (2)Leroy Robbins, (3)Michael Jones  
 OC-1 Cruising: (1)James Jackson, (2)Joseph Dean, (3)Mark Levine  
 OC-2M Cruising: (1)David Ashley/Bettina George, (2)Dean Alanka/Mildred Neville, (3)Peter & Lisa Brown  
 OC-2 Cruising: (1)Frank & Michael Seco deLucena, (2)Peter & Robin Oscar (Jr.), (3)Don & Eric Giddens

VOLUNTEERS were the backbone on the race and helped it run smoothly. Many thanks to all.  
 Committee Chairmen: Hospitality - Mark Levine; Course Mgr. - Brad Nichol; Sat. Scoring - Roger Shepherd; Sun Scoring - Ben Fouts; Timing - Andy Warshaw & John Oakley; Communication - Havis Johnson; Boat Scrutineer - Gary DeBacher; Publicity - Laura Jordan; Safety - Wayne Gentry; Chief Judge - Jerry Holladay; River Traffic - Oreon Mann; Road Traffic - Dale Bergen; Registrar - Ben Maxwell; Ass't Registrar - Dennis Crane; Equipment - Oreon Mann; Hot-Dog Contest - Nolan Whitesell; Starters - John & Tee Brower (who also organized the picnic Sat. evening); Camping - Jerry Holladay; Course Design - Fritz Orr. Many, many others helped staff the committee and tables. Of particular note are the many folks who worked long hours on Thursday and Friday setting up the course and communications system under Brad and Havis. Havis particularly deserved the Goody's Headache Award for somehow resurrecting the NOC's antiquated telephone system. With humble apologies to those I'm leaving out, I want to thank other volunteers: David and Fran Ashley, Bob Ballow, Marcia Bansley, Sallie Burn, Ben & Gwen Bergen (Gwen, a former Race Master, was my chief assistant and was a lifesaver after I injured my ribs racing.), Mike Collier, Les and Betty Davenport, Joe, Gail & Debbie Dean, Jim Farr, Marilyn Fordham, Peter Elkon, John Forrester, Don & Bettina George, Jay Harrell, Dick Hamilton, John Hanson, Sabra Hanson-Holladay, Charles, Nancy, Chuck & Scott Harrison, Ev Hopkins, Ed Kevitt, M/M Jeff Lankford, Eileen & Stacy Lange, Susan Levine, Don & Anita Langford, Walt, Walt Jr., Lee & Selena Lynch, Jim Morgan, George Neill, Beth Nott, John Pinyerd, Leroy & Connie Robbins, Marc Rucker, Roger Sallas, Steve Scarbrough, Ed Schultz, Alan & Debbi Simons, Larry Smith, Betsy Smith, Barney & Sherry Spurr, Ted & Helen Sparks, David Tillis, Ron Towe. If I left you or anyone you remember out, I would appreciate knowing it, so that I can correct my list and try to thank all who helped. Roger Nott, Race Master

TOCCOA RIVER CLEAN-UP, Sat., June 29, 1985 - We cleaned and cleaned and cleaned, for 10½ hours on the river from Deep Hole to near Dial Bridge. We had a beautiful day, despite the fact that it was foggy and gray nearly everywhere in Georgia except on the Toccoa this day. We would have gladly shared our fun, beer and cokes with a few more folks, had they come. The honor role: Doug & Jennifer Wells and Grant Luckhardt and Jon Hale paddled tandem opens; Tom & Jeannie McCormick ran kayaks; and Arabelle Luckhardt and I paddled solo opens. Roger Nott

FOURTH ANNUAL UNICOI- WILDEWOOD TRIATHALON. Saturday, August 31, sponsored by the Wildewood Outpost. PRIZES TO ALL CONTESTANTS- AWARDS TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE FINISHERS. This is not an Ironman qualifier. It is a family fun event for the Labor Day Weekend.  
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## TSRA NEWS

### STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS

It's a tough act, but to get a rapid to bear your name, you had better be ready for physical or psychic trauma. Like to guess where Don Jared of Oak Ridge tore up his knee when his foot refused to leave his kayak? You guessed it, Jared's Knee on the Tellico. Dick Wooten left his mark on Clear Creek or vice versa when he tried the left-hand chute at, what since that day, has been known as Wooten's Folly—just another chapter in the living legend. Then there is Greg's Nose (also, called Crack in the Rock) on the Tellico named for part of Greg Ginn's handsome face; and Rion's Eddy on the South Fork in which Jim Rion was the first of several paddlers who were thrown out by the eddy line and walked back to find their boats parked high and dry in the eddy. Barnett Williams has movies of a C-1'er getting the same treatment. On one of the large rocks on the left of Lilly Rapid, Buddy Caldwell parked someone else's new aluminum product of a well known department store. Since then, some call the rock Mr. Sears. Downstream 10 yards is—who else?—Mr. Roebuck. Bob Reeder and Elise Creswell examined the bottoms of "their" rocks on the Tellico and Clear Creek, respectively. Both were heard to mutter "Except for the honor, I'd just as soon pass."



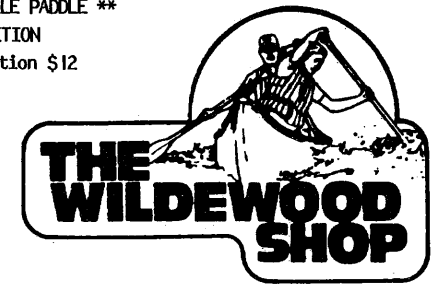
And don't forget Bertha's Bump on the South Fork so named after a notorious grouch by Bertha Chrietzberg. I didn't know you ran things like that, Bertha.

There are exceptions to the trauma/name syndrome. Surprisingly, Jack's Rock is named for a fish. Local fishermen on Clear Creek dynamited the once horizontally projecting rock so muskies, locally known as "Jack," could swim past the obstruction and improve the fishing upstream. Patton's Run on the Nantahala was named for much loved veteran paddler, Charlie Patton, by his friends after his death. Mr. Patton, postmaster at a nearby town, had lost virtually all the use of one of his arms yet he paddled the Nantahala nearly every day. Frank Bell on the French Broad (known also as Railroad Rapid) was named for Frank Bell, founder of Camp Mondawmin in North Carolina. Frank was born April 1, 1898, and has paddled the French Broad since 1925.

Then, there is Bigney's Rock on the Hiwassee and the Keeney Brothers on the New. Anyone know the history of these and others not mentioned here? There's one that really stumps me: I know he's over there a lot but why did they call it Bald River Falls?

—Bill Mitchum

GCA MEMBERS SMITH'S ISLAND CAMPING BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT ONLY. Smith's Island on the Upper Chattahoochee is available for Monday through Friday primitive camping for a test period, June 15 through September 15 of this year. All camping is by reservation only! For details call the Wildewood Outpost at (404) 754-3531



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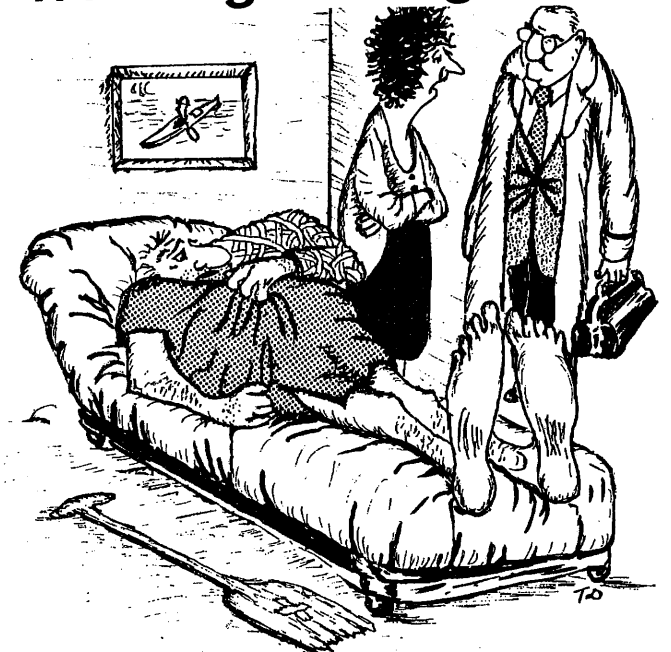
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## Washington Kayak Club



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This trip was originally scheduled in the Eddyline as a Wildcard Class 2-3. I decided due to the dry weather that the Nantahala would be the best choice. During the week prior to the scheduled trip I received some calls inquiring about the Wildcard River. Apparently some of our members aren't aware that a Wildcard trip means that a river will be run of the class listed and selected a few days prior to the trip allowing the trip leader more flexibility. Generally trips are scheduled at least 6 weeks in advance in order to make the newsletter deadline.

After the logistics were provided to all interested paddlers it began to rain on Friday night and rain and rain. Ironically Jim Silavent had called to consolidate trips with me due to the extremely low condition of the Chattooga and now we were all scheduled to meet at the Nanny. Rumors on Saturday were that the Chattooga was up to 1.8. Oh well, maybe the jump trip leader got some calls.

Our small group consisting of Elaine Jensen K-1, Chris Hodges and Sharon Hanson OC-2 and Mark Nagy K-1 worked the river hard from 11AM until 6PM with a lunch break at Ferebee Park. Elaine worked on her combat roll at the top of some of the pools where the current was quite strong and I practiced spotting from my C-1. Chris and Sharon, paddling well together, enjoyed a refreshing swim while playing at Quarry Creek giving my safety equipment a good stress test. Mark provided safety for us at Little Wesser. Unfortunately Jim's radiator hose blew on his way out of Atlanta that morning so he missed a beautiful day of paddling.

LOST TRIP LIST Roger Shepherd

When I began leading trips with the GCA I promised myself and many of the paddlers who joined me that I would faithfully report each trip to the Eddyline. Following is a list of previously unknown paddlers whose cooperation and assistance made these river trips both safe and enjoyable. Better late than never.

Hiawasse River, July 28 1984: Mary McKean, Harvey McKean, Worth Williams, Robbie Williams, David Bledsoe, Laura Moss, Rob White, Lewis Fieraman, Jerry Holladay, Seth Holladay, Sabra Hanson-Holladay, John Hanson, Larry Thompson, Gayle Thompson, Larry Mayfield, Russ Koester, and Leslie Campbell.

Upper Amicalola Creek, August 19 1984: Laura Jordan, Ed Kevitt, Becky Engel, Jeffry Engel, Rob Kerr, Ron Towe, Sandra Towe, Donnie Towe, Barry Towe, Priscilla Towe, Gary Towe, Brad Nichol, Chanta Wiley, and Michelle Echols.

Nantahala River, Sept. 30 1984: Ellie Goodwin, Chet Wright, Katie Hopkins, Evelyn Hopkins, and Oreon Mann.

Etowah River, Dec. 16 1984: Chet Wright, Laura Jordan, Cindy Williams, and Leslie Campbell.

Upper Amicalola Creek, Feb. 23 1985: Brad Nichol, Janet Waters, Laura Jordan, Carol Moore, Elaine Jensen, and Les Davenport.

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GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CONFERENCE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The major environmental groups are planning a statewide environmental issues conference in Atlanta September 28 and the organizers would appreciate some help with mailouts, flyer distribution, and help on the day of the meeting. If you can help, please call Deborah Sheppard at 659-5675. Also, mark your calendars for Sept. 28. You'll learn more about legislation effecting coastal development and land use, worker and community notification of exposure to hazardous materials, construction of Nuclear Plant Vogtle and gain the skills necessary to influence decision makers. Please help. Even a little bit of your time will be helpful.

The conference is going to be held at Georgia State's Urban Life Center's Conference Center from 9 to 5.

Marcia Bansley - Environmental Chairman

The Georgia Conservancy is beginning a new volunteer program to monitor development on Georgia's rivers and streams with emphasis on the Chattahoochee River. An evening training session Thursday, August 15 will feature a short explanation of applicable laws and soil erosion prevention techniques. The following Saturday an all-day guided field trip to examine nearby developments will be conducted from both boats and cars.

Come learn what to look for when your favorite rivers are being developed. The Conservancy hopes to have a staff member available to contact the appropriate governments for you. Meet at the Georgia Conservancy 3110 Maple Dr. suite 407, in Buckhead, Thursday evening, August 15 at 7:30. If you are unable to attend the Thursday training session, but would like to go on the field trip call the Conservancy at 262-1967 to get the time and place. Evelyn Hopkins

NEW AND IMPROVED GCA FIRST AID KITS

The GCA now has two new first aid kits available for use on club trips. The kits are designed after the ones used by the Nantahala Outdoor Center, but have been adapted somewhat to our needs. The kits are small enough for all boaters to carry one without any great problems. Basically, the kits consists of a dry bag, within which, are three smaller dry bags. The "quick Access" bag contains items such as aspirin, bandaids, sun screen, i.e. items which are more commonly used on our trips. The "Tissue Injury" bag contains an assortment of bandages and other items used to patch up cuts, scraps, bruises, sprains, etc. The "Hardware" bag contains scissors, tweezers, a disposable lighter, a space blanket, finger splints, snake bite kit, etc. It is club policy that a first aid kit should accompany every club trip. If you are leading a trip and would like to use a GCA kit, call me at H) 984-9198, or W) 321-8860 to make arrangements to pick up one. These kits were developed for your use, trip leaders, so don't be shy about asking to use them.

Wayne Gentry  
Safety Director

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE REPORT

FROM THE WILDEWOOD OUTPOST: Due to the continued "interest" of the DOT, Bridge Maintenance and Safety, Habersham and White County Sheriff's Departments, concerned residents and anyone else, it seems, parking on the highways at 255 and 115 and Duncan Bridge has become an at-your-risk situation. In addition, traditional stopping points and take-outs have become unavailable to the general boating public.

As a hoped-for resolution to this problem, the Wildewood Outpost has leased a 100-car parking lot at Duncan Bridge. Known as Solid Rock, the old Sandy Bottoms road, the new take-out has a ramp; restrooms (Blue room porta-johns); secured, off-road parking; and shuttle service to 255 or 115 put-ins (Changing rooms and showers are planned.).

Parking is \$3 per day and includes shuttle (people) service. Canoes, kayaks, rafts, and the dreaded C1 can be shuttled from the take-out for \$5 per craft. This fee includes parking and shuttle service. Parking fees are applicable to all rentals, canoes or rafts.

Shuttle service is available seven days a week, May through September. Large groups, clinics, etc., should call to reserve shuttle times (1-878-2541). Shuttle service is available year around--again, reservations are recommended. Shuttles to other put-in locations is available on request.

Hiwassee River - Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, 1985.

Sunny skies and hot temperature greeted the 17 boats and 24 participants, ages 10 to 70, on the Saturday trip. This may sound like a large group but we were completely dwarfed by the 80 TSRA solo clinic people, two or three other paddling club trips and zillions of tubers and rafters. I have never seen the river half this crowded. Even with all the people on the river the trip went well with everyone making Devil's Shoals without a flip and many body surfing Devil's Shoals several times.

Saturday participants were Connie Robbins, Scott Robbins, Lynn Pinyerd, Homer Mullins, Laura Mullins and John McCurry kayaks, John Pinyerd (C-1), Mary Guerke, Wayne Guerke and Andrew Oldfield (OC-1), Eileen and Stacey Lange, Carol Mercer and Bruce Williams, Bob and Todd Davies, Kit and Mike Gibbons, Ward and Chris Milner, Dick and Charlie Pomlatier, and Ross and LeRoy Robbins (trip leader) (OC-2). Special thanks to John Pinyerd for running sweep on the Saturday trip.

Gee Creek Campground was packed both Friday and Saturday night. We managed to get six tents on one site Saturday night. The Sunday trip was more enjoyable with far fewer people on the river and overcast skies which kept the temperature down a little. Sunday participants were Connie Robbins, Scott Robbins and John McCurry kayaks, Bob and Todd Davies, Carol and Doug Payne, Nancy and Susan Payne, Dick and Charlie Pomlatier and Ross and LeRoy Robbins (trip leader) (OC-2).

ETOWAH CLEAN-UP--Sunday, June 9, 1985. The rains came to North Georgia, Friday, June 7, breaking a long, hot, dry spell. On Sunday, a fine flotsam finding fleet floated on the falling freshet created by the storms over the Upper Etowah watershed. The crew of Tom and Donna Johnson, OC-2; Ron Snyder, OC-1; Elaine Jensen, K-1, with companions, Rocky and Miya, K-9's; and Ed Schultz, OC-1, swept the beautiful section between Rt. 9 and Castleberry bridges. Although they didn't glean any gold nuggets on this expedition through old mining territory, their search yielded 13 bulging garbage bags of cans, bottles, old clothing and styrofoam, plus 2 innertubes, 1 1/3 auto tires and 1 55-gallon steel drum. Even this amount of booty, landed at the take-out under the incredulous eyes of about a dozen swimmers, couldn't convince (intimidate) the swimmers to pick up the empties from their party. We did it.

The Johnson tandem, graduates of Allan Rainwater's Beginning Canoe Clinic in May, sharpened their new ferrying and maneuvering skills in swinging from bank to bank for their pick-ups. Jensen in her kayak sallied under the low, overhanging shrubs to retrieve treasure beyond reach of the canoes. Ron ended his first ever solo trip looking like a garbage scow.

Cold, foamy refreshments, eagerly claimed, capped a great day for a hard working crew. The other offered prize of the sea (2 Buds, 1 Coors, 1 Miller Lite, 1 Ginger Ale, and 1 Diet Coke) found floating and cooled to stream temperature, went unclaimed. Can it be that canoeists can't savor the treasures of "Dumpster Diving"? - Ed Schultz

SATURDAY, May 25, and Sunday, June 2 - two trips on the Georgia Broad (actually three since Bill Timpone and I conducted a two-boat familiarization trip on May 18). These were both pretty routine excursions as one would expect on the Broad. However, since these represented my first attempt at trip leading, they were a valuable learning opportunity. Bill, an experienced leader, co-led the first trip and on our scouting expedition reminded me by example of a leader's responsibilities: marking the rapids on his "topo," telling me the location of the closest hospital, pointing out the best evacuation route, and bringing an extra first aid kit to properly equip my boat on the first trip.

The importance of taking safety seriously was demonstrated on the first trip when tandem paddlers swam the second rapid, leaving one paddle permanently lodged somewhere below the water. What will hold a paddle might well hold a foot, and while rescue from that rapid would be comparatively simple, one still might have to deal with a paddler in shock with a broken ankle.

On both trips, we stopped to let first-time paddlers scout the first rapid. The number of people who asked, "tell me again where I should go," reminded me that things can look very different from the perspective of different experience. The Broad is a good training river and a little coaching and counseling for new paddlers is not amiss.

A final word, those "re-bars" are still there. I spotted three, river-right, just before the 172 bridge. Watch your boats.

The trip on the 25th: Bill Timpone (co-leader paddling solo) and Chester Wright (co-leader), tandem, with Cindy Williams. Other tandem paddlers were: Peggy Miller and Havis Johnson, Bill and Jill Phillips, Rob and James White, and Bill Thoman, solo. The trip on the 2nd: tandem paddlers Chester Wright (leader) and Cindy Williams, Andy Lyons and Cathryn Bakkum, Leroy and Ross Robbins, David and Kay Bledsoe, Dick and Wanda Hurd; solos included Dave Bowman and Rob White.

Chet Wright

Hiwassee

Saturday, July 13, 1985

Bill Moore

Weather was hot and humid and the land-rush size crowd at the put-in was even larger than usual. The Hiwassee was still as beautiful as ever, though.

In our eagerness, we managed to catch up with the increased flow from the release. We did have one boat caught in the turn at the first rapid and a spill later on. Identity of spilled boat is withheld to prevent embarrassing the trip leader. Some of us body-surfed at the Chute, which was fine except for an angry band of yellow jackets which attacked like the James gang on the railroad tracks.

Thanks to Ed Shultz and Jay Harrell for helping lead when we split into smaller groups. Thanks also to James Biasco for his assistance on the shuttle and to Havis Johnson for loaning his sculling paddle so the littlest paddler could.

Enjoying the trip were the following: K-1 -- Jay Harrell, Jay Smith, James Biasco; C-1 -- Betty Davenport; solo open -- Ed Schultz, Jerry Peterman; tandem open -- Havis Johnson and Peggy Miller, Bob Ballow and Emily Speight, Worth and Robert Williams, and Barbara Aberson; three-person open -- Ginny and Graham Hill and me.

#### Nantahala-June 29

Participants-Gwen Bergen and Ken Murphy K-1, Tom Shawe, Bill Smith, and Jon Forrester OC-1. A good day on the river and a day of firsts. It was Tom Shawe's first run on the Nantahala, Ken Murphy's first run down it in a K-1, and Gwen Bergen's first run after a long absence in the wilds of California. All handled the river (even the falls) like pros. No flips except when playing. We did see three unwanted sights. First a rafter without a PFD. Second and probably the most dangerous, a C-1er without a helmet. Third a flip and wrap of a canoe (not one of our group) below Delabar's rock. This gave Bill Smith and I a chance to start talking carabiners and Z-drags but they "armstronged" it off before we had a chance to use our knowledge. It was a little chilly on the river and we did have a bad case of "raft wars" but all in all a good day on the river. Thanks to Bill Smith for all the help, Jon David Forrester

#### Upper Chattahoochee River Cleanup, June 22, 1985

Three open boats and one kayak were all we had for this clean up trip; four more kayaks had been expected to meet at McDonalds at Jimmy Carter Blvd. We had been alerted to the new parking situation, but still ended up with three cars at the Wildwood Shop put-in. We unloaded at the shop under the watchful eye of the local constabulary, drove the cars to the new parking lot, forked out the three dollars per car, and promptly caught the shuttle back. It all went very smoothly and the Wildwood staff was very pleasant. They also volunteered that we could leave our collected garbage there.

The gage at the put-in is so old and worn that it is hard to read, but I think the level was about 1.8. There weren't any holes or waves to play in, but it wasn't too terrible scrapey (at least for a yak).

Everybody worked hard and we cleaned up a good deal of the debris, leaving only the real problem areas, such as the beach with the private property signs. We had two first timers for this river: Roger Sallas, a fine paddler recently arrived from Florida, and Keith Smith, a converted fisherman who got into paddling to get to more fishing holes. Jim Martin, a paddling encyclopedia of the flora, was pressed into leading the trip and did a fine job. Evelyn Hopkins

Upper Amicalola----June 23, 1985 -- trip leader: Laura Jordon

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The book says the minimum water level on this river is 0.6 (I wish!) We ran it at 0.25, with 21 boats, yet. There's enough deep flatwater that you can float for long distances. But the rapids were almost unrunnable except in kayaks. Since we had so many boats, Rob Kerr took the canoes and I took the kayaks. Although the water was low, we were compensated by the most stunning display of rhododendron I've ever seen. Every bud on every bush was open, for six miles. It was worth the low water and the copperheads. After Jeff Lankford went down & ran Edge of the World & then carried his boat back up, we convened at Kountry Kitchen for a grand pig-out dinner. Canoers were: Roger Sallas, Ed Schultz, Polly Heyward, Bill Norris & Priscilla Johnson, Tom Keith, Bill Smith, Jerry Peterman, Kai Wilson, Edward Heller, and Rob Kerr. Kayakers were: Butch Anderson, Roxanne Hertz, Jeff Langford, Rick Ruggles, Michael Houchins, Mary Witt, Richard Warner, Sylvia & Ron Kriest, and myself. Wish it would rain!!!