

He was a wiry, gray, little man, wearing a great floppy hat that shaded his eyes from the morning sun. His old canoe whispered along guided by strokes made perfect from years of practice. The boy in the bow was wide-eyed wonder as they drifted along silently, his youthful exuberance kept in check for fear of breaking the spell of morning.

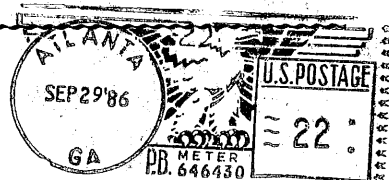
"She's a fine river, the best I ever saw," the old man told his boy, his voice almost a part of the sounds of the river. The boy turned and nodded in agreement, and spying the shiny new paddle in the floor of the canoe, picked it up and began flailing the water, beating it to a froth. A smile crossed the old man's face and he let the boy continue, not wanting to burden a newly found delight with rules and instructions just yet.

The water quickened as they approached the first rapid of the day. The flailing stopped and the boy gripped the gunwales with white-knuckled excitement. The old man guided the boat through as he had done a hundred times before, around the boulder at the top, drawing right after the boulder to catch the slot through the ledge, and ferrying out to the middle to ride the haystacks at the bottom of the drop. The boy yelled from the boulder at the top of the pool below, the boat half full of water from the flailing water and the haystacks.

The old canoe rolled and pitched crazily, lumbering from side to side as the old man paddled toward the gravel bar to drain the boat. Drawing the canoe parallel to the shore, he and the boy stepped out. They rolled the boat on its side, the splash rejoined the river, and all was well again. The old man and the boy continued their journey, down the river, around the bend and out of sight.

A splash of cold water on my face startled me and through blinking eyes I saw the child in the bow of the canoe, flailing away, beating the water to a froth. "She's a fine river, the best I ever saw," I echoed.

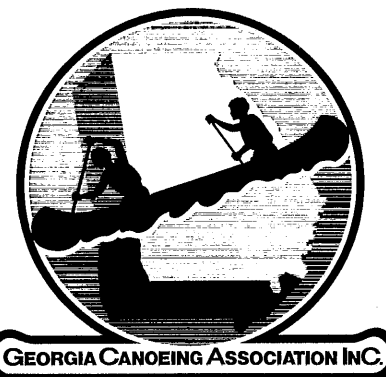
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DEADLINE for the next newsletter is the 15th. Send material to Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30322. Please type border-to-border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs, and don't skip a line between paragraphs. This saves valuable space. Good, high quality photos, cartoons, artwork, and clippings of general interest to the paddling community are also welcome.

ADDRESS CHANGES, SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEMS AND MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES: send to GCA, PO Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357, attn. membership chairperson.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, at the Ida Williams Branch Library, 269 Buckhead Ave NE, Atlanta (near the intersection of Roswell, Peachtree & Paces Ferry Rds). Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call the president (Andy Warshaw, 478-2104) so he can plan time on the agenda.

Oct. 3 VOTE AND BLOAT AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING— ATLANTA WATERWORKS LODGE

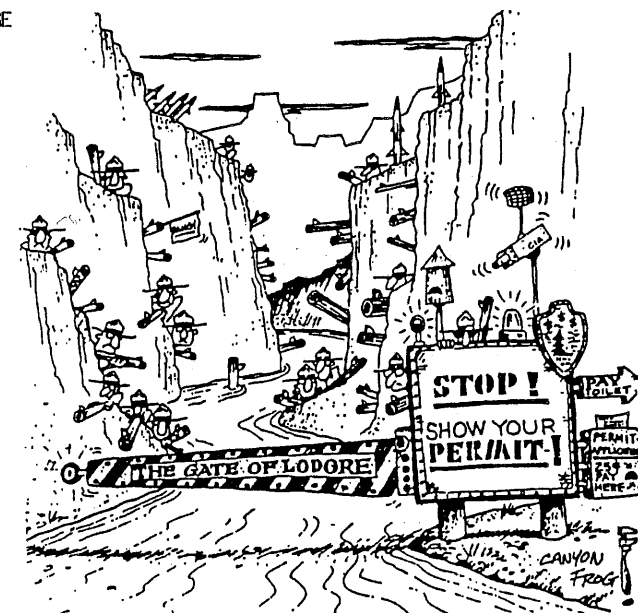
4 Nantahala*	2-3+, interm.	John Berry	451-3443
Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	trip leader needed	233-7294
5 Cartecay	2-3, intermediate	Dick Hurd	394-4919
Chattooga 2	1-2, trained beginner	Jimmy Gunter	(w)928-2082
Wild Card	3+	John de Castro	525-4737

11 Cohuttas hike		Dan & Elise Mac Intyre	252-9513
Appalachee	1-2, trained beginner	Tom Shawe	377-0640
Nantahala*	2-3, intermediate	Jerry Peterman	395-9495
Chattooga 4	3-5, very advanced	Bruce Williams	231-5624
12 Ocmulgee	1-2, trained beginner	Bill McLendon	973-5864
Wild Card	2-3, interm.	Ben Fouts	1-532-3523
Wilder Card	3+	Dewey Tate	487-2111

18 Mild Card	1-2	Don Langford	1-324-3007
Nantahala*	2-3, intermediate	Sabra Hanson	688-1842
Middle Chestatee	1-2 (3), easy intermediate	Jack & Julia Crosby	995-9434
French Broad	3+, advanced	Rob Kerr	498-6791
Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Jim Buford	434-7025
19 Etowah	1-2, tr. beginner	Chet Wright	(w)331-3488
Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	trip leader needed	233-7294
Wild Card	3+	Jim Silavent	587-1172

25 Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Walt & Salena Lynch	1-353-3621
Wild Card	2-3	Leslie Campbell	493-7630
Chattooga 4	3-5, very advanced	Allen Hedden	252-6167
26 West Fork Chattooga	1-2, tr. beginner	Larry Chamblee	1-803-226-6837
Upper Amicalola	1-3, intermediate	Rob Kerr	498-6791
Sweetwater Creek	3+, advanced	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
Wild Card	3-4, advanced	Mark Levine	926-8683

Nov. 1 Lower Toccoa	1-2, tr. beginner	Roger Nott	1-536-6923
Nantahala*	2-3, intermediate	Dewey Tate	487-2111
Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Jon Forrester	945-0601
2 Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	David Tillis	751-1517
Lower Amicalola	3+, advanced	David Ashley	498-7462



\*WARNING! THE NANTAHALA MAY BE OFF DURING MOST OF OCTOBER!! TRIP LEADERS CHECK IN ADVANCE AND MAKE ALTERNATE PLANS! -Ed.  
Jump (Chump?) trips offered on the following by the following in case of copious rain: Chattooga 3 or 4, Emily Hitchcock, 377-0301  
Upper Hooch over 3.5, Laura Jordon, H:233-7294;W:668-3886; Wknds:1-782-9963. Sweetwater Creek with Jerry Holladay, 688-1842.  
Jump trip for lunatic fringe, class 4-5, unusually high water, call Nolan Whitesell at 325-5330 before 9 PM.

\* \* \* \* GCA TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING \* \* \* \* \*

At the general membership meeting, 7 PM on Friday October 3 at the Atlanta Waterworks Lodge, we will observe and celebrate GCA's twenty years of service to the paddling community. Special invitations have been sent to past GCA officers and others who were involved in key club endeavors over the years. If we missed your name, consider yourself invited anyway! All our current members will want to attend to meet some of these legendary figures in southeastern paddling. The meeting will start with the usual potluck supper. Bring a main dish and a salad or dessert, enough to share. Bring a serving spoon if needed; plastic tableware and paper plates will be provided, as will non-alcoholic beverages. ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be followed by movies and slides of bodacious rivers. To find the Lodge, first locate Bishop, an east-west connector between Northside Drive and Howell Mill Rd. From Bishop, turn north on Reservoir Drive, which dead-ends at the Lodge. Park where you see the cars with boats on them. Don't park opposite the residences on Green Street or you might get towed. -Ed.

The Chattahoochee River Coalition (CRC) is sponsoring the fifth annual River-to-Ridges 10K steeplechase on Saturday November 1, 1986. This unique running event will be held along the jogging trail and nearby hills of the Cochran Shoals unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The race will begin promptly at 9:30 AM with late registration from 8 to 9AM. Awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers in each of five age groups. Long sleeve race T-shirts will be given to all participants. Participation is limited to the first 300 registrants so make your plans early. All proceeds from the race will go to the CRC to support their efforts in retaining a quality recreational area for metro-Atlanta residents. For additional information on registration please call the CRC at 261-1897.

Like all worthwhile fund raising events volunteers are needed to assist with the many duties required to make this race a success. Assistants will be needed as registrars, course marshalls, parking attendants and water persons. This race event has been a lot of fun in years past bringing together many of the area residents who wish to express their concern for one of our most treasured recreational resources. Come and express your support for the "Hooch" by running or assisting with the race. The GCA has been a member of the CRC for many years, so come on GCA river runners - give me a call at 493-7630 and say "I'd love to volunteer!"

CHATTOOGA SECTION IV, Sat., Sept. 13, 1986 - Andy Warshaw and I paddled with Milt Aitken and Mack Carman, each of us in solo opens. As far as we could determine we were the only boats on Section IV this beautiful, sunny day. We encountered one commercial raft trip, running from Woodall to Camp Cr. for a fee of \$50 each! The bridge gauge read .78. At this level solo opens can run nearly all the rapids without hitting any rocks, though a little scraping was unavoidable at Rock Jumble and (center) Crack and nearly so at the top of Stekoa Cr. Rapids and the bottoms of Entrance, Shoulder Bone and Woodall. There was plenty of excitement left, even at this low level. It was great fun to have this outstanding run to ourselves. Roger Nott

NANTAHALA - August 3, 1986 - What do you do if you give a party and nobody comes? With no response to my 2-3 wild card trips, I called Jerry Peterman and we ran a two-person trip. (Considering the number of paddlers on the river, I didn't mind breaking the three-boat rule.) It was cold, overcast and rainy. Ideal paddling weather and the gorge was beautiful. There weren't as many rafters as I had feared on Labor Day weekend. However, I knocked some incautious soul out of his "fun-yak" as he tried to surf the only clear path in front of my unrushing Scamp. Those things are a lot softer than the rock alternatives. Shortly thereafter, Jerry chalked a guy on a C-1 in the same circumstances. At Quarry Rapid, I discovered that it is difficult to throw your painter to a swimmer if you can't reach it. I've got to get a jam cleat. After pigging out at the NOC restaurant, Jerry and Mary put me up in their cabin, which sure beats my tent which is not entirely waterproof. I went to sleep and awoke to the sound of rain in the trees. A wonderful, wonderful trip! Now, aren't you all sorry you didn't come?

Nantahala River - August 30:

We had an uneventful run of the Nantahala. No swims, no difficulties except for dodging rafts. Mike Wilson brought Maria Lanza as his guest. She is from Central America. She is just learning to paddle, but showed a great deal of skill already. Thanks Mike for sharing Maria with us and for leading the group down the river. Our paddlers were Mike Wilson and Maria Lanza OC2; Dan Barker, III K1; Barry Hahn and yours truly OC1. Nancy Barker-Trip Leader.

PRINT AND POSTAGE MATTERS. Some of you farsighted readers will have inferred that newsletter production is back on computer, with the GCA daisy wheel typewriter functioning as printer. Certain control codes make it possible to push the pitch to 16 and increase the number of lines per vertical inch from 6 to 7. The computer in question is an 8 Mhz 640k Zenith Z-138 (an IBM "clone") which your editor and his family bought with their tax refund. It's so nice to be back from typing to word processing.

The dues increase is due in part to cost of the newsletter, especially postage. An eight page newsletter weighs just one ounce and can be mailed for 22 cents first class. Just one added flyer puts us over the top for a postage increment. A fat 16 page newsletter is under 2 ounces, but add a couple of flyers and we're up into another postage bracket. Being a scientist of sorts, I did a little research on a gram scale and learned that today's 8 page newsletter weighs 25.5 grams. (1 ounce is 28 grams) A 1979 newsletter with 8 pages weighs 18.4 grams, but in those days we mailed it in an envelope, which brought the weight to just under an ounce. By coincidence, four of today's flyers also weigh 18.4 grams. What this tells Mr. Wizard is that if we used the same weight of paper stock for the newsletter that we use for the flyers, we could send you 8 pages and two flyers for 22 cents postage. Or we could send you 16 big pages plus 4 flyers for 39 cents!

The flyers have served an important function by advertising club events without my having to find space in each newsletter, and giving you registration blanks to use without having to cut up each newsletter. Probably we can economize a little by seeing that we don't send non-essential flyers when it would push us into another postage bracket.

None of these earth-shaking reforms can take place overnight. For one thing, we have to use up existing heavy paper stock which is pre-printed with the EDDY LINE masthead. I will be working with Mark Levine (who works very hard to see that the newsletter gets printed) to see what we can do in the next few months. And finally, when you see how the editor can rattle on concerning any topic, you see why he makes you squint by pushing the print to 16 pitch and 7 lines per inch... -Ed.

FOR SALE: 1.) GALT-BUILT DANDY FREE-STYLE SOLO CANOE, \$425; 2.) SAWYER D-Y SPECIAL SOLO CRUISING CANOE, \$450. Both canoes in excellent condition. Call Wayne Guerke at 498-1613.

How do you get fifteen paddlers who had either never run the river, had bad previous experiences on the river, or had run it only a couple of times, successfully down the Ocoee. It's easy! All you need is nine outstanding, patient, experienced and knowledgeable paddlers to help you. A beautiful day and a contingent of inexperienced paddlers who have a very high level of skill. Mix that together with a little bit of hutzpah and a lot of enthusiasm and you get what we all experienced, a great trip.

We were supposed to meet at the put in at 10:00am but, as will happen, it was after 10:30 before everyone was there. The weather was good, sunny in the 80s. The river however was extremely crowded and finding room to run the rapids amid the hoards of boats and rafts proved to be a problem.

The 25 boats were split into three groups. The first group was led by Jim Flemister (K-1), Dick Hamilton (K-1), and Emily Hitchcock (K-1) and consisted of Rob Kerr (OC-1), Dan and Elise Intyre (OC-2), Roger Sallas (OC-1) and Mike Schmid (OC-1). They put in at the old raft put in. Although the trip was advertised as a "run the cheat routes" trip this group as well as the other groups chose to run everything except double trouble and hell hole. Tablesaw proved to be most memorable with an outstanding eddy turn behind Plymouth rock, a full length swim, an aborted rope throw due to a raft guide photographer's stupidity, and a raft crowded albeit successful run.

Group two was led by Tal Dryman (K-1), Wayne Gentry (K-1), Jerry Holladay (K-1), and Don Wigston (K-1) and consisted of Jim Dalton (K-1), Frank Goulding (K-1), Wayne Sanders (K-1), Susan Wilson (K-1), and Cheryl Wright (K-1). Some of these paddlers had worked with Wayne Gentry in his intermediate Kayak clinic the previous weekend, so this trip was phase II for them. Again all rapids were run except double trouble and hell hole. The most memorable was double suck where the second hole, as it will, grabbed and held a few boats.

Group three was led by David Ashley (C-1), John de Castro (OC-1), and Mark Levine (C-1) and consisted of Mike Laster (OC-1), Jay Harrell (K-1), Lee Harrell (C-1), Jeannie McCormick (K-1), Tom McCormick (K-1), and Malcomb Murray (OC-1). This group put in below Second Helping but like the other groups took on most everything except double trouble and hell hole. Double suck was the great confidence builder. Excellent runs and a great boat full of water eddy turn occurred here. Tablesaw also saw some fine runs and a tenacious C-1 role. The only swim occurred while most of us were eating lunch when a ferry was missed. Excellent self save technique was evidenced. Even though Hell Hole was cheated this proved to be adventurous. Just as the group was getting ready for their runs, the sixth fleet pulled in. The cheat, the ferry, and Power House rapid had to be run under conditions similar to the downtown connector at rush hour.

Everyone had great runs, with remarkably few swims and a large number of excellent runs. The experienced paddlers also had a great time. There was some disappointment at not being able to play as much as usual but this was compensated for by the enjoyment of watching and helping confidence and skill grow and seeing again the pure joy of successfully navigating rapids which we've come to take for granted. The trip leader was disappointed that after spending hours this spring practicing rope throws, he never had a chance to try one. I guess I'll have to get paddlers with less skill to come on these trips. Thanks to all, particularly the experienced paddlers, who gave up their play to instruct and lead. It's hard to imagine that a trip with 25 boats could be easy to lead but with the help I had, it sure was.

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