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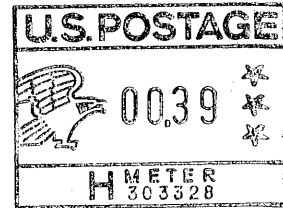
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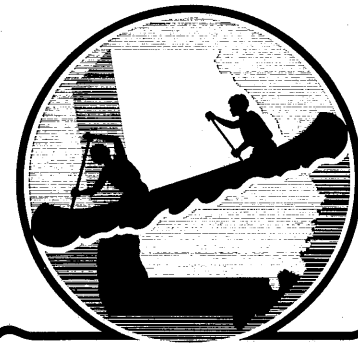
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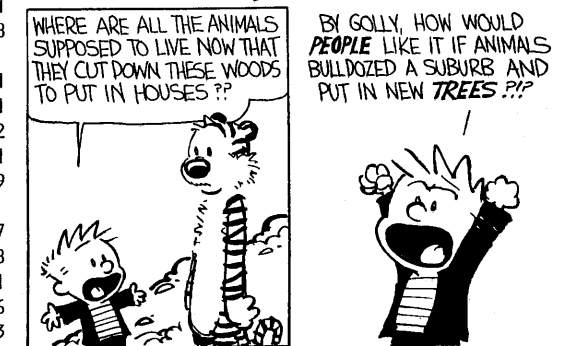
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DEADLINE for the next newsletter is the 15th. Send material to Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30322. (Do not send to his home address, or it will get lost in the fallout of the typical nuclear family.) Please type border-to-border (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. Want ads are free for members selling used paddling equipment only; see details elsewhere. 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 Atlanta Jewish Community Center at 1745 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, just north of Brookwood Station next to an Intl. House of Pancakes. Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call President Andy Warshaw, 478-2104) so he can plan time on the agenda.

Sept. 5	Etowah	class 1-2, trained beginner	Dick Hurd	394-4919
	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Bruce Bishop	641-1944
6	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Hank Miles	487-8362
	French Broad	3-4, senior intermediate	Bill Smith	1-704-622-3381
7	Nantahala	2-3, interm.	Rob Kerr	641-9108
12	Hiwassee	1-2+, easy intermediate	Gary DeBacher	634-4651
	Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Walter Howard	422-3091
	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	David Ashley	498-7462
13	Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Brenda Burnette	425-9671
	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
19	Flint	1-2, trained beginner	Don Langford	1-324-3007
	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Barry Hahn	252-9538
	Chattooga 3 Overnighter.	Advanced	Dewey Tate	487-2111
20	Gilmer County Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Jay Srymanske	1-635-2726
	Chattooga 4	3-5, expert	Roger Nott	1-536-6923

Calvin and Hobbes — by Bill Watterson



26-27	Okefenokee	Meet Swamp Thing with leader	Jimmy Gunter	928-3313
	Dixie Division ACA Instructors Methods Weekend		Oreon Mann	522-3469
26	Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Dennis Crane	633-6487
	Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Allen & Thayer Grumbine	1-803-288-0212
27	Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Carol Mercer	373-6683
	Class 3+ trip leader needed. Call Cruisemaster Jim Silavent		Jim Silavent	587-1172
	Nolan Whitesell may have room for a couple of experts for a Sunday or Monday run on the Gauley River, class 4-6, in West Va. Call him days at			325-5330

Oct. 3	Hiwassee	1-2, easy intermediate	Den & Elise McIntyre	252-9513
	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Evelyn Hopkins	255-7018
4	Wildcard	2-3, intermediate	Dale Bergen	469-6829
	Wildcard	2-3, interm.	Jack & Julia Crosby	995-9434
Tuesday 6th	Full moon Metro Hooch run.		Gwen "Moonbeam" Bergen or Carol "Moonshine" Mercer	377-2970 373-6683

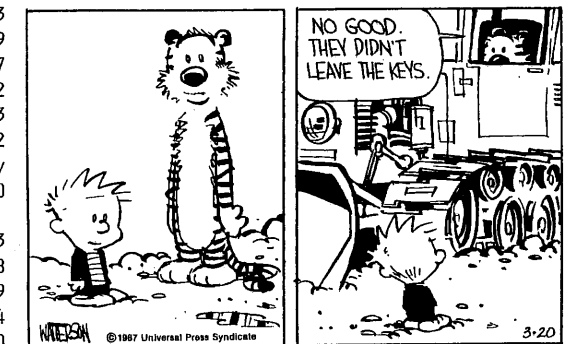
Call Cruisemaster Jim Silavent at 587-1172 to volunteer to lead trips. Rob Kerr is the impromptu trip leader. Call him at 641-9108 to plan unscheduled trips. Jump trips for high water— advanced boaters only, class 4-5, call Nolan Whitesell during the day at 325-5330. WEDNESDAY EVENING METRO HOOCH TRIPS will begin on May 6. Usually we will meet at 6:15 PM at the hwy 41 parking lot, but call Gary DeBacher at 634-4651 (H) in case he is running the Island Shoals or Atlanta Waterworks sections. This is a good opportunity for beginners in training to put in some practice time on the water.

*** GCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 7 PM, ATLANTA WATERWORKS LODGE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF GCA'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE UPPER HOOCH AND OTHER RIVERS OPEN FOR PADDLERS. TO HELP WITH OUR LEGAL COSTS, THERE WILL BE AN AUCTION AND RAFFLE WITH SOME VERY ATTRACTIVE EQUIPMENT OR TRIP TICKETS ON THE BLOCK. GCA's legal efforts may be the beginning of the rest of your paddling life, so don't be left on the bank. Come to the meeting, get informed and get involved.

The meeting will begin with the usual potluck supper; bring a main dish and a salad or dessert, enough to stuff some turkeys. Beverages (no booze), paper plates, and plasticware will be provided. After elections and discussion of river rights issues, there will be movies and slides with commentary by noted prevaricators.

TO GET TO THE WATERWORKS LODGE, look for Bishop, an east-west connector between Howell Mill Rd. and Northside Drive in NW Atlanta. About midway on Bishop, turn north on Reservoir and park where you see the cars with boats on them. The Lodge is a low stone building at the north end of Reservoir.

The WILDEWOOD SHOP, veteran defendant and plaintiff in the Smith Island legal battle, is holding a USED EQUIPMENT SALE on Saturday September 12 at the Solid Rock parking lot just north of Duncan Bridge. There will be a selection of good values in used canoes, rafts, paddles and life jackets. Who knows, maybe some will have a few bullet holes from Smith Island; they could become real collectors' items. Buy some good stuff from an outfit which has done a lot to keep the Upper Hooch open for paddling.



AUGUST 20, 1987

AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR SUIT AGAINST DENNIS LANKES FOR IMPEDING PADDLERS FROM PASSAGE DOWN THE UPPER HOCH, I WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO KEEP EACH OF YOU AS COMPLETELY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE. AS I MENTIONED IN MY AUGUST NEWSLETTER REPORT, THE INITIAL HEARING SEEKING INJUNCTION WAS HELD AUGUST 18TH IN SUPERIOR COURT IN COBB COUNTY. AS SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE READ IN THE ATLANTA JOURNAL, JUDGE BRANTLEY BEGAN BY STATING THAT HE HAD RUN THE RIVER SINCE 1970, AND HAD RUN IT AS RECENTLY AS THREE YEARS AGO WITH HIS CHURCH GROUP. WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS DISQUALIFIED HIM FROM THE CASE, HE DID ACCEPT A MOTION TO HAVE ANOTHER JUDGE MAKE A RULING AS TO WHETHER HE COULD INDEED HEAR THE CASE. THE DEFENDANTS ATTORNEY WAS GIVEN FIVE DAYS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN MOTION AND WE EXPECT TO BE BACK IN COURT NEXT WEEK TO HEAR THE MOTION.

LANKES IS ALSO SEEING CHANGE OF VENUE TO HABERSHAM COUNTY WHICH, IF GRANTED, WILL AGAIN DELAY THE PROCEEDINGS. THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT PROHIBITING LANKES FROM DOING ANYTHING TO STOP ANY PLAINTIFF INCLUDING ALL GCA MEMBERS FROM RUNNING THE RIVER. HOWEVER, AS IN THE PAST, PLEASE DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR BOATS.

THE STATE OF GEORGIA HAS NOW ENTERED INTO THE CASE ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFFS WHICH WILL DEFINITELY STRENGTHEN OUR POSITION EVEN FURTHER.

LEGAL COSTS CONTINUE TO MOUNT AND YOUR DONATIONS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. PLEASE SEND THEM TO

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PLEASE INDICATE RIVER RIGHTS DONATION ON YOUR CHECK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

ANDY WARSHAW

ATTENTION ALL TRIP LEADERS!! I have spent time in the last few weeks, along with Gwen Bergen, in going through old copies of Eddy Lines--dating back from 1967/68--looking for articles/write ups on Smith Island. Seems that our Founding Father Canoeists/Kayakers are like us---they don't write up their trips. You don't know how frustrating it is to see the trip scheduled--but no write up. PLEASE WRITE UP YOUR TRIPS, then perhaps 5, 10 or 20 years from now, if someone is searching for information on what/when/under what conditions we ran certain rivers---it will be available to them. Carol Mercer and Gwen Bergen

It has recently been my pleasure to have served as a GCA Instructor in two beginning canoeing clinics involving some 65 students. With the improvement of equipment and training techniques, it has become relatively easy for individuals to enter into whitewater canoeing quickly, but sometimes not realizing some important aspects of the sport which I'd like to explain at this time. The GCA is dedicated to providing safe, enjoyable river trips for our members.

Our trip leaders, a truly dedicated group of individuals with varying skills as paddlers and years of trip leading experience, volunteer to lead trips for many different reasons. But all have one important goal in mind - leading a safe trip. Please be as accurate as possible when describing your previous experience and skill level ability to them. Be sure to include any problems you may have personally, such as unusual medical needs, allergies to bee stings, etc.. Also provide all requested information, such as type of boat you are paddling, tandem or solo, and do you have the necessary gear (wet suits, helmets, etc.).

Please understand that the trip leader is responsible for a larger group of people and must take into consideration the overall needs of the entire trip. If, in the unlikely event you are asked not to participate on a certain river trip, please remember that the trip leader is in charge and responsible for the safety and well-being of each trip participant. Be sure to get a clear explanation of why the trip leader feels you are not qualified to participate. If it's lack of proper equipment, obtain it. If it's lack of experience on that class of river, try to paddle a few lesser rivers to build your skill level.

Let's all work together to conduct safe, fun, enjoyable paddling outings, and to keep the GCA the quality organization which we've become.

ANDY WARSHAW
PRESIDENT '87

Class B racers are participating - a fact which is encouraging. In the present format and the present conditions the maximum number of participants was reached this year. The GCA, sponsors of the race, may need to re-evaluate their philosophy of the race in terms of growth. Options do exist and, fortunately, open-mindedness and flexibility have produced successful races and will continue to do so.

The days involved in running the race were long and tiring. The races were successful because of the effort of the many dedicated members. Or were these members present for a more self-serving reason? To have fun! Regardless of their motives, the time and effort of the many are appreciated.

Below is a list of race volunteers as remembered by this writer. It may be incomplete due to lack of short-term memory, feeble-mindedness or outright senility - all of which were present before the race. Therefore, the race cannot serve as an excuse. If names have been omitted, please contact the vice-president (last seen surfing Ocoee's Hell-Hole), who will offer many apologies and make amends for the omissions.

Race volunteers include

Jeanne Peters	Eileen & Stacy Lange	Susan Wilson
Dennis Crane	Doug (Stacy's Friend)	Wayne Gentry
Gwen Bergen	Stewart Stokes	Brad Nichols
Bruce Bishop	Elaine Jensen	John Pineyard
Jim Buford	Beverly Shearer	Larry Castillo
Oreon Mann	Dick Butterworth	Jim Silavent
Les Davenport	John Kruegel	Carol Rearden
Karla Fields	Dale Bergen	Dave Bowman
Meredith Luckie	Evelyn Hopkins	Mike Collier
Carol Mercer	Ed Schultz	Andy Warshaw
Radine Bergen	Roger & Beth Nott	Walter Howard
Allen Hedden	Jan & Rob Kerr	Don & Bettina George
Roger Shepherd	David & Fran Ashley	Barry Hahn
Leslie Campbell	Sandra & Ron Towe	Frank Crane
Betsy Darken	John & Tee Brower	Gary DeBacher
John Bell	Richard & Debbie Blews	Jim Flemister
Sally Price	Susan & Mark Levine	Dick Hamilton
Jay Harrell	Selena & Walter Lynch	Fritz Orr
Sig Luckie	Jackie & Jim Keese & Family	

Prepared and submitted by the Race Chairman.

NANTAHALA RIVER---JULY 25, 1987:

Beautiful weather, plenty of water and lots of boats and rafts were the order of the day for this Saturday trip. My first scheduled GCA trip on the Upper Hooch was changed to the Nantahala due to low water. With Carol Mercer's encouragement, we decided to run the Nanty with three first timers--Donna and Tom Johnson OC2 and Jim Carswell OC1; Scott Crosier who started paddling in April but had run the Nanty a few times before, and yours truly OC1. Everyone did a great job and improved their paddling skills. We named one of the rocks "Jim's Rock" after it caused him to swim. Our exciting trip ended with fanfare as everyone ran the falls following Carol's lead who decided to demonstrate for our first timers the "Open boat roll technique" at the bottom of the falls.

A great time was had by all. Thanks to all who participated. Walter Howard-Trip Leader

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SOUTHEASTERN REPORT *

Arriving at NOC on a not yet busy Thursday morning prior to the Southeastern races, Jim Flemister and company began setting up the course. The company consisted of Dick Hamilton and Don George. With a late start and intermittent afternoon showers, gate hanging was not progressing very well. In fact, when Roger Nott arrived in wet suit attire during a lengthy shower, only 13 wires had been strung - wires only- and no gates. A full day's work was ahead on Friday.

Friday. No showers, clear day. And there must have been 30 people - or so it seemed - to help hang gates. Jim quickly arranged 4 groups to hang gates and the remaining wires. After hanging the course in record time, people started talking about paddling the river. This is unheard of on Friday prior to the races. People have never moved so quickly to get boats and gear to the put-in. A fact worth mentioning- Allen Hedden did not break his other leg.

Saturday arrived and there was some anxiousness on the race chairman's part when 15 minutes before the decked boat slalom's anticipated start, the timing and scoring tables were not in place. There seemed to be a sluggishness in the GCA's getting the race underway. At one point, it was rumored that the race chairman was on his way back to Atlanta when Oreon Mann could not be found with the tables. And why wouldn't those d phones work? "Oh, I need to push the button on the headset to talk!" was overheard.

The races did get started. The slalom portion proceeded as well as could be with over 70 entrants paddling in and out of the 4 foot wide gates avoiding touches and hoping to finish with the fastest time in his/her class. The look on Horace Holden's face after finishing his best C-1 run and being told of his lost time was a dejected one. Fortunately, there weren't many reruns.

Still it's beyond comprehension how Gwen Bergen can organize a scoring table to tabulate slalom results. Every time Gwen was noticed, she was standing around without much to do. Somehow those score cards (with times) appeared on the results board.

Following the day's slalom on Saturday, the downriver races began 8 miles upstream at 5 p.m. The starters, John and Tee Brower participated in their own race to the Forest Service put-in where they started a clock on approximately 70 racers. The fastest of those racers finished in 50 minutes. Bill Baxter swept the course of open boats to win the Charlie Patton Award with a time of 52:42. The Julie Wilson Award was pocketed by David Jones/Mike Hipsher with a blazing decked boat time of 46:16. Having higher water in the river this year seemed to engender faster times than in previous years.

Completion of Saturday's downriver event was only the beginning of the annual chili feed at base camp. An estimated 100 race volunteers, volunteer-supporters and racers attended this phenomenon. The winners have yet to be determined. Last seen supplying their souls with food were people such as David Ashley, Andy Warshaw and Mark Levine. Sandra Towe, who organized this off-the-table event, still doesn't know what to do with the left-over cornbread.

The race chairman had hopes that Sunday's open boat slalom competition would run smoother than Saturday's. Although the water reached the course 30 minutes later, the first boat was on the course a few minutes earlier. But, the races were destined to fill the entire day. With about 75 open boat racers taking longer to run through the course of 27 gates and the heavy river traffic, an early finish was not to be.

The highlight was a mid-afternoon pin of a Kevlar racing boat at the top of the falls. Watching 30 people attempting to get to and retrieve this synthetic laminate once in the shape of a boat was amusing in itself. The rescuers provided the crowd with one hour's entertainment before the boat was salvaged. The remainder of the race proved to be uneventful. The course was removed and awards distributed to finish the '87 Southeasterns.

Over the past 3 years the number of racers has steadily increased. The scheduling of the Open Boat Nationals the following weekend contributed to a small degree, but more recreational boaters in plastic boats and more

THIRD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

LAST CALL! The drive ends Sept 30, with cash prizes to be awarded at the general membership meeting in Oct. First--\$50.; second--\$35.; third--\$25. You can still win, we don't have one person who taken the lead and can't be bested. Remember, talk up GCA to your friends, after all we are a great organization with Galas, membership meetings, and a super trip schedule. Call Carol Mercer (373-6683) or Andy Warshaw for membership forms.

Sat & Sun July 11,12 Hiwassee Weekend Trip Coordinator--Carol Mercer

A fun camping and paddling weekend. The weather was perfect, lots of serious "goof-off" time by all participants. Gwen tried her hand at paddling Stan's Otter, but seemed to have trouble with the low brace and did a great 180 in flat water! It was the other 180 she couldn't quite get--it doesn't roll like a kayak--right Gwen? Jim borrowed Gwen's kayak and was last seen paddling off into the sunset, while Gwen paddled off with his son (that would be James) in her boat and made war upon the other open boats and kayaks. It seems that James and Gwen were into pirates, boarding parties and river water fights. We all gathered around Jims canopy that evening when it rained, for dinner, fun and river tales. Jimmy and Stan, true to form, managed to tease and harrass all present--wait 'til next trip fellas! Our paddlers were: K-1;Gwen Bergen, Jim Biasco, Stuart Mierher and Martha. OC-2: Jim and James Silavent, Jim Booth and son, Margo Booth and Son, OC-1: Barry Hahn, Jimmy Gunter, Stan Landers,Gwen Bergen, Brenda Burnette, Dewey Tate and Carol Mercer--whoops--David Tate in K-1.

DEKALB COUNTY RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECTS

Gwen Bergen, Annabelle and Bill Close, Carol Mercer, and Ed Schultz attended a Public Hearing, June 23, on a county bond referendum for \$30,000,000 for Recreation and Parks Projects. Ed reported that the county plans to dedicate \$300,000 of the funds to establish a recreational "river corridor" along the Yellow and South Rivers. The county presently owns most of the land in the planned projects. The money will be used to improve the land and to develop access. At the hearing Ed stated that the club supported the river corridor or "greenway" concept, and it had submitted a paper on that subject to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors. He suggested to the county commissioners that the proposed river corridor projects could be the start of an "Atlanta to the Atlantic River Trail System." Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board asked C. Mercer and G. Bergen to contact each GCA member, resident in DeKalb County, to discuss the bond referendum, further that the October Eddy Line carry an article on the Yellow and South River corridor projects urging DeKalb County members and their families to vote for the bond referendum, and further that the GCA grant \$50.00 to the Citizens Committee that is publicizing the bond referendum and striving for a good turnout and favorable vote.

REFLECTIONS OF A FIRST TIME OCOEE RIVER RUN- 7/19/87 Carol Mercer After a week of comments such as, "Did you really run it?" (No, I body surfed!); "Wern't you scared?" (Never--just ask Jim when I told him I might loose my breakfast, or above Tablesaw when I almost parted company with my lunch!) and "How did you do it?" (In my yellow Sunburst, of course!), I decided to put my thoughts in print to share with other first time and would-be Ocoee River Runners.

I had wanted to paddle the Ocoee for the last month, but chickened out. Then Mark said I could go with his trip. He had some "babysitters"--I'm not proud, I like guided tours!--both fore and aft 'sitters, and a designated person/boat chasing k-1. After a put in below put-in-rapid, some first aid on a cut paddler, off we paddled. I was very nervous and scared--the waves were bigger and scarier than I remembered from my raft trip of two years ago. Above Broken Nose I was told exactly how to tun the rapid--so away we paddled--my 'sitters and I. At the bottom I eddyed out beside Mark and grinned. At that point I thought I might survive. The day was a blur of fast water, large holes, high waves, eddys, ferrys, and comments of "Paddle like h---", from my paddling buddies. I cant remember the rapids, or the routes, just continually being "up" every second and on an adrenelin high. After two swims, nothing major, but a little scary never-the-less it was time for lunch. Have you ever tried to calmly eat lunch when your 'sitters spend the entire time moving little rocks, plastic tops and straps to simulate diagrams of Tablesaw? By the time I eddyed out above it with Jim, I wanted to run screaming off the river! But since there is no portage--off I go. "Where is that saw blade--yeah--here it is--oh the current is fast--paddle like h--- toward it--and slip left--wow, I'm alive!" Then I heard all the shouts and cheers-- the intermediate Kayak Clinic was lending their moral support too. I crawled shaking out of my boat, from where I had made my personal, private eddy between two rocks, and promptly sat on the nearest rock--I couldn't stand up as my knees were knocking so bad. After Tablesaw it was down hill-- and I survived my first run! Will I paddle it again? Of course--if the group will let me come along and provide some 'sitters. When's the next trip Mark? My thanks to everyone on the trip for their help and moral support, but especially to Mark and Susan Levine for letting me paddle with them and providing so much support, and to Jim Silavent, Andy Warshaw and Oreon Mann for being by "guard dogs and 'sitters " for the trip.

Women's Beginning Kayak Clinic, July 25, 26, 1987

Evelyn Hopkins

We split this first all-women's kayak clinic into two groups, roughly beginner and intermediate. In the "beginner" group we had Sylvia Kriest, Faye Woodward, Pam Johnson, Alicia Rezak, Julie Velez, and Phyllis Parker. Instructors for the first day were Ruth Stiles, Elaine Jensen, and Evelyn Hopkins. We spent a long morning on Lake Fontana learning strokes and practicing Eskimo rescues from both sides of the boat. Saturday afternoon we practiced our strokes, ferries, peelouts, and eddy turns on the Little Tennessee; we even tried a little wave surfing. Saturday night we dragged in to Nantahala Village where Sylvia's husband had saved us some seats. That turned out to be a good thing since the place was jammed when the intermediate group unexpectedly showed up.

By Sunday morning our hardy band had dwindled as the two youngest paddlers in our group, Phyllis and Julie, had to leave early because of prior engagements. They promised faithfully to practice on the Metro Hooch. Faye pleaded blisters so our students were now Sylvia, Pam, and Alicia. Elaine had arranged for Cindy Little and her friend Pam to take her place and be safety boats. We put on just below Patton's run. Ruth and I kept exhorting our students to turn over so we could have some blood and guts for our safety boats to pick up, but everybody had perfect runs. We quit at Ferebee and I think everyone was pleased with her accomplishments. Ruth and I thank all the students for being patient with their fledging teachers and Elaine, Cindy and Pam for their help.

CHATTOOGA SECTION IV, Sun., August 2, 1987 - Beautiful day. Gauge = 1.17. All rapids run with no unplanned swims. (Several planned ones sure did feel great!) We only saw 6 other boaters on the river and heard there was also one raft trip. Not paddling the Ocoee this day were: John and Tee Brower in an Explorer, Ben Fouts in his M.E., and I in my OCA. Ben amazed me with the tale of his 87 year-old father, who was raised in Dawson Co., paddling the Amicalola with him this spring, pointing out the old sawmill sites of 70 yrs. ago. It was his first trip down the river. I hope we'll all be paddling when we are 87 (and that we'll have saved a few wild rivers to run). Roger Nott

Sunday, August 2, 1987, UPPER HOOCHEE, level:1.4

Evelyn Hopkins

The water was low, the weather hot, but everyone wanted a quick, easy run. It was an unusual group for a late summer Hooch trip: one almost new boater, Jim Leagan, in his brand new Explorer and 5 pretty experienced boaters to help him on his first trip with the GCA. Orion Mann did a little relaxed teaching. Jim got some experience paddling very technical water and did very well. John Snider in his new open boat expertly picked the route. The three kayakers (in keeping with the true nature of kayakers) provided the comic relief trying to learn how to twirl their paddles and roll at the same time. Third ledge was playable and gentle enough for Georgia State to teach their beginning kayak class how to play there. Everyone had fun, and no one really minded getting drenched in a summer storm at the takeout. In kayaks were Kevin Jordan, James White, and Evelyn Hopkins.

Sunday, July 26, 1987 Upper Chattahoochee Trip Coordinator: Barry Hann

"Out of the hills of Habersham, Down through the valleys of Hall," there was very little water at 1.5. It was tough to, "Run the rapid and leap the fall." Our group put in at Highway 115 to avoid any intimidation from the "Ghoul of the Isle." The rocks grow through the water in the dry season. Problems enough!

A hornet's nest is in the bushes at boat level just before making the hard right turn below the drop at Buck Island. Please be careful. I suggest taking the left channel even if a little boney.

Those who shared this trip were: OC-1 Larry Howard (new Scamp) and myself; OC-2 Sharon and Chris Hodges; K-1 David Bledsoe (sweep), Pat Wolfer, Bob Mauney, Sam Smith and Laurie Searle. Everyone in our group did well considering the low water-level. We did get a little practice aiding others unpinning their craft who were not in our party just above "Canoe Eater." Chris helped a tandem that filled with water and a few minutes later I helped a family in a raft at the same spot. I overheard the lady in the tandem say to her partner, "I knew we should have taken a drive in the mountains."

When we finished, Channel 11 was there at Duncan's Bridge to interview Dave Gale, Jr. who was not available. A few of the party did agree to comment as paddlers. I enjoyed seeing them on the evening and late news. I was also glad that I had declined to comment.

The folks on the trip were "the best."

Until we have a lot of rain, I think I will submit to longer drives and leave the Upper Hooch to the beautiful words of Mr. S. Lanier in the "Song of the Chattahoochee."

ADVANCED OPEN CANOE FREESTYLE CLINIC. To be held on the Ocoee River on either October 10 or October 31. Participants must be comfortable playing and self-rescuing on the Ocoee. Cost is \$20.00 per person for GCA members. For more information and to register, call Nolan Whitesell during the day at 325-5330.

Nov. 26-29 Canoe camping and/or day tripping in the Okefeenokee or ??? depending on water levels. Let us know NOW if you are interested! We must make plans based on the size of the group. Don Langford 404/324-3007

FOR SALE: Two ILIAD WHITE WATER CANOE PADDLES, shaft 38", blade 24" X 9". Great paddles for large volume solo canoes, e.g., Blue Hole OCA or Whitesell, \$45 each or \$75 pair; DANDY Free-Style Solo Canoe custom made by canoe designer Mike Galt, trim of Sitka spruce, larch & teak, with down-wind sailing rig, \$295. All equipment in excellent condition. Call Wayne Guerke at 498-1613.

Chattooga Overnighter - July 18 & 19

Dewey Tate

Have you every done an overnighter on the Chattooga? If not, you're missing a marvelous river experience. Besides, it's the only way to do this beautiful river justice. A one day run from Earl's to the 76 Bridge is a tough day of paddling. If you put in at Sandy Ford, you miss one of the most beautiful parts of the river, and neither of these options gives time to really relax, play, and enjoy the river.

The July trip was my third overnighter this year, and this one was like the others--everyone had a really good time. The trips are organized to allow a lot of options--you can paddle Saturday, Sunday, or both days; you can camp alongside the river; camp in a local campground or stay in a motel. You can eat at the river, or at a restaurant. You don't take your camping gear on the river--it stays with your car at Thrifts Ferry, where we end the first day's paddle after an Earl's Ford put in. The second day we run on down to a Woodall Shoals takeout.

This trip the river was low at 1.05, but still runnable. Our Saturday trip had six solo canoes and one kayak, including a couple of non-GCA paddlers who asked to go along with us. (We signed them up, Carol.)

NEAR MISS AT THE NARROWS. We enjoyed the river down to the narrows, taking our time, playing a lot; then trouble developed. It all started when I went down first to set up a rope adjacent to a large group of people on the rocks sunbathing. I got setup, waved the first boat down, then took my first look at the sunbathers--OH MY GAWSH AMIGHTY! THEM PEOPLE IS NEK-KED AS JAYBIRDS OVER THERE! Then, trouble. Boat after boat kept coming down and stopping. No one would leave! Soon the river was jammed with boats vying for a better position. Barry Hahn's pipe was throwing sparks a foot high! Looked like a locomotive! One "wholesome" young lady with particularly nice ...eyes... rated each paddler's run. She gave me a 10. I allowed as how, "No way lady, with nice ...eyes... like you have, you're the 10, especially considering how modest you are and all." Finally, after having lunch, two rest stops, some boat repairs and a new bowl in Barry's pipe, we decided we had best leave the narrows--besides, the sun was going down.

The run on down to Thrifts was uneventful, compared to the narrows. At Thrifts, the two non-GCA paddlers, on their first Chattooga run, wanted to know about Bull Sluice before leaving us. I told them how to run it, but suggested several times to portage (neither were very experienced), since at low water, the Bull can be nasty. I warned that if they should make a mistake, it's better to make it left, not right. We learned late that night that one of them pinned his OCA vertically on the Georgia Rock and the upper ledge. It stayed in the river overnight and was badly damaged on removal with Forest Service and Chattooga Whitewater Shop help Sunday morning.

Sunday, we made a slow run down to Woodall, playing a lot and enjoying beautiful weather on a beautiful river. Paddlers of solo canoes were Mel Beach, Barry Hahn, Brenda Burnette and Dewey Tate. Kayaks were Lynn Alley (Sunday only) and David Tate.

Come out and join us next time for a great river experience! First-timers with reasonable skills are welcome. I love introducing new people to this beautiful river. NOTE: The GCA don't furnish no nekked people. You gotta bring your own.