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ADDRESS CHANGE? SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM? Write to GCA Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357. The editor does not do these things. Deadline for the next newsletter is the 15th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 614 N. Superior, Decatur, GA 30033. Please use a decent ribbon and type border-to-border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs, and don't skip a line between paragraphs. This saves valuable space. Photos, cartoons, artwork, and clippings of interest to paddlers are also welcome. Ads are free for members selling used paddling equipment only. 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 Int. House of Pancakes. Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call President Allen Hedden, 252-6167, so he can plan time on the agenda.

EDDYLINE LATE? If your Eddyline has not arrived by the 15th, call GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz, 266-3734, so he can mail a replacement copy. Please make full use of the extended trip list from the previous month before you hit the panic switch, but if the schedule runs out before you get the latest copy, you can call the editor Gary DeBacher, 634-4651, for interim info to tide you over. Or you can just plan to work on the yard.....

|        |             |                             |                 |          |
|--------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| May 13 | Mild Card   | class 1-2, trained beginner | Charles Rezak   | 296-8179 |
|        | Upper Hooch | 2-3, intermediate           | Dan MacIntyre   | 252-9513 |
| 14     | Nacoochee   | 1-2, trained beginner       | Jimmy Gunter    | 427-0706 |
|        | Wildcard    | 2-3, intermediate           | Brannon Proctor | 872-3014 |
|        | Ocoee       | 3-4, very advanced          | Jim Silavent    | 587-1172 |

20 SOUTHEASTERN SLALOM AND WILDWATER RACES ON THE NANTAHALA ARE IN MAY this year, so HELP OUT, FLIP OUT, AND PIG OUT ON CHILLI. Truth found elsewhere..

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|----|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 27 | Etowah              | class 1-2, trained beginner | Barry Hahn  | 252-9538    |
|    | Wild Card           | 2-3, intermediate           | Hank Baudet | 623-9230    |
|    | Wildcard            | 3+, Hal-acious              | Hal Herndon | 0: 432-8705 |
| 28 | Second Helping      | " " "                       | " " "       | " " "       |
| 29 | Trip Leaders Needed | —call Carol Mercer          |             |             |

June 1 GCA Board Meeting— All welcome. See info at top of page.

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|-----|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| 3   | Broad River Cleanup—   | trained beginner  | Nancy Barker   | 874-8897   |
|     | Upper Hooch            | 2-3, intermediate | Jimmy Gunter   | 427-0706   |
|     | Wild Card              | 3+, advanced      | Ben Fouts      | 1-532-3523 |
| 3-4 | River Rescue Clinic—   | see flyer         |                |            |
| 4   | Cartecay River Cleanup |                   | Gerard Aberson | 971-5914   |

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|----|--|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 10 | Broad River Cleanup (the other bank...)      |                         | Rhett Smith  | 493-6472 |
|    | Upper Hooch Cleanup —you gotta love it...    |                         | Oreon Mann   | 522-3469 |
|    | Chattooga 3                                  | 3-4, advanced           | Gwen Bergen  | 993-2336 |
| 11 | Hiwassee                                     | 1-2+, easy intermediate | Jimmy Gunter | 427-0706 |
|    | Upper Hooch Cleanup (scrape, wash, rinse...) |                         | Jim Biasco   | 426-8587 |

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| 17 | Mild Card Cleanup— | gentle to your hands... | Dave Richardson              | 427-0727 |
|    | Nantahala          | 2-3, intermediate       | Jerry Peterman               | 257-1749 |
|    | Wildcard           | 3+, advanced            | Dennis Craine, Jeanne Peters | 633-6487 |

17-18 Beginners Canoe Clinic— see flyer for details.

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| 18 | Toccoa      | 1-2, trained beginner | Jimmy Gunter | 427-0706                |
|    | Chattooga 4 | 3-5, expert.          | John Bell    | 0: 422-1250 H: 434-7273 |



## UNCLE G.C.A. NEEDS YOU

ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH! Uncle needs you to help out again at the Southeastern Canoeing and Kayaking Championships on the Nantahala River. The races are in MAY this year— that's this month, Saturday the 20th (decked boat slalom and all wildwater) and Sunday the 21st (open boat slalom). A chance for a run down the river, a tub full of GCA chili, or some of that great NCC coffee.

CruiseMASTER Carol Mercer needs trip coordinators!! It's been raining heavily all day, so call her at 373-6683 while the runoff lasts.

THE EDITOR HAS MOVED! SEND COPY AND ADS TO GARY DEBACHER, 614 NORTH SUPERIOR AVE., DECATUR, GA 30033.

My phone number remains the same: 634-4651. Send change of address requests to Treasurer Ed Schultz at the GCA address at top of page.

LANDFILL ON THE BROAD? Mike Moody of Broad River Outpost called me to say that a man had slipped a permit through DNR to allow him to operate a landfill a few hundred yards from our favorite section of the Broad. The period for public commentary had nearly expired when Mike learned of it, so it is not clear what can be done to stop the landfill now. If we are "lucky" it may be used for construction waste, like tree stumps, broken concrete, demolished houses, etc., rather than for general fill like the one at Buford. However, even that kind of landfill looks like hell, and will put a lot of silt in the river. The owner of the land in question, a DOT employee as one might expect, has used his knowledge of "the System" to move things along in his favor, and deserves to be known. His name is Hoyt Dunn. If you wish to write to DNR to protest, write to James W. Dunbar, Solid Waste Management Programs, Department of Natural Resources, 205 Butler Street SE, Atlanta 30334. Refer to the Dunn- SR 281 landfill proposal in Madison County. —Ed.

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Dear GCA Members,

As many of you are aware, the GCA continues to be one of the front running paddling organizations in not only the Southeast, but also the entire country. While other clubs are struggling both financially and recruitment wise, the GCA continues to grow at a tremendous rate; doubling in only the last five years. We will be over 1000 families strong by 1990 and financially we are stronger than ever before.

I would like to pass on a couple of ideas which have been presented from time to time and invite you to respond either in writing, or via the club phone line as to how YOU feel about these ideas. Remember, this is your Club and the executive board needs your input to work harder for you.

PROPOSAL #1

PURCHASING LAND NEAR THE NANTAHALA RIVER TO ESTABLISH A GCA CAMPGROUND.

The Nantahala has been and will continue to be the single most popular river for GCA Club trips, clinics and races. Hardly a week goes by when a GCA member is not present at this popular North Carolina playground. It is within our ability to acquire several acres of land near the Nantahala to provide primitive camping with portajohns to be used by all GCA members not to mention for future Galas, clinics, races, etc. Other clubs in our area have such facilities, most notably the Birmingham Club's site near the Mulberry fork.

PROPOSAL #2

ACQUIRING AN OFFICE WITH A PART TIME STAFF TO HANDLE A LARGE PORTION OF GCA BUSINESS.

As the club continues to grow and our needs continue to spiral, it puts an increasing demand on our all volunteer executive board members. A part time person with the already existing club telephone and typewriter could handle a multitude of everyday duties such as GCA mail, requests for information, membership renewals, Tee shirt sales, scheduling trips, arranging events, typing letters and the list can go on and on. Again, most organizations our size have a similar arrangement and it certainly would ease the load on club officers and chairpersons.

Remember, these are only proposals to be studied, looked and restudied before any action is taken. But WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

So, take pen in hand or pick up the phone and let us know what YOU think. Send your replies to:

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andy Warshaw         | Uncle GCA                     |
| 8334 Willows Terrace | (404) 421-9729                |
| Riverdale, Ga. 30274 | Leave Message with your name. |

Thank you in advance for your help.

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CHATTOOGA UPDATE

Apparently due to the heavy opposition presented at the recent Rabun County meeting against the proposed airport to be built on USFS Land near the Chattooga to serve the eleven planes now registered to Rabun County residents, the Commission is now considering a site located just south of Clayton just off of U.S. 441 near the local radio station. The Commission is not ready to totally abandon the Chattooga site at this time, but at the time of this writing, I am 90% sure that the Chattooga airport over Woodall shoals is a dead issue.

Thanks to all of you who attended meetings, wrote letters, made phone calls or signed petitions. If we indeed have won this battle, it proves once again that the rumblings of the people can make a difference in our jumbled governmental system.

Andy Warshaw

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**PADDLIN' ON THE PLATEAU;** Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5. Warm weekend weather and good water levels brought a number of GCA paddlers up from Atlanta to experience Tennessee's "other" mountains--the Cumberlands. The Cumberland plateau is characterized by deep, isolated, forested gorges and green streams lined with house-size boulders. The Saturday trip was on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland, a National River and Recreation Area. We had a good water level with a reading of about 2100 cfs at Leatherwood Ford. The trip participants were: OC-1; Andy Warshaw, Allen Hedden, Gwen Bergen, Ken Cahle, Steve Smith, Greg Grant; K-1; Jim Silavent, Elaine Jensen, Evelyn Hopkins, Dickie Gowin; C-1; Mark Levine. Joining us all the way from Dayton, Ohio were Ron Myers, Bernie Farley, and Jeyrel Yantis. We topped off a great day on the river at Tobe's restaurant in Oneida which has to serve the biggest steaks around. Sunday we all headed for the Emory-Obed system, a National Wild and Scenic River. Dickie and his crew opted to put-in at Lilly bridge on Clear Creek with the rest of us putting in two miles upstream at Jett Bridge. Joining us for the Sunday trip was Jerry McClanahan (OC-1). The run from Jett to Nemo gives you three rivers--Clear Creek, the Obed River, and the Emory River. The warm weather had drawn out so many paddlers that the eddies near the first play-spot resembled the Ocoee.

One of the few negatives of the weekend occurred about a half-mile below our lunch stop at Wooten's Folly. We came upon an aluminum canoe that was paddled by two inexperienced teenagers. The canoe had gotten a knot in its painter line caught between two rocks. After some effort we were able to free the boat and get it to shore. The owners of this unfortunate craft had violated several whitewater safety rules. They had attempted this Class III-IV run in an aluminum canoe without any flotation. They were not wearing either wetsuits or drysuits in water temperatures near 50°. One of the paddlers was standing near the river in blue jeans which were soaked, hiking boots which were soaked, and no shirt. He had not been wearing his PFD at the time of the spill as Allen found his PFD at short distance downstream. His partner was huddled around a campfire that they had built. Neither seemed particularly interested in the suggestions that we were making to them. We strongly recommended that they hitch a ride with the rafts that were a short distance behind us. The amazing thing was that they had made it that far down the river.

Our group reached the take-out at Nemo Bridge by 4:00 pm. Everyone loaded up, said good-bye, and left with memories of a fine weekend on two beautiful Tennessee rivers.

Greg Grant

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March 25, 1989, Upper Chattahoochee, Ga. 115 bridge to Duncan Bridge. We had a gloriously beautiful sunshiney warm day. With a water level of 2.5, the river was more fun than during last summer's drought.

Twenty-four boats were registered for the trip. Thanks to Ray Fannon and Trey Parrish for running lead and sweep for four of the kayaks. They had no swims or rolls during their paddle down the river.

There were 7 "no shows" so the remaining 13 boats formed a flotilla to follow the kayaks. Thanks to Hank Baudet and Havis Johnson for running lead and sweep. We had some swims, and one "jammed thumb." An ice pack was recommended for the thumb, but we didn't mean she should turn over in the next rapid! The river water temperature felt like ice but only her thumb needed to be cold.

In K1s were Ray Fannon, Heather Barber, Matt Camp, Alicia Rezak, and Trey Parrish. Oron Mann and Christine Kaylor were in an OC2. In OC1s were Havis Johnson, Perry Miller, Bill Perkins, Hank Baudet, Francis Cheung, Charles Rezak, Margie Gilmore, Michael Gilmore, Duane Farmer, Sig Luckie, Garry Fehrman and myself. Gary DeBacher in his OC1 joined our group briefly.

My thanks to all participants on the trip. Their help and cooperation made leading the trip a pleasure. Nancy Barker-Trip Leader.

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**LITTLE RIVER, SMOKIES,** Saturday, Feb. 25: A major snowstorm on Thursday had left its mark on the Smokies. Mt. LeConte still had 34 inches on Saturday, and we had to slide our boats over several inches of the white stuff in order to launch. Despite the wintry conditions, the day was bright and sunny with a temperature in the mid-forties. We put-in just below the Elbow and paddled down to the Cades Cove Y Take-out which is an intermediate run. With all of the snow around, I can't recall ever seeing the Smokies looking more magnificent. Next year--The Sinks! Trip participants: OC-1: Greg Grant; OC-2: Chris Laudeman and Lisa Swearingen.

Greg Grant

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