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Canoe - Mohawk Intrepid, 17'3" Tandem Whitewater, Royalex Vinyl, Full Flotation, VGC, Excellent Tripper, \$500.00 Call Morris (404) 469-8414

KAYAK: Perception Mirage. In good condition. Includes flotation, spray skirt, Norse paddle. The Mirage is a slightly larger and more stable boat than the Dancer; it tracks better but requires more work to pivot. \$400. Steve Cramer--633-7707

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FOR SALE: PERCEPTION MIRAGE, Yellow, Good Condition. Includes air bags, perception paddle, skirt and net bag for gear. \$\$ 420
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FOR SALE: Old Town Kennebec, 16', Tandem/Solo w/Airbag. \$500.00
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Old Town Otter w/custom foam saddle, AB's & thigh straps. \$400.00
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WANTED: 2 plastic kayaks w/gear. 924-0206

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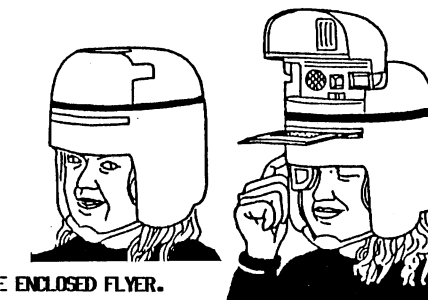
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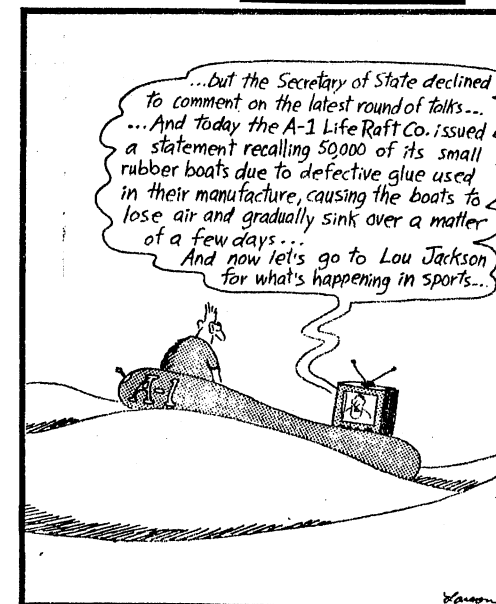
ADDRESS CHANGE? SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM? Write to GCA Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357. The editor does not do these things. Deadline for the next newsletter is the 15th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 614 North Superior Ave., Decatur, GA 30033. Use a decent ribbon and type border-to-border (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 Gwen Bergen, 512-7320, so she can plan time on the agenda.

Oct. 13 Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Jeff Engel	*548-5015
Upper Hooch	2-3, interm.	Nancy Barker	874-8897
Etowah	1-2, trained beginner	Andy Lyons	482-1713
Nantahala	2-3, interm.	David Goodwin	299-5325
Tellico	3-4, advanced	Scott Wilhelm	449-3835
13-14 Lower Flint canoe	camping- class 1.	Don Bailey	*830-7192
14 Wild Card	3+, advanced	Jim Silavent	587-1172
20 Locust Fork	2-3, intermediate	Jim Jones	252-6784
Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Julia Crosby	995-9434
Nantahala	2-3	Tom & Jeanne McCormick	912-653-2012



GCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS SATURDAY OCT. 20 6PM HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL. SEE ENCLOSED FLYER.

21 Nantahala	" " " " " " " "		
Cartecay	2-3, interm.	Brannen Proctor	982-0433
Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Allen Hedden	252-6167
27 Upper Hooch	2-3, interm.	Greg Hood	279-9003
Cartecay	2-3, interm.	Tony Abel	378-5550
Nantahala	2-3, interm.	Bill Mann	242-7748
Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Dirk Bertrand	929-0385
27-28 Lake Jocassee NC	overnight	John Upchurch	W:992-3200 H:282-7672
28 Chattooga 4	3-5, expert	Roger Nott	*536-6923
Nov. 2 Friday Metro Hooch	Moonlight Run	Gwen Bergen	512-7320
3 Lower Toccoa	1-2, trained beginner	Hank Baudet	623-9230
Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Dave Bowman	923-0954
Nantahala	2-3, interm.	Dewey Tate	355-5826
4 " " "	" " "	Jim Jones	252-6784
Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Greg Grant	615-344-2573
10 Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Haynes Johnson	971-1542
Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Brannen Proctor	982-0433
11 Nacoochee	1-2, trained beginner	Royce Hughes	945-2664
Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Dirk Bertrand	929-0385
Cartecay	2-3, intermediate	Bill Gay	482-8568
Upper Hooch	2-3, interm.	Francis Chung	939-0202
16-18 Cumberland Island Camping.	Friday thru Sunday, 15 person limit.	Carol Mercer	373-6683



* **NOTE!** You now must dial 1-404 for all area code 404 numbers outside your local area! The numbers marked by asterisks are outside the Atlanta metro area, so most GCA members will have to dial (mesh) 1-404 to reach these numbers. To volunteer to lead -er--coordinate trips, call Cruisemaster Barry Hahn at 252-9538

SORRY THIS ISSUE IS RATHER LATE. It looks as if you will have to put up with me for one more issue. A lot of material folks have submitted recently is being held for that issue.

Be sure to read the river rights item on page 2. It looks like we may be going to court again to defend our right to float Georgia rivers.

Would-be trip registrants should try to call earlier in the week, as well as reasonably early in the evening. Speaking as just one trip coordinator, I try to stick close to the phone Sunday through Thursday, but if I haven't heard from you by then, I assume you aren't seriously interested. I have sometimes cancelled trips for apparent lack of interest, only to get several calls on Friday and Saturday. Make your intentions known by Thursday--- it's in everyone's best interest. ---Ed.

RIVER RIGHTS KORNER

Mr. Benny Young, owner of Twin Oaks Camp and Canoe Livery, was arrested on Armuchee Creek Sat. Aug. 18, 1990 for criminal trespass. Armuchee Creek is a beginner flat water creek, north of Rome, Georgia in Chattooga County. Benny has owned the camp and canoe livery for the last six years. A local landowner (Mr. Ralph Henry), who owns land on both sides of the river, has told Benny that he can't float through "his" property. Mr. Henry has strung electric wire across the stream to keep his cows inside, however in the process of trying to contain his cows, shocked both Benny Young and one of the Rome Boys Club leaders. Benny has offered many times to install and pay for a floating gate for Mr. Henry, but was turned down by Mr. Henry. The Chattooga County sheriffs department and the State Fish and Wildlife Department detained 17 members of the Rome Boys Club and was going to arrest the boys until Benny talked the them into arresting him instead of the children. Benny has been charged with criminal trespass (for floating in the water, neither he nor the boys were on the land) and has a court date for Oct. 8, 1990.

GCA has joined Benny Young in a civil lawsuit against Mr. Henry. The attorneys for the lawsuit are Gavin Appleby and Craig Pendergast of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (for those of you who were club members during the Smith Island lawsuit of three years ago, Gavin and Craig were two of our attorneys). Gavin and Craig need to find persons who have paddled Armuchee Creek any time in the past. IF YOU HAVE PADDLED THIS CREEK OR KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS, PLEASE CALL: Carol Mercer, River Rights Chair, at 373-6683.

GCA will be having a fundraiser to help pay for the costs of the lawsuit. Stay tuned to your Eddy Line and your mail box for further details.

I have discovered that the new gauge on the Tellico (which was mentioned in the September Eddyline) gives the reading in feet, not cfs as I had originally been informed. There will be four beeps corresponding to the appropriate digits for the tens, ones, tenths, and hundredths of feet at the gauge. Since the Tellico gauge will usually be under 10 feet (fortunately), the first beep will usually be a long one indicating zero for the tens of feet reading. If the gauge reading were 2.62 (about 600 cfs), the long beep would be followed by a pause, then two short beeps, another pause, six short beeps, a third pause, and finally two short beeps. The phone number, 615-253-7951, is for the actual gauge on the river in Tellico Plains. This addition of this phone gauge should make catching the Tellico a whole lot easier.

Greg Grant

The time: Saturday, August, 25, 1990

The place: Hiwassee River, Reliance, Tenn.

The players: Tom Southern, Sue, Andrea, and Heather Garland, Karin Forester DeBBie (meet me at the put-in) Kors, Marty Dyché, Kathy Overby, and Hank Baudet

The TVA was generously operating both generators, although not a full release, it was sufficient for a good run on the river. Most of the people on this trip were newcomers to the GCA, and really enjoyed the day. We had a few spills, and a brief encounter with some Boy Scouts on some very strange looking and acting rivercraft. All in all, it was a most delightful time with some real nice folks. Thanks to Marty for running sweep, and to all the players for sharing yet another great day on the river. Hope to see you all on some more trips this fall...And - What? After a rather rocky, Class IV summer, are Hank and Karin paddling on the same river again? Watch for more on this in later issues. Hank Baudet - Trip Coordinator

Nantahala August 12, 1990

Having learned a lesson from previous trips we put on the river early this Sunday morning. Eleven boats including a duckie made for a very fun day. Especially since it was my birthday! Joining in the fun and frolic were: Sabina Schievelbein (K1), Angela Davy (OC1), Gerard Aberson (OC1), Frederick Chumley (OC1), Mike Huddleston (OC1), Maryjane Sutherland (OC1), Louis S. Stout, Jr. (K1), David Shields (OC1), Robert J. Yager (OC1), Harvey M. Yager (Duckie), and Francis Cheung and myself (OC2). Paddle On! Julie Keller

FOR SALE: MOHAWK XL13 SOLO CANOE. COMPLETELY OUTFITTED & ONLY USED FIVE TIMES. COMPLETE WITH AIR BAGS, SADDLE, KNEE PADS, PERCEPTION PADDLE, HELMET & LIFE VEST. MUST SELL \$800 OBO. SHAWN HUGHES HOME: 992-4750 OFFICE: 455-0837

THIRTY YEARS MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS. I'm no old timer by GCA standards, but September 1990 marks the end of my 30th year on the rivers. I've tried all the commoner forms of human-powered river transport, rowing, canoeing, poling, and now kayaking. I began in rowing shells at M.I.T., and we raced on the Charles, the Connecticut, the East off Manhattan, etc. In Philadelphia I sculled on the Schuylkill, and in '66 took a couple of gals out in a canoe. It was a strangely non-directional experience. Later I traded my scull for a motorcycle (I was lucky not to land on my scull instead), married, and canoed briefly with Ellie on the Delaware Water Canal on our honeymoon. I'm sorry we didn't paddle the Delaware proper.

Off to Oregon in '70, we saw a lot of great rivers, but our time on the water comprised a rowboat paddle on Crater Lake and a jet-boat tourist trip up the lower Rogue. When we moved to Lexington, KY in '72, there wasn't as much spectacular hiking as in the west, but we ran into some folks from the Bluegrass Pack and Paddle Club, bought an 18.5 foot fiberglass supercanoe, and began paddling on the Kentucky, the Licking, the Red and the Green. We attempted a titanic 13 day Quetico trip, but found it was just too much; we spent most of the time on Agness Lake.

Paul was born in February, '74, and I bought a 13' Mad River Compatriot for personal paddling. I got whitewater instruction on Indiana's Whitewater River and on KY's Rockcastle. Once we knew we were moving to Atlanta, I joined the GCA, and by June I was on the Etowah and Upper Hooch, finding the Compatriot a real challenge in serious whitewater.

In late summer I bought my first C-1, a Crowley Hahn. I took my first and last swim below Lesser Wesser, and by '76 when Sarah was born, I was leading trips and exploring rivers. "Mommy, that strange man is at the door again." In November, '78 I began my tenure as GCA newsletter editor, which will end with the next issue. In the vintage high-water season of '79, I enjoyed epic runs with Jack Weems, Ken McAmis, Bronwyn Fowlkes, Hank Klausman, etc., and if my skills were not so great then, my roll was strong. Maybe that was my peak paddling period; I'm not sure. It's always all downhill on the rivers.

Now I have two kayaks, one C-boat, the old Compatriot, a Tripper, and the old supercanoe, which is in mothballs. I have a wife who prefers "Ellie" rivers (scenic and easy), a son still slightly interested in paddling, and a daughter who refuses to consider it. I am almost 48, my old buddies have sold their decked boats, and I should do the same, but three weeks ago I rolled the kayak below Lesser Wesser, and I'm hoping for at least a decade more of serious whitewater. ---Your old editor, Gary DeBacher

FIGHTINGTOWN CREEK- Saturday May 26. We gathered at the Yellow Jacket Inn outside of Blue Ridge to take our initial head count over coffee. Our trip coordinator, Hank Baudet, led us to the put-in and after going back to rescue two wayward vehicles we unloaded the boats and ran shuttle. Since there was quite a group, Hank ran lead, Charles and Alicia Rezak were middle sweeps and Sylvia Kriest ran tail-end sweep. We had a wonderful trip with a few spills and managed to escape any rainfall. We stopped for lunch and a bit of swimming for some. The rest of the trip was uneventful and relaxing. Thanks to Hank for leading our motely crew on a good trip. Participants were: K-1 Ron Kriest, Sylvia Kriest, Bill Wheelchel. OC-1- Jerry Dodd, Marty Dyché, Ed Bouvette, Hank Baudet, Karin Forester, Mary Gilreath, Charles Rezak, Alicia Rezak, Kathy Overby and Myrtie Schoychid. OC-2- Morris and Mitchell Freedman, Branson and Nancy Redding, and Louie and Beverly Reynolds.

WRITERS-- Remember that our printing system cannot tolerate dot matrix printing unless it is "Near Letter Quality" with thoroughly overlapping dots. Also, old typewriter ribbons do not reproduce well. The new editor is even less of a typist than I am, so retyping services will be less available. --Editor

FOR SALE: A) Perception "Spirit" Kayak. Very good condition; no leaks; new air bags; Perception paddle; adjustable spray skirt. \$300 OBO. **B) Sawyer "Autumn Mist" Canoe.** Very good condition; black. \$350 OBO. **C) KOBAR Kayak Paddle.** Used only twice; no scratches. \$75 OBO. **D) High Volume Hahn C-1.** Fiberglass; no patches or cracks. \$100 OBO.

Tim Jorgenson

Home: 458-4884

Office: 404-382-9400

FOR SALE: Perception Dancer, very good condition, always stored inside, with airbags and like new Harmony sprayskirt. \$425 or best offer. Bill Mann 242-7748 before 9 pm.

ARCANE KAYAKING LORE. I was just discussing kayak designs with another very large kayaker, and we agreed that boats for big men are still a problem. Perception rates handling as excellent for my Dancer XT with a 200 lb load, but I can only say that it is in some ways distinctly inferior to my C-1. The problem, as I see it, is that with the standard 24.5 inch kayak width, and a short, rockered, hull, the XT sits rather deep in the water and mushes around. A non-squirt boat needs to be somewhat up on the water for optimum handling. Perception may have recognized this when they designed the Corsica, which has a 25.5 inch width and a flattish bottom. If designers are serious about k-boats for really heavy paddlers, they need to consider making them a little longer and wider than standard playboats. The Jeti Grande was an example: designer Vanha simply spliced an extra inch of width through the length of the hull.

Of course you don't often see someone 6'5" and 200 lbs trying to fit into kayaks, but I've seen worse. John Helmlinger, GCA president back in the middle 70s, was fractionally taller, bigger in frame, and about 20 lbs heavier than me. There were no commercial kayaks big enough for him then, so he took a Crowley Hahn C-1 and installed a kayak cockpit. It seemed to work pretty well for him.

It isn't that hard to convert a "glass" C-1 into a kayak. I just got done converting a CAP/Kevlar Noah which I bought for only \$100. This model was sold both as a K-1 and as a C-1. Hal Herndon used to have the kayak version, which he found fast-handling but edgy and hard to roll. Those who owned the C-1 version hated it: the flat bottom, slab sides and 24.5 inch width made it treacherous!

My conversion procedure was fairly complex, and not of enough interest to relate in detail, but for the few of you who still work with resin and cloth, I would be glad to share my experience on such matters as measuring the boat for walls, laying out a cockpit, cutting the cockpit, using the vinyl tube and hot glue method to lay up a rim, fitting and gluing the walls, installing braces, and making a minicell seat as an alternative to a hanging seat. The wonderful thing about "glass" boats is that they are so modifiable and repairable. Wallbridge covers most of these topics fairly well, though in each case I found important details which needed working out.

The resulting boat has a giant keyhole cockpit with 3" minicell walls and splay-legged full thigh braces, a combo which is hard to find in a big man's kayak. It weighs 32 pounds with bags, distinctly better than my 41 lb XT. I am probably 20 lbs too heavy for the hull design, but it turns high and firm into eddies, ferries like dynamite, and surfs waves well. It is hard to roll. I don't intend to beat it to death on the Ocoee, but it should make a great fat man's citizen racer. You think you've seen boats with rails? Wait til you see this one. ---Gary DeBacher