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CHATTOOGA MEETING HELD USFS HEARS PROPOSAL

As was reported in the January issue, The US Forest Service hosted a meeting of organized group leaders to discuss issues pertaining to the future management of the Chattooga River. The meeting was forged largely by the requests made to the USFS at the Chattooga River Symposium held at Clemson University in March of 1990. Organized groups represented were the GCA by Andy Warshaw, who acted as moderator for the group meeting, President Gwen Bergen, and Doug Klaucke, a member of the Symposium organizing committee. Atlanta Whitewater Club represented by Allen Hedden also of the GCA. The Sierra Club, represented by Stewart Stokes, past chapter chairman. TSRA, represented by Barnett Williams, past club President. Georgia Tech, by Susie Beaumont, Georgia State, by

John Krafka, Carolina Whitewater Club, by Joe Greiner and the Chattooga Paddlers by Buzz Williams and Paul Hopi. Also in attendance was Bruce Hare. The USFS reps were Bill Craig, Horace Jarret, Greg Borgen, Dave Hedden and Tina Barnes.

The topics discussed of the primary interest were the advanced permit system which clubs have been regulated to since 1985, the number of craft allowable under current regulations which is 12 boats per group, and setting up a program to maintain long term relations between the organized groups and the USFS on a regular meeting basis. Though the meeting had its rough spots and some disagreement over which policies should be dropped and which should be continued, all agreed that the River was the primary concern and we would all

work toward maintaining the wilderness experience. The USFS agreed to take a long look at the advanced permit system and that while it was clear that no immediate decision would be made, they did agree to reevaluate its effectiveness and usefulness. All groups in attendance are to submit their plans to the USFS in writing for future consideration and they promised to let us know of their decision as soon as possible.

Again, this was a step in the right direction to maintain the wonderful Chattooga River wilderness experience and while there are still miles to go to achieve the overall goals, we are certainly much closer with this meeting and other continuing dialogue.

As always, your executive board will continue to keep all of you up to date on this most important effort to maintain the Chattooga river.

TAX OUR WHAT?

What? A \$25 boat tax? Our government, as a part of its deficit reduction package, last October 1990 passed such an item. It is referred to as a boat "user fee". Effective January 1, 1991 all recreational water craft, longer than 16 feet (doesn't matter if it is person paddled or motorized) and operating on waters subject to Coast Guard jurisdiction will have to pay a "user fee" of at least \$25 per boat at or over 16 feet in length per year. It is officially called the Navigable Waters User Tax and in its present form, could cost many canoeists and kayakers at least \$25 per boat (the amount of the tax increases with boat length). Of course we all know that most of us, once into the sport, have more than one boat (we have four in our garage, two at or over 16 feet).

Initially all boaters using officially declared navigable waters, and that covers a lot of territory - from all the coastal areas (there goes sea kayaking!), Great Lakes, major river systems (which we have here in Georgia), and of course the boundary waters canoe area - will have to pay the tax. According to ACA, observers feel that once the law is allowed to stand, that it will be expanded to cover all boats of 16 feet in length, regardless of where they paddle.

This tax is expected to raise at least 200 million per year. Money will be deposited into the federal government's general treasury. Enforcement will probably be via the Coast Guard. What will you get in return for the payment? Nothing. However, if you don't pay and get caught, the fine can be up to \$5,000. The Coast Guard is hoping to implement the program by April 1991.

According to all information I have read, the law is open to "interpretation", and the U.S. Coast Guard is doing the interpreting. Although one writer stated that there was no specific language that stated that canoes and kayaks were included, there is also no language that says they are exempt. What can we do??? Write the Coast Guard!!!

Commandant G-NAB
Navigable Waters User Tax
Section United States Coast
Guard 2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20593

Please cover some of the following points in your letter.
1. The legislation was never intended to cover canoes and kayaks.
2. What applies to power craft does not apply to canoes and kayaks. Boat length does not equate to cost and value. We can and do purchase used boats for amounts almost equal to the tax that would be perfect for coastal paddling.
3. Ask that paddlecraft be

exempted from the law. Also write to your U.S. representatives and Senators and express your thoughts. **IT IS MUCH HARDER TO REPEAL A LAW THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ENFORCED THAN ONE WHICH HASN'T.** Source: ACA articles and excerpts from newsletter articles from other clubs.

LAWSUIT UPDATE

River Rights Update. All is quiet for the time being on the river right front. Mr. Henry was deposed by our attorneys on January 14, 1991. Although the information in the deposition is not for publication, we can report that Mr. Henry still claims that he owns not only the ground in the river bed but also the water when it flows through his property. He feels it is his private domain and he does not want anyone interfering with usage of his property.

Mr. Henry seems at this time to be very dedicated to his beliefs that the river is his and that there is no right of passage. We are most confident that he is wrong. We will keep you updated as to the lawsuit's progress. Thank you to all of you who are still sending in donations to the River Rights Fund. Carol Mercer, River Rights Chair

it was a good thing I had just told him that I had never paddled this section before, as he would otherwise have had some rather undercorous plans for my backside, had I really known what I was getting him into. I found it helpful to paddle without flotation, particularly in the center of the canoe, as this facilitated moving about in the boat in the inevitable exits and entries. We enjoyed encounters with numerous birds and other wildlife on each trip. We saw several ducks, deer, great blue herons, black vultures, turkeys, quail, turtles, beaver, and one laid back raccoon who watched us placidly on a tree 4 ft from our heads. In several swampy areas, we found the channel splitting and becoming very constricted, though in the swamps, deadfalls were less of a problem because the tree root systems seemed more strongly established. The one set of shoals, Hurricane Shoals drops 18 ft. in 100 yards immediately following a three foot dam whose sluice gate Louie and I ran safely. The shoals, class 2, should be scouted on the right along the cleared shoreline of a local park which is closed in winter but is a popular swimming and picnicing site in summer. The community around the shoals which the Cherokees called Yamtrahooche or Roaring Water, was one of the first white settlements in Jackson County and was a thriving milling community for

150 years. Vandals burned the covered bridge there in the 1970's, but a riverside grist mill provides a fine photographic opportunity just past the shoals. The North Oconee now offers many lovely, undisturbed miles of quiet paddling, but it may not be the available to us much longer. It and the Middle Oconee, which has been extensively explored by Jeff Engel of Athens, are proposed sites for a regional reservoir and are bisected by a large undeveloped tract between Jefferson and Maysville which has been identified by the Atlanta Regional Commission as one of the two prime sites for the second Atlanta airport. Additional exploration partners were my wife Beth, and Dr. Tom Brown on 12-13-80 and the late James Lucas and Scott Baker on 1-17-81. Submitted by Roger Nott-Exploration Chair..

GATE JUDGES CLINIC

Hi there race fans and volunteers. How would you like to know more about slalom racing and gate judging? Well, just for you and just in time for the 1991 Southeasterns, the GCA is offering a clinic on how to judge gates. This clinic is for everyone who is a former gate judge or for those of you who would like to judge gates this year. We will have copies of the most current race rules for each of you. You do not need to know anything about racing to

judge gates, You need to want to help and learn more about racing.

The clinic will be held on March 17, 1991 from 1 to 3 P.M. at the Powers Ferry Island gates on the Metro Hooch. We plan to have both decked and open boats run a short course and go over the rules that apply.

If you can attend, please contact Dave and Karla Bowman at 923-0954.

Directions from I-75North take I-285 East to the Powers Ferry Exit. Turn left over the I-285 bridge. Turn left at the Texaco station. Enter the Park before you cross the River.

GCA SPRING EVENT DATE SET

The GCA Spring Extravaganza has been scheduled for the last weekend in April, the 26-28th and will be held at Blackburn Park near Dahlonega. This popular event, held for years at the Chattooga, was moved in keeping with the GCA's involvement in maintaining the wilderness experience on the Chattooga and with our usual group of over 125, its hard to maintain low river impacts. We do look forward to having the event in Georgia and paddling some rivers that some of you have not previously enjoyed such as the Etowah and the Chestatee and possibly the Amicalola.. Look for further details coming soon, but make your plans now to attend.

SWEETWATER CREEK

Sweetwater Creek, Sunday, February 3, 1991, level 2.4, trip coordinator, Evelyn Hopkins. Trip participants were first-timers Margo Booth, Gary Latham, Jim Patsios, and Barry 'Look ma, I can run it without looking' Hahn, all in open boats, kayakers David Goodwin, Mike and Gary Walker, and old-hands Jerry Holladay, Peter Elkon, Wayne Sanders, Malcolm Tobias, and me. At the falls we added David Holcomb. We broke the group into three smaller units, but stayed in sight of each other. The ledges presented some minor problems for the canoeists as they picked their way through the rocks. At the falls Peter took the group up to the observation deck to discuss routes while Malcolm, Wayne, and I set up safety. Barry came right behind us, didn't quite make the eddy on the left, and successfully ran the second drop backwards. So pleased with himself, and waving to his fans on the observation deck, he forgot to turn around, and dropped directly into the nasty lateral hole lurking below. The next couple of boaters negotiated the rapid successfully. One of them is still relatively inexperienced and didn't know that on a difficult rapid, everyone is a safety boat and everyone should wait to play until everyone else is down.

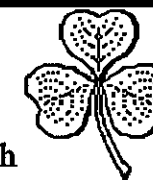
He attempted to play at the innocuous looking end of the lateral hole and paid the price for his innocence. I don't think there were any other swims. Although I was too far downstream to see it, I understand that Malcolm and Wayne played in the hole and lived to tell about it. There's another fun hole further down that Peter, David and I managed to get in together. The rest of the trip was uneventful until the takeout. At this low level it's a real stinker. The group that got out on river-left seemed to have less trouble than those of us who got out on the right. Everyone had fun and is looking forward to another trip.

EXPLORATION TRIP REPORT

North Oconee River, Sat. December 1, 1990. On this mild, pleasant day, Louie Reynolds and I paddled six and a half miles between GA. highways 82 Spur and 15, a few miles west of Commerce, in Jackson County, Ga. Over the past 10 years various GCA explorers and I have run 5 trips covering the entire river from Deadwyler Rd in northwestern Jackson County near the Hall county Line to Newton Bridge Rd. in Athens, 0 miles from Access Points A to K in Otey and Sehlinger's Northern Georgia Canoeing. Their account of the river I found accurate by and large. Its banks, which range

from 25 to 100 feet apart, are mostly heavily wooded. The only 4 or 5 residences near the river we encountered were within a few miles of the Clarke County line, where there were also a couple of large hunting preserves. These were the only areas I found posted, though the signs each 25 yards did not specifically try to prohibit paddling. Except at Hurricane Shoals, about a quarter of a mile downstream of Hwy 82 Spur and mislocated by Otey's article, this entire 30 mile stretch is flatwater, moving at a moderate pace. There were deadfalls, a challenge I enjoyed and which kept us very busy. This is definitely not a decked boat run! Barclay Fouts and I had to climb out of the boat 10 times in the uppermost 6 miles we ran 1-21-91. On the otherhand, in the last 7 miles down to Newton, Lucas & I only had to get out and haul over downed trees twice. Even in this, the least obstructed section, there were hundreds of downed trees to avoid, often demanding a good deal of caution. I always ran in winter, to optimize the water quality and minimize the dangers a strong current can create at strainers. I find flatwater more enticing also when the streams are too low for most whitewater trips, and the poison ivy entangled around many of the deadfalls is dormant. Not everyone gets turned on dodging branches and briars. At one time Barclay noted that

MARCH TRIP LIST



3-2 Metro Hooch	1-2 Trained Beginner	John Upchurch	242-7672
3-2 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Haynes Johnson	971-1542
3-2 Little River-Smokies	3-4 Advanced	Gregg Grant	615-344-2573
3-3 Cartecay-Church Goers	2-3 Intermediate	Karen Smith	404-234-8195
3-3 Little Pigeon	3-4 Advanced	Gregg Grant	615-344-2573
3-3/4 Mulberry Fork Races	All Racers	Alabama	
3-9 Leader's Choice	1-2 Trained Beginner	Carol Mercer	373-6683
3-9 Smokies Weekend	Oconaluftee	Mark & Susan Levine	971-5866
3-9 Chattooga I II Cleanup & Camping Weekend		Jerry Cope	404-746-3127
3-9 Metro Hooch	Class 1	Rhett Smith	297-1995
3-10 Smokies Weekend	Raven Fork	Mark & Susan Levine	971-5866
3-10 Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn	252-9538
3-10 Alcovy-Church Goers	2-3 Intermediate	Jim Patsios	477-9747
3-14 Thursday Night Slide Show Wild & Scenic Rivers		John Upchurch	Days 992-3200
3-16 Upper Ocmulgee	1-2 Trained Beginner	Gary Debacher	634-4651
3-16 Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Elaine Jensen	404-479-6209
3-16 General Membership Meeting	Henderson Mill High School 6:00 P.M. All Come.		
3-17 Lower Connasauga	2+ Intermediate	Brannon Proctor	982-0433
3-17 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Jan Bragg	587-2316
3-17 Gate Judging Clinic	Get Ready for the Race	Karla & Dave Bowman	923-0954
3-23 Etowah Below Altoona	1-2 Exploratory	John Upchurch	242-7672
3-23 Mountaintown Creek	2-3 Intermediate	Jay Srymanski	404-635-2726
3-23 Abrams Creek-Lower	3+ Exploratory	Roger Nott	404-536-6923
3-23 Cumberland Plateau	3-4 Big- Expert	Gregg Grant	615-344-2573
3-23 Trip Leaders Training Clinic		Dave Richardson	431-9841
3-24 Cumberland Plateau	3-4 Big-Expert	Gregg Grant	615-344-2573
3-24 Lower Connasauga	2+ Intermediate	Hal Herndon	432-8705
3-24 Tellico	2-3 Advanced	Scott Wilhelm	449-3835
3-30 Lake Jocassee Sea Kayak	Flatwater-Kayaks Available	John Upchurch	242-7672
3-30 Leaders Choice	2-3 Intermediate	Jim Jones	252-6784
3-30 Ocoee	3-4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
3-31 Lake Jocassee Sea Kayak	Weekend Continues	John Upchurch	992-3200
3-31 Shenandoah	1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Randall	703-490-4256

MONDAY NIGHT ROLLING PRACTICE CONTINUES FROM 7 TO 10P.M. SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 6 OF THIS ISSUE OR FLYER IN FEBRUARY ISSUE.

To volunteer to coordinate a Club trip call the Cruisemaster Dave Richardson at 435-3800 Work or 431-9841 Home. We Need more Church Goer Special trips and Flatwater trips to round out our trip schedules but all trips are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your efforts.

Blackwater Memories

It was a cool March morning with a light mist rising off the water as we slipped our canoe into the black waters of the Okefenokee. Eager to get started, we scurried back and forth loading our camping gear into our boats. As I looked over my gear for the last time I knew something was missing.

For a moment my mind flashed back to the last time I had been in the swamps. I was 13. My father had brought us to Stephen Foster State Park to spend a few days fishing. Most of the time we spent zipping around in motor boats and swatting mosquitoes. My most vivid memories of that trip were of the long drive to an over crowded campground and everyone telling us we shouldn't have brought our dog with us in the boat.

This trip would be nothing like my previous one. Instead of flat bottom boats with motors, we would be in canoes at eye level with the gators. We wouldn't be camping in a campground with cars driving by and radios blasting, we would be staying on platforms in the middle of the swamp with only critter noises to keep us up at night. Once we pulled away there would be no turning back to get more bug spray or sun screen.

The trip out to and across Billy's Lake was predicable, canoes going everywhere. Some

boats skillfully guided; others totally out of control. Everyone looking for the first gator of the trip. We were unaware that a late frost had driven them back into heavy cover. The landscape here was just like the pictures in my old photo album, unchanged in over 15 years. But once we had passed the "turn around tree", I was in unfamiliar territory. The trail had narrowed and the cover had gotten thicker, but still no gators. The funny thing was by the time we had passed Minnie's Lake, most of us had stopped looking for them. We had begun to notice the rest of the swamps.

We saw hawks and vultures soaring overhead. Herons stalking along the lily pads. The sounds of cranes in the distance telling us we were nearing the prairies. The first day, we were to encounter only a few smaller clearings on the edge of Floyd's Prairie before reaching the channel that lead to Floyd's Island, the only dry land we would see for three days. I had little trouble falling asleep that night.

The next day we headed even deeper into the swamps, weaving through dense cover. Suddenly, the swamp seemed to open up before us. We had reached Chase Prairie, one of the largest in the swamps. Here we would truly see how big the swamps were. We paddled through what appeared to be a never ending sea of grasses, dotted with islands of young

Cypress trees and clusters of huge pitcher plants. By 4PM we had reached our destination for the day, Bluff Lake. Here we found our first gator. He wasn't nearly as entertaining as the sunset we witnessed a few hours later.

That night was truly an adventure, sleeping on what looked like a large misplaced backyard deck. After dark, we learned first hand what people mean when they say "the swamp came alive". We were serenaded by an unbelievable chorus of frogs interrupted only by the chatter of raccoons splashing under our sleeping platform.

The last day in the swamp, we awoke to see a twinkling kingdom surrounded by dew covered spider webs sparkling in the early morning sun. I now knew what was missing from my gear bag. An extra roll of film. As we left bluff lake, a sobering feeling seemed to fall over our group for we knew we were on our way out. Though it was the first time I had been to the swamps in 15 years, I knew I would be back. Within the next two years I would return about a dozen times. Each time, each change of season, I would find something new. Something only to be found with a paddle in your hand and black water under your boat.

This spring, the GCA will kick off a new flatwater program. There will be instruction on flatwater canoeing, canoe camping and paddling with

ATLANTA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

The Atlanta Center of Excellence is one of six regional training centers for whitewater canoesport. As we head towards the 1992 Olympics, we feel that Atlanta has many positive things that the other areas cannot offer such as a reasonable climate for year round training, several well maintained training sites and the possibility of an olympic event on one of our rivers in the 1996 Games.

Through the national development program, ACE invited coach Jean Michel Prono, now coaching the Spanish team for the '92 Games, to conduct a Kayak Invitational Training camp for US Slalom racers in December. This camp was well attended by our top kayakers. The training camp concentrated mainly on technique and on the importance of mental preparation for the sport.

ACE also hosted a slalom training camp at Six Flags on the Thunder River Ride over the Christmas Holidays for Junior development and Team Athletes. In Addition, ACE provided support for a Team Training camp in January, coached by U.S. Team Coach Bill Endicott and also assist with another team camp in February. Wildwater athletes had a training camp over the

Christmas Holidays inviting Andy Bridge, one of the top Wildwaer races in the world, to contribute his knowledge and insights. All of this activity has increased interest in more racers coming south to prepare for '92 Games. Eric Jackson, a top Kayaker is moving to Atlanta from Washington D.C. and others are thinking about it.

As you hopefully know by now, the Whitewater events, Wildwater and Slalom, were in the Atlanta bid for '96, pending approval of the I.O.C. ACE is presently working very hard to make whitewater in '96 a reality.

This is where you come in. We need your support. You don't have to be a die hard racer to be involved any more that you needed to have played football to enjoy watching an occassional game. This is our super bowl on our river. Folks, we have some of the top juniors in the world right here in our area and if they keep improving, they will be storming by the '96 Games.

ACE needs to create a broad support group to help us go for it in '96. We are heading for the finish line; the decision by the international program committee will be made in June. I encourage you to join ACE and be a part of the team as we head for '96. ACE dues are \$15.00, which includes a spiffy T-shirt with the official U.S. Team Logo. Mail your fee today to Atlanta Center of Excellence, P.O. Box 8773, Atlanta, Ga. 30306. Be sure to include your

name, address, phone and T-Shirt Size.

Thanks for Your Support.

CHATTOOGA SECTION 4

Sunday, October 28, 1990-

We had a cool, sunny day and an experienced crew of GCA paddlers who, all told, had over 100 years of club membership, with Bronwyn being our senior member, having been a club member since 1967. We split into two groups of 5 and 6 paddlers and had a safe trip, despite several swims at the usual places. Most of the group dined afterwards in Dillard or at the Green Shutters in Tiger and enjoyed fine food and comraderie. Kevin Jordan, Evelyn Hopkins, Pat Peterson, Doug Klaucke and Louise Martin paddled Kayaks.

Walt and Selena Lynch and I ran C-1s. Forte Rabb and Brad Nichol were in solo opens. and Bronwyn Fowlkes and Ken McAmis paddled OC-2. Gauge reading was 1.35 of the 76 Bridge. Submitted by trip coordinator, Roger Nott.



RACE REPORT

REPORT ON THE 1990
SOUTHEASTERN RACES
by CO-RACEMASTERS
DAVID AND KARLA
BOWMAN

As usual all good intentions of writing this article within days of the race became weeks and now has become months. Karla and I with no real excuse, ask for you forgiveness. At the time we agreed to take this job we knew very little about the real details of running the Southeasterns. We soon found out how important the details were. Did you know there were three boxes of 'stuff' dealing with the race? Anyway on with the report.

The race itself came off pretty well. The Weather on Saturday was excellent and the water came on in time for us to finish in the early afternoon. Sunday could have been a little better since the rain knocked out the phone lines and delayed the race about a hour. Saturday's race was run in record time and we had few hassles with rafts and such. Sunday was a little bit slower due to the fact that it was the open boat day. There may be some changes made in order to speed up the race on Sunday. More about that later. We had few protests and those we had were handled pretty well.

Karla and I have agreed to be Co-Racemasters for 1991. We figured we learned so much from our mistakes and from the

people who really helped us that we would try again.

A special thanks must go to the NOC for the use of their gates, phone line equipment, base camp, and registration area. I would also like to thank Gordon Grant for designing a course which was a least a 'challenge' for everyone.

The races would have been nothing without help from some of the best people I know. They are the members of the GCA who gave of their time and in some cases their patience to help me. Karla and I would first like to thank our committee chairpersons who were asked, perhaps drafted into service. The race committees and the chairpersons were:

Registrar - Doug Klaucke and Louise Martin

Scoring - Walt Howard.

Gate Judges - Julia Crosby and Walter Lynch

Hanging Gates - Beth Rolle and Roger Nott.

Timing - Greg Hood.

Starters - John and Tee Brower.

Chilli Dinner - Nancy Stroup.

Publicity - Polly Prater.

Communications - Havis Johnson and Michael Collier.

River Traffic - Sherry Spurr.

Safety - Barney Spurr.

Lunches - Karla Bowman.

Boat Inspection - John Bell.

Hospitality - Susan and Mark Levine.

The volunteers who made up the work force of the committees and who are not

always recognized were; Ed Schultz, Jon Forrester, Dan and Elise MacIntrye, Barry Hahn, Barb and Rick Rogers, Jim Flemister, Laura Jordon, Gary Debacher, Lori Bell, Elaine Jensen, Frank and Brigitte Crane, Julie Keller, Francis Chung, Selena Lynch, Walt Lynch Jr., Lee Lynch, David and Beth Wilson, Rowe Bowen, Tony Whaylor, John and Diane Baker, Les Davenport, Jim and Lynn Jones, Willard Fairley, Preston Howard, Gerard Aberson, Mel and Myrtie Schoychid, Lou Bev and Sheri Reynolds, Mary Gilreath, Gwen Bergen, Allen Hedden, Scott Wilhelm, Mary Trauner Malcolm Tobias, Marsha Bredsford, Tom and Cindy Clark, Jim Silavent, Beth Nott Jim Patsios, Ruth Flemister, Haynes Johnson.

If your name does not appear above Karla and I are very sorry but still wish to thank you for you help. We also would like to thank the racers who stayed around and help us with the races. Especially late on Sunday to take down the course.

In 1991 the SOUTHEASTERNs are scheduled for May 18th and 19th. We hope to see you all then.

See the flyer in this issue of the Eddyline for information on helping as a gate judge with the 1991 Race. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. It's a lot of fun too.

presentations given by state and national park personnel as well as others concerning the wonders of our wetlands and what is being done to preserve them. And there will be trips and more trips. Each month, when appropriate, there will be single day trips tailor made for the whole family. If you are interested in attending a trip or taking a class, or if you would like to help with the Flatwater Program, contact John Upchurch (writer of the above article) at 992-3200 or 242-7672.

UPPER HOOCH

Upper Hooch, 115 to Duncan's Bridge. January 4, 1991.

It was a chilly grey day, but the warmth and enthusiasm of our group kept our spirits up. The river level was approximately 2 ft. I have heard lots of excuses for being late, such as flat tire, but never have I heard of leaving my boat behind. However, that is what one of us did! Fortunately, he realized his error and backtracked soon enough to catch us before we put on the river. We had a good run with no unplanned swims. Thanks to Barry Hahn for running shuttle and lead. Thanks to Carol Mercer and Scott Wilhelm for running sweep. Our paddlers were Anne Blount, Sabina Schievelbein, Pat Gourley and Tal Dryman in Kayaks. And Carol, Scott, Barry and me Nancy Barker -trip coordinator.

5th ANNUAL CARTECAY CHILI RUN

Over 125 paddlers attended this year's 5th annual chili paddle and chili cook-off held on the Cartecay River on New Year's day. Plenty of rain earlier in the week provided a respectable water level of nearly 2.5 and Mother Nature further helped out by offering a beautiful paddling day. The GCA and Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions join together to bring you this ever popular event that started as a joke by local home owner Gary Foster. There were 29 entries in the chili competition that underwent judging by over 100 tasters. Skip Hoffman, from Rocking H Farms in Luella, Ga., successfully defended his 1990 title with his Cosmic Cowboy Chili. Second place went to Noel McClure of Ellijay and Angela Foster of Atlanta. Third place was awarded to the team of Claudia Kay, Loren Moore and Cindy Otto. And fourth place honors went to Margo Booth of Peachtree City. Skip's first place entry also took first prize in the Hottest Chili Category. I guess that says a lot for how we Georgians like our Chili. A great time was had by all. And of course for you who can't wait to make advance plans, we will do again next year still bigger and, of course, still better.

COSMIC COWBOY CHILI RECIPE

Here it is folks. The winning recipe two years running at the Cartecay Chili Cook-off.

2 1/2 to 3 lbs. Ground Beef or Venison.

4 Medium Onions.

2 Cloves Garlic.

1 Bell Pepper Red or Green Finely Chopped.

1 16 oz. Can Tomato Sauce.

1 16 oz Can Whole Tomatoes.

4 Tsp. Chili Powder.

3 Tsp. Ground Cumin.

2 Tsp. Ground Oregano.

2 Bay Leaves.

1 Tsp. Red Cayenne Pepper.

45 Drops Tobasco Sauce.

1/4 to 1/2 Cup Jalapeno Peppers Sliced.

2 Cans Dark Red Kidney Beans.

This recipe did not come with directions so I guess the award winning chef did not want to give away all of his secrets. But as a pretty good chili chef myself, I would speculate that you first brown the meat with the onions and then combine all ingredients and let cook until the taste is right. The recipe then says to garnish with one or more of the following, Red Onions, Shredded Monterey Jack Cheese, or Sliced Jalapeno Peppers.

It sounds pretty good to me. But let's hear from some of you out there after you've tried this. Maybe next year, you could be the 1st place winner.

CPR AND FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

CPR and First Aid Classes are being offered as a public service to all GCA members and their families to be held March 14 and 21. Payment is due by March 7, 1991. The classes will be on Thursday, March 14 for CPR and Thursday, March 21 for First Aid. The cost will be \$15.00 per participant per class. Or half price per class if you already have last year's books. CPR certification is renewable every year and First Aid is renewable every 3 years. If you are interested in attending these classes, and each of us should be, contact Oreon Mann at 522-3469 (H).

ARMUCHE CREEK

Saturday December 8, 1990 was a perfect day for a float. The weather was perfect, about 30 degrees and in the 50's about 11 am. We had a late start, and the weather was warm by then. The water was crystal clear. Armuchee Creek is a beautiful class one river, a perfect place to learn how to canoe. Its a laid-back stream, away from the hustle and bustle of real life. I was hoping for a big turnout to run the fence, but only two people arrived. (Editors:

note-perhaps folks were scared off with thoughts of possible arrest and a 14 mile flat water paddle). It was all your loss because we had a real good time, with a nice picnic at the end. We floated seven miles and ran the fence without any trouble. I used one of my rentals, an aluminum Lowe; Other paddlers on the trip were Don Bailey and Stan Landers. We hope to see you and yours this spring and summer. We are fighting for our paddling rights. Article submitted by Benny Young and Edited by Carol Mercer.

DEADLINES

Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 5. This means that I must receive your typewritten articles, trip reports and ads in my mail box by the 5th of the month. If you have a computer, please submit them to me on a 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 disk as an ASCII file and include a printed copy. Send all material to Andy Warshaw, P.O. Box 941755, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. I will not accept called in or hand written material. If you could see some of the stuff I get, you wouldn't either. Please be courteous. Thank You for your cooperation.



BOARD MEETING

The next executive board meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center near the intersection of Peachtree Street and Brookwood Station. Meetings are open to all club members and we love to see new faces. If you have an item for discussion, call President Gwen Bergen at 512-7320 so she can add your topic to the agenda.

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ROLLING PRACTICE

Rolling Practice continues at the Jesse Draper Boys Club in College Park. The pool is reserved from 7 to 10 P.M. for both canoe and kayak rolling practice. You must be an ACA member to use this service. If you are not an ACA member, you can pay at the door. Also, volunteers are needed to help with instruction. Call Allen Hedden at 426-4318 for directions and more info.

ALCOVY FAMILY PICNIC

MAY 11. The Alcovy river above Jackson Lake offers fun for everyone from family cruisers to serious intermediate whitewater enthusiasts. This play spot, an hour from the Capital, is one of the few remaining unspoiled piedmont steams in the area.

The beginner trip ends in the campground at Newton County's Factory Shoals Park. A pleasant, 5 mile cruise with good current and class I shoals to add interest, this stretch shows almost no signs of habitation and has remarkably free of deadfalls for a small river. A 100 yards after the campground, look for the first class II's, a pair of 2 foot ledges with lots of eddies and waves.

At the bridge, the alternate takeout for beginners, the river divides around an island with two interesting runs. The right side is a straight chute hidden behind a bridge piling. Just left of center is a series of ledges requiring technical paddling between them. The river rejoins for a 100 yards of rock garden with lots of eddies before the swimming hole, the only flat water after the bridge. The right side is a wide chute with lots of waves, but beware, the last wave has a solid center which will invert you as you back to see what you've done. The left side is a narrow 25 yard long notch also entering the pool.

Below the swimming hole, the first of several horizon lines is a 3-4 foot ledge crossing the river. Two good routes are a slide-over left of center and a notch right of center. Scout from the eddy below the ledge because from here on the going gets really steep. The right side leads to a run we've named Twist & Shout, a steep drop of 6-8 feet over irregular rocks followed by a tight S turn around a large boulder. The center run is a twisty-turny set of slideovers with a steep left turn around a bush on a rock followed immediately by a right over a moss covered dome into an eddy 4 feet below, and another drop to the left into a large eddy extending to the left bank.

Next, take drops toward the island on the next horizon line for scouting. The right side is an irregular notch dropping about 10 feet in 30 ending with a big rock where your boat is supposed to go. The left route is appropriately named the toilet bowl. Enter toward the bank, over a four foot high tongue into the bowl. Two exits turn back along the ledge with a 3 foot exit drop and two, 2 foot drops toward the bottom of the notch on river right. Keep right on the last drop to avoid a vertically pinning rock on the left. A waterfall runs the entire length of this traverse, making this one of the most scenic rapids around.

The picnic area is next to Twist & Shout and the campground has good restrooms but no power or water at the campsites. Look for registration information in the April Eddyline and plan on joining us Saturday of Mother's Day weekend.

Spring is a hot time for new boat buyers.

If you're thinking about buying your boat this spring — come test-paddle our selection of canoes and kayaks now. Choose the boat you want early, and lay it away. It will be ready to go by spring. (Go With The Flow will outfit your new boat and put on skid plates FREE when you put your boat package on layaway now.)

All you have to do is put it in the water.

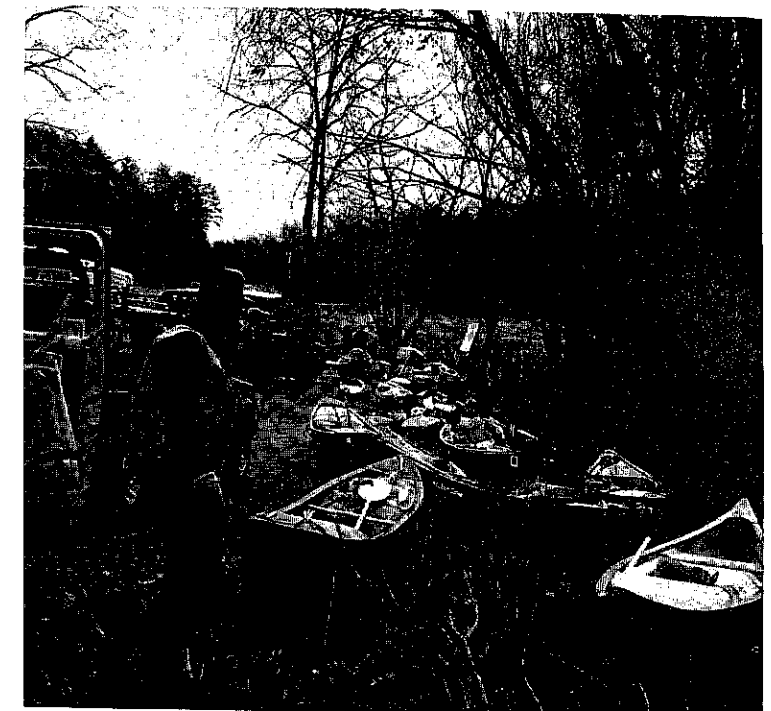
Come test-paddle Dagger's new Solo canoe the Impulse, Old Town's H2Pro, Perception's Corsica S or the new kayak — the Pirouette (or one of our many others).

Don't be left out of the water this spring. Have your boat waiting for you at Go With The Flow.

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