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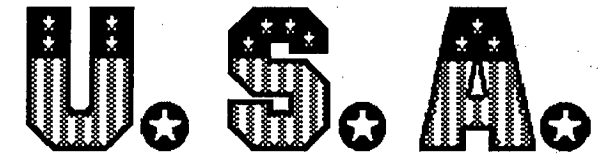
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## SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA BIG SUCCESS

The Spring Extravaganza held on April 27 and 28 was a major success with over 130 people in attendance. GCA members and their families met at Blackburn Park near Dalohnega for two full days of river running, story telling, and just laying back and communing with nature. Over 50 boats hit the river on Saturday morning with trips on the Lower Etowah Tunnel Section, the Middle Chestatee Coppermine Section, the Upper Amicalola, and the Lower Amicalola. The hungry paddlers then returned to a catered dinner of all you could eat Barbecue with all the fixin's complete with dessert. Then it was settle back for the GCA talent contest which featured a small but varied number of acts which were hopefully enjoyed by all. Of note were Morris Friedman who played guitar and sang a tune which he wrote entitled the Good Trip Bad Trip Blues, about canoe trips in gen-



## FLAG DAY JUNE 14th

eral. And Andy Warshaw played guitar and sang a medley of Jimmy Buffet's greatest hits.

The night brought more rain and the rivers were running wild the following morning as again paddlers set out to run their choice of rivers. We had Sunday trips on the Etowah, Amicalola, Chestatee and Upper Hooch. It was a great weekend. I missed a lot of familiar faces, but met many new ones. If you haven't attended one of these events, or if you've been away too long, plan now to attend the Fall Gala Canoeing Affair. You'll be glad you did.

## GCA 'n MAKES TEAM

Long time GCA member, John Pinyerd, recently paddled his way to a second place on the U.S. Whitewater team in C-1 Wildwater. As a member of the Team, John will be traveling to Europe this summer for international competition. This requires dollars. Show your proud support for John's tremendous accomplishments by sending a check to : John Pinyerd, 1370 Willow Point Terrace, Marietta, Georgia 30068. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated by John.

## NO DECISION YET

Judge Loggins of Chattooga County had yet to render a decision on the pending court case at press time. He has notified all parties that he possibly wants to visit or even paddle Armuchee Creek to see for himself if it is indeed floatable. This may take some time as I'm sure that the with the recent rain, the creek is probably in flood stage and it may have to come down for the Judge to have a safe trip. Hopefully, we will have a decision by July press time. The final hearing is set for August.

## SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We had a good attendance at the spring membership meeting. Mr. Harold Reheis from the Department of Natural Resources was our guest speaker representing Commissioner Tanner. Mr. Reheis spoke on the results of the General Assembly, particularly those environmentally related to the canoe sport and resources such as HB 643-Protection of Mountains and Rivers Act establishing a buffer zone of 100 ft on rivers with over 400 cubic feet per second. He stated that the West Georgia Regional Reservoir, which would greatly impact the Tallapoosa River, is currently on hold until a further study is conducted. Mr. Reheis said he would like to see the GCA and DNR work closer together. He suggested things such as inviting the GCA to serve on a committee to help develop guidelines and criteria for the Mountain and Rivers Act; being the eyes and ears of EPD; and getting copies of maps of DNR purchases and providing suggestions to them concerning access roads and trails and other improvements. Submitted by Walter Howard.

Editors note: According to the Atlanta Journal & Constitution, the West Georgia Regional Reservoir will not be constructed.

## VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE

New services for our members: Thanks to Smokey Mountain Sports and Nolan Whitesell, GCA is now providing video tapes on loan to our members. GCA just received four new tapes from Nolan Whitesell to add to our resource library. Thank Nolan for his contribution when you see him. Also, we have a new book-Paddle to the Amazon. This is a great book and one of the very few I have ever read cover to cover. I normally skim read, but this book kept me glued to it each night before I went to bed for weeks. All you have to do is: - Call Walter at 404-422-3091. - Send \$4.00 to cover postage or arrange to pick them up. - Return them ASAP so others can check them out. - Tapes may not be copied under any circumstance, personal or not.

Current library: 1. Path of the paddle: Quietwater - Bill Mason 2. Path of the paddle: Whitewater - Bill Mason 3. Canoes by Whitesell - Nolan Whitesell 4. Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers) - Nolan Whitesell 5. First Descents (North Fork Payette) - Nolan Whitesell 6. Only Nolan (Canoe Technique) - Nolan Whitesell.

Any donations or loans to the library are welcome! Send them to Walter Howard, 2927 Rock Bridge Ct. Marietta, GA 30066.

## LET'S PROTECT THE HOOCH

The GCA has been contacted by the Georgia Conservancy and asked to help them and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) with a monitoring study of the Chattahoochee River within the boundaries of the Metropolitan River Protection Act. The GCA needs volunteers to help with this study. This would involve attending a seminar (week night or weekend) conducted by ARC and the Ga. Conservancy as well as canoeing and monitoring various sections of the Hooch. This is a great way to come out and get involved with your Club and to help do something meaningful to protect our own Metro Hooch. The project begins this summer and will run through the fall, prime Hooch paddling season. To volunteer to help with this extremely important project, contact Carol Mercer at 373-6683.

## JULY BOARD MEETING CHANGE

READ AND HEED. According to President Gwen Bergen, the Atlanta Jewish Community Center will be closed on July 4 and the Board of Directors Meeting must be moved. The meeting will be held on JULY 11, at a site to be named later. Call Gwen at 664-1657 for location and directions.

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## UPPER TOCCOA

Upper Toccoa River, 4/13/91. The weatherman said 80% chance of thunderstorms, but a group of 10 brave paddlers took their chances and beat the odds. Adrian Freeman and sons Nathan and Nicolas, K-1's; Tom Lantz and Gary Russo, OC-2; Gary Latham, C-1; and OC-1 paddlers Sherry Latham, Craig Lyerla, Roger Reinhardt and I paddled under dreary skies, but that was all. Thanks to all for an enjoyable trip.

The river was moderately high--at a typical springtime level--lots of play spots and no rocks. I was worried about problems from downed trees, but these were either not present or under water. I don't know which. The only tree we saw we passed by easily. Deep Hole Campground remains closed as it has been for the past year and a half and the best put in for this section is 1/2 mile below at Fish Hatchery Rd. Submitted by Margo Booth.

## ACA KAYAK INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Anyone who is interested in becoming an ACA Certified Kayak Instructor for the upcoming training season, please contact Malcolm Tobias, Kayak Training Director, at 365-9028. If he is not home at the time of your call, leave a message on his recorder.

## SPORTS MEDICINE CLINIC

A Canoe Sport Medicine Clinic will be offered on July 18th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. This will be a free clinic available to GCA members. If you want to know more about how to prevent and care for canoeing injuries, you should attend. Additional information will be in the next newsletter. Call Susan Pincin to register at 641-9787.

## AMERICAN RIVERS MONTH

### UNCLE GCA NEEDS YOU!

As has been our tradition for the past 10 years, the club is celebrating American Rivers Month by sponsoring a river clean up on each Saturday in June. We hope that every member who is able to paddle will make a personal commitment to participate in at least one river clean up trip each year. During June, you will have five opportunities to fulfill that commitment on any of five of Georgia's most popular river stretches. June is an ideal month to clean up a river; the water levels and temperatures are usually ideal, and the mountain laurel and rhododendron reach their peaks. Clean ups are fun, particularly when there are many hands to share the load. Everyone is welcome, whether you paddle a decked or an open boat. We provide trash bags;

you bring the hands. See the trip schedule to find the river and date which best suits your plans. Once you have selected a river trip, how about calling several of your favorite paddling friends to come along. Talk it up! June is our chance to repay in one day our free flowing streams which give us so much joy throughout the rest of the year. Submitted by Roger Nott.

## UPPER HOOCH

April 14, 1991. I innocently called Ed Bouvette to sign up to participate on this old favorite of mine when he told me that he could not make the trip and would I lead it for him. Well, how can I turn an offer like that down. We had okay weather and a level of 2.9 and 6 hardy paddlers, some of which were paddling for their first time this season. They were Tray Parish, Christy Piper, Gary James. Don Strassburg, Carol Mercer and me, Andy Warshaw, trip coordinator. Nothing out of the ordinary to report, just another great day on the river.

## OCOEE RIVER

Jim Silavent couldn't make this trip and asked me to lead it for him. I had several maybes for this April 13 trip, but only Mike Smith met me at the put in. We had a great time with few rafts to get in the way and plenty of time to surf and play. The level was 2300 which made for an interesting day. Andy Warshaw

# JUNE ACTIVITIES

1 Tesnatee River Cleanup	1-2 Trained Beginner
1 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate
1-2 Beginning Open Canoeing Clinic	
2 Flint River	1-2 Trained Beginner
2 Coordinators Choice	2-3 Intermediate
6 Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Jewish Community Center
8 Beginning Kayak Clinic	
8 Beginning Flatwater Canoeing Clinic	
8 Hiawasee	1-2 Trained Beginner
8 Cartecay Cleanup	2-3 Intermediate
9 Metro Hooch Church Special	Families and Kids Welcome
9 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate
15 Talking Rock Creek	1-2 Trained Beginner
15 Flint River Cleanup	1-2 Trained Beginner
16 Coordinators Choice	1-2+ Trained Beginner
16 Upper Amicalola Church Special	1-2 Trained Beginner
22 Chestatee	2-3 Intermediate
22 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate
22 West Fork Chattooga	1-2 Trained Beginner
23 Broad	1-2 Trained Beginner
23 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate
29 Upper Hooch Cleanup	2-3 Easy intermediate
29 Ocoee	3-4 Advanced
30 Lower Toccoa	1-2 Trained Beginner
30 Chattooga Section 3 Cleanup	3+ Advanced

## Happy Father's Day

Roger Nott	404-536-6923
Adrian Freeman	623-9098
Dave and Karla Bowman	923-0954
Jim Patsios	477-9747
Bruce Bishop	475-9260
Atlanta Jewish Community Center	7:30 P.M.
Malcolm Tobias	365-9028
Gwen Bergen	664-1657
Jim Silavent	587-1172
Barry Hahn	252-9538
Tom Martin	837-8810
Dave & Karla Bowman	923-0954
Rhett Smith	297-1995
Jim Patsios	471-5712
Laura Jordon	803-836-8498
Roger Nott	404-535-5727
Ben Fouts	404-532-3523
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Jan Bragg	587-2316
Oreon Mann	522-3469
Jim Silavent	587-1172
Walter Howard	422-3091
Scott Wilhelm	449-3835

## SPRING ROLLING PRACTICE CONTINUES AT STONE MOUNTAIN LAKE. CALL MARK BROWN AT 448-4636 FOR MORE INFORMATION

To volunteer to lead trips, call the Cruisemaster Dave Richardson at work, 435-3800 or at home, 431-9841. We are always in need of all varieties of trips from class 5 to flatwater. We also need a few more canoe camping trips for summer and Sunday afternoon short trips.

## JUNE IS AMERICAN RIVER'S MONTH. PLAN NOW TO HELP OUT WITH A CLEANUP TRIP.

GCA Board of Director's Meeting will convene for a social half hour at 7P.M. at the June Meeting. Come out and meet some of the members of your Board of Directors and better yet, hang around and get involved in the fun.

Plan now to attend an instructional clinic this summer. There is something for everyone from Kaykers to Flatwater Beginners including the Safety clinic in September.

## DEADLINES

Deadline for the July Eddyline is June 5th. This means that I must receive your typewritten articles, trip reports and classified ads in my mail box by the 5th of the month. If you have a computer, please submit them on a 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 disk as an ASCII file labeled .TXT and include a printed copy. Send all material to Andy Warshaw, P.O. Box 941755, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. I will not accept phoned in material or handwritten items. Please be courteous. Thank you for your help.

## BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at a place to be named at a later date. Call President Gwen Bergen for meeting place and directions. Meetings are open to all club members and we welcome new faces. If you have an item for discussion, call President Gwen Bergen at 664-1657 so she can add your topic to the agenda.

## GCA BOARD

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## ABRAMS CREEK EXPLORATION

Lower Abrams Creek Exploration Trip, Saturday, March 23, 1991. John Lucas and I, this time with new GCA member Keith Davis, returned to Abrams Creek again this year to run its lower section from the Abrams Creek Campground, just inside the western boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 9 miles to U.S. 129, just east of the southern terminus of the Foothills Pkwy, about 15 miles south of Maryville, Tennessee. Our great trip on the upper 10 miles, from Caves Cove to the Campground, at a stupendous class 2-4 (5) run, paddled 3-10-90, was described in the "Eddyline" a year ago. The lower section has none of the hazards of the Upper, as the gradient averages only 35' per mile with no mile over 50'. Yet it shares with the Upper the excellent water quality, undisturbed mature second growth forest, abundant wildlife, and delightful, almost continuous rapids. These we found gentle of the class 1-2 variety in the first 3 miles. Thereafter there were frequent class 2's with several interesting class 3's through mile 7. At that point, as Lake Chilhowee, an impoundment of the Little Tennessee River, was full, we reached its backwaters. The lake is strikingly beautiful, though in

its second mile we encountered a fierce headwind and ended the day with a vigorous workout. In gradient, beauty and difficulty, the stream reminds one of the Nantahala, though its bed is a little narrower and its rapids more constricted. We had about an inch of rain on Friday and found the stream pleasantly full. I believe, however, that the Lower Abrams would be runnable in most years from February through April or May. The TVA's CFS reading on the nearby Maryville gauge located on the Little River was 794. I would estimate that a minimum for running the Lower Abrams might be about 250 on that gauge. The shuttle is easy; the take out is a bridge about 1 mile east of the junction with the Foothills Pkwy on Hwy 129. To get to the put in, go north on Happy Valley Rd., a paved road between the take out and the Parkway, and follow the signs to the Abrams Creek Campground. We each paddled open canoes, had fine weather and enjoyed discovering one of the finest intermediate streams in the Southeast. One which to my knowledge, is not described in any of the paddling guidebooks. Roger Nott - Exploration Chair.



## UPPER HOOCH

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE: It was a rather nice day for mid-March. "Out of the hills of Habersham, Down the valleys of Hall, I hurry amain to reach the plain, Run the rapid and leap the fall," or something like Sidney Lanier wrote. Our date was 3/10/91. The water level was a comfortable 2.5', and, so, I decided to take my cedar strip to the river. Wrong move! For sure there was enough water, but the d--- thing just will not turn like the ME that I had paddled the prior day, nor my Whitesell. Oh well, enough about me. The stars of the show were those who joined me. Lets turn to them. Much more interesting, no doubt!

We had seven boats. All of which were much better designed if not as pretty as the cedar strip boat (which had a new coat of graphite impregnated epoxy on the bottom and a new coat of West System \$60 varnish on the inside and out). Alas, I digress again. Well, the other great, great folks in: K1's were represented by my good friends Bill "Turncoat" Mann (he paddled a mean canoe once upon a time), and Bob 'Old Phart' Jelley (out of recent hiatus). The open canoes (My favorite kind of people) were well represented by: OC2 David and Karla (wonderful people who are our racemasters among their other credits) who also ran sweep; OC1's were in the majority (no one to fuss at but oneself) and we included: Margo 'wealthy teacher from P'tree City and cabin on the Toccoa', Frank 'It's only 90 minutes from Greenville, S.C.' Able; and, Hank 'my cousin Tom and I will leave the lights on either at my cabin on Fighting Town Creek or my home' Baudet. I told you they were a good group! Now I don't want them to become either famous or infamous. I just want them to remain good friends with whom I can enjoy paddling again, and again, and again. Get the idea?

The weather was marginal. Sunny but very windy. So windy that we stopped for lunch below 'Third Ledge' to get out of the wind. That seldom used lunch stop harked back fond memories of some five years ago when I first started paddling these wonderful rivers of ours. On that fondly remembered trip, Karla (then Fields) was joined by her equally personable family members: Mom, Pop and Cousin. I had a great time both days. That is only one of my fond river experiences. Good friends. Good times. Heaven on earth. I wonder what the poor folks are doing on such days?

The only thing that brought me back down to earth on this trip was a comment by David (witty and such a tease) Bowman. He said, 'Barry, you are not as big a pain in the a-- as you used to be.' Do you suppose he meant that he notice that I had lost 20#, or was he being serious? Well with David, one never knows! And, since I have always, yes always liked him and his wife very, very much I did not pursue the matter further. Anyway folks, I had another wonderful day side-surfing the many, many holes that were there on this enjoyable day. I was impressed with your paddling skills and love you all for being paddling companions. I hope you enjoyed the day as much. For those few, who thought it was too cold or too windy, YOU MISSED A GREAT DAY. Nancy and Beth don't sleep your life away in a warm and snug bed. You must also know we LOVE AND MISSED YOU BOTH. ( Trip Coord-Barry 'Loquacious' Hahn).

## OCOEE RIVER

Ocoee River trip March 30, 1991. The river was running 2200 so the trip was moved to the Tellico which was also high at 1200 CFS. Paddlers were Sabina Schievelbein and Travis Crouch in K-1, Glen Lawson, John DeCastro and me in OC-1. The Tellico was a little pushy for most of us, and

for the first day of March that seemed like March, it was cold. Swimming was not very pleasant. I did not have a good idea as to how much further the take out was, so I started another adventure by leaving the river 1.2 miles above the take out to hitch hike to John's car. I thought I heard him say his key was in a wheel well, but after a long search, I could not find it. So, with heavy heart, I hitched back down to my car and shuttle was finally run. The key was under the bumper.

There is more to this tale. I stayed in the area and on Easter Sunday, I made my Ocoee trip with Mark Brown and Barry Dulaney. The Ocoee was running about 1700 CFS. There was one spill at Second Helping and some very full canoes. The weather was all you could ask for. This was a very great first weekend paddle of the year paddle for me. Oreon Mann.

## LITTLE RIVER IN SMOKIES COMPUTER GAUGE

The Little River in the Smokies now has a gauge similar to the Tellico gauge. The phone number is 1-615-448-6876. The article, sent by Greg Grant, says that the gauge is located at Townsend and a low to moderate level is about 2.5 feet with a level of over 3.5 being a good level The River is described in Lantz and Sehlinger's guide book of Tennessee streams and is a great class 3+ (4) run.

