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'92 OFFICERS NOMINATED

GCA Officers have been nominated by the nominating committee for 1992. They are President: Jim Silavent, last year's Vice President. Vice President: Evelyn Hopkins, Environmental Chair for the past few years. Secretary: Bronwyn Fowlkes. Treasurer: Ed Schultz, who repeats in this office for the 5th consecutive year. Canoe Training Director: Barney and Sherry Spurr. Newsletter Editor: Allen Hedden, a past club President. Cruisemaster: Karla Bowman, last years race master. Membership Chairman: Scott Wilhelm, who repeats for the third straight year. At press time, a candidate had not been selected for the office of Kayak Training Director, but an announcement will be made shortly.

This slate of nominees will be voted on at the Fall General Membership meeting and will take office on November 1st.

DECISION IS APPEALED

As indicated in last month's Newsletter, the GCA Board voted unanimously to appeal Judge Loggins decision in our ongoing fight to clarify the right of the public to paddle the rivers, streams and creeks of the state of Georgia. The appeal was filed by our attorneys on July 14 and will be heard by the Georgia State Supreme Court, hopefully, sometime in 1992.

PINYERD RACES AT WORLDS

John Pinyerd of the GCA finished 26th in Men's C-1 Wildwater at the World Championships held recently at Bovec and Ljubljana, near the border between Austria and Switzerland. He was part of the U.S. Team which finished 6th overall with Yugoslavia finishing 1st, France in 2nd and Germany in 3rd.

FULL MOON RACE FUN

On July 27, the GCA and AWC hosted this first annual race and picnic. Thirty six racers showed up enabling us to raise over \$250 for our river rights and conservation funds. The* race was conducted through 2 mass starts - a championship class and a cruising class. It was really awesome to see the boats stretched across the Hooch waiting for the whistle to blow. The picnic was also great fun and included the awards presentations to the winners. Special thanks go out to these volunteers without whose help we could not have done this. Lisa Waggoner, Kim Phillips, Barb and Chris Osment, Gwen Bergen, Jack Wissner, Mark Brown, Richard Dickerson and Beth Wilson. The racers wanted to do this monthly. So, Stay tuned for future events on the Hooch. Submitted by Race Chairperson - Mary Trauner.

CANOE RACES

Western Piedmont Community College and the Blue Ridge Outing Club will hold the 20th Annual Southeastern Inter-collegiate Canoe Races on Saturday, October 5, 1991 on the Catawba River near Morganton, N.C. The water level is regulated by Duke Power which assures an adequate flow. Competition is limited to open canoes only with classes in OC-1 and OC-2 in downriver and slalom for both Collegiate and Open classes. Contact Bob Benner, Race chairman for more information. (704) 438-6063.

1991 GAULEY RIVER FESTIVAL

The 1991 Gauley River Festival will be held on Sept. 21, at the New River Gorge Campground. This is the same site as the past 2 years, and is one mile North of the New River Bridge off Rt. 19 on Milroy Gross Road.

The Gauley Festival will feature music, food, drink, games and the boaters marketplace, where equipment dealers offer year end bargains and next years models. Come to the festival after your day on the river and stay til midnight or camp at the campground and save on driving.

Admission is still only \$5, which goes directly into AWA's river conservation fund. Money from past festivals has saved

ivers across the country including the Gauley. The focus this year will be the Monongehelia Coalition, an effort to preserve 13 rivers in West Virginia.

So plan your Gauley trips around this weekend and bring your friends. If you want to help out in this worthwhile cause call Barry Tuscano (412) 639-9701 days or 676-4713 evenings. To reserve camping call (304) 574-0133. From AWA bulletins.

DNR ASKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

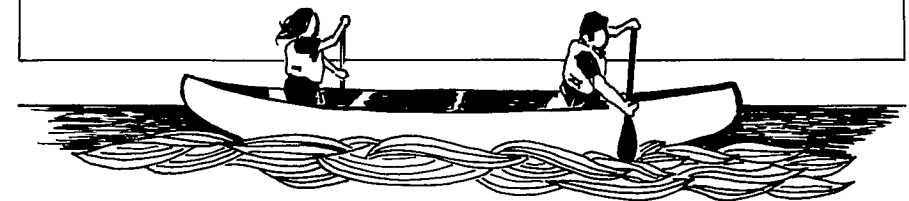
Georgia House Bill 643, the mountain and river protection bill, was passed this past legislative session. The bill states that Georgia has an "essential public interest in establishing minimum standards for land use in order to protect and preserve its natural resources, environment, and vital areas." The bill further states that the above areas include but are not limited to the protection of mountains, the protection of river corridors, the protection of watersheds of streams and reservoirs which are to be used for public water supply, etc. The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been given the job of developing the "minimum standards and procedures relative to the protection of mountains and river corridors;..." On July 16 the DNR invited numerous organizations and individuals to meet with them and help

develop the criteria/standards that the local governments will utilize to implement their land use plans. GCA, along with such organizations as The Georgia Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, The Broad River Action Group, Sierra Club, Campaign for a Prosperous Georgia, DNR officials, EPD officials, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Pacific, Atlanta Regional Commission, Moreland Atto-belli & Associates, and Sisson Builders (Blue Ridge / Ellijay area) were represented (this is not a complete list of the participants). Along with the conservation/river groups were the developers and builders, all working with DNR to develop standards to implement the bill in 1992. A second meeting will be held in August and perhaps a third if needed. Public meetings will be held in September and/or October for public input. Hopefully we will have the information and publish the time and dates in the Eddyline. The meeting was split into two groups, mountains and rivers. Our river group met from approximately 1:30 pm to 4:00. We discussed general criteria submitted by the DNR. This included such areas such as basic definitions (ie. river corridor, clearcutting etc.), river corridor protection plans and local gov't responsibilities.

Submitted by Carol Mercer, River Rights Chair

Bear Creek

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TELLICO RIVER SCOTT WILHELM

As always, the 3 hour drive to the land of the snail darter was well worth it. Seventy degree temperatures and blue sky greeted our large group. We had 14 boats! This trip certainly confirmed the standard middle Tellico run as among the finest in the area. At its low level of 290 cfs, the river was a joy. There were roughly two dozen class 3's on this 5+ mile section with perhaps 10 of these occurring in the first mile and a half. None were especially difficult. But all were fun and a little tricky in their own way. Under 300 cfs pinning rocks are in abundance. Fortunately, this obstacle course treated our group very kindly. We had minimal swims and none were ugly. For most of the trip this was a first run. You would never have guessed it by watching us. Everyone was having a good day. The Tellico is a nice and very realistic next step up for a boater who plays well on the Nantahala and can run section 3 of the Chattooga competently. At 500-750 cfs, the Tellico is a pleasant half way point between the Nanty and the Ocoee. If you are already at Ocoee level, you'll love the eddy hopping this river offers. You will be treated to clear trout supporting water, hemlock trees and rock overhangs. Keep in mind that at levels above 1,000 cfs, it equals the difficulty level of the Ocoee. At these levels the technical run we enjoyed turns into a big water run with 5-6 foot waves and car size holes. Call me paranoid, but this trip marked the first time I have set throw ropes at a class 2 rapid. Nobody seemed to object. Almost 2 years ago, a man of only 24 died in the undercut left bank of a harmless looking place called Reeder's Rock. A yellow sign warns you to KEEP LEFT. We gave this little chute almost as much attention as is normally given corkscrew on Section 4 of the Chattooga. When an undercut can swallow a whole canoe, such respect seems prudent. On this trip, the extent of undercutting on the Tellico was very apparent. Steep rock banks at the outside bends appear to be the prime spots for undercuts on the Tellico. The rock along this stream looks much the same as the layered metamorphic rock on the Chattooga. Enjoying prelude to the all you can eat dinner at Basin Pride in Copperhill were Bill Perkins, Barry Dulaney, Gary Latham, John Hise, Glen Lawson, Dirk Bertrand, Mary Trauner, Arden Olson, Marshall Wilson, Gary Walker, Mike Walker, Tom Hession, Barry Hahan and me, Scott Wilhelm, trip coordinator.

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5	Executive Board Meeting	Atlanta Jewish Community Center	7:30 P.M.
7	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn 252-9538
7	Chattooga Section 3	3+ Advanced	Jim Jones 509-0728
8	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Rob Kerr 404-889-6566
8	Ocoee	3+ Advanced	Jim Silavent 587-1172
7-8	Intermediate Whitewater Open Canoe Clinic		Allen Hedden 426-4318
14	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Pat Wolfer 967-6589
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15	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Ed Bouvette 478-1268
21	Chattooga Section 4	3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott 404-536-6923
21	Toccoa	1-2 Trained Beginner	Margo Booth 487-8084
21	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Bill Gay 482-8568
22	Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Rhett Smith 297-1995
28-29	River Rescue and Safety Clinic		Andy Warshaw 373-6683
28-29	Race in Alabama	See Advertisement	
October			
5	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Oreon Mann 522-3469
5	Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn 252-9538
6	Chattooga Section 3	3+ Advanced	Ben Maxwell 953-3972

To volunteer to lead trips, contact cruisemaster Jim Silavent, (H) 587-1172. We need your help to fill up this trip list each month. All types of trips are needed from lake trips to canoe camping to low and hair level whitewater.

Remember that ALL Chattooga trips are limited to 12 boats including the coordinator. Call early.

Plan now to attend the Fall General Membership Meeting to be held in October. The time and place will be announced in the October Eddyline.

THE RIVER RESCUE & SAFETY CLINIC IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 STUDENTS. REGISTER TODAY!

SOUTHEASTERNS RACE T SHIRTS

A good supply of these beautiful shirts are still available on a first come, first serve basis. Mark Levine, who has designed the race shirts for the past many years, has himself said that the 1991 design is among his favorite. Don't be caught without one of these beautiful shirts in your T shirt inventory. Send \$10 per shirt specifying size to Polly Prater c/o the club P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, Ga. 30357. And thanks for your support of the GCA.

DEADLINES

Deadline for the next Eddyline is the 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 first Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center near the intersection of Brookwood Station and Peachtree St. 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.

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RACING NEWS

I would like to do sort of a Thanksgiving in the summer. I would like to take up a small portion of your time to let you know that a few daring souls did show up for the AWC, GCA ACE racing workshop on May 11th. They were Julia Crosby, Dave Bowman, Tom Martin, Chris Prangley, Malcolm Tobias, Pat Hawkins, William ? (Sorry, what's the first to go) and our gifted juniors, Mike Hawkins and Drew Luckie.

The groups were small with two would be racer heads to one Sho Nuf racer head. I'm not sure if everyone knew what type of talent we had on hand for instructors, Eric Jackson Team member, 90 National Champion, Martin Bay, 88 WW Team, Chris Osment, 2nd Canoe Nationals and Barbie Osment added her expertise in canoe. There to take up the slack (there wasn't any) was me, Steve Thomas, with some experience in everything but open canoe. (I know my limitations folks.)

I don't think that anywhere in the country could you find a stronger group of instructors much less a ratio of 2-1. It made for a terrific workshop.

The following weekend the Southeasterns were held and many of our pupils decided to take the test. I was judging the cruising deck boats and watched some really good moves by some of our stars

William, Malcomb and Pat. Some other people I noticed strutting their stuff and showing good form were Mark Levine and Mary Trauner and Gwen Bergen in C-2. There were many more but you remember what I said about memory being the first to go.

The money raised from this workshop has been donated to the river rights fund and the effort to keep whitewater in the 96 Olympic Games.

In the first line of this article I mentioned Thanksgiving. This is where I'm going to do mine. I would like to do thanks (for giving - the donation of time and experience by the instructors, the people who participated in the workshop and made it really worthwhile. And while I'm doing all of this I would like to give a sincere thank you to Dave and Karla Bowman, the 91 Southeasterns Racemasters and to all of the fine folks who helped with the Team Trials and Southeasterns. Without you it just wouldn't be possible to hold first class events like these. Submitted by Steve Thomas.

CLAWSON IS 2ND AT WORLDS

Adam Clawson of the NOC finished a strong second place in Men's C-1 Slalom at the World Championships. He was less than 4 seconds behind the winner, Martin Lang of Germany.

CHILE'S BIO BIO NEEDS YOUR HELP SCOTT WILHELM

One of the world's most famous whitewater rivers may become a series of lakes without the help of the international paddling community. The class 4-5 Bio Bio, a spectacular Andean river located about 400 miles from Santiago, is the target of a massive hydroelectric project. Regarded as among the best whitewater wilderness experiences anywhere, Chile would likely benefit more from tourism associated with the river than it would for power production. The Bio Bio is certainly on the "to do" list of many paddlers around the world. Doubts have been raised in Chile as to whether the extra power is needed. Some in the Government doubt the country can afford the half billion dollar price tag for construction.

Opposition to the project within Chile has been substantial for a long time. However, the military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet which formally gave up power in March 1990, was very unkind to dam opponents. Now that mass arrests and torture chambers are getting fewer by the day, Chile's environmental movement is

quickly rebuilding itself to pre 1973 (the year of the military coup in which the country's elected president was murdered and military control established) levels. The Mapuche Indians who live in the area around the proposed dam site are speaking out loudly trying to keep their homes from becoming lake bottom.

I visited Chile in November 1990 and found a country fully awakened from a 17 year long nightmare. The country now has a very open, hospitable feel to it. If you hadn't read or seen films about Chile, you would never know of its very dark past. People no longer cringe when police officers or soldiers walk by. All of the political parties from conservative to leftist operate freely, as does a growing pro-clean air, pro-green and anti-dam movement. But they need our help.

Chile's new president, Patricio Alwyn, assumed power in March of 1990, after winning 55% of the vote in a 3 man contest. It was Chile's first election since 1973 and no doubt was conducted freely and fairly. President Alwyn strikes almost everyone as completely sincere and wanting only what is best for his people. He served in Chile's Congress for over 20 years before the coup closed it and spent most of the eighties as leader of the often

harassed Christian Democratic Party. He is Chile's most capable politician in addition to being a good man. If he can be convinced that more benefit will come to his country by preserving the Bio Bio rather than by destroying it, chances are excellent that he will stop the project. While Alwyn faces many serious problems ranging from how to prosecute human rights violating soldiers to a huge foreign debt, he can occasionally take notice of an issue that won't make or break his government.

Write to him and ask him to save the Bio Bio. His address is President Patricio Alwyn, La Palacio Moneda, Santiago, Chile.

Who knows, someday you may paddle this breath-taking river in a land of snow capped volcanos, nice people, drinkable water, great Italian food, South American hospitality and European elegance known as Chile. Submitted by Scott Wilhelm.

FOR SALE: Mohawk canoe. 16ft. whitewater model. Green with bags, saddle, 2 paddles and bow storage. \$250. firm. No checks. Call Bob at 972-2159

FOR SALE: Phoenix Slipper C-1 Fiberglass. Very used, but good second or beginner boat. \$50. Hank Klausman 587-0499.

CARTECAY BARRY HAHN

CARTECAY 7/13/91: It was a warm summer day, so, the GCA turned out to frolic in the cool, cool waters of this North Georgia stream. We had 22 share in the fun day. Thank goodness all 35 that called did not make it. We met at Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions (MOE), and wish to thank Jay Srymanske for his kindness of providing shuttle. One of our most enthusiastic and nice outfitters.

We split into two groups. Thanks to Hank Baudet and Mike Collier for their willingness to lead. Thanks to Tim Kaylor who swept the first group and I had this honor in the second wave of GCA'ers. It was a little difficult keeping these seasoned pros' attention at the pre-trip meeting. But, we all got together for the MOE shuttle back to the put-in. Best joke goes to Mike Collier (The Man for All Seasons) who told us about the car fatality victim who emitted "Go Dogs" when the undertaker pulled out the cork in his behind. The man was so amazed that he called his wife to drive over icy roads for 40 miles just to hear another a----- say, "Go Dogs". Must have been a Tech joke. Anyway, there were other contributions from Mike Bridges, Tom Southern, etc. Evidently, they were trying to cheer me up because I got ticked about the cavalier way they had treated the on-shore meeting. Little did they know that all it would take would be for me to get onto the water-- and, all would be at peace with the world. I just love to paddle. We put-in at Holt Bridge and went to Blackberry Mountain. The two groups were to have regrouped at the two old cars to

"Z Drag" those eyesores from the river bank. However, since everyone listened so well, only the second wave got their picture took (sic). So there!

The water level was a comfortable 1.9' and it was to be over 90. Guess that is why we played and played at "S Turn", the next little spot and for a long while at Stegall Mill. Many side-surfed, Louie and I body surfed it several times, Sue and I each ran it backwards, and Tom kept coming down the left chute and caught the side surf hole all in the same effort. However, the best part was to see Pat Wolfer, Bob Mauney and Bob Jelley in canoes. Can it be we are winning a few converts for the upcoming winter season? In fairness I should also comment that Rick Rogers was in a Hydra "Minnow". Of course he was to have knee surgery the following Thursday. I trust that he is now 100%, and is ready for a switch back. Our group paddled K1, OC1, OC2 and the "Minnow". They were a great group which I shall now identify: Hank Baudet, Michael Bridges, Michael Collier, Gwen Dinsmore, Marty Dyche, Yvonne Eppinga, Sue Garland, Rebecca Gifford, Bob Jelley, Dave Kaufman, Tim Kaylor, Bob Mauney, Gary Plumlee, Bonnie Poland, Beverly Reynolds, Louie Reynolds, Barbara Rogers, Rick Rogers, Gene Strain, Tom Southern, Pat Wolfer and myself Barry Hahn.

I had a great time. Sorry to let my temper show at the MOE. I hope to see you all many, many more times on our fabulous rivers. Single or double blade, YOU ARE THE GREATEST! ALL THE WAY - GCA!

HIWASSEE PEGGY MILLER

On June 5th, we set off in a cloud cover from Chatsworth, Ga and arrived at the Hiwassee River to find sun. There were 2 OC-1's, Peggy Miller and Tom Martin, 2 OC-2's, Havis Johnson and Sally Price and Beverly and Louie Reynolds, 2 K-1's, Chris and Vernon Adams. There was not too much playing and no spills. Havis and Sally had a near upset when playing Devil's Racehorse. On the Conasauga River Trail, Sally, Peggy and Havis ran into Ben Fouts who was camping and fishing with his son. The Rhododendron was outstanding and the butterflies were everywhere. We saw a bear and a deer at Lake Conasauga. A really wonderful July 4th. Submitted by Peggy Miller for Havis Johnson, coordinator.

MORE ADS

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NANTAHALA WEEK-END/DIAL 900-WEEKEND: What a wonderful week-end I had scheduled. 5/25, 5/26 and 5/27 were dates I had committed to co-ord on the Nanty. For my wife Ola, I told her that I was obligated to fulfil my commitment. Know what I mean? Older folks have to resort to treachery and cheating in order to win. I won! More about cheating and that 900 number stuff a little later. Well, I had three wonderful days on the river with five, nine and six wonderful GCA friends on the Memorial Day Week-end. What was memorable about it happened more off-the-river rather than on-the-river. Remember the "(900) Lady"?

More about our groups with a little off-the-river levity thrown in. On Saturday it started off beautiful but a little crazy. Trip co-ord's have a special obligation to be there early; so, I left an hour-and-a-half early. Well, I had a wonderful breakfast of biscuits, gravy and sausage with coffee for about \$2.50 at the wonderful Calico Cupboard in Ellijay. Then, I took the wrong road. Instead of getting back on I-575, I went through the Cohutta National Forest on some road; switched to 411 at Chatsworth; then picked up 64 via the Ocoee and directly on to the Nanty. You guessed it, I was ten minutes late. Not bad for having driven 80 extra beautiful miles. Well, it is the "trip co'ord's curse". S--- happens!

5/25: Anyway the group waited for me. This pleasant group included: Dan and Elise Macintyre OC1's (Yes I said solo), Edward Haller OC1, Joe Graham K1, Rob Kerr (No Canoe but he had a New Blazer-so I loaned him one of my OC1's); and myself in my newly acquired kevlar Seeker OC1. Anyway, thanks to Rob's wife Jan for

being shuttle-bunny. And, thanks to Joe Graham for being sweep. I was in the lead where a sleek boat like mine needs to be. The water was 3.1' at the gauge and the river traffic was holiday'ish, but not too bad. The sun came and went and there were a few rain drops, but a nice day. Meanwhile, my highlight came at Ferabee lunch stop.

There was this very nice looking lady in the darndest outfit. And, since she was stacked, I had to tell her how nice she looked. She said, "you made my day." Well, Elise Criswell, in the black lace knee-length tights and black lace top, with a little pink bikini bottom--"I SAID, YOU'VE MADE MY DAY! Later, at River's End, I told her friend that I wondered what she wore to bed since her outfit I had drooled over was obviously wet. Her friend said, "she wears nothing"! Can you guess what I was thinking? Anyway, she is NOT the 900 Lady. She was a perfect lady. I would give her a "ten" even though she has been married for twenty plus years. Charming! I hope the group had a good time. I know Dan did because he and Joe, played, and played and played. Dan's new boat is an Impulse Elise paddled something less ostentatious like a Mowhawk.

5/26: On Sunday, after only three hours sleep, I was greeted by nine bright eyed GCA friends who were anxious to paddle. They did not want to hear about the (900 Lady). They were: K1's - Joe Graham, Sabina Schivelbein, David Newbern, and Chris Merritt; OC2- Jane and George Yates; OC1 (The best kind) John Grubbs, Jim Smith, Gerard Abernson, and sleepy ole me. There were two others who shall remain nameless because they did not wait for the rescue effort at Patton's Run. Also, if they

are reading this, I suggest they always tell the co-ord if they decide to go on their own. Anyway, we had fun at 3.1' and absolutely sunny skies. At Ferabee, we had lunch and I looked for the "Foxy Lady" again. To my disappointment she was not there, but the story was told. Since she was only a fantasy, it was just as well for a sleepy ole guy. I gave the lead a go and asked and thank Sabina for being sweep. A little later Joe volunteered to be sweep because he wanted to play, play, play. At Lesser Wesser, I made a perfect run in my Seeker. Only a sponge -full of water. On my way back up to run a second boat through--- there to my delight on the shore was "The Foxy Lady"! My heart sank when she said, "nice run". My heart pounded to think she had noticed! I also noticed but said nothing, because she had on some other more aerobic style knee length black tights. WOW! What a swell lady! Needless to say, I made a perfect run in the second boat, a Whitesell, like my own. As good as the first. On cloud nine, I was never to see the beautiful Elise Criswell again this week-end. BUT, she had made two days for me. And I had ntwo perfect runs and images to fantasize about this day. Thanks to my swell GCA friends, I had a second wonderful day on the river. Now if I can only get some sleep that night. Oh yes, we stopped by Hala's gravestone for a memorial service since it was Sunday. Beloved Dog Hala (1967-72) has a handsome tombstone just above the bridge at Ferabee. Won't it be something when Walt Hodge's dog, Nanty passes to Dog Heaven and is buried just to the left. Can you see it, Nanty-Hala.

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5/27: Weatherman said "cloudy". When I went outside, it was coming down and I thought, "why did he not predict rain." He could not be wrong. What the heck maybe I would see the "Foxy Lady" again in other than in my fantasies. On to the river to meet: K1's Joe Graham, new friends Libby Black and Frampton Simons; OC1's Bronwyn Fowlkes and old friends Dan and Elise Macintyre who had hiked somewhere on Saturday. Ah, "People-for-All-Seasons." What nice people are GCA friends. Thanks to Libby for being shuttle-bunny, and to Joe for being sweep. Of course, I knew Dan would be back there wearing out all the eddies and surfing, surfing, surfing. My only hope on this day is that it would stop raining, AND maybe I would get to see my new friend "The Foxy Lady". Alas, it did stop raining, but my latter wish never came true. We had another good day with perfect runs at "Lesser Wesser" by all. There a few casualties along the way. First, we were going too slow for Bronwyn's schedule, so, she told us she was going on. The proper and most acceptable thing to do. (Notice I include the names of those who observe proper trip etiquette.) Back to the down-side activities. At "Whirlpool", I was side-surfing above the rock. When I drifted out backwards I was literally torpedoed by a big awkward Mad River Canoe that said something about Conservation on a decal. All I saw was a big green canoe at my shoulder. When it came up toward my head, I decided it was time to bail-out. Cursing this rude and unskilled SOB from somewhere, I unbuckled my 25# First-Aid Kit and turned my boat upside down to empty the water. Much to my chagrin, my

First-Aid kit was floating downstream. Thanks to Frampton for recovering it for me. In all the confusion and cursing, I did not notice that my beautiful leather hat had disappeared. When I notice this fact about an hour later, I immediately put out a \$20 Reward for the return of this Crocodile Dundee Hat. (Offer still stands!) Now I pine for the "Foxy Lady" and my beloved Hat (1991-1991). At the take out, I was preparing to put up the toys of the wonderful, wonderful, and wonderful three days with GCA friends on the delightful Nantahatla. Then I heard, "Barry, don't put up your First-Aid Kit." Minor injury. My first to report. The patient had caught his paddle between a rock and his boat. It snapped free from his top-hand and wacked him in the corner of his left eye. Blood was streaming down his cheek. The crimson flow looked much worse than it did a few moments later. A gauze compress, a little peroxide, antiseptic, and two butterflies, and I hope his handsome face does not sport a "shinner". Even so, it was a great time for me. And, again it was mostly memorable because of my wonderful GCA friends. And, the "Foxy Lady" will be hard to forget. If she is a member, she is not listed in the directory; so, I hope that she and her husband are good sports about me sharing my fantasy with all our readers. Oh yes, a little long, but I must give you the run-down on the (900-WEEKEND). I had reservations at Base Camp. Never again! When I checked in on Saturday evening after a perfectly wonderful day of a long drive, great paddle trip, dinner, etc., I was ready for the sack early that evening. Since it was still daylight I asked who

my Bartram B4 room-mate was? I was given a name, which I did not recognize. Hereafter, I shall call her the "900 Lady". Lady? Anyway, there was a group of six or seven young people sitting on the deck at Bartram. I had been to the room where all I saw was a knapsack on a hook. When I did not see any sleeping gear, I claimed the lower bunk. I laid out my Thermarest, sleeping bag and pillow and went back out to the deck to meet the folks. They were part of 35 member group from Cocoa Beach, Florida. They were very friendly. They seemed to be comfortable with one another and made me feel welcome to their much younger group. They were normally scuba divers who planned several outings a year. They were going to hike some and raft the Nolichucky river on Monday. I should have known that I was out of my league. They told me that I was rooming with a nice young lady in her 20's. She was not there at the moment. I was revived by their energy and did not go to bed. One chap named Peter who was their President was blowing up an air mattress. Said he was tired and was going to crash early. At dark, he disappeared to get some Z's. His friends decided to duct tape him to his mattress and planned to carry him to the river. Everything was accomplished except his mattress was not firm enough to tote him to the river. Later, he was awakened and untaped and joined us on the deck for Bailey's Cream and Butterscotch Schnapps. Of course, the group had grown to over 15. And, alas, I met my roomy. She seemed to take a shine to Peter and he to her. They had met earlier in the day.

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From now on the "900 Lady" and Peter were the only couple with the others sharing stories and trying to couple-up. Not really necessary because they were also rooming co-ed. I said singles not swingers. After several enjoyable pipes of tobacco, chews of Taylor's Pride and a few RC's, I said good-night about 1AM. I did not get to sleep until about 2:30PM when I was rudely awakened. It seems Peter did not get mad, but did get even. He had walked to the river to get a bull-frog which he put in the bunk of the chap who had taped him earlier. More racket! Finally, back to sleep. Awake at 3:30, 4:30 and at 5:30AM, I got out of Dodge! The story of the day's river trip is above, but I was not through with this group for Sunday. When I had showered after the trip, they were grilling hamburgers, hotdogs, and steaks. They seemed much younger that evening because I was dead-tired. After a drive to Bryson City, I was ready for the sack. As a courtesy, I knocked to be sure not to surprise my roomy. In response I heard the deep voice of Peter say, "who is it"? I answered with my name and asked, "should I come back in a half-an-hour"? His reply was an insistent, "yes"! I went up to the kitchen where the rest of the group was having a planning meeting for their Nolichucky trip. When they were through, I asked if they were going to party or sleep this night. Much to my pleasure, I was told that they planned to sleep because they had to be up and ready to break camp at 6AM. Reassured of a better night, I returned to B4 and again knocked. Still, a man's voice from B4. I had had it! In-front-of their friends, I said, you have five minutes to vacate for me to

have five minutes to pack up my gear." "Then you can have the room for the night." I was going to go to the Valletown Motel in Andrews for whatever sleep was still possible. Next, I saw Peter who said, "you can have the room now". In an irritated voice, I said, "not on-your- life". I cannot say what went on, but this dirty-old-man will refer to the incident as the "900 Lady Caper". As it was 11PM when I got to my beloved Valletown and I was pleased but embarrassed to arrive so late. Still I had to get some sleep. As I lay my head down to sleep, I thought of my wife, daughter, Mother the good GCA friends, the trips taken and still ahead, and of course the "Foxy Elise Criswell". Never again will I stay a Base Camp unless I know the group is GCA. The "900 Lady" is forever history! TRIP COORD: BARRY HAHN

CHATTOOGA 2

Laura Jordon

We had a small but enthusiastic group for a lovely spring trip down Section 2. Canoers were Rob Claude, Dan and Elise MacIntyre, Joyce Hagan, Pat Hagan and Joane Smith. Kayakers were myself and first timer Leon Chapman. We adopted a few other non-GCA paddlers who joined our group but I didn't get their names. The water was 1.7 when we put in, but a tumultuous and lengthy storm later brought the river up a bit. Disadvantage to a kayaker; you can't get under it when it rains.

DAVIDSON RIVER

Laura Jordon

I'd been wanting to run this river ever Nsince I saw it listed in Benner's Caroli- na Whitewater. It's a shallow

rocky class 1-2 trout stream. Although we did hit a nasty little class 3 chute that the book didn't even mention. If you go to Brevard, NC, then take US 276 up to the Blue Ridge Parkway, you follow this river up. It's perfectly beautiful. It's necessary to catch it after a rain. The book says you put in below looking glass falls, or, after a good rain, at the fish hatchery. The 2 days of rain preceding this trip appear to have been heavier in Georgia, so we didn't have as much water as i'd hoped. What you do is leave a car at the entrance to Davidson River Campground, a bridge marks the spot, drive up the road until it looks too shallow to float, then turn around and go to the last picnic area. We put in 3 miles above the bridge.

Like I said, it was shallow and rocky, and gorgeous. There were a number of blind drops which we scouted for deadfalls. The class 3 went charging into a boulder garden, then had a 90 degree left turn, barely wider than a kayak right next to an undercut rock. Somewhere along the way is where I busted 2 holes in my Dancer. I had to stop and bail every half mile or so. Toward the end, the river got wider and shallower. I felt like I was sledding rather than floating. It was shallow enough that you could be completely sunk and still be out of the water.

I wouldn't make a trip from Atlanta just for this, but if you're up this way and its raining, its a lovely trip. Participants were Pam Perkins and Yours truly, Laura Jordon.

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