

DEADLINES

Deadline for the next Eddyline is the 5th. This means that I must receive your typewritten articles, trip reports and classified ads in the mail 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 Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30066. 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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NANTAHALA BARRY HAHN

'NANTAHALA 08/02/91: It promised to be a HOT day in Atlanta, 'so, I looked forward to the nice cool water on this popular 'river. I also looked forward to canoeing with GCA friends. 'These pleasant thoughts made the drive less of a chore. We 'met at the parking lot to the sight of rafts, rafts, and more 'rafts. But, what's new about that on the Nanty? 'We had a nice sized group of fifteen boaters: Gerard Aberson, 'Hank Baudet and son Brett, Matt Camp, Walter Cumming, Yvonne 'Eppinga, Joe Grimm, Pat Hagan, Dave Jecha, Bill Perkins, 'Branson Redding, Louie and Bev Reynolds, Bruce Rowan and 'myself. Thanks to those who ran shuttle and to those who 'left their cars at the top to avoid congestion at the take 'out. Special thanks to Bruce for being the sweep. Sorry I 'did not wait for the last few boats at Lesser Wesser, but 15 'minutes is a club limit at the put-in. It is also my limit 'along the river when there is not a problem other than play, 'play, play. 'We had a nice day of eddy-turns and peel-outs on this great 'training river. We were also treated to a hot dog run at 'Lesser by Pat. Good run! Try it that way again, but I doubt 'that it can be duplicated. Since you did not swim, just tell 'us that was the way you planned to run the rapid.

Anyway, I 'hope the group had as much fun as this old boy. Hope to see 'you all again real soon. (Coord. Barry Hahn)

PROTECT THE HOCH CAROL MERCER

Over the last couple of months I have asked for volunteers to help on a "Protect the Hooch" project between the GCA, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Conservancy. Thank you to all the volunteers. We are having a steering committee meeting in September with the Georgia Conservancy, ARC and GCA regarding that project and future projects. We are off schedule by a couple of months due to vacation schedules and some miscommunications. I will be calling you all after that meeting and letting you know what we have decided regarding timing and scope of the project. Both organizations are very enthusiastic about working with us. There are many ways we can work with the Georgia Conservancy and help with river issues. We are estimating a workshop in October or early November, with the project starting in November and running through the winter. If you would like to volunteer your time and have not called me previously, please call me. Submitted: Carol Mercer 373-6683



STREAM WATCH 101 CAROL MERCER

If you are interested in conservation and want to help protect and monitor our states rivers? Who is watching Georgia's streams and rivers with the state budget drying up? The Georgia Conservancy is holding a Stream Watch on Saturday October 26 at Sweetwater Creek State Park. The training will include simple monitoring techniques that volunteers can use on their choosen stream. The course will be taught by a biologist from the Dept. of Natural Resources. It is easy, not time consuming and very worth while. You need a lunch, beverage, notebook and pen. Wear old shoes and clothes that are suitable for wading. You will get wet! You do not have to be a member of the Georgia Conservancy to participate in the Stream Watch. You do, however, have to register. Call the Ga. Conservancy at 876- 2900 to register for the program and tell them you want to register and you are a member of the GCA. FOR ALL YOU GCA PROCRASTINATORS - YOU MUST REGISTER BY OCTOBER 22. Submitted by Carol Mercer and reprinted from Panorama (Ga. Conservancy)

CARTECAY DICK HURD

Sunday, August 4, 1991: Hot weather and cold water made this a good day to run the Cartecay. Water at 1.9 was adequate for our party of 10 boats. MOE graciously ran shuttle for us for which we thank Jay Syrmanski, a good friend of the Cartecay and the GCA. Half the party dropped out at the

covered bridge. Special thanks to Scrib Dailey who alerted me to a tree fallen into the rapid at Clear Creek. We hiked in Saturday afternoon and cut it up and out of harm's way using his chainsaw. Participants were Terry Pierce, Barbara Rogers, Mike Collier, Dan and Eugene McIntyre, Lester Scherer, Yvonne Eppinga, Dick Hurd, Scrib and Janeanne Dailey, Michelle Collier and Dave Newbern.

NACOOCHIEE DICK HURD

Sunday, August 11, 1991. The put in has changed since last year. Turn left off of 17 at the Old Sautee Store, then go immediately right down the gravel road to the bridge over Sautee Creek. The run down the creek is longer and a pleasant addition to this seldom run stretch of the Hooch. We ran down to the 115 bridge where parking is a definite problem. We left one car at the takeout after clearing it with the Wildewood staff. Our flotilla of 8 boats included Scott Bellue, Dick Hurd, Marty Dyche, Cathy Overby, Amy Delaplane, Arthur Pond, John Houser, Susan Pond, Dick Butterworth, Kim Matwiejow, Branson and Nancy Redding and Mike Koch. The most fun seemed to be at Smith Island where a lot of body surfing was done. We should run this section more often to assert our right of passage since we fought so hard to keep it!



DATA ENTRY HELP NEEDED CAROL MERCER

The GCA is presently in the process of creating a data base to store the membership directory of the club. We are utilizing a program called ACT. If any of you are familiar with this program and would like to help with data entry, please call me. You do not have to be proficient with ACT to help with data entry. The job involves typing names, addresses, city, state, zip code, county and some additional fields into the data base. Since we have over 950 members in GCA this involves too much typing for one or two persons. The data base will be installed on my computer for the present. Anyone willing to volunteer time and typing skills please call me. We live in the Lake Claire neighborhood of Atlanta, near Little 5 Points, Inman Park, Virginia Highlands and Emory. 373-6683. Thank you for your help.

NOC TRIPS

These trips have recently been added to the NOC schedule for 1991-92. Intermediate Costa Rica for kayak, canoe and raft. Nov 8-16 Land cost \$1030. Rio Grande, beg/intermediate canoe. Nov 23-Dec 1. Land cost \$740. Usumacinta River of Ruins for rafters and intermediate kayak. March 15-27, 1992. Land cost \$1275. Bio Bio in Chile, expert kayak/canoe. Jan 11-24, 1992; Jan 25-Feb 7; and Feb 8-21. Land cost \$2100. There are a few paddle and oar raft options. Special group rates and dates are available. For additional info, call NOC (704) 488-2175 and talk to Janet or Peggy.

NOC CLUB CLINIC

STEVE CRAMER

I recently attended a loss leader clinic that the NOC put on for members of paddling clubs: Friday-Sunday all inclusive (food, lodging, instruction, gear, shuttle transportation) for \$125. Their purpose was for people to get to know the NOC and the "NOC Instruction Philosophy" (hereafter, NOCIP). I don't think they really had Atlanta paddlers in mind, since most of us know the NOC well already, but what the hey, a bargain's a bargain.

Anyway, the weekend was a lot of fun, and very valuable. I had just taken the GCA Intermediate OC Clinic (which was well done, by the way), so I used Saturday on the Nanty to consolidate OC moves. The NOCIP stresses rotation and balance, not paddle strokes. In fact, their stroke review alluded the fact that braces exist, but otherwise ignored them. One neat demo that I had not seen before: with the canoe tipping over to the right, what do you do with your head? Drop it to the right towards your paddle, of course, which twists your hips to the left. I also picked up some detailed pointers on my forward stroke plant and follow-through.

The NOCIP also believes that you can learn new stuff on water that's easier than you normally run, but not on water that's a lot harder. I wish my beginning kayak instructors (not GCA) would have heard that idea before they put us on the Nanty after 3 hours of lake instruction.

My instructor was Gordon Grant, NOC's Director of Instruction. Gordo is the kind of teacher I aspire to be on a very good day: encouraging, perceptive, witty, and highly competent. Also, he is more than a river jock; ask him about English poetry and watch him get really excited.

Sunday, I switched to the Dancer for a run on Section IX of the French Broad. This was my first time on this

gorgeous stretch of river, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I tried to play in every hole and wave I saw, and in the process demonstrated to myself that I do have a combat roll. It came in handy when I flipped going over Kayak Ledge, where you have about 10 seconds to get upright before the next drop.

Unfortunately, thunderstorms were popping around the ridge tops as we neared Frank Bell's rapid, and Gordo wasn't keen to stand on the rock at the top to point out the line. We ran the river left sneak, which is technical enough to be interesting, if not thrilling. Four of the students managed to broach on the same rock--simultaneously--so I got in a little rescue practice.

The last mile of flat was scary on such a wide river. Flash!-one thousand-two thousand-three thousand-four thousand-five thousand-BOOM! Then Flash!-one thousand-two thousand-three thousand-BOOOM! As we passed under the steel bridge, it was down to Flash!!-BOOOO!!!

The takeout at Hot Springs is one of the best parts of the trip: the springs are open for bathing again, with three big tubs on the river bank. Be warned, soaking in the hot mineral water after paddling dissolves all self-initiative. After 30 minutes we were trying to decide who would get dressed for the whole group.

One other fun thing I did was paddle the new Mad River Howler. You may have seen one: radical non-symmetric rocker, 28" beam, grape color, bow flared like an aircraft carrier. Paddled solo, this 15' boat has about 8' of waterline, and you can turn it by thinking "Left!". You'll want one.

It was a great weekend overall, and would have been worth it even at full price. The NOC is a wonderful resource for us, one we should take advantage of.



BOARD NOMINATIONS COMPLETED

The Nominating committee has announced a nominee for the position of Kayak training Director for the 1992 season. He is John Bell. John has been an active kayak instructor for several years and a long time GCA member. He and the rest of the '92 nominees will be voted on at the October General Membership meeting on October 19 at Henderson High School 6-10 P.M. and will take office on November 1.

MORE ADS

FOR SALE; Noah AQ kayak in great shape. Turquoise in color w/ airbags, Silvercreek 202cm wood paddle, medium spray skirt, and PFD. \$550. Call Chris 404-479-6613.

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Ads are free to paid up GCA members for used paddling gear. Contact Barry Hahn for commercial ads. Thanks.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



3 Executive Board Meeting	Atlanta Jewish Community Center	7:30 P.M.
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
12-13 Beginning Kayak Clinic		Malcolm Tobias 365-9028
12 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Tom McCormick 912-653-2012
12 Etowah	1-2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd 664-4770
13 Middle Chestatee	1-2 (3) Trained Beginner	Ben Fouts 404-532-3523
13 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Tom McCormick 912-653-2012
14 Ocoee/Tellico Columbus Day	3-4 Advanced	Tim Henderson 615-339-3206
19 General Membership Meeting	Henderson High School	All Come 6:00 P.M.
19 Upper Ocmulgee	1-3 Intermediate	Gary Debacher 634-4651
19 Broad River	1-2 Trained Beginner	Jeff Engel 404-344-2573
20 Apalachee	1-2+ Trained Beginner	Rhett Smith 297-1995
20 Lower Amicalola (Churchgoer)	3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott 404-536-6923
26 NOC Appreciation Day		
26 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Haynes Johnson 971-1542
26 Lower Toccoa	1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Nott 404-536-6923
27 Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Bruce Bishop 475-9260
November		
2 Tellico	3+ Advanced	Francis Cheung 939-0202
2 Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn 252-9538
3 Hiwassee	1-2 Trained Beginner	Walter Howard 404-694-3557
8-9 Cumberland Island Camping by the sea		Carol Mercer 373-6683

AUCTION AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT U.S. TEAM RACERS

NEEDED: Anything that can be auctioned or sold, including used paddling gear, outdoor gear, certificates for personal services, baked goods.

WHEN: October Potluck Dinner. October 19. See Flyer.

All money will go to help defer expenses incurred by the ACA Dixie Division paddlers participating in the World Championships in Yugoslavia. They were Mike Hipsher, David Jones, John Pinyerd, Fritz Orr and Lisa Benaron. Each spent about \$3,000 in travel expenses. Let's show our support by donating lots of goodies and unused gear to this cause. And, bring your checkbooks and pick up a great bargain. If you have items to donate, call Karla Bowman at 923-0954, Julia Crosby at 995-9434 or Polly Prater at 279-9003. And, Thanks for your caring.

To volunteer to lead trips, call the Cruisemaster, Karla Bowman at 923-0954. As usual, we need trips of all varieties from flatwater to hair whitewater.

Chattooga trips are limited to 12 boats including the coordinator. Sign up early.

PLAN TODAY TO ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DNR UPDATE CAROL MERCER

As you read last month, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asked for public input on Georgia House Bill 643, the mountain and river protection bill. To recap the bill, it 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 DNR has been given the job of developing the minimum standards and procedures for implementation of this bill.

The second meeting to help the DNR develop these criteria / standards was held on August 14 from 1 to 4 pm. at the Sloppy Floyd building. Last month I listed the firms and organizations that I could remember from the meeting. It was, as I pointed out last month, not a complete list. Along with the organizations and firms listed last month, the second meeting included the following organizations (again not a complete list, but you will get an idea of the scope of the workshop): Home Builders Assoc. of GA, League of Women Voters, Alston & Bird and Troutman, Sanders etc (both are law firms), GA Mtn. Reg. Dev. Ctr., City of Rome, Coastal GA Reg. Dev. Ctr., GA Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA), U S Nat't Pk. Serv., GA Assoc. of Realtors, Coosa Valley Reg. Dev. Ctr., Izaak Walton League of America, GA Dept. of Transportation, GA Mining Assoc., GA Soil and Water Conserv. Comm., City of Helen, Chatham Properties, McGowen Properties, Georgia Pacific, and Young Harris College. To this list also add the officials from EPD and DNR as well as

the forestry folk and all the conservation / environmental organizations listed last month. The meeting was well organized by DNR and the input from the various groups was very thought provoking.

In the last meeting, we discussed general definitions, applicability of the minimum standards, protection criteria and local government responsibilities. We continued that type of discussion, but with further input from DNR and the legal counsel that was requested from our last session. We developed what we referred to as "Strawman II", which will be edited by DNR, sent to us for input, revised again and used at the public meetings in October and/or November. Public Meetings require 30 days written notice and will be held in North GA, Middle GA and South GA. If I receive the information in time, the Eddyline will publish the times, dates and places of the meetings.

What did we do for a total of 8 hours? Develop definitions to be used in the minimum standards. Some were taken directly from other state laws, others were created by us. Always in the forefront was that the local government had to understand and implement what we were developing. The definitions included such items as hazardous waste, hazardous materials, inappropriate activities, mean high water, natural vegetative buffer, plan, protected river, river corridor, river bank (that required a long discussion), sensitive natural areas and of course single family residence. After our definitions, then what did the law apply to? It now appears to apply to all state land that contains a protected river within its boundaries. A protected river has an average annual

flow of at least 400 CFS as determined by USGS and certain tidal rivers. The standards set forth by the Metropolitan Rivers Protection Act and the Erosion and Sedimentation Act were not superseded by this law, except where this law is more stringent. Local governments that have a protected river within their boundaries," shall incorporate a river corridor protection plan" and file it with DCA. Local governments can establish standards that are stricter than the standards set forth in our minimum criteria. What about protection criteria? Here we have natural vegetative buffers, land size for single family residences, septic tanks and drainfields, public roads and crossings for utilities, protection plans developed by local governments, recreational water dependent usage and of course exemptions. Local governments are given the job of implementing all of the above with the help of DNR.

Many of us felt the law should have been much stricter than it is (ex. clearcutting is allowed and if you leave one tree standing, you haven't clearcut). However, it is a beginning. If there is no beginning, then where can we go from here? Submitted Carol Mercer, River Rights Chair



REMEMBERING MARTY WHITEWATER FUND IS ESTABLISHED KANUTE RAREY

As the 1991 paddling season nears an end, we have all had a year of great water and fun weekends to remember. To find the Chattooga river over 2 feet and the Tellico over 350 CFS in August tells the tale. Definitely memorable.

As many of you know, the year started off with a major loss the whitewater community with the accidental death of Marty Cason. Marty had been a veteran kayak paddler and sports enthusiast. He had taught and led the kayak training course at GSU and had run many of the toughest rivers in the country.

Marty's years of commitment to whitewater boating, his competitiveness, his companionship and tenacity will long be remembered.

With the goal of remembering Marty, a scholarship fund has been established by Marty's friends and fellow paddlers. It will be a permanent part of the University Foundation at GSU. The Foundation is the official body that oversees all scholarship funds. Marty was a GSU alumni.

Two annual awards will be given each year to first time participants in the GSU training course. These awards will be used to pay for the course fee. This will be one of the only established whitewater scholarships in the U.S.

To make this happen, it will take help from all of us. Total contributions of at least \$3,000 must be raised on a one time basis to make this an on going, self funding scholarship fund. The donation is tax deductible.

To make a donation, to the Marty Cason Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your check to Marty Cason Memorial Scholarship Fund, Georgia State University Foundation, University Plaza, Atlanta, Ga. 30303. Submitted by Kanute Rarey. GSU Kayak class of '88.

LAWSUIT UPDATE ANDY WARSHAW

Our continuing effort to clarify the right to use the rivers, creeks and streams of the State of Georgia for recreational purposes got a major boost this month when the State of Georgia filed an amicus brief on behalf of the the people of the State of Georgia in support of our position that there is a clear right of common passage. Our case is on the October calendar of the State Supreme Court, and we are very confident that Judge Loggins ruling of April 15 (See August 1991) will be overturned. We will of course keep you totally informed of this continuing effort to enjoy the freedom to paddle the waterways of Georgia.

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WHITewater IN 1996

The Whitewater in '96 (WIN) Committee is alive and well. It's been an exciting couple of months for those of us working on the committee. We've definitely spread the word and as soon as we open one door, two more follow.

The general memberships are increasing daily as word spreads, and the paddling community, both here and elsewhere, is very supportive. We've been working with all the Ocoee outfitters, as well as the America Outdoors Association which is the national association of river outfitters. Membership packets, flyers and posters are now in all Atlanta outfitter shops as well as in all Ocoee Outfitter locations. WIN information was sent to Expo West, an industry trade show, where lots of people learned about our quest; and a letter with WIN information is soon to be mailed out to 675 paddling clubs in the U.S. asking for their support and telling them exactly what they can do to help. We've also managed to get space in the December issue of Canoe Magazine for a short WIN article and are currently in the process of writing an article for the American

Canoeist, publication of the ACA.

In addition, we've formed an alliance with the Sandy Springs Chamber of Commerce (COC). The Sandy Springs COC wanted to find a way to involve the community in the '96 Olympics and specifically, something that would interest the children of the community. With this in mind, they decided to choose an Olympic Sport with which to associate themselves and they chose Whitewater. They are well aware of the tenuous position of whitewater in the '96 games, but think it's an exciting sport and hope to tie in with the environment, river clean-up effort. What better than a local 700 member organization pulling for us.

Also, we hosted a meeting on August 7 at the Ocoee where a cross section of about 50 people attended. These folks represented the State of Tennessee, political and business leaders, the TVA, the Forest Service, Ocoee Outfitters, the NOC, ACE, America Outdoors and Peat Marwick, an accounting firm which is currently working on the economic impact/feasibility study. It was a great meeting in bringing all parties together to discuss how each can help to ensure that Whitewater is included in the 1996 Olympiad.



So, as you can see, there's a lot happening and a never ending opportunity to do more. We have someone working part-time handling administrative matters right now, but there's much to be done and we're striving to raise enough cash to hire a full-time employee. Any and all donations and contributions will be appreciated.

What can I do, you ask? Well, you can volunteer your time to help with the many and various projects. In addition, you can continue to spread the word, distribute flyers and get touch with us if you have any good ideas that may help us reach our goal. For further information, contact the WIN Hotline at (404) 518-0266

Submitted by Lisa Waggoner.

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