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River Rights in Georgia Curtailed

By Andy Warshaw

DATELINE September 12, 1993 - Ellijay, Ga. It was a sunny Fall day with the smell of autumn in the air. I even detected a slight tinge of gold in the leaves of the Dogwoods and a few of the oaks as we drove along I-575 to the put in to run the Cartecay on this advertised club trip. Our group of 27 GCAer's pulled in to the Burley Stover put in at approximately 11AM.

As we began to unload boats and plan our shuttle, we were met by a Georgia State Patrol Car with lights flashing. We approached the patrolman with cheery smiles and in a laid back voice someone said, "What's the trouble Officer?" The State Official simply said, "I'm sorry, I can't let you put on the river today. If you do, I'll have to arrest you and each of your group for criminal trespassing. This river is private property and if you attempt to paddle here, you will be arrested and taken to jail to face criminal charges on trespassing." He made it clear that the maximum penalties for criminal trespass in Georgia were one year in jail and / or $1000 in fines.

Certainly wanting no part of this, our party got together to confer. "What about Mountaintown Creek?" Someone shouted. The officer said we would face the same situation there as well. "Well, let's go over to the Upper Hooch." The man in blue said "No, same situation". The Etowah? No! The Chestatee? No! The Broad? No! The Flint, Conasauga, Fightingtown, Potato Creek, Dog, Sweetwater, Amicalola, Toccoa? Nope! You're trespassing...

WAKE UP PADDLERS! If each of us doesn't get behind this NOW, September 1993 will be a complete reality. We are neck deep in an all out WAR for our paddling rights in this state. GET INVOLVED!!!!!! Write letters to Governor Zell Miller and tell him how important paddling is to you. Ask him to support the GCA in the pending lawsuit in Summerville, Ga. in August.

Write to Governor Miller at 203 State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga. 30334. See sample letter in this issue. IF YOU LOVE PADDLING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DO THIS IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT RIGHT! □

"Our waters and air are fouled as mindless greed and inadequate techniques exploit finite resources with no concern for the future....
Our contemporaries provide proof of an incredible and dangerous egotism. They are preoccupied with their own well-being, but do nothing to assure that of their descendants."

- J. Cousteau

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Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

- Plato

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The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone number and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. **To volunteer to help with club business** - Call President Jim Silavent at 587-1172 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest. **For information on payment of dues** - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 266-3734. **To sign up for a club trip** - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the trip calendar. **To sign up to lead a club trip** - Call Karla Bowman at 923-0954. **For a change of address or for Eddyline subscription information** - Call Ed Schultz at 266-3734 or Scott Wilhelm at 449-3835. **If you didn't receive your Eddyline** - Call Ed Schultz at 266-3734 or Scott Wilhelm at 449-3835. **For information on GCA clinics** - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Canoe Training Directors Barney and Sherry Spurr at 461-8760, or Kayak Training Director John Bell at 404-345-5504. **For information on roll practice** - Call Roll Practice Coordinator Allen Hedden at 426-4318. **For information on placing want ads in the Eddyline** - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 426-4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of the Eddyline. **For information on commercial ads** - Call Advertising Director Barry Hahn at 252-9538. **For water level information** - Call the number for the particular river listed in the back of the GCA Directory. □

Deadlines

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next Eddy Line is the fifth of the month. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and classified ads by the fifth of the month or they WILL NOT be published in the next issue. If you have access to a computer, please submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 in. disk as an ASCII file labeled .TXT and include a printed copy (Disks will be returned if requested). Send all material to: Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30066. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. □

Board Meetings

Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. All interested members are encouraged to attend. The meetings are at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center on Peachtree Street across from Brookwood Station beginning at 7:30 P.M., but come a little early and socialize. If you have an item for discussion please call President Jim Silavent at 587-1172 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. □

GCA Officers

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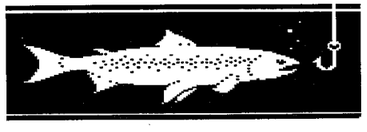


Video Tapes Available!

From GCA Librarian Walter Howard

The following tapes are available to any GCA member. All you have to do is :

A. Call Walter Howard at 404-694-3557 to find out what tapes are available.

B. Make arrangements to pick up the materials or have them mailed.

C. Return them ASAP with $2.00 per tape for postage so others can check them out.

The current library has the following video tapes available:

1. Expedition Earth - Bio Bio in Chile - Nolan Whitesell
2. Canoes by Whitesell - Nolan Whitesell
3. Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers) - Nolan Whitesell
4. First Descents (North Fork Payette) - Nolan Whitesell
5. Only Nolan (Canoe Technique) - Nolan Whitesell

The following books are available:

1. Song of the Paddle, by Bill Mason - Illustrated guide to wilderness camping.
2. Path of the Paddle, by Bill Mason - Illustrated guide to the art of canoeing.
3. Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip

Following our Fall Membership Meeting, Nolan Whitesell donated us a copy of his video, Expedition Earth - Bio Bio in Chile. He only asks that you enjoy it but do not copy it! Also, Barry Hahn donated a great book, Song of the Paddle, by Bill Mason, to the library. Be sure and thank Barry and Nolan for their generosity the next time you see them. Thanks guys!

Any/all donations or loans to the library are welcome. Send them to:

Walter Howard
303 Charolais Trail
Cohutta, GA 30710 □

CLASSIFIED ADS

TO PLACE AN AD - Want ads are free to dues-paid GCA members. Send your type-written ad to: Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30066. NO PHONED-IN OR HAND-WRITTEN ADS. All ads will be run for two issues unless otherwise requested.

HELP WANTED - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, do data entry, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 421-9729 and leave a message.

FOR SALE - Canoe - Blue Hole Sunburst II, Burgundy hull, nylon air bags, kevlar grunch pads, Perception saddle with foot braces. Excellent condition. $550. Bill Mann, 242-7748.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Whitesell Piranha. Fully outfitted with Perception saddle, foot pegs, nylon air bags. Low mileage. Includes Perception paddle. $850. 952-1843 or 924-0206.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Mohawk XL-14, red 1990, very good condition, air bags, knee pads, thigh straps, ankle blocks, $550. 404-775-7501.

FOR SALE - Canoe, 16' Mohawk Blazer, fiberglass, $325. Farmer John wet suit, never worn, large, $50. North Face down mummy sleeping bag, top condition, $90. Call Chuck Gregory 971-0779.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Mad River Screamer 17' solo, cane seats, mahogany trim, kevlar, fast! Down river or tripping / expedition boat, $500. Phoenix Slipper C-1, excellent condition. New Gyramax set-up, skirt, breakaway cockpit, $250. Canoe, Mad River Cyclone triple saddle, raced one season, kept inside, $900. Call Brent or Chena at 704-464-4250.

FOR SALE - Dagger Dimension tandem canoe - $650 or best offer. Will consider trade for a solo canoe. Louie Reynolds - 362-8649 (D), 404-227-0039 (N).

FOR SALE - Canoe, Mohawk XL13 completely set up. Perception saddle, knee and ankle pads, foot braces, new air bags, good condition. Comes with two paddles. Everything you need to go paddling except the water! Asking price $650. Call Michael Bridges at 404-924-0006 after 6 pm.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Whitesell, fully outfitted with saddle, bags, etc. Ugly, but in good condition. For those who would like a Whitesell cheap - $500. Call Joe Treadway 601-688-1559 for information.

FOR SALE - Best offer gets them!! U. S. Team boats in excellent racing condition: Grock Slalom C-2 $625, Feeling Wildwater C-2 $775, Centaur Wildwater C-2 $75. John Pinyerd 993-3678.

FOR SALE - Used Catarafts, American-made inflatables. Two chambers per pontoon, minicell foam saddles, thigh straps and padded kneeling platform. Extremely stable, incredibly maneuverable. Call Haynes or Gina Johnson for information or to try one out. 404-521-6442 (D), 404-971-1542 (N).

FOR SALE - Yellow Lazer Kayak - $350. Lowe medium internal frame pack (blue/black/brown) used four times - looks new! Make an offer. New Balance hiking boots, size 8 women, size 5 boys, teal and brown - $25. EJ 404-479-6209.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Hydra Taurus, good condition. Air bags, spray skirt, fair paddle, cockpit cover. $300. Pat Wolfer, day 903-5960, night, 706-967-6589.

FOR SALE - Raft, 6 person. Good condition. Fabric (nylon??) construction. Motor mount. $100. Pat Wolfer, day 903-5960, night 706-967-6589.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION - Kayak, C-1, C-2 technique. Beginner to competition. Steve Thomas - 921-2942 7-9pm. □

Dam Not Funded

There's Still Hope for One Eyed Jack

The end of the 1992 Bio Bio River season is drawing near. It's been the year of epic high water and a record number of trips down its beautiful canyons.

Many came to run the river before the Pangue Dam is built at the class V rapid One-Eyed-Jack. However, the Bio Bio can still be saved. The latest word is that the funding has still not come through for the Chilean Power Company ENDESA to build this first of six planned dams on the Bio Bio.

The World Bank denied funding last year and required ENDESA to do another environmental impact study. A primary reason for this was the grass roots letter writing campaign by river runners. Continued public pressure on the World Bank and Chile's government is crucial if funding is to be stopped again. This can buy the necessary time for organizations inside and outside of Chile to win more long term protection for the Bio Bio. Contact International Rivers Network at 510-848-1155 for more information on how YOU can help! □

Help Save Civilization

Don't Clean Your Air Bags

By Bill Hay

It's been a rough fall. There has been no rain in the East, forcing thousands of boaters onto the Gauley and the Ocoee. My paddling life has been rough, too. Recently on the Gauley, I destroyed the bow of my boat doing enders. That was the same day I carried an open boat in at Panther Creek.

I know, I know. Such behavior is inexcusable. Interestingly, however, the broken boat led to a new scientific discovery.

Before doing a repair, I took out the air bags. I noticed that they were encrusted with a thick, slippery, brown substance, so I decided to clean them. First, however, I began to wonder about the biological characteristics of this brown slime.

Being of the same scientific ability as Jerry Falwell, I decided I needed an expert. So, I called a biologist friend of mine and he graciously agreed to do a lab analysis of the brown slime for me. I sent a sample over.

The lab report arrived several days later. "The specimen consists of 90% dehydrated primordial ooze, 5% human sweat smelling of abject terror, and 4% other noxious substances which discretion prohibits detailing further. The remaining 1% consists of traces of neoprene, polypropylene, athlete's foot fungus, peanut butter, and cheddar cheese. What toxic waste dump did this sample come from?"

I could account for all of this except the first ingredient. What, for Heaven's sake, was "dehydrated primordial ooze"? A quick call to my scientist friend cleared things up.

"Well, Bill, dehydrated primordial ooze is, to put it simply, the stuff from which all life evolved. It is the dried form of the basic building blocks of life. It consists of the amino acids from which all proteins evolved. It contains the ingredients for the development of more complex forms life, like squirt boaters.

"Mixtures similar to this have been concocted and used in laboratory experiments for years," he continued. "But yours seems to have occurred naturally."

"Why is it so slippery?" I wondered.

"Well, the ooze itself is encased in a protective covering of immense strength. That is why it is so slippery. We see many examples of protective devices that are slippery."

This fact had profound metaphysical implications.

"Does the slime have any ecological significance?" I also inquired.

"Certainly; given the human race's potential to completely destroy life on this planet. In the case of nuclear holocaust, environmental collapse, or a cosmic whimper, primordial ooze might well be the only surviving life form. Complex life would then have to evolve anew.

"Where did you get this stuff?' he asked innocently.

"Well," I mused, "on the Gauley, Cheat, Yough, Payette, Boise, Lochsa, Arkansas, James, Potomac...."

"Bill," he tried to interrupt.

"New, Meadow, John's Creek, Nolichucky, French Broad, Watauga, Little Salmon...."

"Bill...."

"North Anna, Passage Creek, Tohickon, Shavers Fork, Cranberry...."

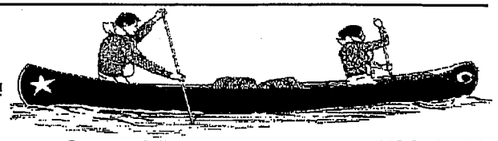
Click.

Although my friendship with the biologist was somewhat strained by this conversation, he had impressed a clear moral principle on my mind. Never, ever clean the air bags in your boat. The continued existence of the planet Earth is at stake.

- Reprinted from American Whitewater, Jan./Feb., 1992. □

Never argue with a fool. People might not notice the difference.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



July

3	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
4	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Brenda Burnette	631-9877
5	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Gwen Bergen	664-1657
5	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn	252-9538
11	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Rhett Smith	297-1995
11	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tony Able	378-5550
12	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Ed Ayers	404-232-3726
12	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Tom McCormick	912-653-2013
18	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Silavent	587-1172
18	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jan Bragg	587-2316
19	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Michael Collier	404-967-2158
23	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Greg Grant	615-344-2573
25	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Adrian Freeman	995-9023
25	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
26	Nacoochee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	664-4770
26	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Evelyn Hopkins	875-2574

Summer Roll Practice at Stone Mountain Lake Wed. 6pm thru September Allen Hedden 426-4318

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Trip List for the end of July and the first part of August was not available at press time. For information on additional trips in July, or on trips in August, contact Cruisemaster Karla Bowman at 923-0954. We apologize for any inconvenience to our members, and especially to any trip coordinators who may have signed up to coordinate a trip and did not have it published in the Trip List.

CAUTION: A new hazard exists at the Five Falls area of Chattooga IV. Some good intentioned, but misdirected, rescue efforts to recover the body of a drowning victim resulted in several grappling hooks being left snagged in the river bed. At least four of these are known to be present. The U. S. Forest Service is making every effort to locate and remove these hazards. Until they are successful in their efforts, use extreme caution in that area. Read and heed the signs posted by the USFS at all access points to the river.

TO VOLUNTEER TO LEAD TRIPS: Call the Cruisemaster Karla Bowman at 923-0954. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

CHATTOOGA TRIPS are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

Announcements

From the Boardroom

Highlights of the June 1992, Board of Directors Meeting

-Treasurer Ed Schultz gave the Treasurer's report for the past two months. We are solvent. He also reported on membership. We are at 827 individual and family memberships for the year.

-Kayak Training Director John Bell reported that kayak training was progressing as planned with good participation.

-Racemaster Mary Trauner reported on the recently completed Southeasterns. There were 117 competitors participating. Certificates and letters of thanks will be sent out to the race volunteers.

-Environmental Chairperson Carol Mercer presented a motion in the form of a position statement on the Kennedy Interchange at Rottenwood Creek for presentation to the Georgia Conservancy. The motion passed. See the article in Conservation Corner for more details. She also reported that the engineer hired to investigate the feasibility of building alternative C gave a final report that it was in fact buildable.

-River Rights Chairperson Dan MacIntyre reported that the criminal trespass case against Benny Young had been postponed indefinitely pending the outcome of the civil case. The trial is still scheduled for August. He reported on the GCA trip on Armuchee Creek both above and below Mr. Henry's property; we got a lot of good photos and some good video footage. Dan also said that we need to do a lot of work on legislative action and public relations.

-ACA Representative Oreon Mann talked about representing the GCA at the meeting with the U. S. Forest Service at the Nantahala River during the NOC 20th anniversary celebration, and some of the "improvements" to be proposed by the USFS, including such things as a spectator area at the falls, to be possibly financed by user fees. The club adopted the position that we would be opposed to user fees as an "admission price to the river", since this would possibly violate the right of common passage, but that we would be less opposed to fees for services, such as parking, use of USFS improved access points, etc. Oreon also talked about the handicapped paddler addendum to ACA instructor certification.

-Public Liaison Jim Patsios reported on activities of the Georgia Greenway Council. He also reported on the Alcovy Picnic. Turn out was light and strainers on the river have become a serious problem.

-The NOC shuttle service on the Nantahala was brought up. It was decided to publicize the service in the Eddy Line for the edification of our membership.

-Mark Levine announced that a few Southeastern Races t-shirts were left to be sold. □

NOC Provides Free Private Boaters' Shuttle

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Nantahala Outdoor Center will provide a free shuttle service for private boaters on the Nantahala River. To alleviate the parking crunch at the NOC, paddlers are encouraged to park at the USFS put-in and catch our bus back to your car. The shuttle will run every 30 minutes between 9 am and 3:30 pm on weekends. During July and August, additional runs for private boaters only will be run at 5 and 6:30 pm. During the week the schedule will be every 45 minutes between 9:15 am and 3:15 in the afternoon. To be assured of a seat, please sign up in advance at the Rentals Building at the back of the big parking lot on river left, which is where the shuttle buses depart from.

NOC also provides 5 take-out areas. Three of them are reserved for private boaters. They are located upstream of the NOC restaurant on river right, downstream of the bridge on river left (by the slalom gates), and upstream of the Rentals Building in the back parking lot on river left. We encourage you NOT to use the rentals and guided rafts take-outs on river left (one is directly across from the NOC Restaurant, and the other is 50 yards upstream), as these are usually quite congested. The rentals and guided rafts take-outs have signs on the river bank identifying them as such.

We hope these services help you, and sincerely appreciate any suggestions. Let us know what you think. Contact Billy Richards or Debi Mandrell at 704-488-2175.

- The NOC Staff □

Hiwassee and Watauga Release Schedules

Release schedules for the Apalachia powerhouse on the Hiwassee River and Watauga (and Wilbur) powerhouse on the Watauga River are as follows:

Apalachia	Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays
1 unit 12 noon - 1 pm Eastern	
2 units 1 pm - 5 pm Eastern	
	Monday through Friday
1 unit 2 pm - 3 pm Eastern	
2 units 3 pm to 7 pm Eastern	
Watauga	Monday through Saturday
1 unit 1 pm to 7 pm Eastern	

Precycling Tips

We recycle items after we have bought them, but we can also *precycle* while we shop. What we buy has a direct relationship to what we throw away.... So it's time we took a serious look at what we take home in the first place. Why not reduce waste by not buying something? This may just be the easiest way to help save the Earth. Simply by making correct buying choices, by *precycling*, we can prevent excessive and unsound materials from getting into our waste stream.

-Think of packaging as part of the product. You get what you pay for. If the package is designed to be thrown away immediately, all you're getting for your money is cleverly designed garbage.

-The National Recycling Coalition suggests: "In the store, you may ask, 'Is it nutritious? Is it fattening?' Now ask, 'How is it packaged?'"

-Look for containers that can be reused or recycled, like aluminum or glass, or ones that can be composted, like paper.

-Buy in bulk whenever you can - everything from beans to hardware is available without packaging.

-Avoid items that are made to be thrown away after only a few uses, like some razors and flashlights. Look for products you can use over and over again - thermos jars, rechargeable batteries, sponges, and so on.

-Avoid buying products that contain hazardous materials which are difficult to dispose of safely.

-Use cloth shopping bags instead of paper or plastic.

Packaging makes up about 1/3 of what Americans throw away!

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Paddling and Pets

Pets Adapt to Your Nomadic Style

By Laura Evans

"Parents" of pets beware! This article may be heresy to your ears. Nonetheless, it is true. So, take note!

Many, if not most, of us paddling enthusiasts (fanatics) leave our homes and loved ones (pets, that is) behind weekend after weekend. While we are hours away having a wet and wild time, our pets are home alone, fending for themselves.

Our cumulative guilt for having abandoned our critters so much eventually builds to intolerable levels. Then we are forced to make an unpleasant choice: Stay home for the pets' sake or paddle for our sake.

Well, my advice is, "Go Paddle!"

Your pets figured out your routine years ago. It goes something like this: You double feed them and leave Friday afternoon. You return worn and weary late Sunday evening and feed them before you hit the rack.

You crawl out of bed Monday morning, say hello, drag off to work and perk up from listening to a rainy five day weather forecast. (And you thought it was the trace of stimulant in your decaffeinated coffee that got you going.) In the evening, you wash, hang up and repair paddling / camping gear, make your shopping list, and feed your pets.

On Tuesday, you come home from work laden with goodies from the market, give the little ones a treat and dial gauges in search of the ultimate CFS.

Wednesday afternoon you cavort with other crazies at roll practice, plan the weekend trip and play with your fuzzy friends at home. Thursday you pack as your pets stand by. Then, Friday....

You may think your pets look forlorn when you leave for the weekend and that they're sad. But they're not. They can't wait for you to get out of town! They know that they have you Monday through Thursday each week, so they plan their activities around your being at home. Then when you leave, they're free to do as they please. So your staying home "for their sake" really screws up their good time!

Next time you feel guilty for leaving on another wet, wild weekend, forget it. Take solace in knowing that your pets:

a) Don't know the meaning of guilt, and

b) Are having a wet, wild time of their own!

Reprinted from "The Paddler", Carolina Canoe Club Newsletter. □

Without a Paddle

Two and a Half More Creek Hikes Along the Ocoee

By Gary DeBacher

Unlike Goforth, Rogers and Caney, these creeks are not paralleled by official trails. One is a muddle and a frustration, one is a gas, and one is a little treasure in a pocket wilderness area. Drive about a mile and a half down along Highway 64 from the Ocoee take out and you'll come to Madden Branch, marked by a sign and with parking on both sides.

The trail is on the downstream side of the creek. It makes a promising start and passes some nice pools and rocky areas. Then, after crossing the creek, the trail bifurcates and climbs away to nowhere. This is real frustrating, because extensive stacked rock works under the switchbacks make it clear that this was once a highly maintained trail. My topo suggests that the most serious stream gradient is just past where the trail leaves the stream, so if you are up to wading up the streambed, maybe you'll find some falls before I do.

Maybe Madden's a pass; on to the gas. Gassaway creek is about a mile above the Ocoee put-in, a little before you reach the bridge to Ocoee No. 3 and Thunder Rock Campground. (Another creek, Little Gassaway, tumbles past the campground on the south side of the river.)

North Gassaway seems not to have had an official trail, but you can get started by climbing over some rocks and some downed pines on the east side of the creek. Hunters and others have left signs of a trail, with occasional plastic blazes tied to brush. I was able to work upstream for well over a mile without serious difficulty. Every time the way grew tight on one side, I was able to rock-hop to a more open area on the other side. There were no falls as far as I went in, but there were many intricate passages and crystal clear pools. I see from my topo that I quit before the steepest gradient; perhaps the falls were yet to come.

Last but not least is Rock Creek, about 1.5 miles east up the highway from Gassaway. It can be seen just where the highway is about to climb away from the river. Rock Creek flows out of Pressley Cove, nestled between Little Frog and Dry Pond Lead mountains.

Working my way up the creek, I found no trail, and the rocky banks and rhododendron thickets grew so close that I was forced to rock-hop and wade right up the stream bed. I hate doing this because it raises silt and is hard on stream life, but the stream was so very beautiful that I could not resist. While it lacked the steeper drops of Goforth, I felt it had an edge on all the other Ocoee creeks. There was nary a trace of human visitation, and I was not entirely surprised when a sign on a tree proclaimed the Little Frog Wilderness.

It was hard going for awhile, but when the land around the creek opened out a little, I found a USFS trail on the west bank. This trail climbs away from the creek to the west, up Dry Pond Lead Mt. and down to the highway across from the Ocoee No. 3 bridge. I followed it the other way, north along the creek for a ways, past some small waterfalls. It crossed the creek toward the east and climbed steadily but somewhat erratically onto Little Frog Mountain.

Through breaks in the trees I could get good views of ridges across Pressley Cove. The trail was almost devoid of litter and very little worn. I was more than a little worn, though, and out of water, when I came to the trailhead over half a mile east up the highway from Rock Creek's mouth. You could sample Rock Creek's best intricacies by climbing up a little ways from the highway. Upper Rock Creek would be a good place for an overnight backpack, starting from the official trailhead on the highway. Or you could stay up in the cove an extra night and explore the upper creek. □

"The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators."

- Edward Gibbon

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- Anonymous

These schedules represent minimum flow levels. Additional hours and / or units may be added to the weekly schedule according to additional power demands. This schedule is in effect through the end of July. More power generation is expected at both plants beginning in August as the lakes are pulled down for the winter.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call George M. Humphrey of the TVA at 615-632-1606. □

Sample Letter to the Governor

Governor Zell Miller
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

Dear Governor Miller,

I am writing to you on behalf of over 2500 members of the Georgia Canoeing Association. For most of us, paddling the creeks, streams and rivers of our great state provides the pure enjoyment that only outdoor activity can bring. As I'm sure you are aware, we are blessed with many beautiful waterways which have been used for transportation and recreational purposes since Georgia was Indian land. I myself have been an active paddler in our state since I moved here in 1979, and have been lucky enough to have paddled over 25 of our canoeable creeks and streams.

In 1987, our Club filed a suit against a landowner who was shooting guns at people who were peacefully paddling the Chattahoochee River near Clarksville. This landowner had tried various methods to keep people from using this river including trying to build a dam, brandishing baseball bats, using German Shepherd Dogs and wading out into the river to physically detain people in their canoes. His tactics were used against Boy Scout Troops, Church Groups and Parents paddling with their children.

The State of Georgia joined us in our lawsuit to protect the rights of the public and to continue to provide for the right of common passage which is granted by Georgia Law. For that we are truly grateful.

However, another landowner is now trying to block common passage in Chattooga County on Armuchee Creek, a beautiful stream in the Coosa River system. He has done this by stringing electrified barbed wire across the river. Several people have been seriously hurt by this barrier. In 1991, a group of Boy's Club members from Rome were detained by the landowner, Mr. Ralph Henry, resulting in the arrest of Mr. Benny Young, a canoe livery owner operating on Armuchee Creek. The charge against Mr. Young was criminal trespassing.

Our club has joined Mr. Young in filing a lawsuit against Mr. Henry for blocking our right of passage. The trial has been scheduled in Chattooga County for August 3, 1992. It is certainly my hope that the State of Georgia will once again join our side to protect our waterways from blockage and to continue to provide right of passage for all citizens.

If you or your staff should require further information, please feel free to contact me at 455-8844 Ext. 259 days, or 373-6683 evenings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

Andrew J. Warshaw

The above letter was written to Governor Miller by former GCA President and river rights activist Andy Warshaw. Use this as a guide, or create your own from scratch, but WRITE THE GOVERNOR!! □

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Conservation Corner

DNR Regional Reservoir Plans

By Carol Mercer

Has the state really considered and studied practicable alternatives? We think perhaps not.

In an effort to meet increasing water supply demands in growing cities and counties of North Georgia, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has plans to approve construction of a number of reservoirs on streams in the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Geologic Provinces (North Georgia, where the rivers run clear and where we canoe, hike and fish!).

These reservoirs will involve damning (not a misprint) waters of the United States, and therefore the applications are submitted through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The damned water will flood wetlands and, as a result, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also takes part in reviewing the applications. The EPA is directed to recommend denial of the permit if the proposed activity is not the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative to meeting the water supply needs. It appears however, that the applications are being approved without investigations into other water alternatives.

Among the alternatives to construction of reservoirs are development of ground water supplies and water conservation. In a paper presented by Mr. James Renner and Thomas Crawford at the 1991 Georgia Water Resources Conference, the authors stated that the majority of the permit applications they reviewed had very little information on the investigation of ground water as an alternative to dam construction. Most of the applications made reference to out-dated data from the U.S. Geological Survey stating that very little ground water exists in the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Provinces of North Georgia.

This, however, is not the case. Hydrogeologic mapping techniques have shown that it is reasonable to expect to find ample supplies of ground water in North Georgia, and in almost every case, development of ground water resources is less expensive than constructing reservoirs. Drilling wells is much less environmentally damaging than flooding rivers and wetlands.

So why is ground water being ignored as a viable alternative? We are not completely sure at this point, but lake front property is very valuable and the dam construction contracts can be for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There are numerous consulting firms who specialize in locating ground water supplies in hard-to-find places. The City of Fayetteville has successfully developed ground water and met its increased need for water. The Cobb Marietta Water Authority has retained a ground water prospecting consultant to help develop water supplies for the future. This water authority is the only one in the state that employs a full time staff member to work with water conservation.

Although we don't have a complete list at present, the following is a partial listing of some of the proposed creeks to be impounded (damned). This list was compiled from public notices issued by the Corps. The notices state the Corps' consideration to issue permits for these reservoirs, and yet little research has been completed on alternative means of meeting future water demands.

Yahoola Creek, Lumpkin County, tributary of Chestatee
Horton Creek, Fayette County, tributary of Flint
Hazel Creek, Habersham County, tributary of Chattahoochee
Snake Creek, Carroll County, tributary of Chattahoochee
Big Haynes Creek, Rockdale County, tributary of Ocmulgee
Haig Mill Creek, Whitfield County, tributary of Conasauga

Three years ago, when we were told of the need to develop reservoirs in North Georgia, some of your board discussed the issue and decided that we could not oppose damning rivers to provide drinking water. Perhaps we should have talked with the experts. It now appears that our tax dollars may pay for dams when other practicable sources of water were not researched, as required by state and federal law.

The GCA is concerned when rivers and wetlands are to be flooded in the name of progress without consideration of all alternatives. Per federal law, we need to be sure that all alternatives are being exhausted before dams are built. According to Mr. Philip Karr with the Cobb Marietta Water Authority, conservation measures alone will produce a reduction in water demand of 10% to 20%.

By next issue, we hope to have names and addresses to write letters. If you live in an impacted county and know your county representatives, write or call now. □

view, many thanks for asking Martin and I to do our bit. We both had a terrific time. Just don't charge us for all that fun! I know we'll have to pay in the long run.

The real awards in life are friends and being around you guys at this race!!! Well... I feel like I won a gold medal. Thanks again! □

Southeastern Nostalgia

By Steve Thomas

Well, as they say.... that's history, and we have witnessed history in the making at the 24th annual Southeastern U. S. Canoe and Kayak Championships. This event, sponsored by the Georgia Canoeing Association, is held on the Nantahala River, which for a lot of us is our first "real white water race". I've found out that things can change as your paddling career continues and you run into other levels of "real white water". As we strive to get better at our sport, some people branch off to other off-shoots. It might be squirt boating, changing types of boats (canoe to kayak or vice versa), or maybe even racing.

I feel strongly that these moves can really improve a person's skills, and certainly their appreciation for the people that excel in that particular branch of a sport. I've always had a lot of respect for people that give their endeavors thought. I think that squirt boats have done a lot for our sport because they have people thinking about what they are doing. I feel that in the 8-10 years before the advent of squirt boating, with the introduction of plastic boats into our sport people were just paddling down the river, and if a rock appeared, so what! Just bounce off of it and keep going to the take-out, and maybe hit a few others along the way.

Speaking of squirt boats, well folks, believe it or not these things evolved from racing boats, and racing was the fork in the river that I chose for a change of pace. My first real white water race was the Southeasterns. I had been paddling for a couple of years, and I thought that an eddy is an eddy, and a gate there wouldn't really make that much difference. Well folks, I found out that there really is a difference! I didn't take any fifties that first time out and was actually feeling pretty dog gone good about myself. I didn't know then how much I was hooked, and a lot of water has passed under the bridge for me since then.

I have been rewarded with personal satisfaction many times, but it also has been tempered by a few tough times, too. I feel it's made me open my eyes a bit, and I've found out that having them open really helps me see where I'm going. I think that everyone has a competitive streak in them. Certainly everyone isn't a Jon Lugbill on the water, but each person has a little of that competitiveness. It might be catching eddies, surfing a hole, or making a tough ferry, but a little push from your fellow boaters can keep you on your toes. This is where I think slalom racing can be both fun and rewarding. Just bring your river skills and a boat up to the Nantahala for a little racing.

At this year's Southeasterns, we had a heated inter-friendship rivalry between David "The Love Hammer" Wilson and Mark "The Heat" (or Puddin' Head) Brown which was great to watch. Also Marla Albitz looked good in her racing debut. And Mark Levine and Allen Hedden continued their long-standing rivalry, but to me, Walt Lynch's come-back run in cruising C-1 was great! It was really a treat watching, cheering and, better yet, picking on old and new friends from the announcing booth with Martin Bay. Gosh, has white water given me another direction to take? Could Martin and I.... the 96 Games on the Ocoee? NOT! (But we can all dream, can't we?)

Friends, help keep the pieces together and have us looking forward to the next weekend when we get a chance to "go to the river". Thanks for this year's Southeasterns, and for the next weekend we get a chance to share! □

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Racing

24th Annual Southeasterns a Huge Success

By Mary Trauner

The Georgia Canoeing Association held its 24th annual Dixie Division Southeastern Slalom and Wildwater Races on the Nantahala River on May 30th and 31st. We had 117 racers and many, many volunteers to make this a fun and successful event.

This year we would like to express our appreciation to the hard-working people who helped put on this race. First, the following people gave much of their time to coordinate and work particular parts of the race. They include:

John and Lori Bell	Registration
Louie Reynolds	Course Construction
Drew Leviton	Boat Inspection
Walt and Salina Lynch	Head Gate Judges
Mike Collier	Communications
Tee Brower	Slalom Starting
Gwen Bergen	Wildwater Starting
Lynn Jones	Timing
Walter Howard, Peter Vagovic	Scoring
Oreon Mann	Safety
Dan and Elyse MacIntyre	Lunches
Mark Levine	T-shirt Design
EJ (Elaine Jensen)	T-shirt Sales
Martin Bay, Steve Thomas	Announcing-What a Team!
Information Booth	Mary Gilreath
Room Reservations	Marcia Brelsford
Spagetti Dinner	Lynn Meharg, Marie Fischbeck
Cleanup/Course Removal	Mark Brown

We also thank the many members who assisted these people in each of these areas.

The Nantahala Outdoor Center also provided us with a great deal of help, equipment, and experience. Ellen DeCuir's help was invaluable in loading, setting up, and breaking down tables, chairs, tents, public address system, water coolers, etc.. And Gordon Black's course design and Mark Singleton's course construction experience provided us with a fun, challenging course.

This year we also were able to provide plaques for the top three competitors in each class and certificates to the top five competitors for each class. The certificates were donated by Jack West, a wildwater veteran racer. Jack also spent many hours filling in names, classes and times before the awards ceremony. Also, a number of people and organizations donated funds toward the new plaques. Omni Manufacturing (Gene Puckett and Jim Riddell), Walt Hodge (who was instrumental in fund raising), Canoes by Whitesell (Nolan Whitesell), Dagger Canoes, and of course the GCA all contributed. And a special thanks to David Boyd for artwork that was especially appreciated by us single blade paddlers!

Well, I had a really good time doing this. Let's see, next year is the 25th.....the quarter century mark. What special things can we do to celebrate this (besides silver trophies, that is!!!) *- Mary Trauner - Racemaster* □

A Racer's Comments on the Southeasterns

By Steve Thomas

We were all standing in the parking lot at the Nantahala on Sunday afternoon. The smoke was starting to clear from the 24th Annual Southeasterns and I was engaging in one of my favorite sports - people watching. Smiling faces on groups of friends, a very good sign, I thought. After all the hard work, you still have to have fun or it's just not worth it, whether it's a race or a personal project that you have put a lot of time into.

Martin Bay and I were asked by Mary Trauner to do the announcing at this year's race, which I thought would be fun, but as the weekend got closer, I really had lost some interest. But I follow through on my commitments, and it was about time that I tried to contribute something to the race other than my presence as a competitor.

As I walked toward the falls Saturday morning, I tried to think about things I would talk about; heck, they're running open canoes today! Then my eyes caught Martin at the announcer's table and he had brought things. Goodness, he was prepared! He had a CD and a tape player and stuff I had never even seen before, and I had brought? My Lips. What was I going to do? Now remember, all of this was going on in my head, and my hair didn't jump out like Don King's from the shock. The problem was acting like all this had no effect on me. Mark Wiggins used to call me Thunder Lips because of my ability to verbally badger my fellow racerheads.

Martin quickly calmed me down and we got into a groove. We were busy and having big fun. My partner was on the trail of facts while I was just rambling on. I knew we were on the right track when we had a Jimmy Buffet tune on and I looked across the river and Roger Nott was dancing on the rocks. And of course we were ready with "Wipe Out" if things didn't go according to plans in the falls.

From a racer's point of view, I would like to thank the GCA and all the race volunteers for their efforts in making the race such a success. And from a GCA member's point of

Kennedy Interchange Update

Board Endorses Alternative C Modified

By Carol Mercer

As you all are probably aware by now, we are moving toward a final decision regarding Moreland Altobelli / Cobb County and the Kennedy Interchange. The Georgia Conservancy (TGC) hired a transportation engineer to study the design of the proposed interchange to see if "our" environmental Alternative C was feasible from an engineering standpoint. According to "our" engineer, the road is buildable. The only problem is that an exception would have to be obtained from Cobb County regarding the grade of the road. Normal grade is not over 8%, and this alternative is at 9%. The engineer did not think that this was unusual or would be a problem.

At our last board meeting, the GCA Board of Directors passed the following motion: "The GCA Board of Directors endorses Alternative C modified on the Kennedy Interchange, due to secondary pollution problems to the park/creek and the take of park service land. If Alternative C modified is not acceptable to Moreland Altobelli / Cobb County, we endorse a no build alternative."

What are the alternatives before us? At the last CID meeting in Cobb County, Mr. Williams proposed another alternative. At a cost of 3 - 4 Million dollars, the ramp would be moved north and out of the park, but the road alignment would follow Rottenwood Creek per the original alternative. This was, according to Mr. Williams, buildable and a feasible alternative. All of the alternatives are as follows:

Alt. A: Take is 3.5 Ac, road hugs Rottenwood Creek gorge (this alternative was discarded fairly early, after much screaming by the environmental groups)
Alt. A modified: Take is 3/4 Ac, road hugs creek gorge (Moreland Altobelli likes this plan, less cost and the land may be donated by the Kennedys, who then have the rest of their land opened for development)
Alt. A prime: No take, road hugs creek gorge (If they can't get A modified, they want this)
Alt. B: road cuts across park, inside on a high bridge (no one likes this, it was discarded early)
Alt. C: Take is 3/4 Ac, road moved inside Kennedy tract (We liked this one early on)
Alt. C modified: No take, road moved inside tract (Now we know they can build without a ramp in the park, we like this one better)
No Road (Moreland Altobelli hates this one)

Decisions will be made in the next few weeks, perhaps before you read this in the Eddy Line. Whatever the outcome, we all have worked long and hard to save our park and prevent further destruction to a very valuable resource. You all have written letters and made telephone calls, and it counts. Many thank yous to a great group. You all deserve a pat on the back. □

Chattooga Update

By Carol Mercer

Not much news to date. We are burning up the postal service from Atlanta to Asheville and Asheville to Atlanta (EPA). In my last article, I asked form help in taking on the Bureaucrats. Someone called with a name and number of a wonderful person with Save Our Rivers in North Carolina. Perhaps the joint effort of the GCA, the Clean Water Fund of N.C. and Save Our Rivers can convince the Bureaucrats to do the job they were hired to do in the first place. □

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More on Conservation

Forest Service Meets with Chattooga Users

By Andy Warshaw

On March 14, the USFS held a second annual meeting with paddling clubs in the Southeast to again discuss progress of management of the Chattooga since the Chattooga Symposium of March of 1990. Representation was again poor in relation to the number of clubs who are continuously invited to these very important public input meetings, but for whatever reasons, decline to send representatives. In attendance were John Krafka, Ga State; Mark Levine and Jim Silavent, GCA; Tina Barnes and Buzz Williams, Chattooga Paddlers; Barnett Williams and Dick Wooten, TSRA; John Lampert and Mike Sease, Foothills Canoe Club; Bruce Rowan and Mike Wilson, AWC; Joe Greiner, Carolina Canoe Club; all of the USFS Walhalla river staff; and yours truly representing AWA.

Greg Borgen opened the meeting with discussion of the adopt the river program which was begun last year and deemed successful enough to continue. Each group signed up for a specific section of river and agreed to conduct at least two cleanup trips on that section during 1992.

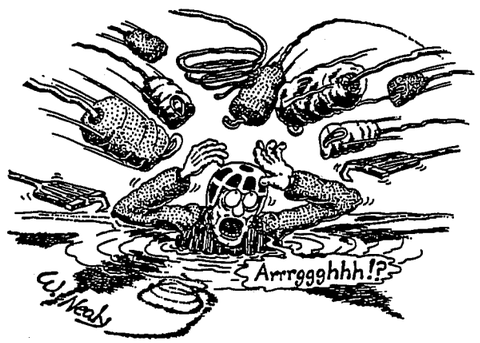
However, the major discussion came on the topic of limits of group size and voluntary club control of river use. Joe Greiner and Barnett Williams largely dominated most of the discussion, arguing that it was not fair to limit group size to 12 boats per club per day on the river because of the distances they had to travel to get to the Chattooga. What they were REALLY saying was that it was not in their club's best interest to limit trips to 12 boats, and they wanted to bring as many people who signed up and wanted to come. The discussion got fairly heated at times, but cool heads prevailed. In the end, all agreed that the reason each of us was there was to protect the Chattooga and to preserve as much of the wilderness experience as possible for everybody who enjoys the river. The USFS further agreed not to require advanced group permits in 1992, and to keep group limits at 12 boats per trip for ALL users of the river including tubers and paddlers.

For those of you who are not familiar with the history of this process, the USFS started requiring advanced permits for club activities in 1983. At that time there were no restrictions whatsoever, as the Forest Service indicated that they just needed to know how many people from organized groups were using the river. Over the next 7 years, continuous restrictions were imposed, limiting group size to 15 boats, then to 12 boats; limiting total trips, then trips per section, and finally assigning put-in times and requiring permits to be applied for covering the entire year in January. As you may imagine, this was a nightmare for our Cruisemasters. As a result of a similar meeting last year, the Forest Service agreed to temporarily drop the club permitting system and adopt a twelve boat limit for all non-commercial users of the river on a trial basis.

With this issue decided, and hopefully for good, the group moved on to the topic of improving the Highway 76 river crossing with such things as water fountains, flush toilets, changing rooms, telephones, electric lights, interpretive display and sales outlet, and a turning lane into the parking lot. These improvements may lead to user fees for all river users. While some of things may sound nice, most of these things would just lead to more use on an already overused area. It was suggested that changing rooms could be created by removing 2 of the chemical toilets now at the site and that a water pump would be a nice addition. The Forest Service is still studying this issue and will probably not make any immediate decisions.

There were other issues discussed, but these were the major topics.

We have made great progress in helping to manage the Chattooga. We have established a regular dialogue with input impact with the Forest Service. We have eliminated the advanced permit system. We have kept group sizes to 12 boats. We have eliminated double mini-trips by the raft companies. We have communicated our concerns for the river to the rafting companies and they have not tried to add more trips to their schedules. We have brought an awareness to other clubs that we can make a difference. And we are! □



Trip Reports

Broad River

By Steve Cramer

May 23 - What do you expect from a late spring Broad River trip? Beginning paddlers? Low water? Laurel blossoms? Laid-back fun? We had three out of four, which isn't bad. What was missing? The beginners. Our convivial small group were all at least intermediates, some with more experience than others. We were an open-boated group, too, with David Bradley, Marty Dyche, Polly Heyward, Cathy Overby, and me in OC-1s and only Steve Caswell, C-1 and Sue Garland, K-1 in decked boats.

With a water level of .5, the holes and waves weren't too sticky, but we tried to surf whenever we could. Marty won the surfing maniac prize as he worked every ripple he could find. Susan won the award for most improved surfing; she needed some encouragement at first, but by Roostertail she was charging right in.

No incidents to report, except for two quick swims, who shall remain nameless, except to say they can't see their knees when they paddle. I was surprised that the river didn't seem scrapey, but let's hope for rain in Madison County before our next trip there. □

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Chestatee River

By John and Tee Brower

Sunday was cold and bleak, but 18 paddlers donned polypro and wet suits to paddle the Lower Chestatee from Copper Mine to the Highway 52 bridge. There were five kayaks and twelve open boats, 11 solo and 1 tandem. Many of the opens decided to play it safe and put in below Copper Mine Rapid. The rest elected to run the rapid - some swam, and some survived, and some shivered. It was a cold day for swimming!

There was ample water, 1.7 feet, and we took advantage of the play spots on this beautiful river. We were sorry to see more new construction, but hope that the new homes will blend with the environment. Wild azaleas and other spring wild flowers were out along the banks. The flame azalea was particularly beautiful. Mountain laurel is soon to follow and should be in full bloom before good water levels subside.

We stopped for lunch above Blasted Rock Rapid. The kayaks entertained us with spectacular launches from atop the rock island. A large tree has washed up on the lower island and sticks out into the chute left of the island. A careful ferry or a far left run makes it possible to avoid a serious collision here.

Paddlers were: kayaks - Greg Mohler, Sabina Schievelbein, Lou Stout, Evan and Steve Cramer; open boats - Les Davenport, Barry Hahn, Dan and Elise ManIntyre, Louise Shuler, Maryjane Strut, Janet Perkins, Jon Spaller, Steve Smith, Bruce Bishop and Bonnie Poland. Thanks to Sabina for leading the decked boats and to Barry Hahn for running sweep. □

Ocoee River

By Oreon Mann

May 25, 1992. The river was running 4.8 feet, or 1547 cfs by the conversion table in the 1990-1991 GCA Membership Directory. Participants were: K-1, Hank Klausman, Deena Jacobs and Walker Hester; OC-1, Jack Weems, Bronwyn Folkes, and Louie Reynolds; and in my trusty Russian-made cataraft, Barry Smith and Oreon Mann, Trip Coordinator.

The weather was cool, but not cold. Several of us had spent the two previous days on the Nolichucky. There were many good runs, especially Bronwyn on Table Saw. Both Louie from the top and Jack from the bottom swam Table Saw. Jack was tired, and after another swim, took off the river. I was nearly thrown from the cataraft at Hell Hole, but was pulled and pushed back into the boat. Everyone had a great time, I know I did! □