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A Rescue Gone Awry

New Hazards Created at Five Falls

By Allen Hedden

On June 12, 1992, seventeen year old Jason Kilby of Clayton, Georgia, drowned while tubing with friends on Section IV of the Chattooga River. The water level that day was 2.4 feet. Jason was wearing neither life jacket nor helmet.

Jason's friends became concerned for their safety and pulled off the river after Corkscrew. Jason continued on alone, and was last seen by his friends going into Jawbone.

When a search of the river banks failed to turn up any sign of Jason, the rescue effort turned into a body retrieval. Many distraught members of Jason's family were involved in the effort, and when someone suggested grappling hooks to drag the river, all manner of hooks suddenly began to appear.

The Forest Service and the rafting outfitters involved in the search tried their best to discourage the use of these hooks, knowing that they would possibly create additional hazards in the river, and that they were not very effective in a rocky river bed. Then they did the next best thing. They tried to keep track of the grappling hooks, especially the ones that got caught in the river. After four days of fruitless searching, Jason's body was found floating at Possum Creek.

The Forest Service told us of the location of at least four of the hooks, and there may be others. They mentioned one at Hydroelectric Rock below Jawbone, one at Handkerchief Rock in Sock-Em-Dog, one in the far left side of Sock-Em-Dog, and most recently one in the right side of Sock-Em-Dog.

Every effort is being made to locate and remove these hazards. They mentioned using detection devices, as well as calling in divers who specialized in diving in swift water. The Forest Service will keep us updated on the status of this problem. Meanwhile, be EXTREMELY careful in the Five Falls area. It has never been a good place to swim, and it's worse now. □

Success

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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There is so much to be said in favor of modern journalism. By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community. - *Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)*

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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. □

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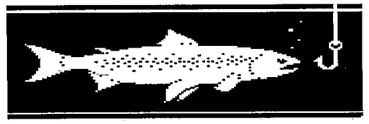

Video Tapes Available!

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:

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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 - Canoe, Mad River Flashback III, with Silver Hill Saddle, air bags. Paddled four times. Excellent condition. $625. Must go! Call Mike or Pam 473-9020.

FOR SALE - Lettmann Hyperform decked C-1 slalom boat. $100. Has a very light lay-up of kevlar with carbon ribs and is in good condition with only a few patches. It does need outfitting, however. Contact Alan Bailey at 912-686-2138.

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FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Dancer, blue with Perception Harmony paddle, brand new spray skirt (small), air bags, and life jacket. Very good condition, ready to paddle. $450. Gary Latham 514-1441 (d) 516-9645 (n).

FOR SALE - Kayak, Prijon T Canyon. Large spray skirt, air bags, large PFD. Paddled one year, like new. $525. Must go! Mike or Pam 473-9020.

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WANTED TO BUY - Perception Dancer Kayak with accessories or a very comparable boat. Call Clark Stephens at 591-4044.

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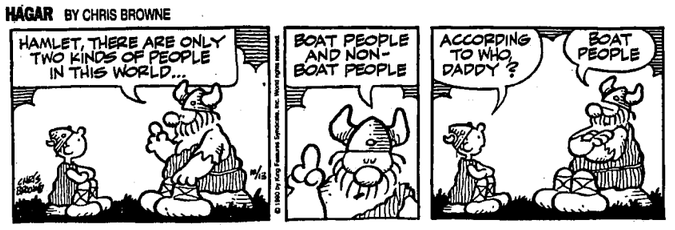

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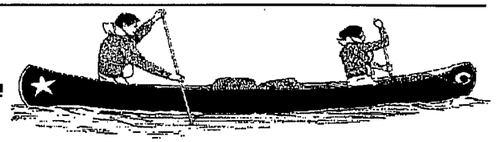

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1	Etowah Kids' Trip	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Nott	706-536-6923
	(All adults must be accompanied by a responsible child)			
1	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Hank Baudet	706-492-4318
2	Stone Mountain Creek Walk Biological Stream Monitor		Mark Gramlich	498-3735
2	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Beth Rolle	953-9083
2	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Pat Wolfer	903-5950 (day) 706-967-6589 (eve.)
8	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dick Hurd	664-4770
8	Etowah	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Carol Mercer	373-6683
8	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tim Kaylor	205-236-8067
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23	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dave Bowman	923-0954
23	Leaders Choice	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tom Sieswerda	706-865-2105
29	Chattooga IV	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott	706-536-6923
29	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jim Jones	509-0728
30	Wild Card	Class 1-2-3 Beg.-Interm.	Pat Wolfer	903-5950 (day) 706-967-6589 (eve.)
30	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Fred Borchuck	297-1995
September				
5	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Bill Mann	242-7748
6	French Broad	Class 2-4 Interm.-Advanced	Rob Kerr	706-889-6566
6	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn	252-9538
7	Middle Chestatee Kids Trip	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Nott	706-536-6923
	(All adults must be accompanied by a responsible child)			
12	Ocoee Primer (Clinic)	See Clinic Flyer	Barney & Sherry Spurr	461-8760
13	Ocoee First Timers	Class 3-4 Advanced	Barney & Sherry Spurr	461-8760
	(Ocoee Primer Recommended)			
19	Chattooga II	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Laura Jordon	803-836-8498
19	Nacoochee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Carol Mercer	373-6683
19	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Hank Baudet	706-492-4318
19	Upper Gauley	Class 4-5 Expert	Wayne & Susan Gentry	706-654-2725
20	Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
20	Upper Gauley	Class 4-5 Expert	Wayne & Susan Gentry	706-654-2725
Summer Roll Practice at Stone Mountain Lake Wednesday 6pm thru September			Brent Coleman	706-867-4061

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 Board Room

Highlights of the July 1992 Board of Directors Meeting

- Treasurer Ed Schultz gave the Treasurer's Report. Paper copies were not yet available for June. Ed asked that clinic coordinators forward checks to him as soon as possible to avoid stale check syndrome at the bank.
- Membership Director Scott Wilhelm reported on membership. Year to date membership is 859, compared with 909 a year ago. The decline may be attributable to the fact that final renewal reminders have not yet gone out.
- Cruisemaster Karla Bowman reported having difficulty getting people to coordinate trips. The Board discussed the problem and several suggestions were made to help increase participation of trip coordinators.
- Environmental Chairperson Carol Mercer reported that sedimentation test results on the pollution problem at the Chattooga from the land fill in North Carolina indicated a need for more tests. She plans to do a visual check on the creek in the next few days. Carol also reported that on a second examination of the conservationist sponsored alternative C for the Kennedy Interchange at Rottenwood Creek, the engineer hired by the Georgia Conservancy reported that alternative was not buildable. They are now looking at other alternatives.
- River Rights Chairperson Dan MacIntyre reported that the August 3 trial date for the case against Mr. Henry has been postponed pending a ruling by Judge Loggins on a motion by Henry's attorney to have the case decided on the basis of the pre-trial injunction against GCA and Benny Young. Discovery items requested by Mr. Henry's attorney were discussed.
- ACA Liaison Oreon Mann reported on the USFS meeting on the future plans for the Nantahala. He distributed the Forest Service's "wish list" for improvements. Oreon also brought up a request by the ACA that the GCA and AWC sponsor a hospitality room for the racers at the Open Canoe National Championships in July. Funds were allocated for that purpose.
- Public Liaison Jim Patsios asked that River Rights Chairperson Dan MacIntyre speak at the next Greenway Council meeting. He also mentioned that the Rails to Trails bill had been killed in committee in the State Legislature this year in a fashion similar to Senate Bill 203 two years ago. Jim also suggested we have a Greenway Council representative speak to a GCA gathering.
- President Jim Silavent appointed a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. □

ForestWatch Workshop Scheduled for September 19-20

By Shirl Darrow

Volunteer groups all around the country are getting involved in the management of our national forests. There are active groups in Arkansas, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, among other states. Here in Georgia, ForestWatch is monitoring timber and road building activities in the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests.

When the Chattahoochee-Oconee Forests Plan was finalized in 1986, ForestWatch was formed to oversee its implementation. With Forest Service plans in hand, groups of volunteers take field trips into areas where timber cutting is planned and assess the area. They look for such things as nearby streams that would be affected by siltation from a cut or rare and endangered plants in the area that would be harmed. Also taken into account are the cumulative effects from the surrounding area; how much logging has been done in the adjacent compartments.

When the Forest Service decides to log an area they are required to first do a biological evaluation, hold interdisciplinary meetings with their staff (which ForestWatch volunteers may attend) and finally issue a decision notice. During this process, which takes about a year, our volunteers have a chance to meet with the Forest Service and express any concerns we may have about the planned project. If concerns are not addressed, the final decision can be appealed within 45 days after issuance.

The purpose of ForestWatch is to allow citizens the chance to work together to influence Forest Service decisions early on in the process in order to avoid an appeal. Even though we do have botanists and biologists on our team, most of our ForestWatch volunteers are not trained in those disciplines. They learn from experience, by going on field trips with others who have been doing this for years.

We also have an annual training weekend each fall in the North Georgia mountains with experts in the fields of wildlife, recreation, water quality, and rare and endangered species, among other topics. This year our workshop is scheduled for September 19th and 20th at Camp Wahsega near Dahlonega. The cost will be approximately $20 for the weekend. This includes lodging two nights, three meals and all materials. If you would like more information please contact Shirl Darrow at (404) 872-9453.

The Wilderness Society, located here in Atlanta, helps to

were fields of giant boulders requiring careful scouting from eddies and some severe maneuvering. At one I got out to scout, and 3 local kayakers stopped to watch. One said the river was around 400 cfs. I had to run deliberately into a blind pocket, spin, and ferry across to an exit slot. My family were taking pictures from the bank, and at the next steep boulder pile I relied on my son to scout a drop.

As often in a Colorado summer, the clear morning skies soon clouded, and I heard thunder as I cleared the Ferndale boulders for easier water down to Foxton. I had donned a drytop, so the Nanty-cold water and a period of heavy rain were no problem. At Foxton, the midpoint of this section, the river dropped faster again, this time in long, wavy rapids amongst smaller rocks and occasional broken ledges. Wheat warned of "a series of steep drops" which "approach class IV difficulty at higher water levels", so while we had not seen any steep drops from the road, I really had my eyes peeled and my eddy hooks deployed.

I never did see any really steep drops. The normal pattern was long, brawling, rapids needing quick control to avoid rocks and pour-overs. Some of these climaxed in three foot drop-and-holes, and a couple were so ugly that I thought I was about to be displaced from my place at the top of the food chain. But Phlipper blasted through, helped no doubt by the yellow tuna in his midsection. I would call this an "advanced" section, too quick for many intermediates but a little easy for experts.

The rain had eased off by the time I reached Dome Rock with its peculiar monument: "Tell my wife I died thinking of her." We lunched and loaded gear below the huge granite domes, watching hawks service a nest near the crest. Then it was over the Ramparts to Sedalia, Castle Rock and the Plains. □

It's In My Blood

By Dee T. Urish

What is this sensation that catches me unaware,
Unsettles me with the urgency of its pull?

A compelling siren so sweet yet sad and
Not til at the water's edge do I realize
It's a homesickness I must answer.

This running of rivers is in my blood,
Twin fluids retaining an ancient memory.
Back to the time when all was water,
The river sings in harmony with me.

And in my heart I thwart Osiris; I do not cross.
My destiny lies on the water's path,
Be it tranquil or adrenalizingly swift.
This running of rivers is in my blood.

No need to explain: the circle is complete.
The joy of returning spraying me alive.
If friends ask, What is this dementia?
I truly say, this running of rivers,
It's in my blood.

- From the newsletter of the Dallas DownRiver Club.

Good judgement comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgement. ***- Barry LePatner***

Colorado Reprise

By Gary DeBacher

I trained hard for my second chance at Colorado whitewater: a couple of Ocoee runs and nightly sessions with the Tummycizer and Thighmaster. Arriving in mid-July after two days on the road, I found the Arkansas low and non-threatening.

Two years before I'd been able to run only part of Browns Canyon because I wasted the morning looking for someone to run with. This time I got right on at Fishing Bridge, a bit disappointed at the 700 cfs level (I had hoped for twice as much), but delighted to be turned loose on the 9+ miles down to Heckla Junction.

There was decent water for pleasant paddling through the opening five miles of class 1-2 action. Then the canyon walls drew closer and the railroad bridge heralded Pinball, or Rock Garden No. 1, the first serious rapid. It was fun to scout from eddies, watching the oar rafts snake through the tight slots. I got back-endered in one wide hole, but washed out and rolled quickly.

Next came Zoom Flume, which I found underwhelming. I'd been expecting something like Tablesaw, but Zoom wouldn't have that scale even in June water. It had little technical interest, being just a narrow series of wavy drops and holes.

Big Drop wasn't, and the Giant Steps were more notable for their wide spacing than for their height. Well, the scenery was beautiful, anyway, and there were modest opportunities for playing. Things pepped up in the intricate Rock Garden No. 2, where I got flushed in Toilet Bowl but quickly popped up again. That's why I'm a floater.

Heckla Junction came up before I was ready. While waiting for my family, I kibbitzed with some California kayakers and watched a summer thunderstorm gather nearby. We agreed that 700 cfs was rather low for the steeper Numbers and Royal Gorge sections. PADDLERS NOTE: there are new plans to dam the upper Arkansas, drowning part of the Numbers and Pine Creek sections and reducing flow below.

Stopping at the Stohlquist store, I learned that water levels all over Colorado were lowish, and had been for several years. The staffer did offer one exception: "Try the North Fork of the South Platte. Very much worthwhile." But also in the wrong direction, so I bought a copy of Doug Wheat's Floater's Guide to Colorado and we set out south and west toward The Great DeBacher Family Reunion in Durango. There I had some good runs on the Animas which has four miles of class 1-2 through town. It is also threatened by a water diversion project.

The reunion over and after touring all around the state, we drove east toward Denver on I-70 and cut south through the foothills communities of Evergreen and Conifer, and down Kennedy Gulch toward The North Fork of the South Platte.

There are 2 or 3 possible runs on the North Fork, the remote and expert Bailey to Pine run at the top end, a remnant of submerged Waterton Canyon at the bottom end, and the middle section from Buffalo Creek to the South Fork junction, 10 miles dropping at an average of 60 feet per mile. Wheat said flow could vary from 250 to 800 cfs, the latter being pushy.

So it was with some tension that I peered over from the road as we wound down the switchbacks into the canyon. The instant I saw the river I knew the water level was just right. There is a dirt road closely following the north bank throughout, so I scouted down to the 7 mile mark, planning to end the run at Dome Rock where the harder rapids ended. Then we drove upstream to the put-in at Buffalo Creek. There were still no other boaters. What I had seen was often technical but well within my proven ability, so with the family able to see me most of the time from the bankside road, I put on.

The North Fork canyon is a lot like Browns Canyon, cut into the same sort of tan basement granite formations. But the North Fork is breaking out through the Rampart Range, so the peaks stand much higher. The "towns" along the NF, Buffalo Creek, Ferndale, Foxton and Longview, are just hamlets, and the slopes above the banks are mostly wild.

I found the first mile an easy warmup, but things got steadily steeper and more technical. Around Ferndale

monitor wilderness issues that impact our national forests. You do not have to be a member of The Wilderness Society to join this project. If any of you would like to get involved with this project, please call Shirl Darrow at 872-9453. Please identify yourself as a GCA member. - Carol Mercer □

TO ALL GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION PADDLERS:

Late Announcement from Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association

Hi, guys! Here's your personal invitation to join the fun, meet fellow paddlers and show off your skills at the: **Fifth Annual Hiwassee River Rodeo (Class II-III) August 8, 1992**

We will meet at 10 am at the Gee Creek Bathhouse to find out if there is any water in the river. If only one generator is running, we will hold the Rodeo anyway and add a Boat Dragging Contest and some Time Trials to the other outstanding events!

As always, the Rodeo has something for everyone: tandem teams, solo paddlers and decked boaters alike.

- For first year paddlers looking to improve their skills, it's a must. Events like Eddy Rock, the Eddy Hop and the Lunch Stop Rapids Relay will test you on what you learned at Canoe School.
- For intermediates who want to perfect their technique and move into the "advanced paddler" category the Rodeo is a great test of your ability to put the boat exactly where you want it to go... when you want it to go there! (A prerequisite for moving up to the Ocoee!) You'll shine in events like Thread the Needle at Bigney's Rock; The Oblique Backdrop and Devil's Shoals Freestyle.
- Advanced Paddlers will be assigned handicaps and some special requirements to sort of even things out. If you think you're good, come out and prove it, hotshot! Who knows, you may even win the Surfer Duel and be crowned Rodeo King or Queen. (Warning: Don't take anything for granted. Last year's winner was a first year paddler!)

If you just want to have fun, get ready for Paddle Polo. It was invented with you in mind!

Saturday night is a Pot Luck Supper and Awards Ceremony. If you plan to attend, bring food, utensils and a beverage of your choice.

To help us assign handicaps and organize well-balanced teams (with novice, intermediate and advanced representatives on each team) pre-registration is requested. **Call Deana Deck, (615) 292-4666/h or (615) 377-2772/w or Mike Graves 615) 339-2353/h or (615) 745-0133/w.** □

Conservation Corner

Legislative River Conservation Report

By Barbara Littlefield

The Georgia legislature has several bills awaiting action by the Governor which are river-related. SB637 requires EPD to develop river basin management plans for the Alapaha, Altamaha, Canoochee, Chattahoochee, Coosa, Flint, Ochlocknee, Ocmulgee, Oconee, Ogeechee, St. Marys, Satilla, Savannah, Suwannee, Tallapoosa, and Tennessee Rivers. Upon final adoption, all DNR permitting shall be consistent with the plan. SR496 creates Senate Committee to Study Check Dams for the Satilla, Altamaha, Ocmulgee, Oconee, Flint, and Alapaha Rivers.

The state, along with the Georgia Power Co., has announced plans to turn a two mile stretch of the Flint River at Spewrell Bluff into a state park. This is part of Governor Miller's Preservation 2000 program and has been hailed as a step in the right direction. The area affected was once in danger of being flooded by a hydroelectric dam, according to a column in the Macon Telegraph by Don Schanche, Jr. Other bills signed into law by the Governor will provide a super fund to clean up hazardous waste sites, a Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, and make possible environmental education in our public schools.

From "Paddle Georgia", the Central Georgia River Runners newsletter. □

River Reports from NORS

North Carolina

French Broad tributary dams: The U.S. Soil Conservation Service has proposed the construction of six flood control dams on headwater streams of the French Broad River. One of the dams would be on the river's North Fork, a scenic class IV-V run with several waterfalls. Approximately 700 acres would be inundated to provide flood control for 600 acres of farmland downstream. Cost of the project is estimated at 16,000,000. The loss of the streams would be a blow to both boating and to the area's fisheries. According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, fish ladders around dams are not successful with mountain trout, the primary game fish that inhabits the French Broad Streams. An organization called the French Broad Headwaters Coalition has been formed to fight the proposed dams. The group contends that the Soil Conservation Service has not seriously considered alternatives to building the dams, such as dikes or elevating endan-

gered structures. For more information, contact Larry Ray Johnson at the French Broad Headwaters Coalition, (704) 884-9679. To express your concern about the possible loss of the North Fork and other French Broad tributary streams, contact:

Sen. Jesse Helms
403 Dirkson Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Terry Sanford
716 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Rep. Charles Taylor
516 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Georgia

Group promotes cleaner water for Chattooga: Local residents are calling for a reduction in logging in the Chattooga River watershed, one of several means of curtailing pollution in the river. Fifty miles of the Chattooga, flowing along the Georgia-South Carolina border, are protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Chattooga River Coalition, made up of environmentalists from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, contends that extensive clear-cutting is putting an unacceptable amount of silt in the river. About 80 percent of the Chattooga's watershed is within three national forests, and the group has requested that the Forest Service cut back it's timber sales. Forest Watch, an environmental group in South Carolina, has called for an independent study of the river. Aside from logging, concerned citizens see threats to the river from the heavily polluted Stekoa Creek, a Georgia tributary, development along North Carolina tributaries, and an old garbage dump along another North Carolina tributary. □

Chattooga Landfill - The Power of the Pen

By Carol Mercer

As most of you are aware by now, the GCA has been working with the AWC, Save Our Rivers and The Clean Water Fund of NC regarding pollution from a landfill in Macon County, NC. The leachage stream from this landfill goes into Big Creek and hence into the Chattooga River. We know the stream looks and smells nasty, but since no one would talk to us, we still don't know if a major or minor problem exists. All government officials as well as persons that we have contacted to review the first report have recommended further testing.

What has been very frustrating is the lack of response from EPA and the Division of Environmental Management (DEM) in North Carolina. Our letters and telephone calls were going into a "black hole"; we never got a response. In June, I escalated the letter campaign. Letters were sent to DEM headquarters in Raleigh NC, to everyone's boss's boss with appropriate cc's, and to Senators Fowler and Nunn. All of the letters were cc'd to the involved organizations.

This past week the telephone has been ringing. DEM in NC called. "All of your letters are ending up with me, what do you want?" We have been invited to sit and discuss the issue with DEM. EPA called to let us know more tests were taken the week of June 15 and the results would be ready by the end of July. Our new contact with EPA said he would definitely return telephone calls and answer correspondence.

What do we want? Further testing, which has happened. To be notified of results, and to be taken seriously with our concerns. I hope and pray there is no major problem with this stream. Like I told EPA, when all the government agencies that are supposed to be working on the problem ignore us, we get concerned and escalate. Thanks to those of you who have offered advice, names of contacts and places to stay. □

Rottenwood Creek / Chattahoochee Update

By Carol Mercer

The conservation groups are still working with Moreland Altobelli regarding the road at Rottenwood Creek. The engineers are still analyzing and we are still discussing "What If" scenarios. No decisions have been reached. We'll keep you posted. □

South Georgia River Cleanup Scheduled

The Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, is organizing a river cleanup project in South Georgia. Four rivers are slated for cleanup in August: sections of the Ocmulgee, Oconee, Alapaha and Satilla. Sports and civic groups, as well as other interested parties, are being invited to participate. The cleanups will take place August 22 thru 30, 1992. Please help restore some of the rivers we paddle to a more pristine

Some Thoughts on Trip Leading

By Kathy Bragg

The following article was taken from "Paddle Georgia", the newsletter of the Central Georgia River Runners, but it expresses beautifully the sentiments of them GCA's Cruisemaster, as well as those of most of the Board members. - Editor.

I'm trip coordinator (Cruisemaster) this year and certainly have been enjoying it. But let me dispel a myth that keeps surfacing. Quite a few people in the club feel that a qualified trip leader must have all the following attributes:

-Knows the river like the back of their hand and can inform the paddlers of the best way to run each rapid.
-Has unerring aim with a throw rope.
-Is experienced in rescue, including z-drags, and has all necessary equipment with them.
-Is an expert paddler that never turns over.
-Is very familiar with the put-in and take-out and camping places.

Well, we've got some people in the club who fit the above requirements. I pulled the directory out and counted an even dozen that are in the Georgia area. Now, these are the same people who are teaching at canoe schools, chairing committees, and serving on the Board of Directors. Since there are 52 weeks in the year, and we like to paddle a lot, obviously these same people can't be counted on to lead all the trips. Also realize that anyone with all these talents is going to end up being the "de facto" leader on any trip they participate in.

I think you've caught my drift. AND, the answer is not to stick to the Hiwassee and Nantahala because that's what most of us feel comfortable with. I want us to get on the pristine wilderness rivers. Here's what I expect of a trip leader for Class II and easy Class III trips:

-Has been down the river at least once and gathered data about it from other paddlers and books.
-Has some ability with a throw rope and is willing to try.
-Is competent on the level river being paddled.
-Can read a map to find the necessary places.

Anyone with any sense will be nervous about leading a trip. It's a responsibility, and it's a lot easier to go along with someone else. However, the expert paddlers feel the same way. Plus, some are understandably beginning to feel worn out. We don't want that; they're too precious a resource to squander. So, hey, say YES when your Cruisemaster calls!

Please note that these are my opinions, and do not represent the consensus of the Board. I exercise caution in selection of trip leaders and don't want to get anyone in over their head. However, some of you are more competent then you give yourself credit for. We don't expect you to be able to leap buildings in a single bound; all we want is someone who doesn't trip over their own feet. □

Different Strokes

Tales of Grace's Diner

By Allen Hedden

Grace's Diner in Dawsonville, Georgia, has been the site of many GCA after-the-river dinner forays, and naturally the setting for some strange, but true, stories. Grace's was a little on the small side. Grace must have been big on take-out orders, because the dining room had only one table. Consequently, you never knew who you might eat with. Some past drop-ins to our dinner table have been the Mayor, and the pastor of a local church, making for some interesting dinner conversation.

Once after a run on the Lower Amicalola, four of us stopped for supper at Grace's. We were waited on by a young lady of high school age who was obviously quite new at waiting table, and unfamiliar with paddlers' humor. When we got ready to place our orders, the conversation went something like this:

Waitress: "Are y'all ready to order?"

First Paddler: "Yeah, I think I'll have a hamburger, fries and a Coke."

Waitress: "Do you want lettuce and tomato on that hamburger?"

First Paddler: "Yes, please."

Second Paddler: "That sounds good. I think I'll have a hamburger, fries and a Coke, too."

Waitress: "Lettuce and Tomato?"

Second Paddler: "Please."

Third Paddler: "I think I'll have a cheeseburger, fries and Coke."

Waitress: "Do you want lettuce and tomato?"

Third Paddler: "Yes."

Fourth Paddler: "I guess I'll have a BLT."

Waitress: "With lettuce and tomato?"

After the howls of laughter subsided, The Fourth Paddler managed to croak, "No, just make it a B!"

The mortified waitress laughed a little, turned a little red and disappeared into the kitchen with our orders amid more laughter. When the food came, it was brought to the table by an older lady. When we asked about the waitress, we were told she was hiding in the kitchen and refused to come out until we were gone. And try as we might, we were unable to coax the poor thing out of hiding to offer our apologies. □

Strokin'

The Spectrum of a Turn

By Bob Foote

As instructors we have a tendency to teach turning strokes as items on a list that students must complete. But when does a student use a forward sweep rather than a cross draw in the bow? Both turn the boat to the offside, but they have different results.

A student's understanding of the effects of the stroke is important. The forward sweep helps maintain forward speed and creates a gradual turn, while the cross draw greatly decreases the boat's forward speed, but creates a sharper turn.

Putting the strokes in a series helps the student understand two relationships: 1) how fast the stroke will make the canoe turn, and 2) how it will affect hull speed. This approach lets us examine the effect of strokes on on-side and off-side turns for both tandem and solo canoeing. In this article we will look at only one position, but the principles apply to all positions for all turns.

Let's begin by looking at a sequence for a bow paddler performing an off-side turn. We'll look at the strokes on a spectrum of how fast they turn the canoe opposed to how well they maintain hull speed. Note that the intent of the article is not to describe in detail the "how to" of each stroke. Instead, the purpose is to present a concept - a way of thinking - that may be helpful to your teaching and to a student's learning.

The strokes are presented in the following order: from ones that have little turning effect, yet help maintain hull speed, to those that have drastic turning effect but greatly reduce hull speed.

The forward sweep has the greatest ability of any stroke to maintain hull speed while turning the boat off-side. It has relatively little turning effect in relation to the amount of energy expended, but it really maintains forward speed. The forward sweep is a hold over from the old days when we didn't touch the paddle to the gunwale; and like the push away, it is outdated. I don't emphasize the forward sweep as much since other strokes do the same thing - only better and with less energy by using larger muscle groups.

The stroke replacing the forward sweep is the slice. The canoeist pulls the paddle along the side of the canoe with blade edge closer to the hull ahead of (nearer the canoeist's body) the outside edge . The action is like slicing a piece of cheese off the side of the canoe with the paddle blade. The stroke offers great versatility because it is highly variable. The thicker the slice of cheese, the greater the forward component to the stroke (and the less of a turning component). the thinner the slice, the greater the turning, but the lower the forward speed.

The stationary draw slows the canoe, provides no forward momentum, but gives a gradual arcing turn. Because the canoe is pivoting around the paddle, paddle placement can affect the quickness of the turn. The paddle placed further forward, ahead of the hips and near the bow, creates a more gradual turn. With forward placement, the blade slices somewhat through the water, which helps to maintain speed. The paddle placed further back, near the hips, creates a sharper turn. Paddlers rotate their torsos more completely and place the paddle more perpendicular to the oncoming water. There it acts more as a brake. The sharper the turn, the greater the loss of forward speed.

The more vertical shaft of the cross duffek lets the canoeist plant the paddle at the hip. Because the blade is perpendicular to the oncoming water, it provides a sharp pivot point, but also slows the canoe more drastically. The turn is sharper than the ones performed with the previous strokes.

The pry, also called the stationary pry and the jam, turns the canoe harder than any of the strokes. In fact, you'd better hang on tightly when you've done it right! But the flip side is that the stroke kills forward momentum more than any of the previous strokes. Jammed against the side of the canoe, the stroke provides an abrupt stopper against oncoming water and turns the boat sharply.

So, which strokes do you choose for off-side turns? It depends on how fast you want to turn in relationship to the amount of hull speed you wish to maintain. What is great about the sport of canoeing is that it is not made up of a dozen or so strokes. With subtle, sometimes minuscule, variations of strokes you can discover an infinite number of outcomes.

When we look at an off-side turn from each position (bow, stern or solo) we should think of 1,000 variations rather than just five or six strokes. As we choose a stroke to achieve a particular result, we fine tune it and blend it to our desire like an artist blending two similar colors to make a slightly different one.

From "The American Canoeist", newsletter of the American Canoe Association. □

Illegal aliens have always been a problem in the United States. Ask any Indian.
- Robert Orben

state. Volunteer to help out with these cleanups!

For further information on dates, times meeting places, and logistics, please contact Captain Mac Gignilliat (pronounced Genelet) at 912-685-2145. Your help is needed! □

Trip Reports

Lower Amicalola River

By Roger Nott

Saturday, April 18, 1992 - We had a lovely day and a low medium water level: .77 on the gauge at the Highway 53 Bridge. This gauge was paid for by the GCA and installed by once active club member Allen Lewis. There are several other streams which could use a gauge. The Etowah, the Upper Chestatee (at Grindle Bridge), Tesnatee Creek, and Talking Rock Creek come to mind. A good project for the club?

We ran from the surfing hole just upstream and around the bend from the Highway 53 Bridge to the north line of the Dawson County Forest. Forte Rabb, John Cape and I had tried to use this take-out road March 1st, but had run out of gasoline before we had cut out all the beetle-killed, downed trees blocking the road. Rob Kerr, Keith Davis and I met a couple of hours early this day and cut out the rest. After this labor, running the river was pretty relaxing. We took a slow pace, played a good deal, visited at lunch at the play spot about 200 yards upstream of Lap Rapid, and had a fine day! Upon request I photographed one boat's run of the Edge, our only flip of the day; the sprovits abhor hubris.

We were: Keith Davis and Roger Worrell in Kayaks; Francis Cheung and Julie Keller paddling tandem open; and Rob Kerr, Hank Miles, Forte Rabb and I in solo open canoes. □

Ocoee River

By Oreon Mann

June 21, 1992. The river was running a little lower than it had been running previously this year. Participants were: Francis Cheung and Julie Keller in a Dagger Dimension, Joe Winters in a Mohawk XL-11, and in my trusty Russian made cataraft, Barry Smith and Oreon Mann, Trip Coordinator.

The weather was cool and overcast (this was the first day of Summer). We all had good runs. However, there was one swim at the bottom of Cat's Pyjamas. I tried the right side of Hell Hole, which was a straight run. Everyone had a great time. I know I did!! □

Nantahala River

By Frank Able

Sunday, June 7. The weather was great, low 80's and partly cloudy. I was surprised at the small number of cars at the put-in, it being the NOC's 20th Anniversary Celebration. The group started arriving at 9:30, which was surprising, since the scheduled time was 10:00.

Bruce Fussell was one of the first to arrive. One of his air bags had "come apart at the seam" on the way up from Atlanta, so he rushed to the NOC to get a new one. He left his pick-up there and hitched a ride back to the put-in, thereby providing shuttle for the group. Thanks Bruce.

OC1 paddlers were Bill Joerger, Bruce Fussell, Dan and Elise MacIntyre, Barry Smith, and me. Tony Able and old college mate Tom Feeney (soon to be Ph.D Feeney) were paddling tandem. John Simon was the lone kayaker when the trip began.

I led our group off at 10:30, and waited at the bottom of Patton's Run to watch the group come through. I soon realized I had a group who knew what they were doing. We had to fight our way into every eddy and surfing wave most of the day. Tim Kaylor and Ron Hardy (the Alabama eddy hogs) were just ahead of us and had to be rooted out of every eddy and surfing wave.

We were joined at Ferebee by four latecomers from the Greenville, SC chapter of the GCA; Susan Cable, Norris Boone and sons Chris and Bradley, all in K1's. Norris had a new excuse, something about a flooded basement. I'm glad they made it, because I'm Chris' mentor and was able to give him some paddling tips along the way. Right Chris?

We only had one spill at the falls, and by using our GCA river rescue and safety skills, the swimmer and boat were quickly retrieved. It's a pleasure to be a trip coordinator for a group such as I had, and I hope everyone enjoyed the trip as much as I did. □

More Trip Reports

Nantahala River

By Hank Baudet

Saturday, June 6, 1992. It had been raining for the past week or so, which meant we would have a good release from the lake, and plenty of cold water! This is exactly what we 8 paddlers experienced on the Nantahala on this Saturday afternoon.

The trip was uneventful, but there was some excitement at the put-in, or just before the put-in. Sometime during the previous foggy night, a south bound car failed to negotiate one of the curves in the gorge. A wrecker was in the process of pulling it out as we arrived. Sadly, we understand this accident resulted in two fatalities! This is a good time to remind everyone to be especially careful on mountain roads at all times. At night when there is fog, they are more slippery and dangerous then normal!

Getting back to the river... The folks sharing another great day on the Nantahala were: Pat and Joyce Hagan, Joe Winters, Bill Mann, Dave Jecha, Mike Collier, and trip coordinator, Hank Baudet all in OC-1s. "B" Mann was our lone K-1er having a super run down the river this day! Thanks to Mike Collier for running sweep, and to everyone for coming and having another great time of fun and camaraderie on the river! □

Chattooga Section IV

By Roger Nott

Saturday, May 23, 1992 - We had a mild, cloudless day and moderate water: 1.61 downstream and 1.43 on the 76 Bridge pier. Seven members registered for the trip, but we had a few more GCA members running the river, and most of them decided to go together as a private trip before the last of us completed the shuttle and registration process. Signing waivers and paddling in the second group were Joan (pronounced like "JoAnne") Farrell and Lyn Taylor in kayaks and me in an ME.

Memorial Day Weekend lake users more than filled the parking lot at the take-out, so that most of the river runners had to park uphill along the road. However, we virtually had the river to ourselves; leaving about 11 am, we only saw one raft and two other kayaks the whole day until we passed Camp Creek and were approaching Entrance Rapid.

There we encountered several teenagers riding innertubes, which are prohibited on the river downstream of Earl's Ford. They seemed to be locals who had entered at the Camp Creek Church Road access point and may have been tubing the river to, and perhaps through, the Five Falls and then walking back upriver. Joan noted how dangerous she thought were their exploits, but we passed on, with other thoughts on our minds. On Friday, June 12, 1992, 17 year old Jason Kilby of Clayton drowned while tubing at or near the Five Falls. Was he one of the youths we met? Neither Jason nor the youths we saw were wearing life jackets.

We played a good deal, lunched at Seven Foot Falls, and enjoyed a perfect day. One paddler swam twice in the Five Falls, but our ropes and rescue boat were ready and on the mark. Lyn, in only her second trip down Section IV, had a spectacular run of the Dog, rocketing over the Launching Pad, completely submerging at the bottom, and, almost vertical, exploding from the froth!

After about 6 hours on the river, we all got our money's worth at the buffet feast in Clayton at the Kathwood Inn, formerly Louise's Dillard Motor Lodge and continuing in the best of her tradition. □

Tesnatee/Chestatee Clean-up

By Roger Nott

Saturday, June 6, 1992 - Since 1982, June has been American Rivers Month, and for the eleventh year in a row the GCA has celebrated by sponsoring river clean-ups. Participating this balmy day were Marty and Keith Dyche, Dave Giberson, Cathy Overby, Jim Patsios, Tom Sieswerda, and I in solo opens, and Noel and son David Turner paddling tandem open. We met at the Copper Mines, our take-out, and collected hordes of trash there for about an hour and a half. We then ran the river, putting in at Town Creek Road about 8 miles upstream.

It had rained in the area about 3 inches during the previous few days, so the river was running full and muddy. Tesnatee Creek is a particularly beautiful little stream which this day was profusely adorned by the blooming mountain laurel, wild azalea, snowball bush, and flame azalea. We found its banks comparatively clean, yet managed to fill, in all, about 30 bags of trash, which Noel and I, and some local folks at the Mines hauled off. My old OCA, racked upright on my car, was particularly useful for this purpose!

On the river we had a spirited, congenial group and fortunately, considering our cargo, had no upsets. Those wanting more excitement enjoyed dramatic runs of the falls below Dugas's Gold Mine Dam and of the Copper Mine Rapid, where we had to run near the left bank because a large log was blocking the middle and right chutes.

After a long, tiring day, the traditional cooler full of beer and soft drinks was a popular spot at the take-out. Five of us rewarded ourselves and joined my wife Beth and son John for a gourmet feast at the Bamboo Gardens in Gainesville, one of Northeast Georgia's best Chineese restaurants.

Uncle GCA urges us all to adopt the goal of participating in one river clean-up per year. If you have not done yours this year, why not call our Cruisemistress Karla Bowman and volunteer to coordinate one on your favorite river? They are fun and satisfying (and tiring). □

Yellow River

By Morris Friedman

Sunday, July 5, 1992. This was a jump trip to the Yellow River. We tried to make this trip June 30th, but were rained out. We had returned the previous weekend from a canoe and rafting overnight on the New River in West Virginia and we were ready for more. The crew was Lanny Lesser, Allen Freedman, and yours truly all in C-1's.

We put-in at the Walton EMC station at Ross Rd. off Hwy. 78. A sunny day made us eager to begin. The entrance to the river is a small muddy creek, crude but passable. This is an incredible paddle for those without much travel time. There are several rapids, mostly class I and II, ledges, and at least one 6 foot drop.

The take-out is at Juhan Rd. which is off Annistown Rd. just above the Annistown Rd. bridge. A small stream on river right after the Annistown Rd. bridge and a short paddle up the stream leads to a take-out on the right where Juhan Rd. crosses the stream. A 70% grade awaits you there.

It's doable, fun, and within easy travel. Each of us swam twice. I lost my sunglasses, a paddle, and a sponge. As taught in the basic class, I had an extra paddle so all was right with the world. This was a great trip with great people! □

Hiwassee River

By Hank Baudet

Sunday, May 24, 1992. The turnout for this trip on the Hiwassee was very good and enthusiastic. The day started out at the put-in in full sun and quite warm. However, by the time we ran shuttle (provided by Webb-Brothers), ate our lunch while waiting for the generators to be turned on and the water to come up, the sky had clouded over, and we ran the whole trip in a comfortable over-cast, which kept most of us from that nasty sunburn that might have occurred after being covered up for the winter months. We were even treated to a nice cooling afternoon shower as we were running "Devils Shoals". No one complained, and we waited under the newly constructed shelter for the rain to pass before loading our boats!

If you haven't been on the Hiwassee in a while you will notice the old iron bridge at Webb Bros. has been replaced by a new 2 lane bridge. The old bridge was kind of a neat old landmark, and had been there for a long time. Progress finally caught up with it!!! One improvement is the narrow, dusty, full of potholes road to the put-in has been widened and paved!!! This is a welcomed change to everyone who uses this river.

As we said earlier, the turn out for this trip was good and included the following boaters: Joan Farrell, Alicia Rezak, Steve Shepard, Vernon Adams, and Tom Moore all in K-1s. The open boaters were: Mary McKean and Mike Christison, Fred and Joe Chumley, Ted and Lissa Jackson, and Jack and Carole Wintle, paddling OC-2s. Finally the group was rounded out by OC-1s and their drivers: Carol Mercer (nice to see you back on the river Carol), Bruce Thompson (A new-comer to the club - welcome Bruce), Barry Smith, Terese Walker, and your trip coordinator, Hank Baudet.

Terese, was dubbed "eel bait" because of her concern for the large eels in the Hiwassee river pointed out at lunch by someone who shall remain nameless! Terese also seized an opportunity to learn how to do a deep-water entry at one of the holes near the end of our trip. Thanks to Vernon Adams for running sweep and to everyone for their assistance and for being on this river this day. What an enjoyable time! ARE THERE REALLY EELS IN THIS RIVER??? □